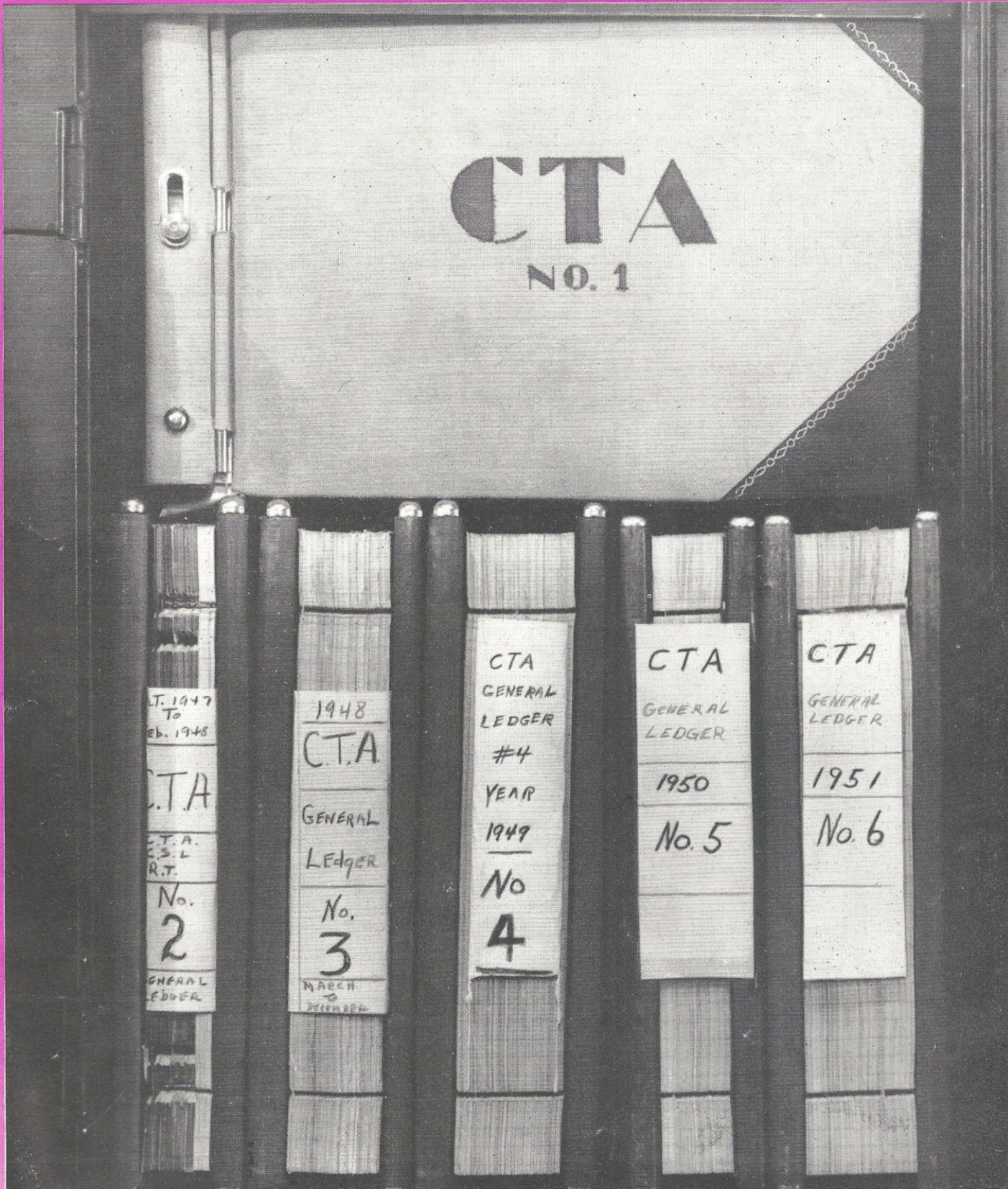




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A CTA SERVICEMAN WRITES



"THE letter I received from CTA advising me that my job will be waiting for me upon my return from service was really music to my ears. It was the best news I have had since being recalled to active duty.

"My present assignment is at Wheelus Field, Tripoli, in the classification and job assignment of all civil employees attached to the field. I was transferred here from Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois.

"So far I have had opportunities to visit a number of interesting places here in Libya. The closest town is Tripoli, next Sobratha, Lipitsmagna, Tunis, and a number of towns I can't spell or pronounce. On my visits to these places I have collected a number of items to bring home.

"The weather here is hot at all times, with a temperature well over the 100 mark every day.

"Here's hoping I can return home and to the CTA family soon. I look forward to being back in December of this year. Thanks for the letters and my best wishes to all employees of CTA."

(Signed) *M/Sgt. Andrew R. Wingard*,
1258 1603d Instl Sqdn, 1603d
Gp A. P. O. 231 c/o Post-
master, New York, City

New CTA Additions to the Armed Forces

J. F. Barnes — Shops and Equipment (Wilson Terminal)

R. W. Christian, Jr. — Accident Prevention

J. L. Clark, Jr. — Accident Prevention

C. W. Cremieux — Shops and Equipment (77th Street)

H. E. Guzman — Accident Investigation

J. R. Miller — Transportation (Surface Division)

Returned from Service

U. L. Apperwhite — Transportation (77th-Surface)

J. Brady — Transportation — (Lawn-
dale-Surface)

C. H. Burnitz — Transportation
(Limits-Surface)

H. M. Butler — Transportation
(Westside "L")

W. P. Coleman — Transportation
(Southside "L")

L. M. Dudek — Transportation
(Blue Island-Surface)

H. E. Fregeau — Electrical department

A. J. Joe — Transportation (Archer-
Surface)

J. C. Kohler — Transportation
(Archer-Surface)

E. D. Muchowski — Shops and
Equipment (Beverly)

A. J. Tedeschi — Transportation
(North-Surface)

MORE NEW "L" CARS

NEW rapid transit cars recently received by CTA are shown being unloaded from flatcars at the south side yard, 63rd and South Park. Four cars were received on September 7 and represent the beginning of deliveries of the last of 70 of 200 new "L"-subway cars ordered by CTA during 1950. Deliveries are scheduled to continue at the rate of about four cars each week. Built by the St. Louis Car Company, the new vehicles are part of a total of 2,815 transit vehicles purchased at a cost of \$60,000,000. Also included in this total are 1,451 motor buses, including 551 propane buses; 600 streetcars, 560 trolley buses and 4 experimental rapid transit cars of another type. After testing and servicing at the CTA Throop street shops, the new cars are being placed in service on the Ravenswood "L" route to make it the second rapid transit line to be completely serviced with new equipment. The Logan Square-Milwaukee avenue Subway route is already equipped with the new type cars.

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"ACCOUNTING" FOR EVERYTHING



AS Comptroller for Chicago Transit Authority, **Peter J. Meinardi** supervises all work performed in the General Accounting section of the Accounting department. He is shown with, left, Assistant Comptroller **John H. Finch**.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY is one of the largest transportation organizations in the world. Its operations extend over the metropolitan Chicago area, including many of the suburbs that surround our city.

To keep this vast system operating smoothly, many departments, large and small, are needed. One of the most important of these is the Accounting department, under the direction of **Peter J. Meinardi**, Comptroller for CTA. He is also directly responsible for the duties performed by the Internal Auditor, Real Estate, Property Accounting and Budget departments.

The CTA Accounting department is made up of three sections, Revenue, Payroll, and General Accounting, which will be discussed here.

One of the requirements of the Trust Agreement with the First National Bank of Chicago, securing the Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds that enabled CTA to purchase the surface and elevated transportation systems, is that "The Authority covenants that it will cause the records and accounts of the transportation system to be kept in accordance with standard accounting principles, with such modifications as may be necessary or appropriate to meet the accounting requirements of this Trust Agreement. . . ." In less complicated terms, this means that the CTA Accounting department is obligated to keep the necessary records and accounts of operations in a specified manner. For instance, the Trust Agreement states the order in which the Authority shall spend money collected, the amounts to be paid as interest on Revenue Bonds, and the amounts to be set aside each year toward the payment of the principal amount of the bonds. It also states the manner in which the Authority will record the amounts expended for the purchase of equipment and other property required to

furnish transportation service and how these amounts shall be charged off against each year's operations, as the estimated useful life of such property is consumed in providing transportation service.

The General Accounting section has the responsibility of summarizing all of the above detailed information and to record, report and interpret this information for management, bondholders, financial institutions and the general public, which includes CTA passengers.

The summarization of this detailed information is accomplished by "journal entries," which show the item for which an accounting is being made, where it came from and the use to which it has been put. The information for these journal entries is submitted primarily by the other sections of the General Accounting department, the Property Accounting and Real Estate departments, and by the Treasury department, and generally cover operations for one month.

One example of this work is that which is required to report the collection of revenues, the detailed records of

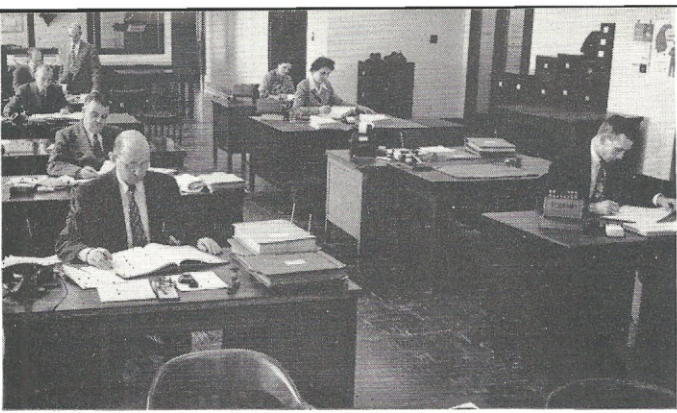


GENERAL accountant of the section is, right, **A. C. Jann**, who is shown with two of his assistants, **Andrew J. Fitzsimons**, left, and **Lawrence J. Francoeur**.

SECRETARY to the Comptroller is, left, **Vera Winslow**, shown with **Kay Frayne**, who performs similar duties for the assistant comptroller.



COVER—THE all-important General Ledger books contain information on the financial condition of CTA as of the close of any month and at the end of each year.



THIS group of General Accounting employees maintain the general books and ledgers of all receipts and disbursements. They also prepare balance sheets, income statements, fund statements and other information showing results of CTA operations. At the left, reading from the front are, *Bookkeeper Louis Smith, Accountant Arthur C. Mueller, A. E. Krimblebine*, special accountant to the comptroller; *Andrew J. Fitzsimons*, and, standing, *Lawrence J. Francoeur*, both assistant general accountants. At the right, reading from the front, are, *Bookkeeper Edward McEldowney, Bookkeeper Helen Lowe*, and *Dorothy Heimerdinger*, special statistical clerk.

which are maintained by the Revenue section of the Accounting department. Our business is unique in one respect. We receive the greater portion of our receipts daily, in coin; whereas many businesses are operated on a credit basis. In these, a salesman sells the product, later it is shipped to the customer, and the customer has from ten to thirty days before making payment. Because of the nature of our business, we carry a passenger and are paid in advance of the customer reaching his destination. In exchange for our services, we are paid in silver coins, pennies and tokens. A day's receipts will weigh several tons when it is considered that our average revenue amounts to approximately \$350,000 for a week day, about \$255,000 for Saturday, and \$160,000 for Sunday. (These figures represent estimates for September, 1951.) At the end of the month, all of this activity is summarized into a single journal entry.

Another example concerns our Accounts Payable or Voucher department, which receives and processes approximately 9,000 invoices during each month, and issues approximately 2,500 vouchers in payment of these invoices. These vouchers total approximately \$2,100,000.00 per month. The results of this operation are summarized by a single journal entry.

After all of the journal entries required to report all transactions during a period have been prepared, they are recorded in the "General Ledger." Each person or enterprise usually has some method or means by which they can determine their financial condition. In the case of most business organizations, including Chicago Transit Authority, the record that tells this story is the General Ledger. This book contains the accounts which tell the financial condition of the CTA as of the close of any month. It shows what CTA owns, what it is owed, what it owes others, what monies have been collected, the purposes for which these monies were spent, and whether the CTA earned enough to meet all of its requirements.

The information contained in the General Ledger is made available to CTA management and others through financial reports, which are issued after the end of each month. The

primary statements prepared are as follows:

(a) Balance Sheet. This statement shows what is owned by the Authority, what others owe to it, what it owes to others, and what results its operations have produced.

(b) Application of revenues in accordance with the provision of the Trust Agreement. This statement shows the amount of money received, where it came from, what it was spent for, and whether or not such money was sufficient to meet all of the financial obligations of the Authority. Because of the wide interest in the operations of the Authority, this statement is made available to newspapers, financial houses, insurance companies, and many others. For the information of CTA employees, it is reproduced each month in the CTA TRANSIT NEWS.

(c) Statement of Funds. In order to comply with the provisions of the Trust Agreement securing the revenue bonds and other agreements covering the issuance of equipment trust certificates, the Authority has established certain fund (cash) accounts from which are made the expendi-



STATISTICAL employees "Sig" Shonts, left, and John Ruberry prepare monthly statements of operations for statistical purposes and special statements that may be required.

THE accounts payable unit of the General Accounting section processes all invoices received for payment. This unit also prepares all vouchers for payment of invoices. At the left, reading from the front, are *Comptometer Operator Maureen Sweeney, Invoice Clerks Rocco Iaculla and John J. Geary*, and *Chief Voucher Clerk Benjamin O. Ratner*. At the right, reading from the front, are *Invoice and Contract Clerk Oscar Leiding, Contract Clerk L. H. Salisbury, Voucher Clerk Doris Stahl, Invoice Clerk Frank Hodapp*, and *Voucher Clerk O. F. Stach*.





OPERATING the accounting machines used for various functions of the section are, left to right, *Olive Babcock, Eleanor Pudwell and Irene Glassing*. Standing is Assistant Chief Voucher Clerk *E. P. Hoskins*.

tures in the order of priority set forth in the various trust agreements. A statement is prepared at the end of each month which shows what amounts were deposited in each fund, the money taken from each fund, whether any amounts are due a fund but have not yet been deposited, whether the fund owes any amounts but has not yet paid such amounts, and the balance in each fund at the end of the month.

In addition to these duties, the General Accounting section prepares certain statistical and other financial statements which show in minute detail other activities of the Authority. These additional statements enable the management of CTA to see what was done, what it cost, and help it determine what policies and practices are to be followed in rendering efficient transportation service to the public at the most economical cost possible.

The General Accounting section must also be prepared to furnish other departments of the Authority, as well as to interested outside parties, detailed information which

may be requested about any CTA operations. For this purpose, many facts and data are collected at the end of each month and each year and compared with similar data for previous periods. Many of these statements are made a part of the Annual Report issued each year by Chicago Transit Board when it reports its activities for that year.

To insure that the accounts, as required by the Trust Agreement, have been maintained in accordance with standard accounting practice, and that the facts and data set forth in the financial statements and reports are correct, the Authority's accounts are audited and checked annually by independent public accountants.

(This is the first in a series of two articles on the CTA Accounting department.)



THE accounts receivable unit prepares all bills for services rendered, rental of property, damages, sale of scrap, etc. Supervisor of this unit is *Ken McNeely*, center. He is assisted by *Mike Verdonck*, joint facility accountant, *Typist Creamery Caldwell* and, rear, *Hildur Olson*, bill clerk.



THE duties of the Stenographic unit of General Accounting include typing and duplicating monthly and yearly financial statements, operating statements, and other daily, monthly and yearly statements and reports required by the Auditing department. Reading clockwise, the employees are *Typists June Weinstock, Ellen Logan, Rita Larmom, Supervising Typist Joan Fitzgerald, and Typist Adele Ackerman*.

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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY CONDENSED STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS MONTHS OF AUGUST 1951 AND 1950, EIGHT MONTHS AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1951

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

	Month of August 1951	Month of August 1950	Period Ended August 31, 1951 8 Months	Period Ended August 31, 1950 12 Months
Revenues	\$ 9,472,620	\$ 9,530,120	\$73,955,566	\$112,522,683
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	8,094,730	8,106,662	66,279,343	100,894,705
	1,377,890	1,423,458	7,676,223	11,627,978
Debt Service Requirements:				
Interest Charges	318,003	318,003	2,544,237	3,816,250
Deposit to Series of 1947 Bond Reserve (Note 1)	107,000	107,000	856,000	1,284,000
	425,003	425,003	3,400,237	5,100,250
Balance before Depreciation	952,887	998,455	4,275,986	6,527,728
Provision for Depreciation—Current Period	625,000	541,666	5,000,000	7,166,667
Balance (Deficit) (Note 2)	\$ 327,887	\$ 456,789	\$ 721,014*	\$ 638,939*

NOTES:

- (1) Available to pay interest or principal on any interest or principal payment dates whenever amounts in funds set aside for each purpose are insufficient therefor, or for accomplishing the final retirement or redemption of all outstanding Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds.
- (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 \$75,000 are to be made to the Operating Expense Reserve Fund in any month that earnings are available therefor. Deposits to the Municipal Compensation Fund may be made only from monies remaining in any one year after making all required deposits in the Depreciation Reserve Fund and Operating Expense Reserve Fund.

* Red Figures

PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers	54,208,899	61,330,025	471,993,939	721,941,724
Transfer Revenue Passengers	3,200,199	3,152,099	26,211,890	39,094,612
Total Revenue Passengers	57,409,098	64,482,124	498,205,829	761,036,336

STATUS OF EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM September 17, 1951

1950 Orders—	Delivered To Date	Remaining To Be Delivered
Propane Buses	551	—
Trolley Buses	133	216
El-Subway Cars	134	66
	818	282
Delivered under previous orders	1,714	—
	2,532	—



AUSTIN YMCA boys arrive at Chicago Transit Authority's West Shops, 3901 West End avenue, to begin their trip through the shops. *Ralph Martz*, (left center) superintendent of shops, greets the group before entering the building.

YMCA BOYS

TOUR WEST SHOPS

A GROUP of 58 boys from the Austin YMCA had a "behind the scenes" view of the work necessary to keep CTA's streetcars and buses in efficient operating condition when they made an educational tour of the big West Shops on August 20.

The youngsters, who ranged from eight to thirteen years of age, were in charge of *Robert Wasmund*, director of the Austin "Y" summer program. The boys were divided into seven smaller groups and their hosts on the tour were *Ralph Martz* superintendent of West Shops, and six guides.

They saw hundreds of streetcar, motor bus and trolley coach parts tested, repaired and reassembled as transit units were subjected to major overhauling by shopmen using the most modern servicing equipment available. They also watched with interest as the exterior of the big vehicles were scraped, sanded and repainted.



IN the degreasing room, guide *Carl Schneider* tells these youngsters that all parts are usually heavily greased when removed from rolling equipment for repairs or overhaul. The grease and dirt is taken from all metal parts for the purpose of inspection, safety and good housekeeping. Aluminum parts require different treatment than other metals. The cleaning is done with the use of chemical compounds.

The tour was climaxed with a visit to the upholstery shop where the boys were shown the damage that results to CTA equipment from wanton and mischievous cutting and tearing of car and bus seats. In an effort to reduce destruction of this kind, the Authority has prepared car cards which will be displayed in all CTA vehicles. These cards call attention to the type of damage done by vandals and request the riders to protect their investment by helping prevent such damage.

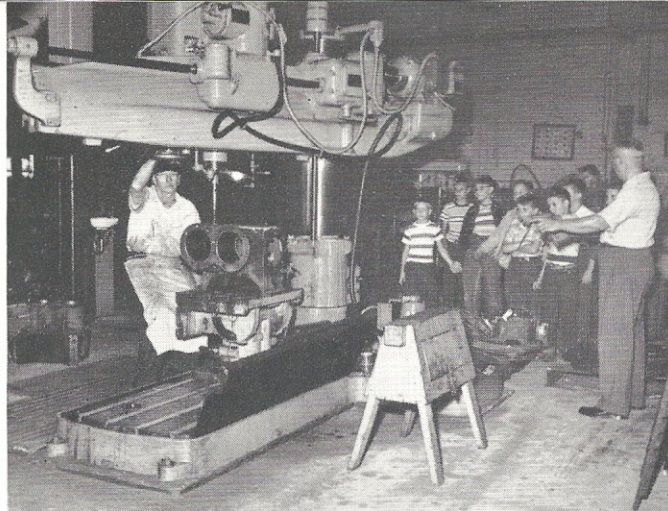
Earlier in the year, members of the Midwest Materials Handling Society made a similar tour of the West Shops. *A. J. Lukes, Jr.*, vice president in charge of programs for that organization, acknowledged the courtesies extended in a letter to *R. J. Ruppe*, general superintendent of shops, part of which follows:

"There is no doubt that all attending the tour were amazed at the effort put behind the maintenance and repairs of your buses, streetcars and elevated coaches. The writer has always regarded maintenance and repairing a pretty big job, but this tour has opened my eyes as to what is required to maintain and repair equipment to keep our transit system in operation.

"This is the first time we have ever witnessed repair work performed on an assembly line basis, and I believe you should be complimented on this foresight.

"There is no doubt that you are proud of your staff because your shops display thoroughness, systematic handling and the extreme example of good housekeeping.

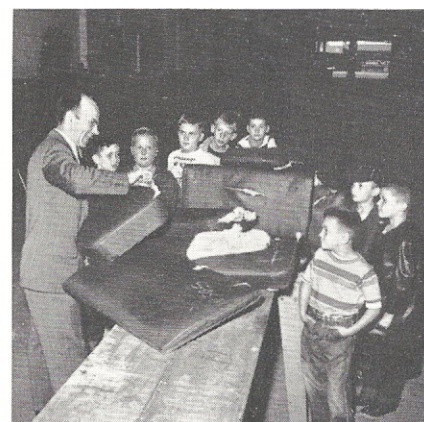
"We have been very fortunate and pleased that we have made this tour with you."



THIS automatic radial drill press, an expensive piece of equipment, is used for drilling holes of various sizes in all types of metal, both large and small parts. The drill arm can be swung in a complete circle and moved up and down or in and out from the center post. The universal table, where the equipment in work is mounted, is also adjustable. The combination of these features permits the piece to be drilled at any desired spot or more than one spot without the necessity of using a crane to change the position of heavy pieces. *William Clough* is drilling a hole in an air compressor block while *Carl Schneider*, guide, explains the operation to the boys.

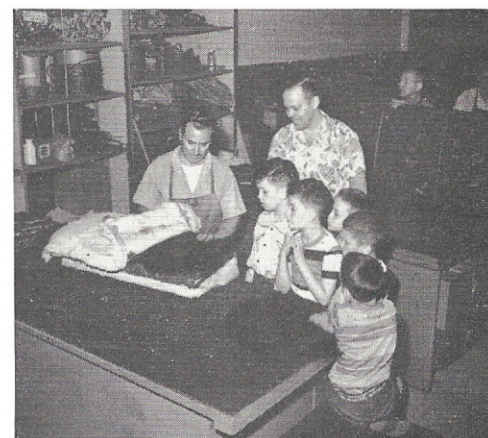


THESE large armatures, weighing 1,750 pounds each, are used in elevated-subway motor cars. Guide *Roy Reinhardt* explains to the boys the processes that must take place to rebuild them for further use in CTA equipment.

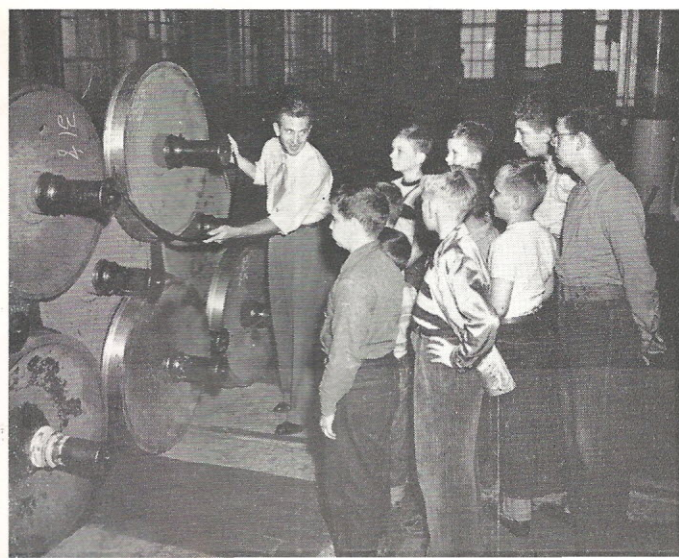


THE superintendent of the West Shops, *Ralph Martz*, shows this group of boys the wanton damage done to car and bus seats by vandals. Malicious and mischievous damage done to CTA equipment takes thousands of dollars annually.

A SEAT maker, *Frank Porcaro*, is in the process of remaking a seat which had been badly damaged. He is packing the seat with cotton as guide *Earl Larsen* and his charges look on with interest.



THE guide of this group, *Don Riess*, is measuring with calipers a standard 34-inch wheel used on the older type red streetcars. It is necessary to true up worn wheels and flanges on a lathe to insure smooth riding and prevent accidents. Various size wheels have minimum dimension requirements at which they are no longer fit for further service and are scrapped.



Community Fund And USO Drive

OCTOBER 17 . . .

NOVEMBER 14



PUBLIC appearances with celebrities are part of the daily routine of the Red Feather Kids. They were heard coast-to-coast shortly before this photo was taken on the NBC "Welcome Travelers" show. With them, are left to right, *Tommy Bartlett*, master of ceremonies of the show; *Ralph Peck*, press director of the Community Fund, and screen star *Broderick Crawford*.



ENJOYING a rare moment of rest from his Community Fund activities, *Eugene* tunes in the favorite family radio program for, left to right, *Mrs. McClaughry*, *Peggy*, his father, *George*; *Mary Sue*, and *Marie*, an employee in the CTA Insurance department.

THE annual Chicago Community Fund drive for funds to finance 189 local welfare agencies and the USO this year has an added personal touch for the CTA family group.

Picked as one of the Red Feather Kids to represent the Community Fund and USO in the 1951 campaign was *Eugene McClaughry*, son of North Park bus operator *George W. McClaughry*.

The sparkling, brown-eyed youngster is a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 13 and was a leader in summer Play School at the Northwestern University Settlement which he represented in the finals of the Red Feather contest.

Eugene is in the sixth grade at Annunciation grammar school. He was also a shortstop on the University Settlement team, and his favorite big league ball players are *Gene Hermanski*, *Cubs*, and *Chico Carrasquel*, *White Sox*.

Engene's reaction to being selected a Red Feather Kid was that it was the finest birthday present he could get—having just reached his 11th birthday four days before the contest.

The Chicago quota this year is \$9,850,000, which is 26% more than was contributed last year. The 189 Red Feather services desperately need this money to keep pace with the rising costs of such items as food, fuel, clothing, etc.

Each CTA employe will be given a pledge card and may make donations in cash or by the payroll deduction plan, whichever is preferred.

MEMBERS of CTA's Solicitation Team look on as *Robert L. Young*, of the Community Fund staff, points out details of the 1951 campaign. The CTA team, which will solicit contributions from about 80 Chicago firms, is composed of, left to right, *Warren Logelin*, *Wallace Braff*, *Thomas Lyons*, *John Baker*, *William Kendall*, *William Ashley*, *Ralph Tracy*, *Joseph Jollief*, *Henry Fullriede* and *John Cannady*. One member of the team, *James Squyres*, was not present when the picture was taken.



THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Seamstress Came In Handy

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION—It was a good thing *Bea Condon* could sew when *Bob Galente* had an accident in the vault. (For hire: one dressmaker.)

Obituary: One dog, property of *Jeanne Ludmann*, passed away recently. Burial: private.

Eddie Karkocki wasn't seeing double as he left the hospital with a baby boy in one arm and a baby girl in the other. Mother, father, big sister and twins are all doing well.

Our welcome mat is out once again and this time it's to greet *John Rice*, messenger, and *Martin McMahon*, clerk, formerly of 175.

Marty Garrity is not breaking any records for the sheriff's office—no tickets as yet.

Bill Nott missed his co-workers during the month of September, due to *Norm Graver* and *Jack Lynch* being on sick leave.

Nick Deutsch, after many years of service at 600, has retired. We hope that he will stop in and visit us many times in the future.

Bill "Herbie" McConnell has taken up riding. We can tell by his western boots.

Joke of the month:

Dick Meeker: "Bob, put on the fan."

Bob Myrman: "I don't think it will fit." —G & M

Stork and Cupid Are Headliners

ACCOUNTING—Dan Cupid and Mr. Stork are tied for the headlines this month. September 1 was the wedding day of *Barbara Sue Ferenci*, I.B.M. She became Mrs. *Alex Tapper* in an evening ceremony at the Graemere Hotel.

Nuptial Mass united *Marie Margaret Hoover* and *Joseph Edward*

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FOR SALE — Medium size oil stove. Cheap. Telephone *Martin Benda*, LAwndale 1-7954.

CHARLES D. MACK RETIRES



AFTER 24 years of service, *Charles D. Mack*, South Shops superintendent, retired as of October 1. About 70 CTA employees attended a dinner in his honor on September 6. He was presented with a wrist watch and also a service plaque which had been made by South Shops men.

Mack began working for the former Chicago Surface lines as an engineer in the West Shops on July 12, 1927. On July 1, 1928, he was promoted to foreman, Car Repair, West Shops. He was transferred on February 1, 1936, to the South Shops as general foreman. On January 1, 1937, he assumed the duties of the position he held at the time of his retirement.

In the accompanying picture, Mack (fifth from left, front row) is shown with South Shops foremen who attended the dinner. *John Sake* (second from left, front row) retired early this spring.

Mr. Mack plans to reside in Oakland, California, where his son now lives.

Baiyor on September 1 at St. Margaret Mary's Church.

Maureen Sweeney came down all aglow on August 24. Matching the sparkle in her eyes was a lovely diamond on her left hand, put there by *John Sheridan*, recently returned from Korea.

Anne Jungwirth, former secretary, became the mother of a girl, *Christine Anne*, and on the same day *Lucille Higgins*, former stenographer, welcomed *Michael Patrick*. *Betty Naples*, former Voucher department, surprised everyone with the news of her red-headed daughter, *Jo-Ann*, born on September 13.

Diane Donihi, daughter of *Harold Donihi*, Revenue, is snare

drummer with the Austin Am-Vets Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, winners of the National Junior Title in Boston on Aug. 31.

Mabel Magnuson spent her vacation in Lee Summit, Missouri. This was at the time of the Kansas City flood and she viewed the terrible destruction after the waters receded. Though the people were caught unprepared the Indians in the lowlands had moved to higher ground previous to the inundation, saying they had seen signs in the sky that "big waters come."

Arthur Mueller's vacation spot was Germania, Wisconsin, where his brother runs the general store. Art and his wife played storekeeper, for a novel experience,

while his brother went into town.

Margaret Walker, M & S, went to Florida and flew to Cuba and *Marjorie Scheidler* motored down. . . . "Sig" Shonts visited the "City of Brotherly Love," Philadelphia, and other points of interest in the east. . . . *Mable Potthast* "did" the west coast thoroughly—Los Angeles and San Francisco with a stop-over in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Rita Larmon, Steno (went southern by staying in Biloxi, Mississippi, and *Irene Glasing*, Voucher, spent her two weeks fishing in northern Wisconsin, but as always the fish bit before she got there and started biting again the day she left. —HELEN A. LOWE

Freak Accident Ends Well

ARCHER—An amazing incident occurred on the last day of our vacation down in Texas. We were on our way to see the famous Waco tanks constructed by the Indians hundreds of years ago. While driving down a desert road my car passed over a large stone laying in the center of the road. A pointed edge of the stone hooked onto the oil drain plug of my car, tearing it from the crankcase. As a result, we were stranded out in the middle of the desert without a drop of drinking water. The road is used only a couple of times a week, but we were lucky that a grading machine came along and rescued us. We had to be towed 25 miles to the nearest town.

Peter Glynn and Eileen Malone were united in the holy bonds of Matrimony on August 11. Eileen is the neice of Maurice Malone of 77th depot. Pete says they will spend a delayed honeymoon at the Dells in Wisconsin.

Al Kasman toured all over Canada on his vacation, only to have his car smashed up in back of the depot. One week later, his daughter, Fran, had to go to the hospital for a brain tumor operation. Al says she is now well on the road to recovery.

A REAL CATCH



Otto Geiger, claim adjuster, and son, Jim, posing with their catch after a hard day of fishing.

Reported by G & M

Announcing another candidate for the Grandfathers Club here at Archer: The daughter of Bus Operator E. L. Brown gave birth to a bouncing baby boy, weighing seven pounds, ten ounces. The young fellow's name is Joseph Allen Reilly.

Things have sure livened up around here since "Playboy" Flanagan returned to active duty. He has the boys rolling on the floor with his antics. —PAUL GADE

Week of Farm Life Enough for Him

ARMITAGE—Motorman Jim Johnson spent part of his vacation at Rice Lake before traveling on to Duluth, Minnesota. Jim says a week on the farm was enough and he was glad to get back to Chicago.

It took Conductor Joe Witt 44 years to reach the end of the line, but he finally made it on Friday, August 31. Joe has now retired to reap the fruits of his labor. As Rip Van Winkle would say "May he live long and prosper."

Conductor Gus Nelson, back on the job, enjoyed his vacation on Lake Bluff, near Antioch. Retired Motorman Harry Grapenthein has been having himself a good time visiting his son, who is now living in the wide open spaces of Texas. . . . Conductor John Halvorsen spent his vacation in northern Wisconsin and came back with his face redder than some of the Wisconsin Indians. . . . Conductor Dave Barrouman spent part of his vacation in Wisconsin, visiting with Art Erickson, a former motorman of Armitage.

We have been reliably informed that Motorman Roy Croon, the great fisherman, started to dig a garden on one of his off days, but he found a worm and went fishing. Asked if the fish were biting, he replied, "If so, they were biting each other."

Yours truly spent his vacation. (Period). —TED SHUMON

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE—Storkline folding buggy and portable electric washer. Both in excellent condition. Telephone Harry Paollichi, Gunderson 4-1914.

Quick Round Trip

BEVERLY—It all took only one year from the time James F. Monaghan left North Park Garage, Chicago limits at the North, to reach Korea as representative of Chicago with the U. S. Army Infantry and get back to CTA and Beverly Bus Garage, the Chicago limits on the south. We're glad he's back with us as a bus operator.

Wedding bells keep ringing throughout the year. This time it was Bus Operator Ernest Wooten who took as his bride Miss Ada Randel. The wedding took place at the Mount Cavalry Church at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, September 16. The reception was held at the Wooten home followed by a Detroit honeymoon.

Slippery When Wet!

Anything can happen on a vacation, but why does it have to happen the first day. So it was with Bus Operator Eric Ericson. He started out the first day for a fishing trip to Jackson Park. While trying to dodge one of those famous Outer Drive Lake Michigan waves (so he wouldn't get too, too wet), his foot slipped between two rocks causing him to sprain his ankle. He had to stay home on his easy chair, his foot resting on the foot stool and his eyes resting on the T.V., with the program announcer saying, "The next program is sponsored by the Fisherman's Sport Club, ten easy lessons on how to fish." So Eric took it easy for ten lessons. The fish better watch out next summer. Stay away from the rocks is the advice coming from Eric Ericson, and that's straight from the shoulder or is it from the ankle this time

Bus Operator and Mrs. Frank Black spent their vacation in Minong, Wisconsin. In the fish and bait shop they put up a sign every day reporting weather and fishing conditions. It read, "Fishing bad, rain fine," most of the time. The highlight of the trip came when Mrs. Black caught a northern pike and hollered so loud the people across the lake came over to see what had happened. Can't blame her—her first big one, you know.

—DANTE F. BRUNOD

The Long and the Short of It

DEVON—Bill Kempiaak and his wife decided to pay a visit to their son, Richard on their vacation. It took Bill and his wife three days of driving to reach Jacksonville, North Carolina, then to Camp Le Jeune, just outside of town. Coming back, Bill's son received a 10 day pass and drove his folks home in less than 30 hours. Bill's son wanted to get home as soon as possible in order to get as much home cooking as he could.

Lee Cumbers, our genial clerk, made a very fortunate and timely real estate purchase of 25 to 30 acres (the surveyor is still busy) near Manniwac, Wisconsin. This garden spot is located in an unincorporated area. It has a creek running right thru the center of it. With the help of Lee's future son-in-law, he has an idea—subdivide. The new community will be known as Cumbers center. The fishing waters will be named Cumbers Creek.

George Goetto makes his home in Skokie with his wife and four children. The oldest is Gretchen who was struck down by a hit-and-

RECENT NEWLYWEDS



WEDDING BELLS rang recently for Statistical Typist June Johnson, Accounting, and Raymond Weinstock, at St. Angela's Church. June is the daughter of Bus Operator George A. Johnson, North. Following a reception for 200 guests at the Midwest Hotel, the couple honeymooned at Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Reported by Helen A. Lowe

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



THE three-week old kittens at Division and Western school—*Eeny, Meeny, Miney and No Mo*—recently had their first lesson in punctuality, plus their initial taste of pasteurized milk. On hand for the occasion was Instructor *Ed Adams*, who snapped this interesting photograph. Ed was a chief petty officer in the photography section of the U. S. Navy during World War II. The school instructors captured the wild and wooly foursome after a chase that took up 20 minutes of their lunch time.

Submitted by *Catherine Holton*

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 employees. 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.

run truck driver while riding her bicycle. She was hospitalized for several days, but suffered no broken bones or injuries other than shock. The driver was later apprehended.

Jimmy Gilbert took over the duties of a nurse in order to administer to his wife, who is recuperating from a nervous breakdown.

Mike Galvin seems to have a way with his wife. All he has to do is start to do something and he has a helper. Mike started to paint his home and immediately he had his girl friend alongside him—in slacks—ready to go to work.

—JOE KLEIN

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE — Nine piece Hep-plewhite dining room set. White kitchen table base and a white kitchen sink. Telephone *R. W. Anderson*, STewart 3-3628.

How to Beat the Hay Fever Season

ELECTRICAL — *John Woods*, chief operator at Broadway, traveled via rail to Duluth, Minnesota, and escaped suffering from hay fever for about 18 days.

Paul Hayden is the proud daddy of little "*Susan Margaret*," who arrived on Labor Day, September 3. This is number two for the Haydens. Their first born is a boy.

We say "welcome home" to *Harvey Fregeau* of the electrolysis department, who has just returned from Korea.

Lars Rasmussen, chief operator at Crawford, motored some 1200 miles to enjoy the scenery in beautiful Michigan. Spent some time in Sault Sainte Marie. *Dave Van-Dreese*, machinist, motored to Duluth, Minnesota, and says that the scenery was beautiful. . . . *Leo Behrendt*, chief operator at 20th,

motored some 2000 miles through northern Wisconsin and Michigan. During his stay in Wisconsin he enjoyed some fishing.

Sympathy is extended to *William Glassner*, who sustained the loss of his father.

LeRoy Kutchinski, drafting department, was married to *Pearl Vodrazka* of Chicago, on August 14, at St. Peter's Evangelical Church. The happy couple spent their honeymoon in Montreal, Canada.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

Hawaii Called, and Bill Listened

GENERAL OFFICE (79) — *William Pruyn*, who formerly resided in Hawaii, decided working in the Chief Engineer's office was less exciting than the islands, so he left the CTA to accept a position in Honolulu.

Cupid struck again on the seventh floor, and many employees of the Traffic Engineer's office danced at the wedding of *Fred Potenza* and *Patricia Cairns*.

To those who don't know, *Jean Sehring* is now located among the draftsmen in Room 1119. If you stop by she will tell you all about that wonderful vacation she enjoyed in Colorado. Her co-worker, *JoAnne Kenebec* flew to Sacramento, California, to spend her vacation with her boy friend, who is stationed at Mather Field. *Alice Pletzke* was another of the air-minded Seventy-Niners who breezed across the airways to Los Angeles. *Colleen Dunne* was also up in the air fourteen thousand feet on Pike's Peak in Colorado.

Nary a prouder grandfather could be found the world over than *Larry Stephens*, when a telephone call from California an-

nounced that *Nancy Grace Newton* had made her initial bow to the world. . . . *George Millanos* and the *Mrs.* are also introducing *Susan*, who will share honors with her sister, *Karen*, aged two.

We welcome to the transportation department *Bob Quetschke*, who detached himself from Devon to assume duties in Room 402. A welcome is also extended *Donald Burton*, a St. Patrick's Academy alumnus, who has also joined transportation.

Employees from the Insurance Building, 79 Monroe and Clark & Division Bldg., assembled in the banquet room of the Atlantic Hotel recently to pay tribute to *Winifred Connors*, who left on company pension. Following presentation of gifts to *Winnie*, *James T. Carney* sang several requested numbers, accompanied on the piano by *Virginia Baldwin*. *Winnie* left on pension overloaded with good wishes from her employers and co-workers. *Virginia*, by the way, is again playing piano for service men at the USO center on Michigan Boulevard.

—JULIE PRINDERVILLE

Uncle Sam Acquires Two More CTA'ers

GENERAL OFFICE (1165)—The Accident Prevention department bade farewell to *Joe Clark* and *Bob Christian* who left to join Uncle Sam's forces. A party was given for both boys at which they were presented with gifts from their co-workers.

The Training department welcomes *Rose Fahey* who recently transferred from *E. J. McIlraith's* office. *Mrs. Pat Hippert*, formerly of Training is now a member of

CTA FILM SHOWN AT ATA CONVENTION

"RAILS TO RUBBER," a color motion picture produced by the Way and Structures department and filmed by the CTA Photographic section, was recently shown to members of the American Transit Association at their annual convention, held in Cincinnati, Ohio. The picture was developed to illustrate several of the phases of work done by the Way and Structures department in CTA's current modernization program. Many of the scenes show how rails and poles are removed from thoroughfares where motor or trolley buses have been substituted for streetcar service. Pictures of CTA's new shops, new equipment and the modern North Park bus terminal are also shown in the movie.

RETIRES FROM CTA



MEMBERS of the 77th Bus Repair department gathered together recently to present a cash gift to Janitor Stanley Mazeikis, who retired after completing over 30 years of service as a surface employee. Making the gift presentation to him is, left, *W. H. Magee*, day foreman. At their right is Assistant Day Foreman Anthony Kasman.

Reported by Anne McCrea and Betty Byrne

the Employment department. *Elaine Doyle*, daughter of *Arthur Doyle*, Transportation, is also a newcomer in this department.

We understand that *Jimmie Blaa* of Training is also an officer of the law out Cicero way. Perhaps that's why it's been so quiet out there these days.

It's *Grandpa John Donovan* now since *Grandson Michael John* weighed in at seven pounds, five ounces at Englewood Hospital on September 14. Grandpa, who is assigned to Accident Prevention, was formerly an instructor at 77th.

William R. Kendall, former student engineer, has been permanently assigned as Safety Inspector.

—MARY CLARKE

The "Whoo" Has Been Changed to "Ouch"

GENERAL OFFICE (175) — "The Wise Ole Owl In The Old Oak Tree Went WHOO WHOO WHOO." *Margie Kell's* owl went OUCH! OUCH! OUCH! The poor thing was held in captivity under a typewriter in the Purchasing Department for over a week.

With the new found sport of "Snipe Hunting" as one of her latest accomplishments, *Shirley Guertin* is now experienced and able to tell just how the bag is to be held to catch one of these "birds."

WE WERE HOOKED! WE WERE COOKED! WE WERE THE CANADIAN fish who didn't get away from *George Boehm* of Real Estate.

A new twist to summer travel is to drive part way by car—park—then hop a train to California. *J. J. Flynn*, Purchasing, parked his in Arizona. . . . Another conventional California train traveler was *Natalie Kaczowski*, Invoice. She also skirted the Canadian borderline and then headed for home.

From 1 to 10 years is a decade. From 10 to 20 years it's another decade, and from 20 to 29 years it's 9 years, but when *E. J. Burke* hit the 30 year mark on September 20, he and *Mrs. Burke* called it their Pearl Wedding anniversary.

A Pacific state of the United States with the capital as Salem is namely the state of Oregon. That's where *E. P. Wade*, Real Estate, spent his vacation time.

This year it was *Florence Butterfield*, Executive, and *Menetta Connors*, Switchboard, who went around "Them There Smokey Tennessee.

A first time visitor to the bright and gay city of New York was *Verena Langhammer*.

Astrid Hedberg and Company (her husband) became Arkansas

Travelers for their vacation of the year 1951.

On her return trip from Connecticut, *Joyce Kealy* had a hard time convincing the airline company that her luggage belonged with her in Chicago, not all by its lonesome in Burbank, California.

The wind blew this way. *Ed Coates* swung this way. The ball went thataway. Result—six hours for one game of golf.

Marion Walsh was a domestic household manicurist on the last week of her vacation. *Josephine Yercich* toured the city of Chicago taking in different sites each day.

The gentlemen who has been keeping *Kitty Cooney* awake during her regular sleeping hours is *Jimmy*, her new nephew. . . . *Lillian Pellicore* has added to her travelogue another trip back home. . . . *Verna Rainer* flew through the clouds between St. Louis and Chicago during her vacation.

—CATHY BARRY
and LA VERNE CHWISTEK

Summer Does This To a Person

KEDZIE — *Thomas O'Brien* almost started a new fad recently. He reported for work with his lunch pail under his arm and in full uniform (he thought). *Supervisor Mahoney* broke the news to him that his head gear was not a cap but a fine Sunday Panama.

If you should hear a terrifying cry that sounds like a blend of a bobby-soxer's wowl, it will be only your new reporter yelling for help.

This column is your column and together we can make it an interesting one. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Criticism and suggestions are most welcome.

Conductor Gregory Stephenson reports that a fine eight-pound, twelve-ounce boy arrived at his home September 5. This makes three boys for the Stephensons. Gregory says boys make better checker players.

One of our new men, *Conductor Edward Reaux*, was married September 14. He and his bride left immediately for a honeymoon.

John Kostelny has a shiny new car and is vacationing in Florida. . . . *Andy Kostanik* and *William Grund* are also Florida vacationers.

We understand William is contemplating making Florida his retiring grounds. . . . *Edward Shattuck* is enjoying the scenery of Washington State and *Clerk Eddie O'Keefe*, the Great Smokey Mountains. . . . *Walter Malchow* is getting the big ones in Minnesota.

I am not a stamp collector but, I do enjoy cards. Let's hear from all the future vacationers.

October 1 terminated the working days for *Conductors Alfred Oliver, Iva Bloyd, Carl Gustavson, Leo Zaruba* and *Carl Anderson* and also *Motormen William Sullivan, Jesse Lamm*, and *Janitor Sam Ascone*. *Edward Pozan* and *Ted Sullivan* also have retired since last publication. To these men we at Kedzie wish the best of everything in their retirement days.

Russell Haines does have a picture to prove his fishing powers. It shows a fish parallel to a yard stick and the same length. *James Craney* says this is the same measuring tool he once borrowed from Russell.

We welcome all the North avenue and Lawndale men who came to our depot recently and hope they will enjoy working with us.

Remember, if you have news, pass it on to your reporter.

C. (JACK) WILLIAMS

DOUBLE CELEBRATION



THE year 1951 marked the completion of 25 years of happy married life for *Conductor Joe Schmidt*, Armitage, and his wife, *Rose*. For Joe it was a double celebration since 1926 was also the year he began work as a surface conductor.

Reported by Ted Shumon

JUST LIKE MOTHER



VETERANS at Hines Hospital were recently entertained by a talented group of teen-age youngsters including *Deanne DeSutter*, 13, daughter of *Chief Clerk Lee DeSutter*, Specifications. Not so many years ago Lee was a star performer in musical programs presented for the Hines vets and it looks like daughter *Deanne* is quite capable of stepping in where mother left off. The programs are arranged by Lee's mother, *Malva Andre*, who has been presenting variety programs in Chicago area hospitals for the past 25 years.

Reported by *Julie Prinderville*

It Looked Good— Until Rain Came

LAWNDALE — Supervisor *Jimmy Considine* had a little difficulty recently when he mistakenly used whitewash to paint a fence. It rained one night and in the morning Jimmy had the whitest grass in the neighborhood . . . but the fence was bare!

George Edwards surrendered his gay bachelorhood in a quiet ceremony during his August vacation.

Floyd Deets attained the rank of full Grandpa on July 28 when little *Janice* was born. The Deets also celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary on September 25.

Frank Volin has recently developed a beautiful wave in his hair. Of course, it is a coincidence that his wife just completed a course in beauty culture.

Mike Bernstein celebrated his 16th wedding anniversary August 31, with a party at the home of Mike's parents. —**BILL FEILER**

Five Bowling Teams In Action at Limits

LIMITS—Our five bowling teams consist of the following: 1. *Capt. H. Hanson, A. Domino, A. Hamline, T. Kinderman and H. Sedin*. 2. *Capt. E. Plath, P. Cerotzke, J. Cox, W. Kugelberg and S. Turek*. 3. *Capt. P. Colucci, L. Peterson, M. Curtis, H. Enwright, C. Mannino*. 4. *Capt. E. Perry, J. Ax, J. Behof, H. Fragel and S. Rogers*. 5. *Capt. J. Goheen, E. Olszewski, T. Madden, E. Pocius and E. Schuth*. The (6th) man on this team is the never-to-be-forgotten and reliable *Ed. Benson* (ahem).

Well here it is the latter part of September and not very much news from the boys. Received two postal cards from *Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holderness* who are touring Canada and having a wonderful time. Our board member, the congenial *Thomas Madden*, went to the union convention held in Texas this year.

In the saddest part of reporting the news, the following deaths have occurred: The father of *Paul Cerotzke*, and mother of *E. Pocius*. May their souls rest in peace.

The humorous side of life: the *Plaths* are in Florida enjoying the climate, sights and a little fishing. I expect a picture card of *Ed* catching "King Oscar"—in the can.

Am closing for now, and again I plead for more news. With all the men we have there should be something of human interest around.

—**H. R. (MOOSE) FRAGEL**

"Olds" Is New For Vacation Trip

LOOP—*Marie McAndrews*, agent, is really initiating her 1951 "Olds" with a vacation trip to Niagara Falls, the New England States, all the high spots in New York, and

even making the "Board Walk" in Atlantic City. Her companions are *Marie Blanchfield*, agent, and *Julia Curry*, agent, who is the "master of ceremonies" of the tour. *Elizabeth Hill*, Loop executive board member, said she was glad to get back to cool Chicago after 96 degrees in Houston, Texas. There was little time for sight-seeing with attending two meetings a day at the convention.

Former *Platformman James Howe*, a full fledged Marine stationed in California, was here on an emergency leave because of the death of his sister. . . Glad to see *Hobart Fultz* again gracing the climate, sites and a little fishing. tower and platform after his operation. . . *Bess Sullivan*, agent, is on the sick list. . . *Rose Marie Donley*, born September 9, weighing seven and one-half pounds, makes the score at the *William Donleys* (towerman) four to three in favor of the boys.

John Conway told how many big ones he caught while vacationing in Minnesota. How many did you lose, John? . . . *Joseph Vargo* and family had a very enjoyable Labor Day visiting the "ninety years young" *Vargo* seniors in Minnesota. . . *Mary Fergus*, agent, was a symphony in brown when she took the step of foresaking her single bliss on August 25, at Madison, Wisconsin, to become the bride of *George Ohnesorge* a north-side motorman. The couple spent their honeymoon at the Wisconsin Dells. . . *Hank Hoffmeister*, his wife and kiddies took in the "Land of the Sky-blue Waters"—a tour of the Great Lakes.

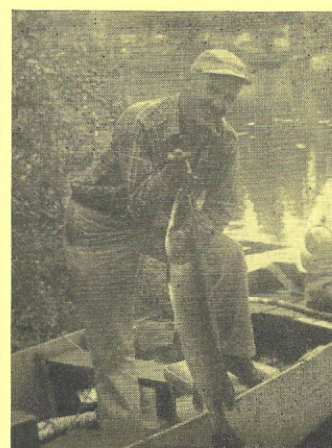
The *John Wardropes*, towerman, drove to Missouri and Oklahoma to visit friends as did *Walter Messer* and family, only they varied theirs and took in Louisiana.

—**EDITH EDBROOKE**

BURY CTA SERVICEMAN

FUNERAL services for *Sgt. Leonard Piorunski*, former CTA bus operator, were held September 20, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. *Sgt. Piorunski* was killed in action with the 5th Cavalry in Korea on February 22, 1951 (CTA TRANSIT NEWS, April, 1951). He started employment with CTA on March 1, 1948, and worked until September 26, 1950, when as a member of the enlisted reserves, he was recalled to active duty. *Piorunski* was a paratrooper for two years in World War II and received the Presidential citation. He is survived by his wife, *Bernice*, and two children, *Robert*, four, and *Larry*, born in May, 1951.

SUCCESSFUL TRIP



A recent trip to *Hayward, Wisconsin*, proved successful for angler *Bill Miedema*, bus operator at North avenue depot. He worked his fishing skill to good advantage in catching this northern pike, weighing 19¾ pounds.

Reported by *Joe Hiebel*

What They Did — M & S Style

MATERIAL & SUPPLIES—*R. C. Gaver*, divisional storekeeper at West Shops, took an extended tour of the north woods while on his vacation. He had a wonderful time (maybe it is because he got rid of the old piece of scrap iron and got a Plymouth).

George Vikeras, stock clerk at West Shops enjoyed a fishing trip to Lake Vermillion in Minnesota. . . *Richard Daly*, laborer at Grand and Leavitt, just bid a fond farewell to his buddies, as he stopped off in Chicago on his way to Germany. Dick has been in military service since January, 1951.

Carl Ericson, stock clerk at Grand and Leavitt, is now enjoying television with the rest of the stay-at-homes since he got his new set. . . *Albert Gruenler*, laborer at Grand and Leavitt, enjoyed the Lincoln Park zoo while on his vacation.

James Bittournas, stock clerk at Grand and Leavitt, and wife, enjoyed their 22nd wedding anniversary on August 31, 1951. The Bittournas have also just acquired a new Studebaker.

OPEN BOWLING SEASON



OFFICIALLY opening the 1951-52 season of the CTA Bowling League are, left, *Edward O'Hara*, President of Division 308, and *Daniel J. McNamara*, President of Division 241. The 20-team league, composed of surface and elevated employees, meets every Friday evening at the Lawrence-Western Lanes, 2444 W. Lawrence Avenue.

Reported by *H. R. Fragel*

From our South Shops location comes the word that *Patrick McCanney*, laborer, who is in the army, is with the construction engineers East of Seoul and South of the 38th parallel.

Those wedding bells were ringing on September 1, for *Anthony Subert*, stock clerk at South Shops, who married *Augusta Klein*. . . . *Mrs. Violet Yaw*, South Shops, who recently resigned, is making her home in South Gate, California.

Our vacationists at South Shops were *Doc Gaspar*, stock clerk, visited friends in Coral Gables, Florida; *Otto Schwendt*, stock clerk, took in the State Fair at Des Moines, Iowa, and vacationed at Spirit Lake in Iowa; *Chuck Jung*, stock clerk, vacationed at Lake Geneva and also took in the ball games around Chicago; *Thomas Handley*, stock clerk, enjoyed Lake Placid and Saratoga, New York; *Percy McDonald*, stock clerk, vacationed touring Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and into Canada — swimming in Lake Superior; *John and Grace Kurgan*, South Shops, headed southward and enjoyed the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, and visited relatives at Richmond and Williamsburg, Virginia; *Roger Jestice*, stock clerk, being a golf fan, stayed in Chicago and played golf at the various courses around here,

The welcome mat is out to *Richard Gaskey*, *Henry Ehrich*, *James and Walter Cunningham*, *Cecil Watson*, *Waisley Lukasik*, *Elmer Aust* and *John Halverson*.

Our General office vacationists were *Margaret Sares*, typist, visited relatives in Arlington, Virginia; *Marie Burns*, file clerk, went to San Antonio, Texas, on her vacation and loved every minute of it.

—JEAN O'NEILL

Transfer Instructor Still "Collecting"

NORTH — Most everyone has a hobby of some sort and our transfer instructor, *Bill Kennedy*, is no exception. Kennedy has a fine collection of old transfers dating back to the old horsecar days. In those days the conductor had to sign his name and badge number to each transfer he issued. If we look around maybe we can find something to add to this fine collection.

Congratulations to *Art Stern* on his 15th wedding anniversary which was celebrated Sept. 2. . . . Our congratulations are extended to *Eddie Corbeil* on his 15th wedding anniversary which was celebrated September 5. Nine couples bounced in on Eddie, which was truly a surprise party. . . . Congratulations are also due *Andy Medema* on his 13th wedding anni-

versary which was celebrated in their new home in Elmhurst.

The sport spotlight has shifted to bowling. North Ave. has but one team entered in the CTA Bowling league. The men are *Clarence Weber*, *Roy Gaess*, *Elmer Stobart*, *Tom Kerrigan* and *Andrew Nelson*. Upon their shoulders rest the championship hopes of North.

Congratulations to *V. Greaney*, who became a proud Pappy on August 23, *James Michael* was the name chosen for this fine lad.

A double congratulation is due *Anthony De Mayo* who was presented with a fine set of twin boys on August 27.

Pensioner *Edward Simon* has returned from a pleasant vacation to Los Angeles where he visited with friends. . . . *Porter Tom Frei* reports a very pleasant vacation to Petoskey, Michigan. Fishing was great, says Tom. . . . Operators *Bob Kelly* and *Harold (Red) Forster* should be experts after two weeks on the local golf courses.

Congratulations to *Joe Borg* on his 15th wedding anniversary which was celebrated September 15. Smiling Joe says it can't be 15 years—it seems like yesterday that they were married.

Eddie Anderson is doing nicely after his recent operation at the West Suburban Hospital.

—JOE HIEBEL

Double Protection

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC—*Frank Iacono*, who has just about completed his new home, says rains shouldn't bother him since he has both a roof and a mortgage covering it.

George Bryan has invested in a Studebaker and keeps busy making tracks between his old home in Evergreen Park and the new one in Oak Lawn. . . . *Ray Primeau* is now a home owner in the Lilac City, Lombard. . . . *Ralph Tracy* underwent an operation at St. Francis Hospital and then spent a couple of convalescent weeks in Wisconsin. *Ted Cowgill* has returned from his Oregon ranch with a report on the walking steaks which he raises. . . . Pennsylvania seems to be an attractive spot for vacationers *George Fisher* and *William Hodges*. . . . *A. Brandt* and *Tony Hess* have now seen the

Smokey Mountains and the place where our nation is guided from, Washington, D. C.

Wisconsin is a very popular spot, as usual, for vacations and we could have located *Bill Devereux* at Delavan, *Bob Hengl* at Crivit Lake, *Zeno Weyna* at Twin Lakes, *John Toomey* in Milwaukee, *A. Pfeiffer* at Eagle Lake, *P. J. Hart* at Aragon, *J. Newell* at Lakewood, *Fred Weber* at Neenah-Menasha.

Frank Salato and *Frank Corbett* both did a nice motor tour as far as Los Angeles, while *Bob Shermirsky* was in a hurry so he flew out and drove back. . . . *Pat O'Malley*, *John Bennis*, *William Doeden*, *Tim O'Rourke*, *Ed Reilly*, *George Spray*, *Ed Feinberg*, and *Sam Soll* stayed fairly close to home in Illinois, but claim they had a good rest. . . . *R. Williams* seemed to like the vicinity of Ely, Minn., as a vacation spot, while Michigan was attractive to *Mike Shanahan* and *Sol Indes*. . . . *Joe Billis* went to Alabama for a vacation and ran into a healthy heat wave, and *W. Littrell* visited the old south, Virginia. . . . *Joe DeGrazia* has now seen the west on his motor tour to Colorado. . . . The *Johnsons* also vacationed, *Clark* drove around the lake, while *Norman* visited relatives in New York state.

We didn't hear any exceptional fish-catching stories, but *Jim Brennan* has a new son, *Timothy*, to make things lively around the home.

—L. C. DUTTON

Little White Ball Keeps Them Busy

WAY & STRUCTURES — We have quite a few golf enthusiasts in the Building division, namely: *Richard Koch*, *Hugh Pettigrew*, *John P. Uitz* and *Bill Cameron*. Occasionally they compete against one another at White Pines Golf Course, an ideal spot for this sport. They are quite adept at it and say it not only affords them a great deal of pleasure and relaxation but also keeps them in trim.

Golf seems to be highly indulged in by many. *Ed Quinn* of the Rapid Transit division and his son, *Edward M.*, purvey their skill at this game on occasion at their summer home in Grand Beach,

GOOD START



OFF to a good start as a fisherman is **Leonard Iseminger**, seven, who caught this seven-pound walleyed pike on a vacation trip to Shebandowan, Ontario, Canada. Leonard is the son of **Bus Operator Byron Iseminger**, Beverly, and a grandson of **Retired Motorman Frank Iseminger**, formerly stationed at Burnside.

Reported by **Dante Brunod**

Mich., where they hold many golf tournaments. Ed is quite proud of his son, Edward, who is only 16 years of age, and already shows great possibilities. His son was a runner-up in the 2nd finals that were held in Michigan and, on occasion, father and son compete against one another and the father doesn't always win.

The Rapid Transit office was smelling of fish for weeks before **Jerry Weiler** took off for Canada, where he is going to spend all his time fishing. His vivid stories seemed to bring the fish right into the office, and by now he is probably talking to the fish in Vermilion Bay, Ontario, Canada. **S. Smith** and **N. P. Anderson**, of the Track division, accompanied Jerry on this vacation trip and will have a wonderful opportunity to learn the in's and out's of fishing from an expert. Jerry promised that we will not only see the fish but taste them as well, and we hope that he will be able to substantiate his story at least by sending us a picture of some of the beauties (fish,

of course) that he snares on his hook.

We are glad to hear that **Herman Lau**, line truck chauffer from Grand & Leavitt, is making such a wonderful recovery from an operation that he underwent at Englewood Hospital.

Alyce Friedl, steno, also underwent an operation at Oak Park hospital and is back to work, looking none the worse for her painful ordeal.

Verne B. Olson flew to Florida recently and decided to stay away from there on his future vacations. He encountered many mosquitoes and very wet weather. He just picked the wrong time of year.

—VIOLET CARNES

Bowlers Back in Swing of Things

WEST SHOPS—The West Shops Bowling League started off the season with ten men's and two girls' teams. Same officers, **Dan O'Brien**, President; **Tom Hoey**, Treasurer; **Al Dorociak**, Secretary, were unanimously re-elected for this year. . . . The Bus Overhaul started the season with eight men's teams. Officers: **Orville Schmidt**, President; **Bill Raber**, Secretary and Treasurer.

Some 22 of our younger set enjoyed themselves at the Belavan A.C. 6th Annual Dance recently, **Johnny Schwartz** being host on this occasion.

It was wedding bells on Saturday, September 22, for **Norbert Piecyk** and **Marjorie Calliari** at St. John Bosco's Church.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Willard Lucas**. . . . Welcome

back to **Jim Durr** after a seven months' illness.

Harold Smith, past commander of Columbia commandry and drum major of the Chicago Shriners Band, recently led this band at a Shriners' Outing at Mackinac Island.

Art Broska, foreman, Lake street shop, recently received that long awaited phone call from Frisco. His son, **Art, Jr.**, arrived in the U. S. after 15 months in Korea. . . . **Stanley Maturo** of Lake street shop is now on his way to Korea with the U. S. Army.

Pete Gradisek is greatly missed by all his friends here at West Shops since he retired October 1, after 31 years of service without ever missing a day. Pete and his wife will then take up residence in their new home in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. We welcome Pete's successor—**Louis Cosentino**, formerly of North Ave. . . . Also retiring on pension is **Dominic Slivka** with over 22 years of service. **Clerk Fred Simmons** was among the members of the Illinois National Guard who donated blood at Hines Hospital recently.

—CATHERINE HOLTON

Her 11th Was "On the House"

WESTSIDE (Met) — **Mrs. Joseph Gallagher**, daughter of former **Agent Margaret Lichtenfels**, now on pension, gave birth to her 11th baby in Loretta Hospital and learned it was on the house. **Sister Mary Dorothea**, superintendent, thought the 11th should be free, so **Mrs. Gallagher** and her son, **Mark Patrick**, were

RECENTLY MARRIED



Joanne Sorenson, stenographer in the Claim Dept., who recently became the bride of **Charles Eaker**.

Reported by **G & M**

treated royally. **Mayor Kennelly** was visiting a friend in the hospital and heard of the news. He thought it deserved publicity, and had it put in all Chicago newspapers.

Agent Nellie Jennings is California bound. She will visit San Francisco, Los Angeles and many more beautiful spots there. She will have four weeks to enjoy it.

We were sorry to hear that **Agent Rose Janacek** spent her three weeks' vacation in bed with the flu.

Agent Margaret J. O'Brien was on her way to work August 31 when she was hit by a truck and was hurt pretty bad. However, due to the fact that Margaret comes from good Irish stock, she is well on the way to recovery and will be back to work soon.

The welcome mat is out for new agents **Henry Kostka** and **Arbie Baxter**.

Best of luck and good wishes to **Porter Albert Wallace** who retired on pension October 1 after thirty years of service. Albert has bought a home in Three Rivers, Michigan. His wife and two children have gone on ahead to get everything in order. All his fellow porters, who presented him a wrist watch in honor of his retirement, wish him many years of happiness.

—KITTY KEEGAN and RUTH HANSON

SAVES BABY'S LIFE

THROUGH the alertness and quick action of **CTA Gateman Arthur Gildcrest**, a baby about 16 months old is still living today.

The incident occurred at the Lexington-Flournoy crossing on the Garfield Park "L" branch. While lowering the gates for a westbound train, **Gateman Gildcrest** noticed the baby standing on the Lexington street crossing in the center of the westbound right-of-way. **Gildcrest** ran from the tower toward the baby, flagging the train down as he was running. Because the train was on a curve, the motorman was unable to see the gateman and continued at normal speed. Fortunately, **Gildcrest** reached the baby and snatched him from the tracks just before the train arrived.

A report of the incident was received by **General Manager Walter J. McCarter**, who wrote **Gildcrest** a letter of commendation in recognition of his heroic actions.

WEDDING DAY



Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Davis. Mrs. Davis (formerly Charlene Kilroy) is a typist at our West Shops. They were married at St. Matthews Church, 3040 West Walnut, at 2:00 P. M., on July 21, 1951. They honeymooned at Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

Reported by Jean O'Neill

How Husbands Learn About Housework

77TH—Mrs. Harry Rons, wife of Night Clerk Harry Rons, is pretty well recovered from her recent stay in the Little Company of Mary Hospital. Harry says he didn't know there was so much to housework, of which he has been doing a large share during Mrs. Rons' convalescence.

On Thursday, August 30, 1951, about noon, the Clark-Wentworth cars were leaving 81st and Halsted on scratch because a large gathering was accumulating in that vicinity. When the gathering of Scouts and Cub Scouts, with their mothers, boarded the car that finally took them, the conductor was happy to find Bus Operator Ed Mulhearn handling all the fares for it was his Scout Troop and the Cubs from his church whom he was taking to the Sox-Detroit game on that day.

Congratulations to Pat Loftus on his new grandson, William Joseph. Bill was baptized by his reverend uncle, Father Joseph Loftus.

Sanitary Technical Engineer Pat Geary and Mrs. Geary got a

surprise on their 25th wedding anniversary recently when the Geary children pooled the vacation money they had saved and put on a big celebration at the Geary home.

Len Kraemer, Credit Union secretary-treasurer, spent his vacation putting a back porch on his house. Tom McGuire spent his vacation moving into his new house and putting the finishing touches to it.

Supervisor John Crossen, doing a hitch in front of the depot at 77th, was visited by his grandson and granddaughter, twins, and their father. The father of the twins, in order to get the children to mind him, tells them they'll be in the doghouse if they don't behave. Grandfather was in the supervisor's shanty as they drove up and they wanted to know what he did to have to stay in the doghouse.

Down He Went!

In a recent rainstorm, Supervisor Les Denby opened the covers on the sewers at 75th and So. Chicago and then proceeded to step into one. It being a very high step, Les was helped out by Bill (Windy) O'Neil and Supervisor Walter Bayer, who drove him home to freshen up a bit.

Superintendent Jack Theis and Owen Duncan recently indulged in a game of golf at the Tam-O-Shanter Country Club on a September Sunday morning. The score is not yet known, who won or who lost, but it must have been close because each of them shoot in the 85 to 95 stroke bracket for 18 holes. Ask them.

A note from Retired Supervisor William F. Lyons, formerly of District "A," informs us that he is now a resident of Rice Lake, Wisconsin. He sent an invitation to all CTA employees passing in his direction to stop by and visit with him.

—WILBUR JENSEN and JOE SMITH

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE — General Electric Refrigerator, 6 cubic feet. Very good condition. Reasonable. Telephone Juniper 8-8303.

Stork Fails to Land at Skokie

SKOKIE—This is the most unusual thing: the Stork has passed us up here at Skokie. But we know he'll be back next month.

Clerk J. William Bird, driving his Ford, took his annual vacation with his son, John, in Mount Vernon (Little Egypt), Ill., in September. Bill helped his son with improvements on his new home, and while there, got better acquainted with his new grandson, William. Bill will also take some colored pictures of "Little Egypt" for screen projection.

Carpenter Louis Janca retired to private life October 1. Louis was a transit employee since 1922. . . . Corporal Orville Lang, son of Laborer Foreman Oliver Lang, has re-enlisted in the U. S. Army and is now on the way over to Korea.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Electrician Herb Lindquist whose father passed away in his sleep on the 8th of September. . . . Welder Joseph Sowizal spent his vacation with relatives and friends in Denver, Colorado.

Toolroom Man Walter Onysio and his wife have recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

Machinist Pat McVerry bought himself a Buick automobile and now, while Pat is out driving with his wife and five daughters, Pat hasn't got a thing to say any more, they do the driving.

Welcome back to Skokie shops to Electrician Frank Capadona, who was recently discharged from the U. S. Air Force.

Mrs. Rose Elenbogen, wife of Machinist Julius Elenbogen, has entered the Michael Reese Hospital for a major operation. We hope that by the time this goes to press she will be well on the road to recovery.

Welcome to Skokie shops to Assistant Painter Foreman Ted Pietrus who was recently transferred from the West Shops.

—DAVE GURWICH

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE—1947 Siegler 6-8 room oil stove blower. Good condition. Telephone H. Anderson, TUxedo 9-2370.

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

VICTOR ARZON, 73, retired car cleaner, Southside. Died 8-26-51. Employed 6-18-06

GEORGE BRADY, 76, retired motorman, 69th. Died 9-2-51. Employed 10-24-05

CHARLES BROWN, 84, retired leader, South Shops. Died 8-7-51. Employed 1-10-21.

TIMOTHY BURKE, 61, motorman, Devon. Died 9-3-51. Employed 1-17-25.

JOHN J. CARROLL, 76, retired watchman, North Shops. Died 8-27-51. Employed 3-14-20.

JOSEPH E. CARROLL, 63, motorman, 77th. Died 8-22-51. Employed 8-27-26.

LEO CHAMBERLAIN, 62, retired conductor, Burnside. Died 8-10-51. Employed 10-28-19.

THOMAS EIGELSBACH, 70, retired station superintendent. Died 9-12-51. Employed 1-23-02.

CHARLES ELMORE, 76, retired motorman, 77th. Died 6-29-51. Employed 1-15-03

LOUIS FELCMAN, 61, motorman, Kedzie. Died 8-30-51. Employed 11-25-19.

PATSY GENTILE, 42, tieman, Road. Died 9-16-51. Employed 7-17-46.

GUSTAVE GLEEMAN, 77, retired conductor, Lincoln. Died 8-31-51. Employed 8-12-99.

ALVIN GROTE, 55, retired watchman, Westside. Died 9-8-51. Employed 10-8-29.

MATILDA HAGER, 75, retired janitress, Accident Investigation. Died 9-12-51. Employed 4-22-11.

ARTHUR HAGSTROM, 61, conductor, Northside. Died 8-18-51. Employed 9-12-12.

JOHN KANE, 79, retired motorman, Cottage Grove. Died 7-5-51. Employed 9-25-06.

FRANK KLUGIEWICZ, 74, retired repairman, North Shops. Died 8-21-51. Employed 3-14-17.

PAUL PETERSON, 76, retired armature winder, West Shops. Died 8-23-51. Employed 1-12-20

JAMES PLACHY, 55, gateman, Westside. Died 9-6-51. Employed 5-26-47.

JOSEPH PRIBAN, 69, retired conductor, Lawndale. Died 9-7-51. Employed 9-8-13.

MATTHEW PURCHLA, 63, retired motorman, 69th. Died 9-9-51. Employed 12-2-20

FRANCIS T. REGAN, 54, motorman, 69th. Died 8-30-51. Employed 1-7-20.

WILLIAM A. RYAN, 58, trainman, Westside. Died 9-4-51. Employed 2-19-23

RICHARD A. SIMONSEN, 60, line-man, Electrical. Died 8-26-51. Employed 1916.

THOMAS L. SMITH, 50, motorman, North. Died 8-19-51. Employed 5-19-26.

WILLIAM TREML, 57, retired trainman, Westside. Died 8-25-51. Employed 4-22-13

PHILLIP VIRGINIS, 66, retired car repairman, Lawndale. Died 9-4-51. Employed 7-10-23.

DOMINICK ZANA, 75, retired agent, Westside. Died 8-27-51. Employed 8-18-41.



THE first "mystery trip" made under the direction of the reorganized Charter Service took place on September 15. About 125 members of the Brotherhood of Redeemer Church chartered three buses with "destination unknown." After starting from the Redeemer Church at Iowa and Lockwood, the buses traveled by a devious route on west side streets to McCormick Woods, 31st street and First avenue, Riverside. The many turns made on various streets kept the group guessing until the destination was reached. From all reports, everyone was well pleased and thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Shown above are (left to right) F. C. Knautz, Public Information Assistant, Pastor G. J. Ehrlich of the Redeemer Church, L. E. Bohlin, Charter Service representative, and Bus Operator Frank Williams (North).

CHARTER SERVICE REORGANIZED

AN intensive and comprehensive advertising and promotional program to increase CTA's charter service business was launched early in September.

Heading the new drive for group business is *Edward D. Ehrlich*, who was named sales manager, Charter Service, effective September 10. Ehrlich was superintendent of employment for the Chicago Surface lines and continued in that capacity when CTA began operating in October, 1947. Prior to his employment in the transit field, he was engaged in wholesale sales work with a large department store here in Chicago.

One of the features of the reorganized Charter Service is a "mystery trip"—destination unknown—a new idea developed for greater group entertainment and pleasure in which only the organization's tour chairman and CTA know the complete trip details in advance.

Attractive low rates have been established as an added incentive to help increase charter service business.

In addition to a newspaper and direct mail promotional program, CTA has prepared for general distribution an informative folder guide containing tips for trips to various points in and around Chicago which are of interest to schools, churches, clubs, lodges, veterans' and civic organiza-

tions, conventions and other adult and youth special interest groups.

In a bulletin issued September 7, *Walter J. McCarter*, general manager, said in part:

"The Charter Service sales and promotion program will function as a section of the Public Information Department. All employees are urged to cooperate in this effort to increase the Authority's income from Charter Service by calling attention of the sales manager, Charter Service, to any charter prospects."

The value of tips from CTA personnel in securing charter service business is illustrated by the following:

William W. McKenna, CTA Board member, heard that the Illinois Committee, Chicago Association of Commerce, planned to travel in a group from the Sherman hotel to the South Shore County Club and return. This information was given to the Charter Service people with the result that a CTA bus handled the group movement.

Another member of the CTA family notified the Charter Service section that the American Society of Traffic and Transportation was planning a group movement from Thorne Hall, Northwestern University downtown campus, to the Palmer House and return. As a result of this tip, the CTA secured an order for the charter of five buses on each of two successive days.

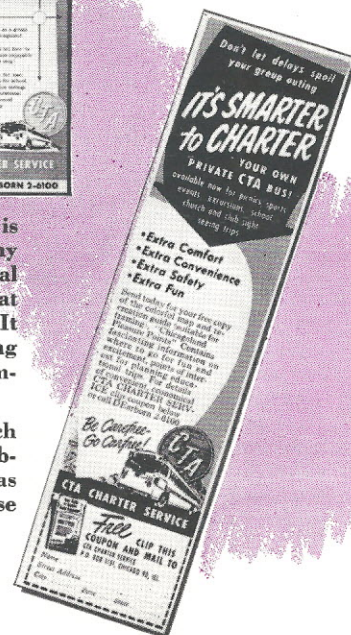
In another instance an employe informed the Charter Service sales manager that the Community Fund of Chicago frequently arranges for business organizations tours of the agencies it supports. This tip was followed up promptly, and the CTA now is getting the business, estimated at about 90 to 100 tours per year.

CTA Charter Service is also acquiring a substantial amount of business from the Holy Year Pilgrimages held by various Roman Catholic Churches. Those who attend three different churches, as well as one's own church, in one day, receive the same spiritual blessings that people gained on their visits to Rome in the official Holy Year. The first such pilgrimage handled by CTA required five buses for St. Etheldreda's Church on May 1.



THIS informative folder guide is available, free of charge, to any group, organization, or individual interested in planning trips that would require charter service. It contains many ideas for making group outings that are long remembered by the participants.

REPRODUCED here is an ad which has been placed in Chicago and suburban community newspapers as part of a campaign to increase CTA Charter Service business.



1008 CONSECUTIVE YEARS WITHOUT AN ACCIDENT



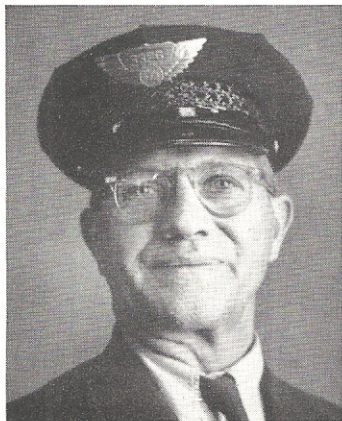
TO learn the secret behind their enviable safety record, the Inquiring Reporter for CTA TRANSIT NEWS selected, at random, ten of the 42 CTA employees with 24 accident-free years of operation and asked the following question:

"What factors have enabled you to complete 24 consecutive years without an avoidable accident?"



**BUS OPERATOR FRANK
MADOCK, North Park:**

"I would say that using good judgment in handling passengers, taking no unnecessary chances, and always giving the other fellow the right-of-way has kept my record clean for all these years. When I worked the open platform cars the rule of looking out before giving the bell was one of the best for safety."



**CONDUCTOR PAUL G.
BURANDT, 69th:**

"I always try to be alert, especially when I am behind the schedule and a large crowd of passengers is boarding or alighting. I shout a warning that the car is ready to start. The old saying is 'haste makes waste,' and I think it is very true. I would rather be late than have an accident."

**CONDUCTOR HERMAN
WIRTH, Devon:**

"I have been very fortunate in maintaining my 24 year record of no accidents. Being alert has been a major factor, plus the excellent help and cooperation of the able motormen I have worked with in the past years."



CONDUCTOR PETER SITKIEWITZ, Kedzie:

"Friendliness, punctuality and alertness — all of these have helped me achieve my safety record. First, you must be friendly with the passengers. Second, you should allow yourself ample time to prepare for your job. Third, being alert to protect your passengers from possible accidents. This includes checking the car interior before starting the run, lending assistance to handicapped persons, and, in winter, keeping the steps and platform in safe condition."



**BUS OPERATOR MELVIN
COLEMAN, Lawrence:**

"In my efforts to avoid accidents I find that being courteous to passengers and motorists places them in a different frame of mind. Also, giving the right-of-way, though it may be in my favor, always has paid off."



**CONDUCTOR MICHAEL
CARON, Armitage:**

"I have tried to be on the alert and have always looked out for the safety of the passengers at all times. I have also had wonderful co-operation from motormen and street supervisors which, in my opinion, is necessary to prevent accidents."

**CONDUCTOR HARRY
HEWITT, Cottage Grove:**

"My 24 years of no accidents has come about through being alert to the responsibilities of my job, having patience with the passengers at all times, and working with understanding motormen. The rest can be attributed to plain luck."



**MOTORMAN NICHOLAS
SCHUBERTH, 77th:**

"I believe my record was made possible by the practice of always looking for the unexpected from the other fellow, and trying to keep my car under control at all times. If we operate our car or bus with the same caution as we do our own automobile, there would be less accidents."



OVER 1000 years of accident free operation through the streets of busy Chicago is the combined record made by 42 CTA employees, each of whom was recently awarded his 24th consecutive yearly honor roll card by the Accident Prevention department of Chicago Transit Authority.

The honor roll cards were presented to a total of 5038 CTA motormen, conductors and bus operators of the surface division who operated their vehicles without an avoidable accident involving another vehicle or passenger during the year 1950. This figure represents 58 per cent of the 8669 men who were eligible to receive the honor roll card by operating the full year.

In order to be eligible, a motorman, conductor or bus operator must work a complete calendar year without having an avoidable accident. The honor roll contest is set up on a basis of consecutive years of "no chargeable" accidents which makes the CTA card more difficult to obtain than that of other companies. The plans of other companies are based on years of operation (which omits a bad year and counts only accident free years).

Every accident is reviewed by the trainman's superintendent who makes a preliminary decision as to the avoidability. To be sure that all of the factors are considered by the superintendent, the complete information secured by the Accident Investigation department is reviewed by the Accident Prevention department. Any additional information is then relayed back to the superintendent and a final decision is then made on the avoidability of the accident.



**BUS OPERATOR EMIL
MILLER, North:**

"There are many factors that are necessary to safely operate a transit vehicle. They include: 1. Good physical condition, meaning plenty of rest; 2. Being familiar with the characteristics of the street you are working; 3. Knowledge of the equipment you are operating; 4. Giving the other fellow the right-of-way when necessary; 5. Calmness — thinking before acting with safety — first the main thought; 6. Treating passengers courteously and assisting them in every possible way; 7. Operating your vehicle in accordance with weather conditions."

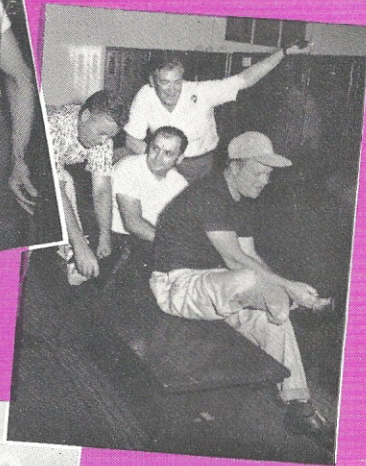
**CONDUCTOR JENSINIUS
NIELSEN, Limits:**

"When I started as a conductor I always bore in mind the fact that I should operate the vehicle with great safety. This can be done by being alert and using good judgment. Also a big help is giving a smile to everyone. It goes a long way towards making the job easier to perform."



LISTED here are the names of the 42 CTA employees who have operated their vehicles 24 consecutive years without an avoidable accident:

H. W. Hewitt, Cottage Grove	M. Hanley, Lawndale
J. A. Hockenbery, Cottage Grove	P. Sitkiewitz, Kedzie
C. J. Powers, Cottage Grove	P. Smith, Kedzie
J. P. McCune, Cottage Grove	J. McGrail, Kedzie
W. J. Walsh, Cottage Grove	D. Sullivan, Kedzie
N. G. Schubert, 77th	F. J. Abbey, Kedzie
G. A. Powers, 77th	D. Sax, Kedzie
M. Fitzgerald, 77th	T. J. Galvin, Kedzie
P. J. Conlon, 77th	E. Miller, North
J. W. Downey, 77th	A. E. Johnson, North
A. Jacobs, 77th	H. Schomer, North
W. Balling, 77th	J. Fisher, Armitage
J. E. Keane, 77th	M. Caron, Armitage
W. E. Lawler, 77th	J. Nielsen, Limits
J. J. Durkin, 77th	A. Granahan, Devon
J. J. Maloney, 69th	J. Eckman, Devon
W. J. Butler, 69th	H. Wirth, Devon
P. G. Burandt, 69th	K. Hanneman, Lawrence Garage
F. E. Murray, 69th	M. Coleman, Lawrence Garage
J. Holly, Lawndale	F. Madock, North Park
E. Vlach, Lawndale	
A. Wilhelm, Lawndale	



ON one of the hottest and brightest days of the summer, August 31, about 100 CTA golfers gathered at White Pines Country Club where their annual golf tournament was held this year.

After all scores had been tallied and checked, *John Pater*, *Kedzie*, with a terrific low gross score of 74 (only four over course par) was named as the best man with the clubs that day. *Joe Padour*, *North*, with a low net score of 64, took the handicap trophy. (They are shown together, above).

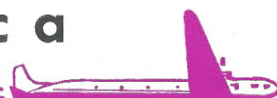
Ray Bush and *Nick Rogers*, *Lawrence*, are the new team champs for the 1951 season, beating out *Frank Steinmetz* and *Lowell Brubach*, 77th.

The trophies, which were donated by the CTA Employee Welfare Fund, were presented by *Dave M. Flynn*, superintendent of surface operations, center (upper left).

The committee in charge of golfing activities for the year consisted of *Ed. Foreman*, *Art Cooper*, *Bob Miller*, and *George Ross*, all *North*, and *Tom Coglianese*, *Kedzie*.



My Visit To America



A VERY thrilled little woman, 82 years old, stepped off a plane ten months ago at Municipal Airport in Chicago. She had traveled alone by air from her home in a small town near Hamburg, Germany, for her first visit to America. She was to do and see many things for the first time in the following months.

This was *Christine Trede*, the mother of *Motorman Claus Trede*, 77th, whom he hadn't seen since he left his home in Germany 41 years before. She was here to visit him and her two daughters who live here in Chicago.

She returned to her native country recently having seen more of this country than many of us see in a lifetime. The family, anxious to show her the many wonders of America, took her to the Smoky Mountains, Niagara Falls, Minnesota, and through most of Illinois.

"Everything is so wonderful here," she said before leaving. She speaks only German but the word "wonderful" she knows in English.

Constantly amazed at the things which are taken for granted here, she couldn't understand how almost everyone is rich enough to own a car. Being able to drink all the coffee she wanted, which is hard to get in Germany, was one of her biggest thrills. She enjoyed most of all the conveniences of the American kitchen. At home, where there is little refrigeration, the cellars are used to keep things cold.

She loved every minute she spent in America, but says she wanted to go home to spend the rest of her life where she was born. However, Mrs. Trede is taking along with her many pleasant memories of things she has seen and enjoyed in the United States to tell her two other children and grandchildren back home across the ocean.



STRICTLY an American institution, the super-market fascinates Mrs. Trede. "There's nothing like this back home," she says.

CHRISTINE Trede didn't spend too many moments like this. She was too busy seeing as much of America as possible during her ten month stay in this country.



MRS. TREDE'S daughter-in-law shows her one of the modern-day kitchen appliances — the mix master.

SEEING Chicago via the CTA, Mrs. Trede took her first streetcar ride with her motorman son. She rode the Broadway-State car with her daughter-in-law and great grandchild from 95th Street to Devon and back again.



INAUGURATE BUS SERVICE ON PULASKI ROAD

PRESIDING at ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new Pulaski road trolley bus service is Chicago's "Miss Photo-flash," *Roberta Richards*, with the assistance of (extreme left) *Alderman George J. Tourek*, 23rd; and (second from left, front) *City Treasurer William G. Milota*. CTA representatives at the ceremony, which was held at Pulaski and 26th street, were (left, rear) *Dave Flynn*, superintendent of surface operations, and (extreme right) *William Herbert*, superintendent of Lawndale depot.

RECENT SERVICE CHANGES

TROLLEY and motor buses replaced streetcars on the Pulaski road, Ogden avenue and 79th street surface routes on September 16.

A total of 61 new trolley buses have been assigned to the Pulaski road service. The line was formerly serviced by streetcars on weekdays and by motor buses on weekends and holidays. South terminal of the line is at 31st street and Komensky avenue. On the north end, during the business day, part of the new service terminates at Montrose avenue until permanent facilities can be obtained just south of Foster avenue. The north terminal for the remainder of the service is at the southeast corner of Pulaski and Peterson.

For the conversion of 79th street from streetcar to motor bus service, 28 buses have been assigned. The east terminal is located east of Brandon avenue at 79th street, and the west terminal at 79th and Western where direct transfer connections can be made with 79th street extension buses, S. Western buses and Western avenue streetcars.

Substitution of buses for streetcars on Ogden avenue was made in anticipation of Randolph and Washington streets becoming one-way thoroughfares in the near future, as provided by recent action of the City Council. Until the one-way street system is established, Ogden avenue buses enter the central business district by way of Randolph street. At Clinton street the buses turn north to Lake street, proceed east in Lake to Dearborn, south to Randolph and leave the loop by way of Randolph. The southwest terminal of the route remains at S. 52nd avenue and W. 25th street in Cicero.

Increases of from 33% to 100% in seating capacity have been made on Ravenswood, North-South and Lake street rapid transit trains for the convenience of Monday night shoppers, effective September 17. Between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Mondays, Ravenswood trains have been increased from two cars to four cars; trains in the State Street subway lengthened from four to six cars; and Lake street trains increased from two cars to three cars. Operation of this extra equipment during the peak downtown period on Monday nights is a continuation of CTA's program to provide convenient additional service in connection with events and places involving large numbers of transit riders.

FROM A NEW ZEALAND READER

WE never thought that CTA TRANSIT NEWS traveled to such faraway places as Auckland, New Zealand, but the recent mail proved us wrong, much to our pleasure. The writer, *E. W. Woods*, is an employe of the Auckland Transport Company and was primarily interested in obtaining a direction leaflet for knitting a sweater illustrated on the page, "TO THE LADIES . . . from Joan," June, 1951. Among other remarks, the writer says: "Seeing that I am about to ask a favor, I had better say how much I enjoy the TRANSIT NEWS. I see them through a friend who gets them from a CTA employe who was stationed in New Zealand during the war.

"I have been very interested in the pictures of your new trolley buses which you have published from time to time. The Auckland Transport Board, for whom I work, has just started on a conversion scheme to replace their existing vehicles with trolley buses. Enclosed is a photograph of one."

HERE is the photograph sent by *E. W. Woods* showing the new type trolley bus being placed in service in Auckland, New Zealand. It has right hand steering for New Zealand driving conditions. The bus body was built by British United Traction, and the motor develops 135 horsepower.



TO THE

ladies

from joan

DANCE WITH THE WITCHES ON HALLOWEEN

WHY not plan to have your children join the Halloween party throng on October 30? The witches will howl, the black cats prowl. Let them join in the fun by planning a party on this exciting evening. It will keep your own offspring and other youngsters in your neighborhood off the streets and out of mischief.

Maybe you'd like to make it a masquerade party, or one where new games and stunts furnish the entertainment. Whatever your activity, set the Halloween mood. Decorate the walls with cardboard skeletons, pumpkins and corn shocks. Place bowls of fruit on the tables. Brighten the windows with jack-o-lanterns.

The host or hostess should be costumed as grotesquely as possible. The usual flowing black gown and peaked hats are "musts." But—the mask should be frightening. The familiar broom is part of the witch's costume with which the guests are swept into the house.

As for the party refreshments, doughnuts and milk are always a welcome treat. The doughnuts are nicest if they are freshly fried. Fact is, you can make a party out of the doughnut frying alone. Serve them on a pretty Halloween platter, and decorate the table with "snapers." Better plan on three doughnuts for every guest. This recipe given below will give you doughnuts with a flavor as exciting as your party's bound to be:

Quick Halloween Doughnuts

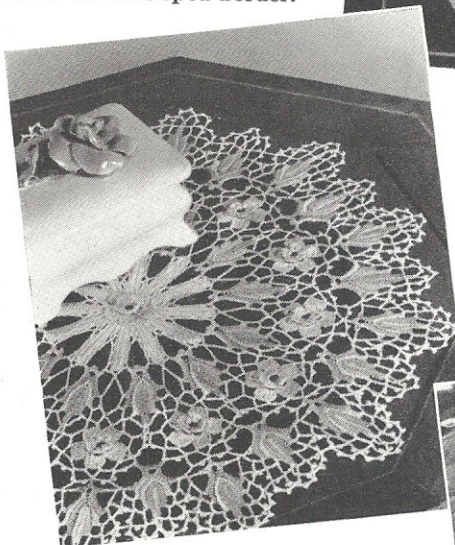
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar	1 teaspoon salt
1 egg	$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon soda
1 cup molasses	5 teaspoons baking powder
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sweet milk	1 teaspoon ginger
1 tablespoon vinegar	1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons melted butter	1 teaspoon nutmeg
5 cups flour	

Beat egg and add sugar gradually, beating well after each addition. Add molasses. Mix milk and vinegar. Add

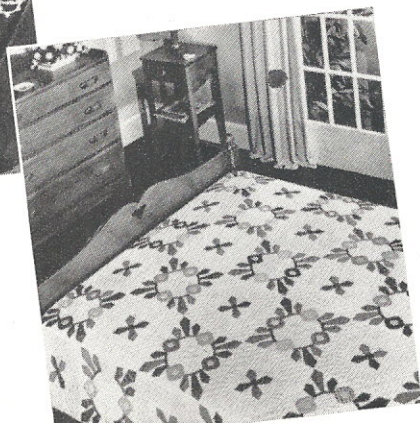
with melted butter. Add sifter dry ingredients; mix well. Roll out a small amount of dough at a time to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thickness on floured board. Cut with 3-inch doughnut cutter. Fry in deep hot fat (370° F.) until golden brown, turning only once. Toss doughnuts in confectioners' sugar or cinnamon-sugar mixture. Makes three dozen.

KITCHEN Color—Plain and patterned chintzes are combined attractively in these colorful potholders. Use up any of your sturdy cotton scraps for last minute gifts, bazaar money-makers or just to brighten your own kitchen.

IRISH Crochet in Color — Shaded pink roses and leaves in tones of green are crocheted separately for this lovely Irish crochet doily, then set into a web of white lace. Picots, another characteristic of Irish crochet in addition to the rose and leaf motifs, lend a filigreed effect to the scalloped border.



FLOWER Quilt—Two old needlecrafts, applique and quilting, are combined in this modern coverlet. The background is white, the borders and stylized leaf motifs are green, while the bright flowers, joined to form rings, are all the colors in the rainbow, or all the colors in your scrap bag.

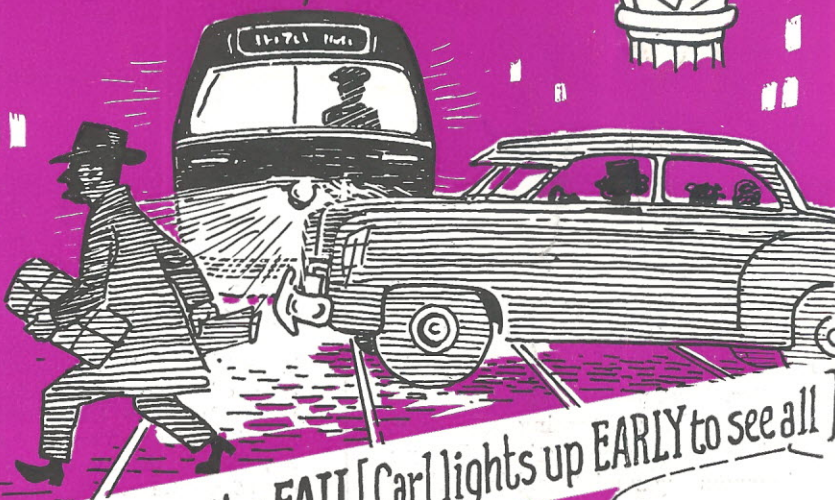


DOUGHNUTS with milk will make the Hallowe'en party complete for the youngsters.

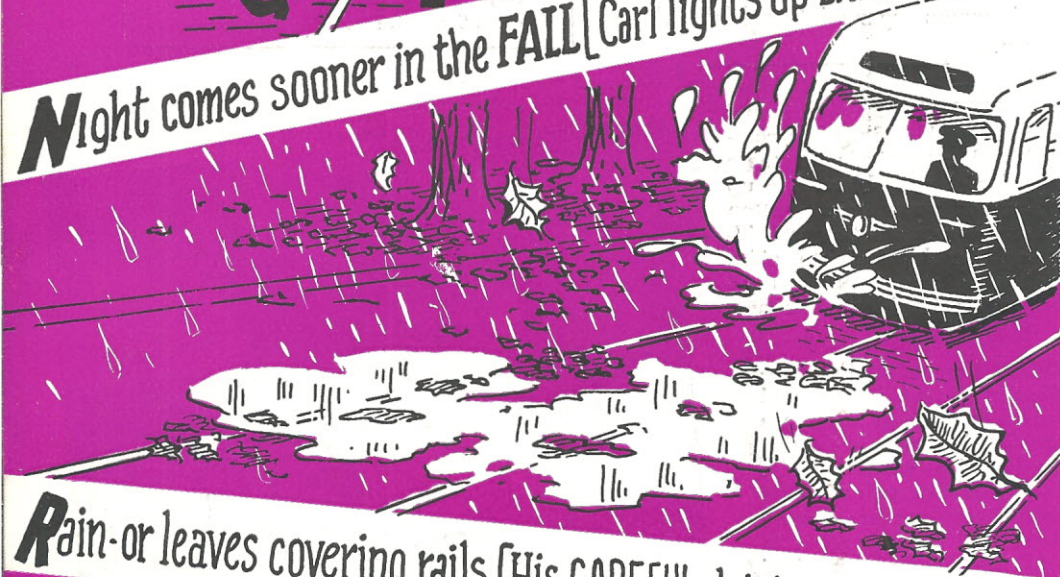
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