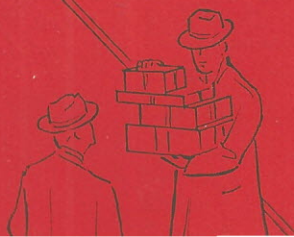
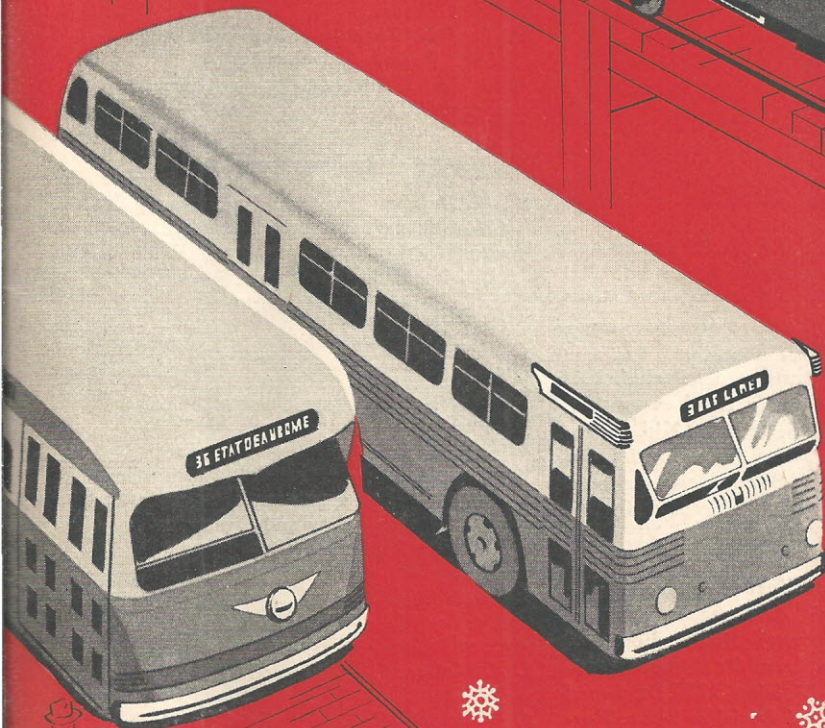
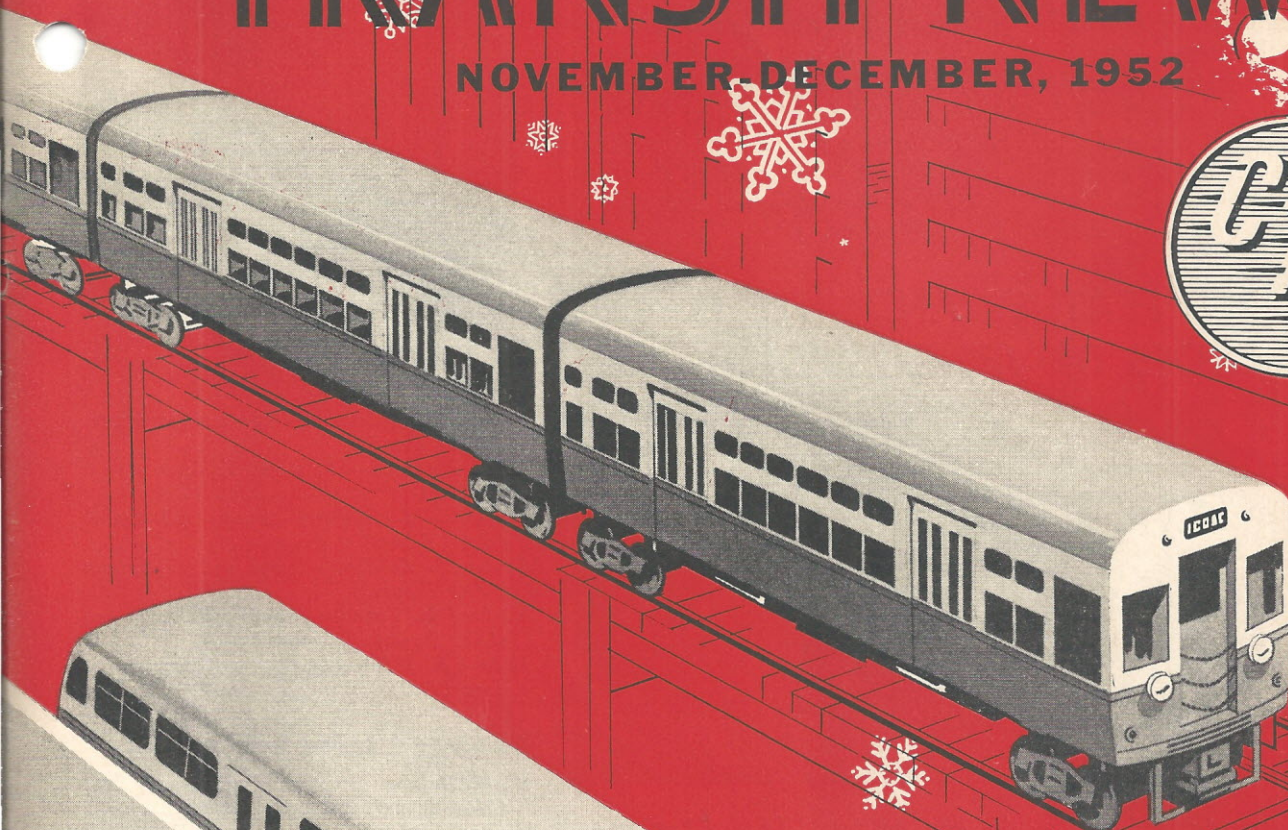


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OPERATING IN THE COMBAT AREA

LIEUTENANT junior grade *Robert L. Zralek*, U. S. Naval Reserve, is serving on the staff of the well-known Carrier Air Group Nineteen, operating from the giant 27,000-ton aircraft carrier U.S.S. PRINCETON. His unit has participated in numerous strikes against hostile North Korean and Chinese Communist forces

extending as far north as the Yalu River.

Prior to his recall to active duty in July, 1951, Lieutenant Zralek was employed by CTA in the Chief Engineer's office. He is a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology and at present is staff aviation ordnance officer of Air Group Nineteen.



RED FEATHER AND RED CROSS DRIVES COMBINED



LABOR and management united to give impetus to CTA's plan covering employee contributions to welfare and charitable enterprises. This year a "give-once-for-all" plan has been adopted.

Under the one-shot drive, no cash contributions are being accepted. All donations are on the payroll deduction plan, spread over the entire year with minimum deductions being 50 cents per month. Each employee received a pledge card on which he may designate the amount he wishes to contribute monthly to each fund.

The monies collected will be divided between the Community Fund and the Red Cross, according to a formula worked out by a committee of management and labor representatives.

ON hand to greet CTA Red Feather and Red Cross fund workers as they boarded a chartered bus to make a tour of three Red Feather agencies were (on bus steps) *Carroll R. Harding*, president of The Pullman Company and general chairman of the 1952 Community fund campaign, and CTA's own Red Feather Kid, *Joyce Bason*, daughter of *Bus Operator Harold Bason*, North Park. Stops were made at Illinois State Placement Home, Lutheran Deaconess Day School and St. Vincent's Orphanage. Others in the picture, left to right, are *Tom Mullins*, secretary of Division 308; *Frank A. Benner*, business manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 9; *Robert Lamping*, president of Division 1381; *Edward O'Hara*, president of Division 308; *Warren A. Logelin*, director of advertising; and *Patrick J. O'Connor*, secretary of Division 241.

New CTA Additions To the Armed Forces

Charles R. Edwards—Way and Structures (Rapid Transit)
D. K. Peterson—Shops and Equipment (Wilson)
Jeremiah J. Scannell—Shops and Equipment (Wilson)
James F. Sullivan—Shops and Equipment (West Shops)
Michael B. Vasquez—Shops and Equipment (Lake Street)
Robert E. Whittenburg—Shops and Equipment (77th)

Returned from Service

W. M. Bolger—Shops and Equipment (West Shops)
Walter C. Budzisz—Shops and Equipment (Division Carhouse)
J. J. Catalinotto—Transportation (Northside)
J. C. Galvin—Way and Structures (Rapid Transit)
George R. Huizenga—Shops and Equipment (West Shops)
A. E. Johnson—Transportation (Loop)
Kenneth J. Kaiser—Schedule and Traffic
J. P. Kelly—Transportation (Northside)
T. B. Kerrigan—Way and Structures (Building Department)
Lawrence W. Koch—Shops and Equipment (South Shops)
David Loughlin—Shops and Equipment (South Shops)
J. A. McGready—Shops and Equipment (77th)
J. McIntosh—Transportation (Westside)
Patrick J. McStay—Schedule and Traffic
George Miller—Shops and Equipment (Lawndale)
M. P. Newell—Shops and Equipment (North Park)
Thomas M. O'Meara—Transportation (Loop)
Y. Petraircius—Shops and Equipment (Logan Square Shops)
Lester R. Rage—Transportation (Devon)
T. E. Rice—Schedule and Traffic
P. J. Scollard—Shops and Equipment (West Shops)
R. J. Valerious—Shops and Equipment (Beverly)
Ralph W. Watzke—Transportation (North)
Ernest A. Zorn—Transportation (North)

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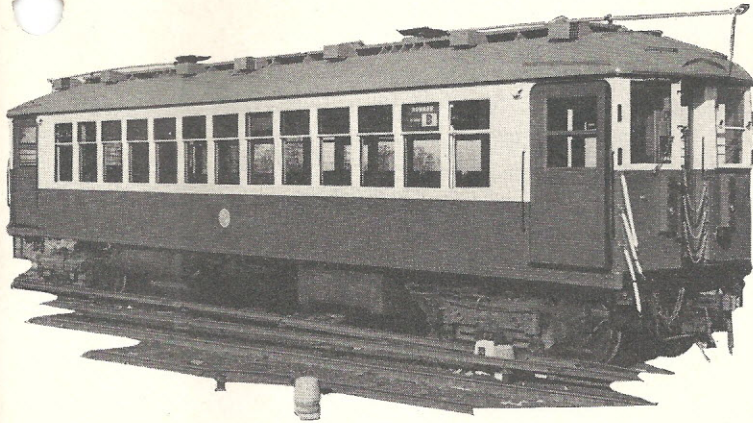
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REASSIGNMENT OF EQUIPMENT BENEFITS MANY MORE RIDERS



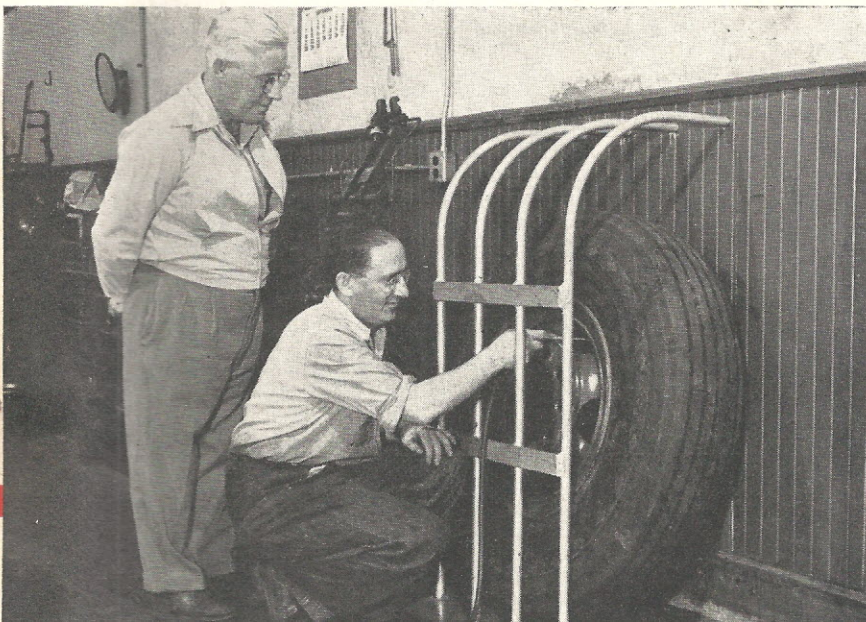
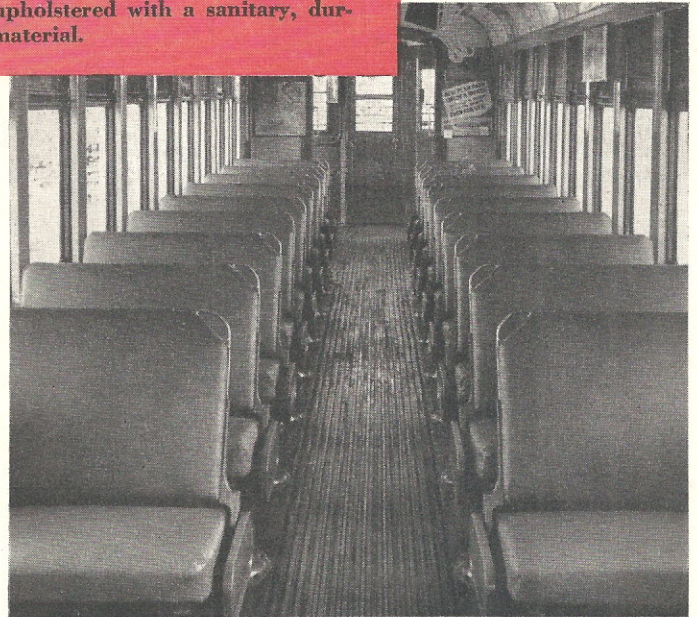
BY reassigning equipment during October, CTA is now operating all-metal cars for the major part of its rapid transit service.

Under the new arrangement, trebled use is now being made of the all-metal equipment, thereby benefitting three times as many riders.

The old type wood-steel cars, formerly operated on Lake Street, Ravenswood and Douglas Park routes, is used only in the morning and evening rush hours of weekdays to supplement the all-metal equipment. On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, only all-metal cars will be used on these three routes, excepting Ravenswood on Saturdays when some of the wood-steel equipment will have to be used to meet service requirements.

A total of 156 of the latest type all-metal cars were transferred from the Ravenswood, Milwaukee Avenue subway and Douglas Park routes to the North-South route. From the North-South route, 156 of the 4000 series all-metal cars were transferred to the Logan Square-Milwaukee Avenue subway and Lake Street routes.

THE 4000 series all-metal cars, transferred from the North-South route to Milwaukee Avenue subway and Lake Street routes, have been completely refurbished. The cars were painted CTA's green and cream color combination on the outside. The interiors were also repainted and the seats of some of the cars were reupholstered with a sanitary, durable and colorful plastic material.



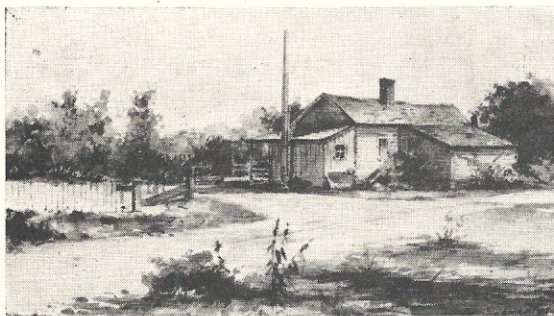
FLYING RIM HAZARD ELIMINATED

NEWLY developed tire inflator safety guards have recently been installed in bus garages on the CTA System. They eliminate the possibility of severe personal injury due to rims flying out as the large tires are inflated to the proper air pressure after being repaired in the shops. *Martin J. King*, repairman at North Avenue, demonstrates to *John Cahill*, foreman, North Avenue bus repair, how the safeguard works.



INSTALL NEW LEGION OFFICERS

THE annual installation of officers of CTA Post No. 1216 of the American Legion took place on October 21 at St. Jude's Hall. The Post officers for 1953 are, front row, left to right, *William R. Kendall*, junior vice commander; *John F. Thorpe*, commander; *Joseph Gurga*, senior vice commander; and *Robert H. Buerger*, junior vice commander. Rear, left to right, *Harrison D. Wilson*, finance officer; *John D. Farris*, chaplain; *John J. Cushing*, adjutant; and *Harold R. Mills*, sergeant-at-arms. The installing officer was *Harrison D. Wilson*, past 2nd District commander, and the installing sergeant-at-arms was *Edward H. Martin*, past 2nd District commander. *James T. Carney* was the retiring commander.



EARLY CHICAGO SCENE

THIS sketch of the north toll gate on Clark Street was made in the spring of 1884, looking northeast at the corner of Rogers Avenue. In those days, travelers were charged a fee, usually about 25 cents, to use the toll roads in the Chicago area.

Help Fight TB



Buy Christmas Seals

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER 1952 AND 1951, NINE MONTHS AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1952

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

	Month of September 1952	1951	Period Ended Sept. 30, 1952 9 Months	12 Months
Revenues	\$9,385,770	\$9,129,859	\$84,541,355	\$113,989,626
Operation and Maintenance Expenses.....	7,957,267	7,783,396	72,810,011	98,742,496
Available for Debt Service.....	1,428,503	1,346,463	11,731,344	15,247,130
Debt Service Requirements:				
Interest Charges	318,003	318,003	2,862,239	3,816,250
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond Maturity Fund (Note 1)	83,334	—	250,000	250,000
Deposit to Series of 1947 Bond Reserve (Note 2)	—	107,000	767,314	1,088,314
	401,337	425,003	3,879,553	5,154,564
Balance Available for Depreciation.....	1,027,166	921,460	7,851,791	10,092,566
Provision for Depreciation—Current Period.....	750,861	625,000	6,763,308	8,638,308
Balance (Note 3)	276,305	296,460	1,088,483	\$ 1,454,258
Accumulated Deficit in Depreciation:				
To End of Previous Month.....	—	724,013*	61,778*	
Balance Available for Other Charges (Note 3) ..	\$ 276,305	\$ 427,553*	\$ 1,026,705	

NOTES:

- (1) Equal monthly installments to retire \$1,000,000 principal amount of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds on July 1, 1953.
- (2) Available to pay interest or principal on any interest or principal payment dates whenever amounts in funds set aside for such purpose are insufficient therefor, or for accomplishing the final retirement or redemption of all outstanding Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds.
- (3) 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; and \$427,553 of the \$1,454,258 balance available for the twelve months ended September 30, 1952 was applied to cover prior period deficiencies in deposits to the Depreciation Reserve Fund. 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. The Supplemental Trust Agreement covering Series of 1952 Revenue Bonds issued October 1, 1952 provides for quarterly deposits of \$300,000 (cumulative within any one year) to the "Revenue Bond Amortization Fund" to the extent that monies are available therefor after making the required deposits to the Depreciation Reserve Fund; also that deposits of \$900,000 are to be made to the Operating Expense Reserve Fund in any calendar year 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, Revenue Bond Amortization Fund and Operating Expense Reserve Fund.

*Red Figures

PASSENGER STATISTICS

Total Revenue Passengers.....	53,597,875	55,906,462	504,866,161	687,595,833
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STATUS OF EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

As at September 30, 1952

Purchased and placed in service under Modernization Program:

Diesel Buses	169
Gas Buses	731
Propane Buses	551
Trolley Buses	559
El-Subway Cars	204
P.C.C. Streetcars	600
	2,814

Purchases under Consideration:

El-Subway Cars	300
Motor Buses	400
	3,214

IDEA PAYS OFF...IN

First Suggestion Award Amounts to \$50

"I GOT tired of getting foreign tokens in the fare box," replied *Sam Santangelo* when asked about the suggestion he submitted to make him the first award winner under CTA's recently inaugurated suggestion plan.

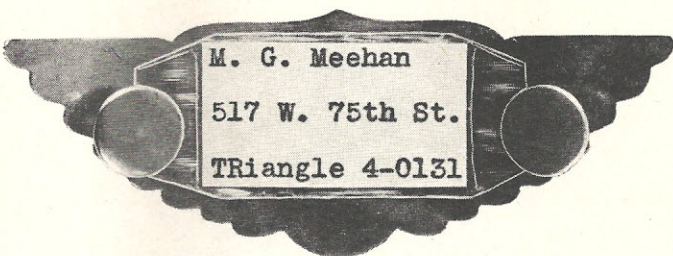
"I had been giving some thought to this problem," said Sam, "but was undecided about it. When the suggestion form was sent me in the mail, I immediately sat down and put my idea on paper. It surprised me and made me happy to learn my suggestion was worthy of an award, and our whole family feels proud and honored."

As a result of this action, Sam, who has been a bus operator at Beverly station for nearly two years under *Station Superintendent Robert T. Duffy*, won an award of \$50.00 for suggesting that CTA tokens be distinctly colored to make them easily spotted in the fare boxes and thus discourage the use of foreign line tokens.

Sam and his wife, *Gertrude*, who live at 6828 South Green street, are the parents of two little girls, *Barbara Jo*, 3, and *Betty Ann*, 2. The money they received came in mighty handy as Sam had just recovered from an attack of pneumonia and had currently larger expenses to meet.

Badge Idea Wins \$5.00

M. G. MEEHAN, motorman, 69th, a 33-year veteran, was awarded \$5.00 for suggesting a simple way to help get back



PLAN TO CONVERT STREETCARS TO ELEVATED COACHES

CONTRACTS were awarded October 10 by Chicago Transit Board to Pullman-Standard Car Company of Chicago and the St. Louis Car Company of St. Louis for building two sample rapid transit cars out of "Green Hornet" type streetcars. Both of these concerns built modern PCC streetcars for CTA. They were developed in a manner similar to the present undertaking.

This is the initial step to test the practicability of salvaging years of useful life in these "Green Hornets" which can be replaced by buses on surface routes. CTA now operates 200 of the latest type all-metal rapid transit cars.

If these test conversions are succesful, these major benefits will be obtained: 1. Modernization of rapid transit cars will be speeded up. 2. The unit cost of converted cars, having as much useful life as completely new units, will be substan-

CASH!



BUS Operator *Sam Santangelo*, Beverly, center, beams happily as *Walter J. McCarter*, general manager, left, proffers a voucher for \$50.00 and congratulates him on being the first to win an award under the newly-adopted system-wide Employee Suggestion Plan. *Tom B. O'Connor*, general superintendent of transportation, is at the right. Sam suggested that CTA tokens be distinctly colored for easy identification, thereby discouraging the use of foreign line tokens in CTA fare boxes.

lost badges. His idea is that each man who wears a badge clip his name and address from an envelope received in the mail, add his phone number, and fasten it to the back of the badge with scotch tape as indicated in photo at left.

Plan Proves Popular

From October 8, when the system-wide Employee Suggestion Plan started, through October 31, a total of 355 suggestions were submitted to the Suggestion Committee.

tially less than for entirely new units. 3. The CTA will be able to meet the mandatory requirement, at a substantial saving in cost, to have an additional fleet of all-metal rapid transit cars ready for operation when the rapid transit facility in the median strip of the Congress Street superhighway is available for use, sometime within the next two to three years.

Under the provisions of CTA's franchise ordinance with the City of Chicago, only all-metal cars may be assigned to the Garfield Park rapid transit route when it begins operating in the median strip of the Congress Street superhighway.

Between 300 and 400 "Green Hornet" streetcars may be adapted to rapid transit operation if the test conversions meet expectations.

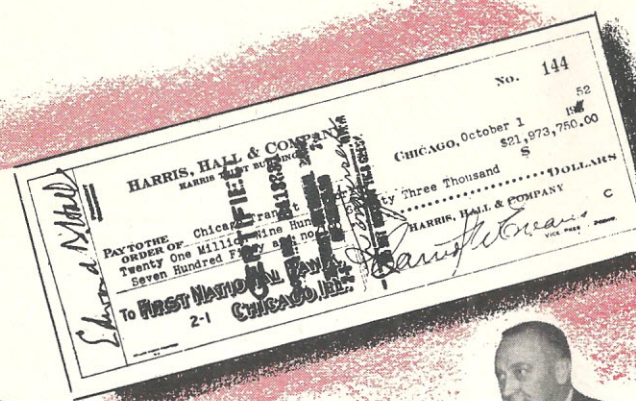
AT a CTA Board meeting on the morning of September 30, bids on the sale of \$23,000,000.00 of series of 1952 revenue bonds were opened. The only bid offered was by a syndicate of investment bankers, headed by the firms of Harris, Hall & Co., First Boston Corp., A. C. Allyn & Co., John Nuveen & Co. and Blythe & Co. This bid was accepted by the Board members, left to right, facing camera, Guy A. Richardson, Philip W. Collins, John Holmes, Ralph Budd, chairman, William W. McKenna, James R. Quinn and John S. Miller. In the foreground with backs to the camera are, left to right, William S. Allen, chief attorney, general law department; Gerald S. Graybiel, purchasing agent; Charles W. Ricker, specifications engineer; and Willis W. Helfrich, assistant secretary.



LOCAL TRANSIT UNIFICATION *COMPLETED!*

THE September-October issue of CTA TRANSIT NEWS carried a story about the plans of the Chicago Transit Authority to buy the Chicago Motor Coach Company, thereby giving Chicago its first fully unified transit system. Following is a pictorial story of the final phases of the transaction which brought to fruition a goal which had been sought for 54 years.

AFTER the bid on the revenue bonds had been accepted, CTA and Chicago Motor Coach officials met the same day in the Board room of the First National Bank where the purchase contract was signed. Left to right, William W. McKenna, secretary, and Ralph Budd, chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, and Benjamin Weintraub, president, and Harry N. Wyatt, secretary, of the Chicago Motor Coach Company.

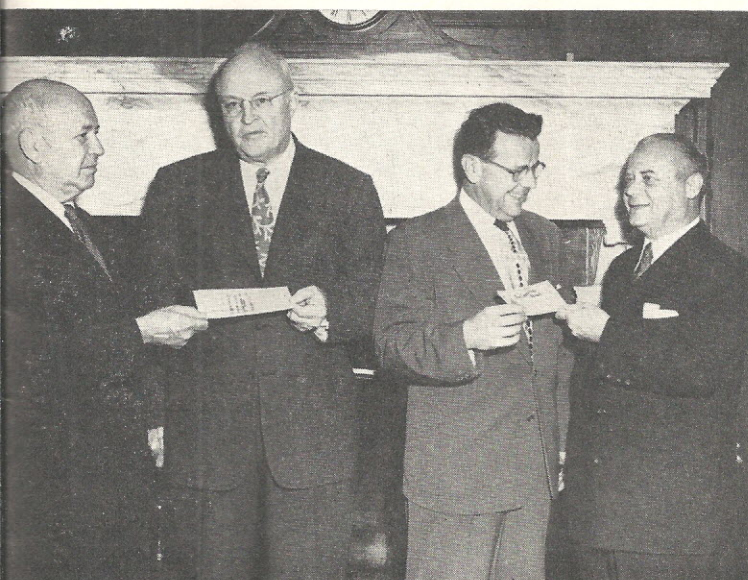




CTA officials, seated, left to right, *William W. McKenna*, secretary, and *Ralph Budd*, chairman, of the Chicago Transit Board, signed 23 temporary bonds at a value of \$1,000,000 each. These later were broken down into \$1,000.00 denominations for marketing purposes.



NEWSPAPER men bombarded *Ralph Budd*, CTA Board chairman, with innumerable questions immediately after the transaction had been completed which enabled the CTA to start operating the Motor Coach lines as of 12:01 A.M. on October 1.



ALL interested parties met again on the morning of October 1 in an executive's office at the First National Bank where the temporary bonds were delivered by CTA to the investment bankers in exchange for a certified check for \$21,973,750.00, the amount of the bond issue, less interest, which *Edward B. Hall*, of Harris, Hall & Company, left, is handing to *Charles A. Burns*, CTA treasurer. *Peter J. Meinardi*, CTA comptroller, second from right, gives a check for the actual purchase price to *Benjamin Weintraub*, president of Chicago Motor Coach Company. The purchase price, net, was \$16,406,084.48.

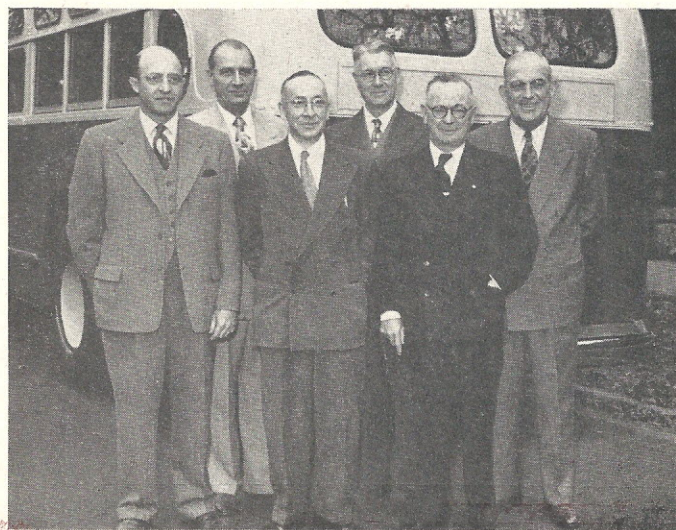
THE 595 modern buses acquired in buying the Motor Coach lines are being repainted with CTA colors. This bus, with *Operator Joe Lebrecht* at the wheel, was one of the first to undergo the treatment.



INCLUDED in the purchase of the Chicago Motor Coach Company were properties such as this. This is a view of the garage located at 4221 West Diversey. Other garages are located at 5201 Cottage Grove Avenue, 4532 West Adams Street, 1124 Rosemont Avenue and 4711 Ravenswood Avenue.



NOW with CTA forces are these key men of "The Boulevard Route." Left to right, *Clyde North*, assistant to comptroller; *Elmer Swanson*, purchasing agent; *Andrew Forbes*, superintendent of garages, *Kay Lorentzen*, traffic engineer, *Joseph Gaynor*, general superintendent of transportation, and *J. F. Anderson*, claim agent.



OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

Based on Actual Letters Received Recently by CTA

WE THINK the employee who practices courtesy realizes the important part it plays in Chicago Transit Authority's objective to make service as attractive as possible to its riders. That courteous treatment is appreciated by our passengers is shown by the following actual letters we have received recently.

Unusual Helpfulness

"I should like to commend your employee No. 1925 (*Operator Hansley G. DeBroe*, Cottage Grove), southbound on Wabash Ave. He displayed unusual helpfulness during my short five-block trip. He helped a blind man and woman onto his car and respectfully requested some people to change seats so the blind couple could sit together. He read an address label on a package for what appeared to be a D.P. person, and carefully directed that person to the address. He gave at least three people concise directions on how to get where they were going."

Excellent Job

"I witnessed a truly grand civic operation of traffic at the intersection of Austin Blvd. and Madison Street recently. The 'stop and go' signals were not working. One of your men (*Supervisor John J. McCarthy*) was not only standing in the middle of the street directing traffic, but starting the streetcars out of the terminal on time. No park or city officers were present at any time. He was doing the job alone. He not only was courteous, but did such an excellent job that not once was the traffic interrupted. By my way of thinking this employee was certainly doing something over and beyond his call of duty."

Extreme Kindness

"We should like to commend conductor No. 4290 (*Conductor Orville Myrick*, Devon) for his help to us in a strange city. His cheerfulness, sense of humor and pride in his company and the City of Chicago made our ride sheer joy. This man had no way of knowing I am a volunteer worker for the blind in Philadelphia, so I was doubly impressed by his extreme kindness and gentleness toward two blind people. He assisted them onto and off the car, and aided one poor old man across two busy streets. Wonderful memories of Chicago remain with me, but the most outstanding ones were placed there by this man."

LITTLE courteous acts help improve CTA's relations with passengers. But if they encounter discourteous or cross treatment it hurts all concerned — not only the passengers, but the CTA and fellow employees. The following are excerpts from letters received recently.

"I got on a streetcar at Schiller and Clark on my way to the loop. There were several others getting on. I handed the conductor a dollar bill and said 'tokens please.' When he returned my change, I noted he had not given me tokens, but 80 cents in change. I told him in a pleasant way that I asked for tokens and he in turn replied that I hadn't asked for tokens and refused to give them to me. It's not the three cents

involved, but the man's discourteous manner and the embarrassment."

COMMENT: When the operator realized that an error had been made, he should have requested the passenger to fill out a Courtesy Card, made an immediate refund of the cash fare, and then completed the transaction for tokens.

"I was standing on the corner of Ogden and Damen; the bus was crowded with school children, especially around the driver. I tried to board the bus, but he told me there was no room. I said I'd wait until they moved back. He shouted you can't hold up the bus and went on."

COMMENT: Operators should urge passengers to move toward the rear of buses in order to accommodate others desiring to board.

"Your driver stopped about three bus lengths back from the corner due to cars ahead of him. He unloaded his passengers there and though the signal changed to green, he refused to move up to the corner but waited for all of us to run up to him."

COMMENT: Vehicles stopped short of a regular loading zone due to traffic are expected to make a second stop at a designated stopping place for passengers to board and alight safely.

SHOWN here is a comparison of complaints and commendations received by Chicago Transit Authority for October, 1952, and October, 1951, as well as a summary of the first ten months of 1952, compared with the same period for 1951:

	October, 1952	October, 1951
Complaints	1,290	985
Commendations	66	56
	Ten Months, 1952	Ten Months, 1951
Complaints	8,842	8,895
Commendations	545	570

THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Girls' Annual Party Set for December 17

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION — The girls annual Christmas party is to be held at Younker's, on Wednesday, December 17. We are looking forward to a large turnout.

Recent visitors included *Mr. Holton*, former office manager, and *Mary Finnegan*, former stenographer. Retirement seems to be agreeing with them.

Attorney *William J. Callahan* is now associated with the law firm of *McNamara and Callahan*. Anyone having hangnails, toe nails, finger nails, 6-penny nails, or wearing a band-aid, see them for legal advice.

Welcome to *Jack Grimes* and *Jack Jacoby*, both vault clerks.

Jeanne Ludmann and *Elvera Potensa* had a lovely trip to Niagara Falls. *Audrey Johnson*, personnel, traveled with them.

After 32 years in the Claim Department, *John Long* is taking his pension. He plans on spending the Christmas holidays here, and will then move to Arizona. —G&M

Underwood Honored at Retirement Dinner

ACCOUNTING — A farewell dinner at "The Well" and a substantial check was the send-off of over 50 friends and co-workers for *Sidney R. Underwood*.

He is looking forward to a bit of loafing and reading in the days ahead.

Anna M. O'Connor became *Mrs. Harry J. Golding* on Sept. 6. She is now making her home in Glen Ellyn.

Daniel Frusolone (I.B.M.) and his wife, *Vernetta*, are proud parents. Daughter *Sharon Lee* made her debut on October 28.

William F. Longuay was called to eternal rest the night of October 31. His gentle humor and merry quips will long be remembered by those who knew him. To *May Katherine*, his sister, we extend heartfelt sympathy.

John Ruberry reported a wonderful vacation in Miami, Florida. *Lawrence Collins* joined the Ruberrys with his wife and they visited some points of interest together. —HELEN A. LOWE

Season's Greetings

from Your CTA Staff and Reporters

Gilbert E. Andrews
Cathy Barry
Alfred Beck
Leo J. Bien
Clarence R. Blaney
Dante Brunod
Violet Carnes
George Clark
Mary Clarke
Harold Cunningham
L. C. Dutton
Edith Edbrooke
Everett England

William Feiler
William A. Gehrke
Charles Greer
Dave Gurwich
Ruth Hanson
Joseph Hiebel
Justine Janasek
Wilbur Jensen
Kitty Keegan
Joseph Lebrecht
Helen Lowe
Thomas Mooney
Jevin O'Malley

Jean O'Neill
Chester Pawlak
Julie Prinderville
William Prokop
Walter J. Reich
Mary Rowland
Grace Sheahan
Ted Shumon
Joseph Smith
Henry C. Thelin
Jack Williams
Mary Ann Yercich

Fountain Starts Things Humming

ARCHER — This is C.J.W. broadcasting again for the same network but a different station.

When the city installed the drinking fountain at 47th and Drake, it was the beginning of what might well be the future garden spot of our neighborhood.

John Maher started things when he purchased the finest incinerator he could find on Maxwell street and spent many hours burning weeds and paper to clean the corner.

James Fakan has reported for work every day with a bag of full of stones and has started building a rock garden.

Bill Moore is going to write to Washington for flower seeds, but he is waiting until after the inauguration. Bill refuses to deal with a middle man.

Corp. Harold Muth, U.S.M.C., son of *A. J. Muth*, returned home on a furlough recently in time to help his parents celebrate their 23rd wedding anniversary. Harold's biggest thrill while home came when he saw his brother, *Armin*, score the only touchdown of the game to insure victory for his Alma Mater.

Assistant Superintendent *S. Bitel*, ever a genial man, is even more cheerful these days. The reason—grandson number two has just made his appearance.

Wm. Thomas for the past three years has experimented with every grass seed in the catalog. We don't know if he is discouraged,

but we understand he has traded his lawnmower for a pair of roller skates and is now taking bids for green-tinted concrete.

The art of a good column consists of where to begin, what to write and when to stop. The success of this column depends on the help received from you men. Let's hear from you.

—C. JACK WILLIAMS

It's a Small World!

BEVERLY — While *Bus Operator Henry H. Murray* was working the 111th St. run, a woman passenger boarded with two suitcases and gave him a half-penny and a six pence. Henry looked up and recognized her as the English lady who had given him and four other American airmen living quarters in 1944 when they came back to England from an air mission to find their barracks leveled to the ground. With only two days to spend here with a relative before going to California, Mr. and Mrs. Murray and family were only too glad to have her as a guest for a good American meal.

After having four boys, *Bus Operator Ray Dobson* and his wife became the parents of a girl, *Mary Catherine*, on October 3.

The lunches were on the shelf, one right next to the other—one in a green bag, one in a red bag and one in a blue bag. *Bus Operator Harold "Wrestler" Morrison* picked the wrong color which caused *Operator Matt Laferty* and *Operator Charles Funk* some confusion about whose lunch was which. —DANTE F. BRUNOD

Marines Give Dick Same Job He Had

DIVERSEY — *Mechanic Tony Poterachi's* son, *Richard*, who is a marine stationed at Miami, Florida, sends his regards to his many friends at the central shop where he formerly was employed. He is now keeping the buses rolling for the Marine Corp, but expects to be discharged soon.

Our sincere congratulations to *Joseph Gaynor* on his appointment as General Superintendent of the Boulevard system.

John Ewald, transportation, and *Lonnie Payne*, central shop, retired on disability pensions as of November 1.

Charles Kasper, supervisor, is back to work after having spent ten days in the hospital.

Congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Gus Spiess*, inspection crew, on the arrival of a baby boy. Gus is spending his vacation baby sitting.

—JOSEPH LEBRECHT

Two Substation Operators Retire

ELECTRICAL — *Charles J. Waaden*, chief operator at Lombard substation, retired on August 1 after completing 40 years of faithful service. Charles is now spending his leisure time on a farm in Wichita, Kansas.

William McKenna, operator at 63rd substation, retired on November 1 upon the completion of 40 years of loyal service. Bill signed off sick July 17, 1949, and has not worked since. He is taking it easy at home.

Charles V. Dugo, assistant electrolysis tester, was married to *Julia Holmes* on September 6 in St. Ferdinand's Church. The happy couple then motored to Colorado on their honeymoon.

Harvey Fregeau, assistant electrolysis tester, was married to *Mildred Morrissey* on August 23 in St. Agnes Church. With blessings from a host of friends, they departed to Crystal Lake to spend their honeymoon.

James O'Neill, substation utility man, was married to *Margaret Hedderman* (who recently came from Ireland) on October 18 in

Sacred Heart Church. They immediately departed for parts unknown.

Martin Galinski, "B" electrician, is the proud daddy of a baby boy, *Martin, Jr.*, who arrived on September 10.

Peter Michalewicz, operator's apprentice, is happy over the arrival of *James Thomas* on October 5. This now makes it a boy and girl for them.

Operator *Florian Czanstkowski* enjoyed a trip around Lake Michigan. Spent some time at St. Ignace and Mackinac Island.

Howard Cordt, operator's apprentice, has just returned from a tour of visiting many interesting places in France, Switzerland, Italy and Austria.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

See Son Graduate

GENERAL OFFICE (1165)—(Specifications)—*Stanley Forsythe*, chief engineer, and *Mrs. Forsythe* travelled to Newport, R. I., where their son, *Ensign Tom Forsythe*, graduated from officers candidate school, U.S.N.R., on October 24. He has been assigned to Operations Staff of the Admiral of the 7th Fleet with headquarters in the Philippine Islands.

Newcomers welcomed to "Spec" are *George Uding* and *Andy Barr*.

HAPPY COUPLE



ON September 6 at St. Sabina's Church, *Therese O'Keefe* (IBM) and *Charles Burns* were united in marriage. Bridesmaids included *Marie Burns* (revenue accounting), sister of the groom, and former CTA employee *Lillian Geoghagan*. The reception for 260 relatives and friends was held at Hage-man American Legion Post.

Reported by *Helen Lowe*

Jim Hrubes and family are enjoying their new home in La-Grange Park which was built according to Jim's own design and plans.

Co-workers are happy to see *Tom Turcotte* back on the job after his emergency appendectomy operation.

Jane Flood spent her vacation catching up on her sleep. It sez here—Jane just turned over each morning and slept until noon, dreaming she was on the Isle of Capri.

Bob Zralek, student engineer, will be home on leave from Korea in November when he plans to complete a very important mission in Chicago — marriage to *Rose Marie Manz*.

(Training) "Happy Pappy" was *Don Lemm* when he announced the birth of his second son, *Christopher John*, on September 27.

John Jankowsky, formerly in A.P.D., and *Stuart Maginnis*, formerly from the Shop Department, are the new members welcomed in Training.

June Hamilton (A.P.D.) and *Audrey Johnson* (Personnel), whose birthdays were October 28 and 29, celebrated together at a luncheon with *Isabel McGinnis*, *Toni Bovino* and *Virginia Puccetti*.

(Classification)—*Bill Platt* was welcomed back after a recent illness.

Lottie Panek, who returned from a vacation out west, told of many exciting encounters with the bears in Yellowstone National Park.

—MARY E. CLARKE

Ivan Brings Back The Souvenirs

GENERAL OFFICE (MART)—To each and every one in Real Estate, came souvenirs from *Ivan Miller's* jaunt to Florida.

On 4:00 P.M. Sept. 27, 1952, at St. Carthage, the wedding bells rang long and loud for *Frank Barker*.

Ed Whiston is now a new home owner out at Grays Lake.

Over at St. Peter Canasius Church on North Avenue, if one were to study the register for forthcoming weddings, you would notice that *Jane Fitzgerald* has reserved the hour of 11:00 o'clock A.M. on April 25, 1953.

While on vacation, *Verena Langhammer* became a star radio performer. It was over Station WLS. She made her debut.

Early in October *Betty "Boop" Byrnes* "flew the coop." She now has a "position" closer to home.

—CATHY BARRY

RETIRED TRANSPORTATION MEN FETED



FOUR supervisory employees of the Transportation Department, who retired during the past several months, were honored at a luncheon September 28 in the Embassy Room, Morrison hotel. Each was presented with a testimonial and in addition each received a merchandise gift certificate worth \$50.00 from their former co-workers who attended. *Tom F. Moore*, superintendent of operating stations, extreme left, presented the certificates to the retired men. Right to left, with titles held at time of retirement, are *Terrence McMahon*, superintendent 77th bus garage, *Frank Eggert*, district "C" superintendent, *Arthur Washo*, assistant superintendent at Kimball and Lawrence terminal, and *Charles Gylling*, chief instructor.

An Iron Derby Is What He Needs

LAWNDALE—*Fritz Haase* is going to have his hat leak-proofed so the next time he goes to get coffee for the clerks (and forgets to take the pot along) he won't have to make two trips.

Carl Zollner, Jr., son of the popular operator from Elmhurst, entered the armed forces on November 7. *Carl, Sr.*, was kept busy running back and forth from the hospital recently when another son and daughter were successively taken down with appendicitis.

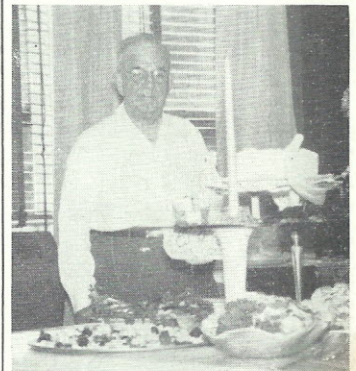
When *Tony Arnieri* celebrated his birthday on October 31, he very thoughtfully furnished the cake and coffee so the office force could help him celebrate.

We are glad to report that *Dorothy*, wife of *Mario (Blackie)*

Tricoci, is almost completely recovered from her attack of polio.

—BILL FEILER

RETIRES



AFTER many years with CTA and predecessor companies as a special officer, *John Frey*, recently retired on pension. Friends and co-workers gathered at the home of *Agent Anastasia O'Hara* to extend their good wishes. *Assignment Agent Jule Hidding* entertained with many piano selections.

Reported by *Julie Prinderville*

Locates Old Friend Through "Transit News"

LIMITS—Had a nice card from *William F. Thoms*, retired, telling how the CTA TRANSIT NEWS was instrumental in his contacting an old friend. He now resides in Tallahassee, Florida, Route 2.

Ernie Johnson, our night receiver, spent three nice weeks in California. *Elmer Baljanz*, station superintendent, had a grand vacation in Wisconsin. *Al Neurauter* and his wife sent a card from New York City.

Your scribe's Mom and Dad recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and Conductor *Harry Henry* and his wife their fortieth anniversary.

With uniform inspection in order, the lucky one here is Operator *Charley Boyle* who won a uniform at a drawing.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. *Taormina* were presented with *Roxanne Joy* on September 18. Motorman *Jim Glover's* wife was given little *Yvette*. Their two other girls are named *Josett* and *Paulette*. Mr. and Mrs. *Roy Bowlin* received *Ronald Roy* on September 27. *Elmer, Jr.*, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. *Elmer A. Hansen* on October 22. This one was left for the last because Operator *Bob Friestad* and his wife said we would have it for the last issue. It's a boy, christened *Allen John*, delivered September 14. —C. F. GREER

Drives to Norfolk To Visit Son

LOOP — *Robert Doherty*, agent, drove to Norfolk, Virginia, to visit his son, *Robert*, stationed at the Navy base there. He was accompanied on the trip by his daughter-in-law and grandson, *Robert Anthony*.

The birth of *Porter Paul Grant's* son, *William*, makes the score four

—two boys and two adopted daughters . . . *Otis Thomas* is the proud father of his first child, a daughter, *Dorice*.

Marie Blanchfield returned from a wonderful trip out west. She stopped at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Catalina Island, Albuquerque, New Mexico and the Grand Canyon . . . *Josephine Giblin* is vacationing with her parents in Wisconsin . . . *Margaret Brennan* is taking in the sights of her home town, Chicago.

Margie Wick spent some time visiting her mother in Pittsburgh . . . *Elizabeth Flanagan*, retired agent, now living in South Bend, Indiana, is enjoying good health report her friends whom she visited a short time ago . . . *Nellie Keating*, retired, is here to take her brother *Emmett* back to Colorado where she has been residing with her sister. We welcome back to work *Mary Ohensorge*, after her siege of sciatica, and *Theresa Jarvis* who had a short stay in the hospital . . . The return of *Loretta Sullivan*, who is in the hospital under observation, is anxiously awaited.

We extend our deepest sympathy to *Marie Blanchfield* on the death of her sister.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

Double Surprise Birthday Party

MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES — *Raymond Brzeczek*, Stock Clerk I at West Shops, gave a surprise birthday party for his wife and ten-year old son on Thursday, October 30. Their birthdays are on the same day.

Kenneth Felten, laborer at West Shops, became the proud father of a girl, *Darlene*, born on August 30.

We welcome back *Robert McCarthy*, stock clerk I at West Shops, who has just returned from military service after two years.

WALTZ TO ALTAR



AS he liked to waltz, *Edward R. Karvanek*, West Shops switchman, joined the Thursday Night Waltz Club at Guyon's Paradise Ballroom. Early last spring he met *Anna A. Steele*, who also likes to waltz. In fact, on August 9 she waltzed him right up to the altar. They spent their honeymoon visiting Gaspe, Canada, and 22 of these United States, covering more than 4,000 miles. On Ed's birthday, November 6, the management of Guyon's Paradise gave a reception for Ed, his wife and some 200 of their friends.

Reported by *Ted Shumon*

Thomas Kiley, laborer at West Shops, spent his vacation just staying in Chicago.

We wish a lot of luck and happiness to *Jean Gorzkiewicz*, typist at West Shops, who resigned on October 3 to take up the duties of a housewife.

We also wish a lot of luck and happiness to *JoAnne Besch*, typist in general office, who resigned on September 15 to be one of the stay-at-home wives.

We wish to welcome our newest employees, *Michael Brennan*, *Peter Kovelis*, *Jean Olson*, *Josephine Terracciano*, *Robert Hopkins* and *Nick Fieramosca* and also *Leo Niedoborski*, who has been transferred from the Electrical Department, and *Milton LaCloche*, transferred from Transportation Department.

—JEAN O'NEILL

Tom Got the Bird—It Says Here

NORTH AVENUE—With the paving of Grand Avenue traffic has been congested around Austin and

Grand. This was nothing compared to the confusion caused by *Tom Hickey* and the fleet-footed *Harold King*, who were chasing a duck through this heavy traffic. In and out of traffic dashed the duck, with Hickey and King pursuing it. According to reports, Tom outran Harold and captured the bird.

Operators *Bob Kraemer*, *Al Nehls*, *Charlie Conrad* and *Bill Miedema* drove to South Dakota for their fowl. Hunting was good and they all got their quota.

Thanksgiving day is always a joyous day at the home of *Owen Calt* for this is also their wedding anniversary. *Catherine*, *Doretta*, *Eugene*, *James* and *Kevin* joined in the celebration as the Calts celebrated their 15th anniversary.

Our best wishes for many happy years to *Doorman Mike Tuffy* who retired on pension recently after 39 years of service.

Received word from *F. Laffick* who is enjoying his pension at Leesburg, Florida.

The North Avenue Grandpappy club has quite a membership but our Grandmammy club has just

NEW REPORTERS FOR "BOULEVARD SYSTEM"

STARTING with this issue of CTA TRANSIT NEWS, employees who recently became members of the CTA organization with the acquisition of the "Boulevard System" will be represented in "The Inside News" by *Alfred Beck*, Rosemont Garage; *George Clark*, Ravenswood Garage; *Joe Lebrecht*, Diversey Garage; *William Prokop*, South Garage; *Thomas Mooney*, West Garage; and *Harold Cunningham*, general office.

All "Boulevard System" people can greatly help these men in writing their columns by passing on to them any news items about themselves, their families or other employees in their respective divisions.

begun. *Florence Blaa* joined on October 9. This of course makes *Despatcher Joe Blaa* a grandpappy.

Operator *Roy Gaess* was presented with a baby boy. He will be known as *Ronald Wayne*.

Operator *John Senko* and his wife are rejoicing over the birth of a baby girl.

Operator *W. E. Devitt* was a patient at Columbus Memorial hospital. Pensioner *Edward Walsh* was a patient at Hines hospital. We hope a speedy recovery for these fine fellows.

Received word from former *Bus Operator Jim Kocka* who is operating a motel in Phoenix, Arizona. Kocka had a nice visit with *Elmer Deegan* and *Ray Peterson* who are now residents of Phoenix. Jim's new address is 119 W. Maryland Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

Operator *Dan Donoghue* reports a very pleasant trip to Ireland where he visited all his old friends.

—JOE HIEBEL

Meet the Men at Rosemont

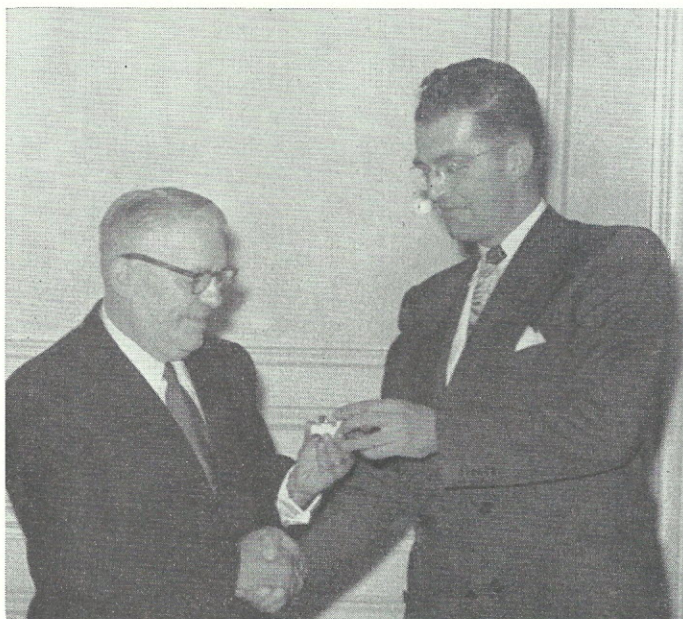
ROSEMONT—We are located on Rosemont at Broadway and operate the Sheridan Road (No. 51), Lunt Ave. (No. 54), and Howard-Ashland (No. 55) routes. Our Boss is *William "Bill" Hornkohl*, a living example that a man can be a popular leader as well as a good transportation man all rolled into one.

Our Garage foreman, *John Walsh*, walked into Rosemont garage in 1926. He was looking for a steady job. He got it. *Adam Pijanowski* is the night foreman. *William "Scotty" Mackill*, mechanic, has been with us since 1920. *William "Bill" Hehl*, is one of our popular mechanics. When you dial SH. 3-1200, the pleasant, courteous voice belongs to *Paul Johnson*, a former driver, who sports seniority since 1923. When the CTA acquired this property it got back three former employees, *Tom Joyce*, *Fred Morton*, and *Ray Karling*.

It seems strange to see our men sporting the new blue serge when they got their first uniforms. History repeats itself—the Union blue supplants the confederate gray . . . One of our boys, *Sam Haith*, is a registered undertaker in Evanston . . . *Bud Fugitt* was a city policeman from 1947 to '50.

When this issue goes to press we will have bade farewell to *Charley Donaghue* a real bus driver's friend, who retired on pension.—AL BECK

SERVES 51 YEARS



A RETIREMENT banquet was held in honor of *Fred C. Nagel*, left, material clerk V, at the Atlantic hotel on October 30. There were over 100 guests present to wish him a long and happy retirement. Mr. Nagel was with CTA and predecessor companies 51 years, starting as an office boy on November 4, 1901. He was presented with a diamond ring by *J. T. Harty*, general storekeeper, right, given to him by all his co-workers.

Reported by *Jean O'Neill*

MARK GOLDEN YEAR



FIFTY years of marriage was recently celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. *Fred M. Bartlett, Sr.*, with renewal of nuptial vows at Mass in Holy Name Cathedral and a reception for about 200 relatives and friends in Belmont hall. In attendance were the couple's three daughters, two sons and 11 grandchildren. Mr. Bartlett, a former motorman at Devon station, retired in 1949.

A Stop Watch Would Be Better

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC — That large bundle which *J. Brennan* was carrying while doing a traffic checking job was not his lunch. It was only an alarm clock . . . *Clark Johnson* has that new Oldsmobile well broken in and winterized ready for real enjoyment . . . *Bob Hengl* informs us that there is a new bus pilot at North Park garage of whom he is very proud. The young man is Bob's son . . . It is too late to mention much about golf, but *Al Pisors*, *Bob Boal* and *Frank Johnson* did play in the general office tournament last September . . . *Ted Cowgill* has moved his possessions and family out to the south side . . . *George Spray* should be recuperated from his recent operation by the time the printer finishes this . . . The last of the vacationists have reported back. *Walter Thomas* enjoyed a tour of Yellowstone Park and other interesting spots in that vicinity, while *George Johannes* liked the Ozarks very much.

—L. C. DUTTON

A Report You Can Believe

77TH—*Bus Operator Patrick Benton* spent his three-week vacation in Ireland. Pat left Chicago July 2 and flew to Limerick, Ireland, arriving there early the next morning. He reports that almost everyone you meet there is Irish.

Motorman Earl R. Petersen and his wife are grandparents of a new baby daughter born to their daughter, *Rose Marie*, on October 12.

We received a post card from *Bus Operator Mack Robinson* from Lookout Mountain, Tenn., where he spent his vacation. Mack said he had a good time riding up and down the mountain on the incline railway.

Bus Operator Jim Toolis and his wife became the parents of a baby boy October 26.

The other day as *Bus Operator John Dunne* was driving along Avenue "O" he saw a turtle crossing the road. "This is just what I need for a pet," said John. So he stopped and alone and singlehanded captured the turtle. It was a fierce struggle, but John now has the turtle for a pet.

CTA families merge—*John E. Lane, Jr.*, and *June E. Taluzek* were united in marriage recently at the Beverly Baptist Church. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. *Edwin Nehring*

where 150 guests were assembled. John, Jr., is the son of *Bus Operator John Lane, Sr.*, and June is the daughter of *Bus Operator Howard J. Taluzek*.

—WILBUR JENSEN
and JOE SMITH

Saves Two From Drowning

SKOKIE—While visiting Paddock Lake, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on August 25, *Supervisor John A. Anderson*, son of *Blacksmith Victor Anderson*, Skokie Shops, rescued a nun and her sister from a watery grave. Their canoe had capsized causing injury to the nun's shoulder blade. After pulling them from the water, John rushed the victims to a hospital in Kenosha where they received medical aid and recovered.

Painter Mitchel Faczek and his wife became the proud parents of a baby boy, named *Mitchel, Jr.*

Carpenter Helper Pat O'Neill has recently returned from a visit with his mother in County Mayo, Ireland.

Newcomers to Skokie are:

Machinist Erwin K. Weichmann, from the West Shops, *Machinist Joe Oddo*, from North Avenue, and *William C. Buerger*.

Our deepest sympathy to *Seat Mender Frank Vivirito*, whose wife died September 10 from polio while vacationing with Frank at St. Paul, Minnesota.

A farewell party was given to *Carpenter Casimir Imbur* September 26. He retired from service October 1 with 23 years of service. Among the many gifts presented to Casimir was a 50-dollar bill that was given to him by his friends from Skokie Shops.

Machinist Foreman August Feinendegen and his family spent their vacation touring the State of California.

Our deepest sympathy to *Painter Foreman Art Keiner* whose wife passed away October 2.

Carpenter George Hartig, who had planned to retire November 1 after 22 years of service, passed away on October 31.

Good luck and best wishes to *Carpenter Apprentice Gerald Healy* who joined up with the United States Army Air Corps October 10.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of *Joseph Sedivy*, machinist, whose nine-year old daughter, *Mary*, passed away October 10.

—DAVID GURWICH

Hitting in the Clutch

GENERAL OFFICE (4221 Diversey)—*Gudrun Hanssen*, Purchasing, is recuperating at Lutheran Deaconess hospital. *Jean Chapman*, now of the West Side, is pinch-hitting for him.

Cecelia Baggs, Claim, celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary with a breakfast for 100 at the Belden-Stratford hotel.

Sympathy is extended to the family of *Mark Gier*, Claim, upon the death of his son, *Mark III*.

Welcome to our two new employees, *Mary Flynn* (Pay Roll) and *Mrs. Rosalie Goldstein*, Register Sheet Department.

—HAROLD A. CUNNINGHAM

We Hope He Doesn't, Too

SOUTH SHOPS—*Larry Koch* (car wiring) and *David Loughlin* (miscellaneous) packed their uniforms in moth balls, hoping Uncle Sam doesn't order them to be unpacked.

Don Rohrer (engineering) promised to love, honor and obey *Joan Yourek* on October 4.

Bill Maginnis (clerk) transferred to Training, and *Louis Volpe* (bus overhaul) to the West Shops.

Latest additions to the South Shop family are: *Michael Lavin*, *William Clifford*, *Frank Castiglione*, *Patrick Gaffney*, *Ferdinando Mitola*, *Frank Stolarz*, *Joseph Zahumensky*, *Arleigh Gruetzmacher*, *Orville Stark*, and *Thomas Wiggins*. *Frank Brady* (clerk) returned to

his "alma mater" after being with the Treasury Department for a few months.

Our best wishes go with *John Rainis* (woodmill), *Jack Sargent* (upholsterer), *Frank Miskowicz* (car wiring), and *George Geven* (paint shop) upon their retirement.

'Tis certainly the year of "off-springs"—*Terry* and *Maureen Murtaugh* (car repair) became the proud parents of *Timothy*, while *Richard Allen* enriched the lives and home of *Donald* and *Margaret Schaefer* (bus overhaul).

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gasser (car repair) have become grandparents once more. The newest addition, a little girl, was born October 12.

Our heartfelt sympathies to *Henry Szezanik* (bus overhaul) on the passing of his father; to *Jim Conway* (office) and *Jim Canavan* (car repair) upon the loss of their mother-in-law and father-in-law, respectively.

—JUSTINE JANASEK
MARY ANN YERCICH

A Dream Realized

SOUTHSIDE—The wide-open spaces south of the border beckoned to *Supervisor Ed Munro*, who took a trip to Mexico, where he saw many of the things he had dreamed about—beautiful scenery, ancient culture and spicy foods.

A recent addition to the pension list was *Conductor Reinhold Pearson* who retired October 1. He will reside in Brownsville, Texas.

IN FLORIDA



ON a recent trip through twelve of the southern states, *Katherine Odill*, right, No. 3 agent in the Loop, met up with *Sophia Kuhlman*, left, who resigned on pension in 1949, after serving over 40 years as agent on the Lake St. Branch, and who is now living in St. Petersburg. *Katherine* also bumped into *Bertha Doyle Hand*, another Loop agent, vacationing in St. Petersburg with her husband.

Congratulations to *Switchmen James Cunningham* and *Thomas Nagle* who joined the ranks of the ball and chain, and on the same day, too.

District Superintendent Lester J. Hickey is back in familiar surroundings since his new office has been relocated at 61st Street. Mr. Hickey and his wife recently celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary.

It's nice to see *Switchman Frank Calpin* back on the job, having returned from the injured list.

Station Superintendent Ralph Wenstrom says he is back in the groove since his return to work from a recent period of hospitalization.

—LEO J. BIEN

Cottage Clerk Picks A Fall Bloom

TRANSPORTATION AND INSURANCE—In a setting of fall blossoms, *Millie Bloom*, telephone department, became the bride of *John Thurow*, clerk at Cottage. Assisting in the ceremony was *Wanda Mallon*, Millie's co-worker.

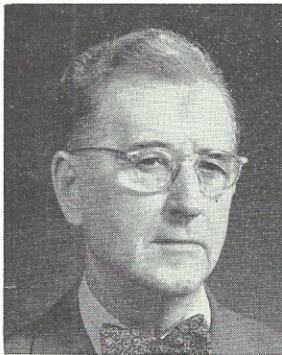
SOUTH SHOPS MEN RETIRE



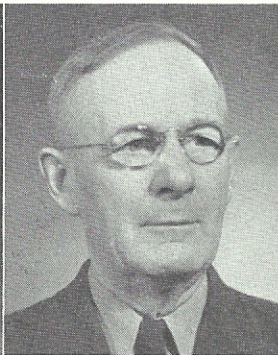
ON the occasion of their recent retirement, *Lee LaBarge*, upholsterer, second from left, front row, and *Matt Dechon*, stationery engineer, third from left, front, were presented with gifts from their fellow employees. LaBarge had completed 27 years of service and Dechon 25 years.

Reported by *Justine Janasek* and *Mary Ann Yercich*

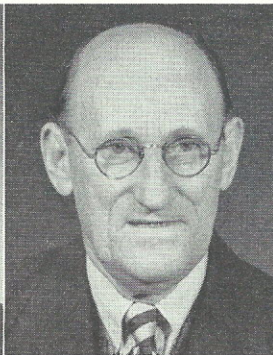
RECENTLY RETIRED CTA MEN WITH 40 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE



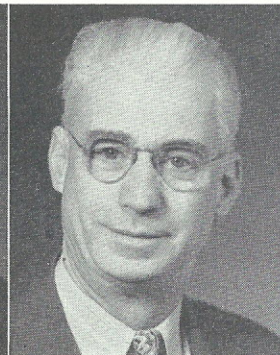
George H. Sansbury, motorman, Kedzie, retired September 1 with 40 years service.



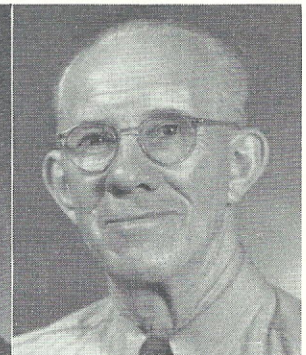
Ernest S. Fredell, conductor, Westside, retired October 1 with 47 years service.



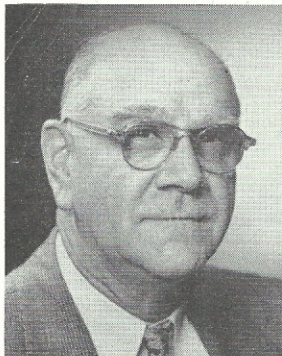
Henry V. Stark, conductor, 69th, retired October 1 with 44 years service.



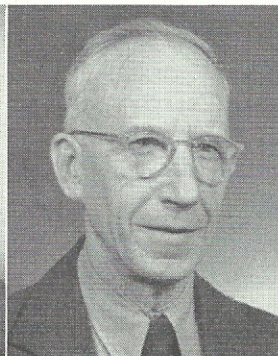
Roy C. Zody, conductor, 77th, retired November 1 with 40 years service.



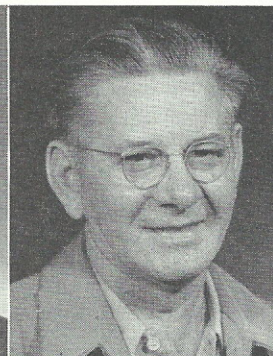
Howie R. Pratt, motorman, Devon, retired October 1 with 40 years service.



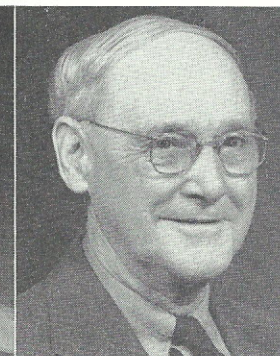
Harry H. Gauer, clerk, Westside, retired October 1 with 41 years service.



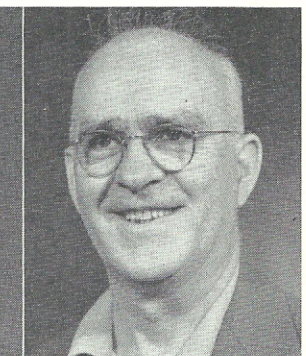
Walter Leverenz, conductor, Westside, retired November 1 with 46 years service.



Joseph Kruk, switchman, Laramie, retired October 1 with 41 years service.



Thure R. Blist, motorman, Devon, retired November 1 with 41 years service.



Garrett A. Powers, conductor, 77th, retired November 1 with 44 years service.

On the occasion of his recent wedding, *Wm. G. Echols*, North Avenue, presented a box of cigars to the Radio Dispatchers. Echols wrote, "These stogies are made of—what you did not have a chance to do at my wedding—rubber."

Tucson was again the terminus of an extended western vacation trip enjoyed by *L. E. Bohlin*, his wife and their little schipperke, *Ricky*. . . The hundreds of pictures taken by *Martha Neffus* on her trip to the west coast brought back pleasant memories to *Ruth Soutter*, who vacationed in the same section a few months ago. Martha's account of her stay in Carmel, California, is hair-raising. . . *Nancy Eustace* is one of the last of the three little foxes to display a very beautiful engagement ring. . . The *Rooney* family, *Bill*, *Mary*, *Brian* and Mary's mother, flew east to spend their vacation. . . *Marilyn Wargin* is humming the wedding march, but, due to the uncertainty of Uncle Sam's Army, her boy friend, *Arthur Sale*, doesn't know whether the bells will ring out in

December or January. . . *Marge Dorgan* and *Jean Mocarski* are at present assigned to duties at Clark and Division. . . *Evelyn Mocerino* has moved into Purchasing. . . *Terry Focht's* dad, who worked out of Devon, is at present confined in Edgewater hospital, battling a pneumonia germ. . . The *Fahey* confusion in Insurance has lessened a bit since *Kay Fahey* left the CTA for other employment. *Jean Stephens*, *Larry's* wife, now home from the hospital after an extended stay, wishes to thank the lads and lassies for their thoughtfulness and consideration. . . The birth of a baby sometimes has far-reaching effects. *James Robert Blaa*, who said, "Hello World," on October 9, practically disrupted the routine of the training department (where the proud papa is located), caused no end of excitement among radio dispatchers (where buttons popped off Grand-pa's vest) and practically caused North Avenue station (where Grandma Florence works) to close down for the day.

—JULIE PRINDERVILLE

A Familiar Role Now

WAY AND STRUCTURES—*John Guzovich*, general foreman in the Surface Track division, passed out cigars again for the eighth time when his wife presented him with baby *Margaret* on October 8.

Nevis Bradecich, steno in the Surface Track division, is planning to take her vacation in mid-winter. She will tour the west coast, including Hollywood, of course.

We welcome *Edel Kreutzer* into the fold of the Way and Structures Department (Building Division) as a typist.

We extend our sympathy to *Frank Beshk*, Centralized Hauling Control, whose wife passed away September 16.—VIOLET CARNES

Wouldn't You Be Pleased, Too?

WEST GARAGE—The reason for that pleased look on the face of *James Rittenberg* (Receiver) is that he has found an apartment after only seven years of searching.

With the bowling season just under way, it seems as though last year's champs "The Austin Club," is going to make it tough for everybody else this year. From the looks of things, the team of *John Callahan*, *Al Baumann*, *Loren McDonald*, *John Conway* and *George Lahey* is out to repeat last year's performance.

We wish to take this opportunity to welcome *William Ware* (mechanic) back to work after a long illness. Bill had a tough fight on his hands, but he made it, and we are all glad.

The Social and Welfare organization of the Wilcox Garage is making big plans for their annual Children's Christmas party. The president, *Louis Ranallo* (bus operator), says that this year's party will be the best of the series.

Rocco Dargenio (bus operator) tells this story on himself. Rocky says that he woke out of a dream the other night yelling, "Please move to the rear of the coach." I guess Rocky never stops working.

—THOMAS H. MOONEY



How Long Was The Honeymoon?

WEST SHOPS—Speaking of Lawrence garage reminds us of the story going the rounds over there. It seems that *Operator Ray Pfeiffer* started off on a honeymoon trip to California and returned a grandfather. It's a good trick if you can do it, and he did it.

That good-looking individual back there in *E. V. Essington's* office, is none other than *Joe Klein*, former operator and scribe at Lawrence garage and Devon depot.

We also have a grandfather in the carpenter shop. Son *Louis* presented *Nick Porcaro* with a granddaughter on October 10.

Alfred K. Haas of the carpenter shop and his wife, *Ruth*, are the proud parents of a baby boy, born October 5. The new exemption has been named *Alfred K., Jr.*

Steve Maddis, bus overhaul shop, is also a proud papa. Son *Donald Raymond* was born October 9.

On September 9 *Patrick J. Clancy*, carpenter shop, was married to *Mary Enright* at St. Francis of Rome Church.

Roy Croon, Lake street yard, answered the call of the wild. In company with his son, he took off for a hunting trip in Michigan. Don't know why they have to hunt for deer when they each have one at home.

We were sorry to hear of the death of *John Burke's* father-in-law recently. Our deepest sympathy to him and his family.

Jim Sucha and *George Mootz*, machine shop, are both back to work after more than a month on the sick list.

Horace Regnier had a grandson reported in the last issue of "Transit News."

He's back again with a granddaughter, born October 30. This is the fifth grandchild for him.

—TED SHUMON

Gillespie Clicks In TV Appearance

WESTSIDE (MET) — *Agent Annie Gillespie* appeared on the *Tom Moore* television program and was chosen the grandmother of the day (nine grandsons). She won six pair of nylon stockings and a blender juicer for singing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

Lots of happiness to *Alice Rockett* and *Freda Lambertz*, who recently became brides.

We welcome back *M. Lachner*, former Met ticket agent, and *M. Morrow*, one of the surface line boys.

We are glad to see *Marguerite McMahon* back at Pulaski road after the accident which put her and *Mary O'Grady* both on the sick list. Mary should be back soon after receiving a beautiful diamond ring . . . A speedy recovery is wished to *Margaret Jurgens* and *Minnie Riordan* . . . *Nellie Jennings* and her two sisters have had a wonderful vacation in California. Nellie is back to work looking fine.

Ruby Pierson, *M. Dalton*, *S. Rowe* and *A. Fogarty*, took late October and early November vacations.

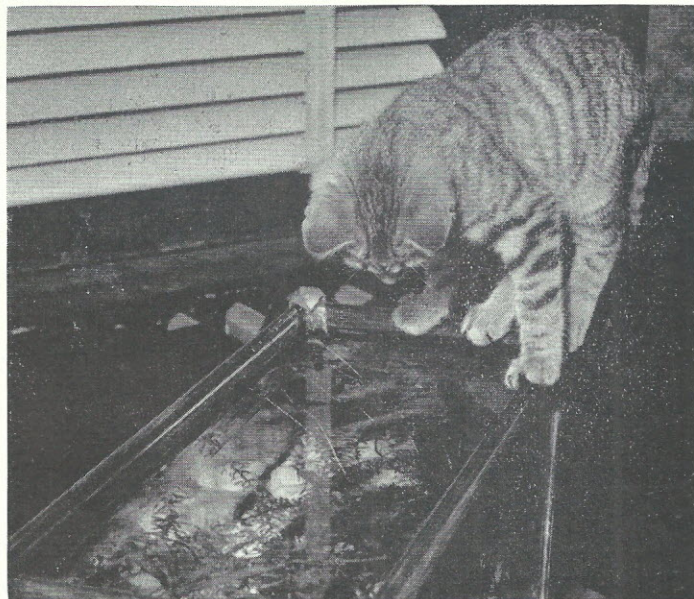
Sympathy is extended to the families of *Lillian O'Connell* and *Goldie Gunderson*. We also extend our sympathy to our supervisor, *Ralph DiMaria*, in the loss of his mother.

—KITTY KEEGAN
and RUTH HANSON

Vacation Special

WILSON SHOPS — *Wally Leonard* enjoyed three weeks of fishing and rest at his summer home in Wisconsin . . . *Fred Plattner* and family enjoyed his vacation through the Black Hills and Yellowstone Park . . . *Anthony Antonucci* and family enjoyed their vacation at their home in McHenry, Illinois . . . *Al Schmitz* and family enjoyed a motor trip to Minnesota and Wisconsin . . . *George Kern* and family spent their vacation in Florida again this year . . . *Henry Altschuler* and family spent most of their vacation on short trips, getting some miles on their new car . . . *Gordon Walters* and his wife spent their vacation in Michigan this year. A little late

THE EDITOR'S CHOICE



DOING what comes naturally—this five-month old kitten went fishing without a license. However, its dislike for water kept it from scooping out the goldfish which glittered so enticingly in the bowl. The photo was made by *Charles Giddins*, 12-year old son of *Al Giddins*, statementman, Accident Investigation. The youngster waited 45 minutes while the kitten stalked its prey and assumed this position to strike.

EACH issue CTA TRANSIT NEWS will select "The Editor's Choice" from pictures submitted by employees for publication in the Inside News section of the magazine. 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, Room 742, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Illinois. Be sure to include the story relating to the picture and the full names of individuals in the picture.

for the cherries, but the peaches were ripe . . . *Gus Isakson* and his wife hopped a train to Boone, Iowa, to visit the in-laws and to get some pure air. Gus spent most of his time on the river bank with a fishing pole. Nice vacation.

Jerry Scannell has been picked by Uncle Sam, and is now stationed in California.

Donn Peterson passed his physical for the U. S. Army, and left for Fort Sheridan October 8.

During his vacation, *Wally Kreutzer* was rushed to the hospital for a gall bladder operation. He is back now, but misses his bowling.

Julius Neboska suffered a heart ailment in August, and is still at home.

Herman Geisler, watchman, collapsed on the job with a heart attack. He was taken to Hines hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. *John O'Brien* celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on October 9. There were

11 children, 18 grandchildren and a group of friends present at their home. Jack completed 45 years of service in 1948.

Louis Cortopassi is back at Wilson terminal and is the proud father of a baby girl, born October 28.

—EVERETT ENGLAND



WEST SHOPS KEGLERS



EVERY Tuesday evening at 5:30 these members of the CTA West Shops Bowling League start blasting the maples at the G&L Recreation, 3947 West Chicago Avenue. The first-place team of this league at the end of the season will compete with the leaders of seven other employee leagues in the CTA championship matches.

IF YOU KNOW of a CTA employe who is not receiving his copy of CTA TRANSIT NEWS, please have him fill out the following form and return to the Public Information Department, Room 742, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Ill.

I am not receiving my copy of "TRANSIT NEWS" through the mail. Please send it to:

Name

Home Address
(Street and Number)

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I am employed in the.....

department, located at.....

I have recently moved from:

Old Address
(Street and Number)

(City) (Zone) (State)

We Need MEN

... for Surface Transportation Work

If you know of someone interested in a transportation job with CTA's surface division, send him to the Employment Department, 1165 North Clark Street.

Hiring Requirements:

Good Physical Condition

Ability to pass simple qualifying tests

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

RUSSELL M. BAKER, 50, conductor, Devon. Died 10-21-52. Employed 3-31-43.

FRANK J. BECKER, SR., 66, retired chauffeur, Utility. Died 9-1-52. Employed 7-15-20.

CLIFFORD E. BIRD, 61, conductor, Northside. Died 10-8-52. Employed 10-1-09.

PATRICK CASSERLY, 63, retired bus operator, North. Died 8-23-52. Employed 8-21-18.

THOMAS CUNNINGHAM, 64, retired conductor, 69th. Died 10-10-52. Employed 9-22-20.

WILLIAM DENWOOD, 54, conductor, Westside. Died 10-6-52. Employed 2-2-20.

MICHAEL FOLEY, 79, retired carpenter, Road. Died 9-4-52. Employed 3-24-21.

ARTHUR E. GIESCH, 46, conductor, 77th. Died 10-27-52. Employed 3-8-26.

GOLDIE GUNDERSON, 59, agent, Westside. Died 10-1-52. Employed 4-30-26.

MARTIN P. HENNESSY, 71, retired motorman, Cottage Grove. Died 8-29-52. Employed 3-2-11.

CLEMENT KAIRIS, 61, retired car repairman, North. Died 8-26-52. Employed 8-10-16.

DELBERT W. KLEIN, 42, conductor, Northside. Died 10-8-52. Employed 3-11-48.

CARL LANDQUIST, 76, retired motorman, Lawndale. Died 8-31-52. Employed 5-10-18.

JOHN LASH, 70, retired conductor, North. Died 8-31-52. Employed 5-2-08.

ELMER H. LEFEBER, 49, conductor, Devon. Died 8-30-52. Employed 8-12-26.

ARTHUR LEU, 52, chauffeur, Utility. Died 9-9-52. Employed 5-18-43.

JOHN A. LIDBERG, 74, retired motorman, Limits. Died 8-29-52. Employed 7-31-06.

PATRICK LOFTUS, 52, conductor, North. Died 9-11-52. Employed 10-14-30.

MICHAEL LYNCH, 61, motorman, Kedzie. Died 9-23-52. Employed 5-16-13.

FRANK McIVER, 55, conductor, 77th. Died 9-22-52. Employed 3-2-23.

EARL F. McMAHON, 59, motorman, 77th. Died 9-22-52. Employed 5-22-25.

ALEXANDER METKE, 73, retired motorman, Burnside. Died 8-18-52. Employed 1-11-06.

BLAZ MIHOC, 68, retired laborer, Track. Died 8-24-52. Employed 6-4-27.

EDMUND MOLLSEN, 69, motorman, 69th. Died 9-24-52. Employed 10-20-23.

MORITZ MUNZER, 77, retired conductor, Armitage. Died 8-20-52. Employed 9-12-06.

CASS A. NARGES, 62, retired investigator, Inspection. Died 8-26-52. Employed 1-1-14.

CHARLES NOREN, 68, retired motorman, Devon. Died 8-21-52. Employed 9-22-13.

LILLIAN O'CONNELL, 56, agent, Westside. Died 9-8-52. Employed 5-2-29.

MIKE PFLUEGEL, 71, retired watchman, Way and Structures. Died 9-18-52. Employed 7-3-43.

BERNARD QUINN, 50, conductor, Devon. Died 10-16-52. Employed 5-8-26.

PHILIP SCHLEGEL, 69, gateman, Northside. Died 10-13-52. Employed 5-5-08.

CHARLES SKERKE, 64, gateman, Westside. Died 9-2-52. Employed 1-24-46.

ARTHUR A. SMALL, 79, retired physician, Insurance. Died 8-18-52. Employed 2-1-22.

JERRY SPINKA, 56, retired conductor, Kedzie. Died 8-29-52. Employed 5-29-23.

AGUSTA D. STANARD, 50, agent, Westside. Died 8-26-52. Employed 4-20-34.

RICHARD STANTON, 70, retired conductor, North. Died 8-19-52. Employed 3-25-09.

GEORGE W. TIEGS, 78, retired car repairman, 69th. Died 5-13-52. Employed 8-4-11.

ANTHONY TORTORIELLO, 50, retired repairman, West Shops. Died 10-12-52. Employed 10-26-41.

JOHN J. TOUHILL, 42, painter, Way and Structures. Died 9-1-52. Employed 5-18-49.

GEORGE W. VOMACK, 46, agent, Southside. Died 10-8-52. Employed 2-22-06.

JOHN SOKOLOSKY RETIRES



EFFECTIVE October 1, John Sokolosky, center, South Shops laborer, retired on pension after 23 years of service. His coworkers presented him with a pipe, tobacco and pouch, a wallet and a \$25 government bond.

Reported by Jean O'Neill

WHY DO YOU ENJOY OR DISLIKE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?



Inquiring Reporter: Edith Edbrooke

Location: Loop



AGNES SULLIVAN, Agent: "I don't mind being pushed around in the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping. Everyone seems to have the same thing in mind—spreading happiness by buying gifts for loved ones and friends. The noise in toyland and even the snow reminds you that Santa Claus isn't too far away."



ANN DUNLEAVY, Agent: "I'm happy when my Christmas shopping is done. I'm usually undecided about what to buy. Worrying about the right size or color; whether the person will like what I select and should I have bought something else puts me all in a dither. Christmas time would mean much more to me if we could do away with all that."



DOROTHY PARKER, Agent: "Christmas shopping is enjoyable for me. The chance to see the yule decorations along State street . . . watch the children's faces as they see the sights of Christmas, all brings out my Christmas spirit. This is a beautiful time of year and we should be thankful we have it at all. Some parts of our world don't have the chance to enjoy it as we do."



KATHRYN C. LEAHY, Agent: "During the holiday season State street puts her best foot forward with a most enticing display of finery to tempt a foot-sore and weary shopper. It is extremely difficult for me to adjust my long Christmas list to my short Christmas fund. This, I think, is my primary reason for disliking Christmas shopping. The worries and anxieties are compensated for, however, with the joy and delight one finds in giving."

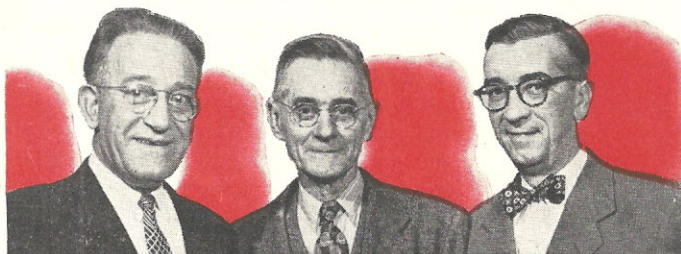


ANITA M. SCHREIBER, Agent: "I enjoy Christmas shopping. There seems to be a happy spirit that envelops one and all. The sales people are in a better mood. The passengers, though burdened with packages, are jolly. And, of course, the thrill one receives when presenting gifts to their dear ones, all adds up to make Christmas shopping a pleasure."

Supplying the DEMAND



AIDING the general storekeeper in supervisory capacities in the general office of the Material and Supplies Department are, left to right, **Herbert F. Hoyer**, assistant general storekeeper, **Howard H. George**, reclamation engineer, and **James E. Beegan**, statistical clerk II.



ONCE a month **John T. Harty**, general storekeeper, seated, calls a general meeting with his five divisional storekeepers. At one of these regular meetings they posed for this picture. Standing, left to right, are **Robert Buckley**, **Joseph O'Reilly**, **Eng Jensen**, **Ray Gavert** and **George Mikota**.

"WILL you please sign these requests for stationery and other material we need, Mr. Doe? I've just checked our supply and we are running low on these items."

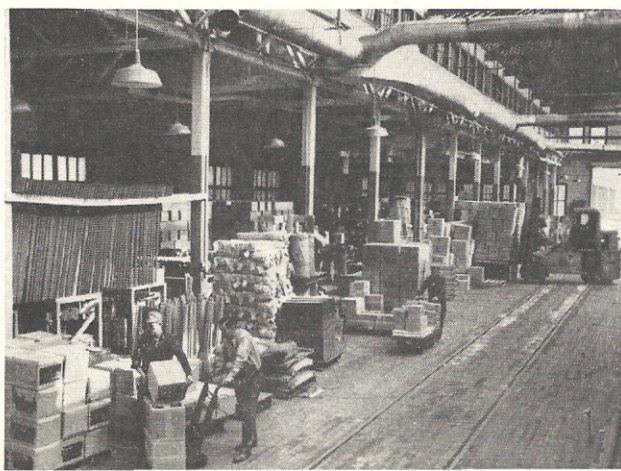
In this manner, Joe, a hypothetical clerk in one of CTA's many departments, started the cogs moving in another important section of CTA which works for all of us — the Material and Supplies Department.

This department is headed by **John T. Harty**, general storekeeper, whose offices are temporarily located at 111 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 912. Mr. Harty, who reports directly to the general manager, and his staff of approximately 203 employees, are charged with the responsibility of maintaining in storerooms an ample inventory of all items of material, large and small, required by all CTA departments for operation and maintenance.

The 27 storerooms on the CTA System, each located as closely as possible to the points where the majority of items stocked will be used, are under the direct jurisdiction of five divisional storekeepers — **Eng Jensen** and **Ray Gavert**, both located at West Shops, **George Mikota** at Grand and Leavitt, **Robert Buckley** at South Shops, and **Joseph O'Reilly** at Skokie Shops.

The stock clerk II in charge of each storeroom is responsible for the receipt of all material consigned to him. He must not only see that received reports are prepared, but that the quantity is correct and that the material conforms to the specifications pertaining to it. He must also prepare the necessary reports on any damaged or defective material which may have to be returned to the vendor for adjustment of any kind. Disbursements are handled by manifest (written request) from the using department or by a manifest in the storeroom to fill a request from another storeroom for a transfer of material. Card index records are kept in each storeroom, together with stock record sheets for each item of material carried. Entry is also made of actual physical inventories and their storeroom register number.

To properly perform its functions, the Material and Supplies Department must keep accurate records of the quantities of items on hand in each storeroom, the monthly average use and the minimum supply carried before reordering. This in turn involves a knowledge of the probable time which will be required between date of processing a minimum



AN overall view of storeroom 51 at South Shops gives an idea of the variety of material kept in stock. In the foreground, left to right, are **John Devine**, laborer, and **Jack Powell**, stock clerk I. **John Mangan**, package wrapper, is pushing the hand truck, center. In the background, **Julius Kudaba** is operating the fork lift truck.



STOREROOM 20, located at Grand and Leavitt, specializes in stocking electrical equipment of all types for use everywhere on the CTA property. Loading a work car with cable destined for South Shops are *Stanley Deleshe*, stock clerk I, operating the fork lift truck, *Bob Bohlin*, motorman, center, and *Bill Finlay*, trolley tender. Each reel contains about 500 feet of lead-covered cable used in underground feeder service and weighs from 4,000 to 6,000 pounds. This storeroom carries approximately 8,000 items valued at about \$650,000.

notice and the date of the delivery of the given material to the storeroom. It also involves the necessity for taking periodic inventories of all items carried in each storeroom in order to see that actual quantities on hand agree with the records of the material control unit of the Accounting Department.

What this amounts to can be imagined when it is realized that approximately 98,800 different items, ranging from tiny screws to complete end assemblies for buses, at a total value of more than six and one-half million dollars, are constantly carried in stock.

Scrap Accumulation

The Material and Supplies Department also carries on a rather extensive operation in the accumulation and grading of a large number of both ferrous (with an iron base) and non-ferrous scrap items at designated locations. Monthly reports are submitted to the general storekeeper's office. These reports show the amounts of each scrap item on hand as of the end of the month, amounts still due vendors on existing approved sales, amounts committed for on sales in-

AT Division and Western in storeroom 14 can be found about 4,000 items, such as tiny screws for bus headlights, paper towels, waste rags, soap, all types of cleaning materials, electric cables and wires, ladders, trolley wheels, snow plow equipment parts, and bus and streetcar body parts of all kinds. Among the larger items on hand are a quonset hut, consisting of 32 items, and complete assemblies of front and rear ends of buses as shown. In the picture, left to right, are *Ed Olsberg*, stock clerk II, and *Mike Griffin* and *Bill Nessler*, laborers.



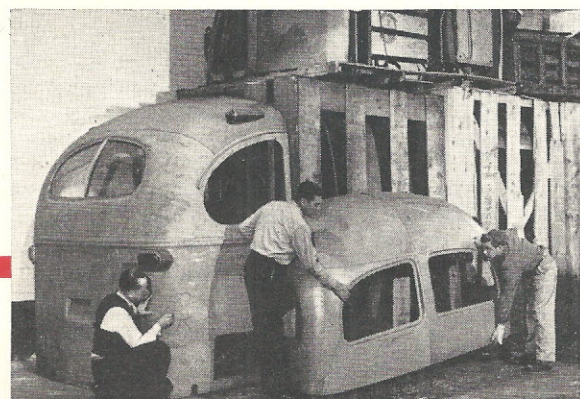
IN storeroom 14, at Division and Western, is this pile of speedy-dry, a chemically treated floor compound which absorbs grease and oil. About 15,000 pounds of this material are used each month in shops and other CTA buildings. *Carmen Cardamone*, laborer, has just picked up a pallet load with his fork lift truck for loading on a trailer to be delivered to using point.

quiries which have not yet reached the contract award stage, and quantities which must be held for our own reuse when so requested by the using departments. If analyses of the reports indicate a sufficient balance on hand, another sales inquiry is initiated immediately. In this way, the constantly varying quantity of scrap is kept moving and the maximum advantage taken of peak market prices. If any unusual accumulation of any given item is received by the stores department between the regular monthly reports, a special report is made and sales inquiries prepared at once.

During the years 1948 through 1951, inclusive, the M&S Department handled shipments averaging 18,730 gross tons of ferrous scrap and 857 net tons of non-ferrous scrap per year. This represented an average yearly revenue to the Chicago Transit Authority of more than \$1,051,000.00, exclusive of shipments of miscellaneous scrap items not classed as either ferrous or non-ferrous.

Reclassification of Material

Another important operation which is actively under way in the M&S Department, to effect economy in processing of stores requisitions and minimize the possibility of errors, is the unification of lot numbers, descriptions and grouping under proper classes of all items of stores material for both



CARD index records and stock record sheets for each item of material carried are kept in each storeroom. These sheets carry such information as unit, standard package, location in storeroom, quantity on hand, purchase requisition or release numbers, amount ordered, amount and date received, received report number, minimum and vendor's name. *Carl Ericson*, stock clerk II, is shown here with the stock record sheets at Grand and Leavitt.



the Rapid Transit and Surface Divisions of CTA. Each had its own identifying numbers prior to being combined as the Chicago Transit Authority.

As each group of items is ready for conversion to new lot numbers, an addressograph plate is embossed on which appears both the new and old lot numbers, the storerooms which carry it, its name, catalogue number, description, drawing number, specification number, unit of issue, unit weight (where known) and a code number, indicating the equipment number series on which used. A seven-digit lot number was adopted. The first three digits indicate the class of material covered. The last four digits are assigned to such

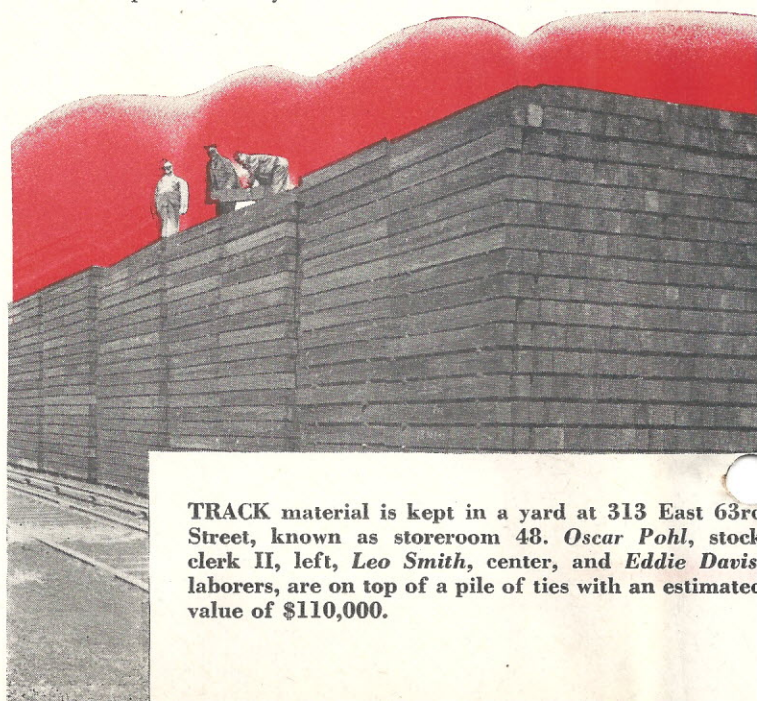


PAINTS are the specialty at storeroom 7, West Shops. At this location, *John Vihnanek*, stock clerk II, who is swinging a 55-gallon drum into the rack, can supply you with paints of all kinds, varnish, turpentine, lubricating oils, liquid soap, boiler compound, fire extinguisher fluid, cutting oils, solvents, enamels, carburetor cleaner, lacquer, brake fluid and shellac.



AN enormous amount of paper is used to print the transfers necessary for each day of CTA operation. This paper is stocked in storeroom 60, South Shops, where *Bill McLean*, left, operates the rollator. *Tony Banzinas* has just placed a 600-pound roll of newsprint on the platform, the first step on its way to the print shop.

subdivisions of the material in each class as may be necessary. This presents the opportunity to identify the group of material which any given lot number represents. The system has ample capacity to absorb any additional new material which may come into the picture through future CTA expansion for years to come.



TRACK material is kept in a yard at 313 East 63rd Street, known as storeroom 48. *Oscar Pohl*, stock clerk II, left, *Leo Smith*, center, and *Eddie Davis*, laborers, are on top of a pile of ties with an estimated value of \$110,000.

From these plates index cards are printed and distributed to the several storerooms and others directly concerned. These same plates also print storeroom stock record sheets, bin description tags, stock minimum tags, gummed labels for such corrections as may become necessary, stock record control cards for use of the material control division and Purchasing Department cards for the recording of data pertinent to that unit of the property. Thus, no matter where the record on any given item appears, it will always be identical because it has all been reproduced from the same addressograph plate.

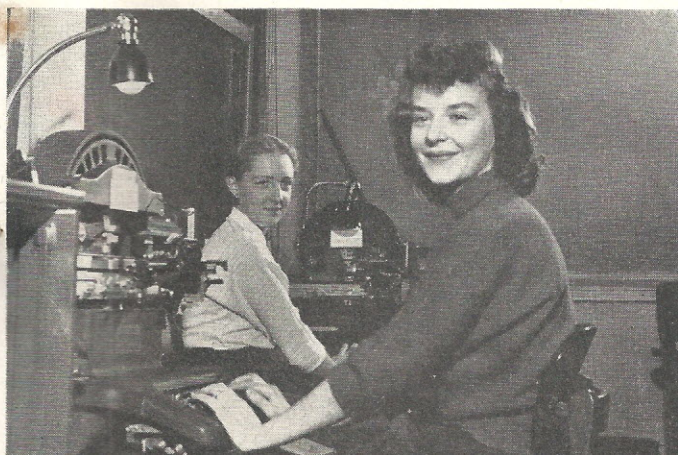
By using selector tabs on these plates, it is possible to run a listing from any one or combination of storerooms. As all plates for a given classification are filed together, it is also possible to run off a listing of a complete class of material. In the same way, listings are possible for any subdivision of the numbers in any class. This is of particular value where a given line of material is being discontinued and an inventory value for retirement purposes is required.

General Office

In the general office, 18 employees, including supervisory, stenographers, typists, clerks and multigraph, graphotype and addressograph operators, are kept busy maintaining running records of statistics required in the compilation of an annual report and showing at all times the status of all purchase requisitions from the time they leave the Material and Supplies Department office until a purchase order is issued.

Although statistics sometimes make dull reading, the immensity of Material and Supplies operations is indicated from a few figures picked from records pertaining to 1951, as follows: 20,270 purchase requisitions issued, 66,478 received reports filed, 10,433 storeroom transfers made, 466,055 issues of material made to using departments, 74,404 inventories taken, 559 carload shipments of material received and 475 carload shipments made.

Much more could be written about detailed functions of the Material and Supplies Department. However, as space is limited, this article has necessarily been restricted to "hitting the high spots" to bring out the importance of its operation to all other departments in the overall job of keeping CTA equipment rolling over its various transportation routes.



LABOR-SAVING devices save a good many back aches in the material yard at 313 East 63rd Street. A laborer in the yard, center, is guiding a rail being swung from the stockpile with a mobile crane to *Peter Mirkovich*, frog shop foreman, who had come into the yard with a work car to pick up needed material.



MATERIAL and Supplies workers accumulate and grade each years thousands of tons of scrap material to be sold to the highest bidder. Working on the scrap pile in the South Shops yards, with the help of a rubber-tired crane and a huge magnet, are *Eddie De Stefano*, crane operator, and his helper, *Bill Gerber*.

OPERATOR *Dorothy Korajczyk* demonstrates one of the uses of the addressograph machine which is used to print from plates store-room stock record sheets, bin description tags, stock record control cards and other statistical information which has been embossed on the plates by the operators of these graphotype machines (left), *Mary Fedigan* and *Madeline Hickey*, left to right.



TO THE Ladies ... from JOAN

IF you were in Mexico at Christmas you'd be ringing bells, blowing whistles and shooting fireworks at midnight to celebrate the great Day.

In Sweden you would answer the door to receive coffee and hot buns from a girl dressed in white with a crown of lighted candles, representing St. Lucia.

In Poland you'd eat your holiday good wishes in wheatflour wafers stamped with pictures of Christ's birth.

But I'm sure you, as I do, like Christmas and the holiday season just the way we celebrate it here with our families around us and our holiday parties made festive with touches of Christmas decoration in the home. And for something just a little different in the way of decoration, what could be sweeter, prettier, or more downright Christmasy than a Christmas cookie centerpiece for the holiday table?

It's perfect, too, for a sideboard decoration, flanked by glittering Christmas tree ornaments. And making the centerpiece is even more fun than seeing it.

Centerpiece Christmas Cookies

- 2½ cups sifted all purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ⅛ teaspoon cloves
- ⅛ teaspoon allspice
- ⅛ teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ cup shortening
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ cup molasses
- 1 tablespoon vinegar

Sift flour, soda, salt and spices together. Cream shortening; add sugar gradually and cream until fluffy. Add egg and beat well. Beat in molasses. Add vinegar, then dry ingredients. Stir until well blended. Chill. Roll about ¼ to ⅝" thick on floured board. Cut out as desired. Use cutters representing Christmas trees, reindeer, angels. Place on cookie sheet and bake at 375° F. (moderate oven) 10 minutes. If desired, make a large Christmas tree for centerpiece. Draw the tree on white paper and cut it out. Roll out dough ¼" thick on a greased, slightly floured cookie sheet. Place pattern on dough and cut around it with a sharp knife.

THESE are accessories that glamourize. But don't you know someone that would just love a stole or a shrug sweater? They'll be warmly appreciated. Long enough for delightful draping, the stole measures 21 x 72 inches (excluding fringe), and is knitted in two-color stripes. The shrug sweater is entirely ribbed for a smooth fit.

Prepare the luscious cookie dough, tangy with molasses, and chill it well. Then call out your junior friends—be they next door neighbors or your own family—and set them to work with Christmas cutters. Even five-year-olds are skilled enough to cut out the little figures, especially if you stand by to transfer the cookies to the baking sheet.

Such a pretty Christmas tree as the one in the center of the platter in the picture is best made by a grown-up. But let the little children have a try, too. This dough stands re-rolling into something easier if their first attempts are not successful.

And after the cookies are on the sheet, the decorating fun begins. Candy sprinkles, silver shot and red cinnamon drops are all available, in addition to raisins, currants and green- and red-colored sugar. Five-year-old fingers can be very precise indeed when doing such a little job.



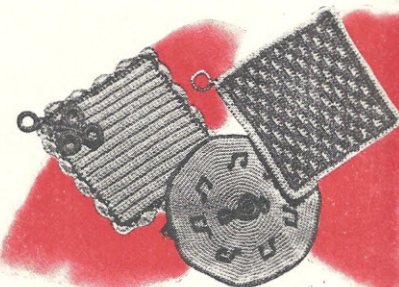
Remove excess dough. Decorate as desired. Bake at 375° F. (moderate oven) 12 minutes or until firm. Let cool on sheet. Makes 1 tree and about 5 dozen small cookies.

HANS and Gerda are most at home by the Zuider Zee, but they would love to brighten Christmas for your favorite little girl. Brother and sister are both eight-inch dolls dressed in their native Dutch costumes complete to pigtails and "wooden" shoes. As dolls hold an eternal fascination for any member of the feminine sex from seven to seventy—you'll enjoy making these outfits just as much as your little girl will enjoy playing with the dolls.



JINGLE BELLS

BEFORE we realize it the sound of jingle bells will be heard and then the mad, last-minute Christmas gift dash will be on. To help you avoid just such bedlam, we have make-it-yourself designs which will make perfect Christmas gifts for family, friends and relatives. They are simple to make and won't take much time between now and the holiday. We hope you like them. For free direction leaflets write: Women's Editor, CTA TRANSIT NEWS, Box 3555, Chicago 54, Illinois.



LOOKING for the perfect Christmas gift for a homemaker? How about a set of potholders crocheted of red and white cotton or any two bright colors to match her kitchen? The three shown here are all quite different yet go together to make an attractive set. The beauty of potholders as Christmas gift items is that they take so little time to finish.



ORDER PLACED FOR 100 PROPANE BUSES

THE Chicago Transit Board on October 15 authorized the purchase of 100 odorless propane-fueled buses from the Twin Coach Company of Kent, Ohio, at a total cost of \$1,839,500, delivered in Chicago.

The buses, which seat 51 passengers each, are being financed through the issuance of equipment trust certificates.

CTA has been operating propane-fueled buses since late in 1950 when the first of a fleet of 551 of these completely odorless vehicles was placed in service.

Delivery of the 100 new buses, expected to begin within six months, will raise the total of new transit vehicles acquired under the CTA modernization program to 2,915 units, at a total cost in excess of \$60,000,000.

New Informational Booklet Published

A 56-PAGE booklet — "How to use the 'L'-Subway Lines" — has recently been prepared and published by the CTA Public Information Department.

The purpose of the booklet is to explain to Chicagoans full details of service available for their use on elevated and subway lines and point out how considerable time can be saved on long trips by transferring to rapid transit trains from surface service (streetcars and buses) at various points throughout the Chicago area.

In addition to detailed descriptions of all CTA elevated-subway routes, the booklet contains general information about fare zones, transfers, train signs, system maps, train stops, transfer bridges, direct entrances to stores and railroad depots, information service, running time to Loop from various outlying points, schedule information, station location guide and transfer point guide.

A copy of this booklet may be obtained by phoning MOhawk 4-7200, extension 805, or by writing the CTA Public Information Department, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago 54, Illinois.

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Season's Greetings!

Again as the holiday season approaches, it is my privilege, through CTA TRANSIT NEWS, to wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Through the coordinated efforts of all of us, great strides were made during 1952 in service and equipment improvements for the benefit of the public we serve.

Late in the year approximately 1,300 fellow transit workers were added to the CTA employe family through the purchase of Chicago Motor Coach properties. This is the first holiday season with all of the city's local transit facilities united and unified, a goal which had been sought for 54 years.

Now — with all of us working together in a single organization — we can make a substantial contribution to the continued success of CTA by applying the "Spirit of the Season" throughout 1953.

Walter J. McCarter

General Manager



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