



# TRANSIT NEWS

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## WIN FIFTEEN

# Safety Awards

FIFTEEN awards for outstanding safety records were presented to units of the Chicago Transit Authority by the Greater Chicago Safety Council during their annual Conference and Exposition held early in June.

Awards were made to CTA employees in recognition of their achievement in maintaining or improving the frequency and severity rates of their accident prevention experience in 1952 over their 1951 performance.

Bronze plaques were awarded to nine Surface stations and a tenth plaque was presented to the entire Boulevard System in the fleet driver's contest. Next year, Boulevard stations too, will participate individually.

In the accompanying photo, *C. M. Smith*, general supervisor of accident prevention, extreme right, presents the Boulevard plaque to Superintendent *John Frugo*, Wilcox. Others present from the Boulevard System were, seated from left to right, *Superintendents W. B. Hornkohl*, Rosemont; *E. C. Loughran*, Keeler; *Ernest Guiles*, 52nd Street; and *Herman Erickson*, Ravenswood.

Superintendents from the nine winning Surface stations are, left to right standing, *C. A. Sonders*, Blue Island; *W. P. Herbert*, Lawndale; *J. J. Theis*, 77th-Car; *J. J. O'Connor*, Archer; *William Calderwood*, North Park; *Rudolph Miller*,

*Beverly*; *George Dorgan*, Lawrence; *E. L. Brookman*, North; and *Elmer Balfanz*, Limits.

CTA winners in the industrial injury prevention contest were the South Motor Bus Overhaul, Boulevard; Building department and West Shops of the Surface System; and the Way and Structures West and Loop sections of the Rapid Transit System.

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## CTA Employees Returned From Armed Service

*Donald E. Krueger*—Accident Investigation (Claims)

*Stanley A. Maturo*—Shops and Equipment (Lake Street)

*John P. McGrail*—Shops and Equipment (West Shops)

*P. J. Sheeran*—Ways and Structures (Building)

**COVER**—CTA's Pension Plan is administered by a Retirement Allowance Committee composed of five members appointed by the employees as their representatives and five members appointed by the Chicago Transit Board to represent the Authority. On the present Committee, seated left to right, are *H. B. Storm*, secretary, *D. J. McNamara*, chairman, *T. B. O'Connor*, *Charles Burns*, *E. A. Imhoff*, *P. J. O'Connor*, *J. E. Hastings*, *T. J. Murray*, *P. L. Simons* and *P. J. Meinardi*. Standing at the left is *William A. Ashley* who assists Mr. Storm in connection with the secretary's duties at meetings and in other matters pertaining to the Plan. See story on page 4.

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# A \$200 IDEA!

"THIS will pay the taxes," beamed *Walter J. Olenick*, toolmaker in the West Shops bus overhaul section, as he accepted a \$200 check. It was the largest award yet made by the CTA Employee Suggestion Committee.

Presented by *Robert J. Ruppe*, general superintendent of shops and equipment, the award was given to Olenick for designing and building a tool to remove broken and worn axle tubes from buses without removing the rear axle housing. The tool is now in use at both the West and South Shops. Prior to its origination, complete dismantling of the rear assembly of buses was necessary in order to replace an axle tube.

At the time he devised the tool, Olenick, father of five, was a mechanic in the bus overhaul division. The 14-year transit employee has also been instrumental in producing between 25 and 30 other items, such as jigs, fixtures and tools, which are presently in use throughout the shops on the CTA system.



HERE *Olenick* demonstrates the tool he designed. Its function is to remove broken and worn bus axle tubes without dismantling the entire rear assembly. It is presently in use at both the West and South Shops.

**WALTER J. OLENICK**, toolmaker, second from left, accepts his \$200 check from *Robert J. Ruppe*, general superintendent of shops and equipment. Also on hand to congratulate the high award winner was his immediate supervisor, *James F. Murda*, foreman, unit rebuild area, extreme left, and *George J. Clark*, superintendent of bus overhaul division.





# THEY'VE GOT YOU

## PART II

THE June issue of CTA TRANSIT NEWS carried the first installment of the story of the CTA Insurance Department, which is under the direction of H. B. Storm, Superintendent of Employees Benefits and Insurance. The functions of the Medical, Life and Hospital Insurance sections, covering approximately 17,200 active employees and about 4,500 retired employees, were described. The following article concludes this story with brief descriptions of the fire and miscellaneous insurances handled and the pension section.



IN addition to the Medical Division, group insurance coverage, life insurance, hospital and surgical insurance, dependent hospital and surgical insurance, and accident and sickness insurance, which were discussed in the previous issue of this magazine, the CTA Insurance Department also has the responsibility of handling all other types of insurance, such as fire, boiler, burglary, holdup, fidelity, public liability, property damage and miscellaneous bonds.

### Fire Insurance

Since the latter part of November, 1952, the CTA is a self-insurer of approximately \$100,000,000 of CTA property. About \$40,000,000 of insurance is still carried with insurance companies. Of this outside insurance it is planned to add \$20,000,000 to the self-insurance program as soon as the present policies expire.

The Insurance Department, in cooperation with the employees of the various departments, strives to eliminate all hazardous fire conditions throughout the property by continuous inspections. An insurance department inspector does nothing else but check CTA property and operation and maintenance procedures at all hours of the day. These inspections include housekeeping conditions, both inside and outside the property, including roofs, general maintenance and operating practices, the proper storing of all supplies, all sprinkler and sprinkler valves, and pumps.

DETAILS of handling the Retirement Plan for CTA employees are supervised by William A. Ashley, right, assistant to superintendent of Employee's Benefits. The general ledger on the desk is kept by James Short, left, bookkeeper-clerk in the Pension section.

The inspector also checks the location and condition of all fire-fighting equipment, such as extinguishers, sand and water barrels, hoses, fire doors and fire alarm systems.

Another duty of the inspector is to instruct and train the employees how to handle all of our fire-fighting equipment as well as the proper way in which to turn in a fire alarm to the city fire department. In those locations where the CTA maintains a fire brigade, he assists the man in charge of training the members at each location as to the procedure to be followed should a fire occur. This objective is two-fold: first, to prevent as many fires as possible, and, second, to have CTA employees properly instructed, trained, and equipped to handle any fire emergency which may arise.

### Miscellaneous Insurance

Safe, burglary, holdup, robbery and messenger insurance protects the Authority against the loss of money, tokens and securities at any location on the system where money is collected or handled. Special safety features, including safes, bullet-proof glass, special doors, and special guards



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on windows are provided at such locations. Personnel is instructed as to the manner in which all persons may be admitted to such rooms. Once every year, all locations are inspected by a joint committee of the Transportation Department and the Insurance Department in cooperation with the Chicago Police Department. Any unsafe conditions found are reported for immediate correction.

All other miscellaneous insurance, such as public liability, bonds and property damage, required by the Authority, is placed through the Insurance Department office. A complete record of this insurance is maintained in the Department as to the amount, where placed and the date of expiration. All losses on the system are reported by the department involved to the Insurance Department which is responsible for filing and collecting the amount of the loss from the insurance companies.

## Retirement Plan Handled By CTA Insurance Department

The Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority employees is one of the finest in the country. The benefits under the Plan, when added to those received from Social Security, assure an employee, with an average period of service, an adequate income during his later years of life. In addition, provisions are made for employees who are unable to continue working due to disabling disease or injury.

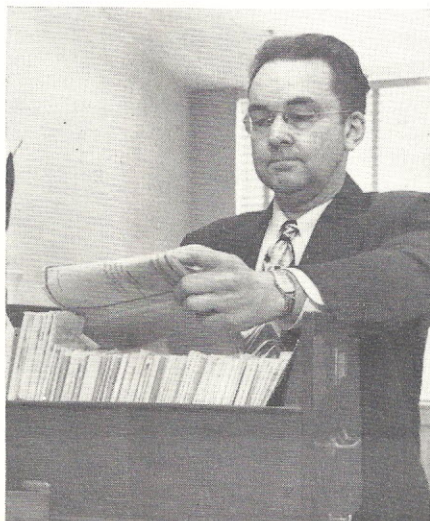
The Plan is administered by a Retirement Allowance Committee composed of five members appointed by the employees as their representatives and five members appointed by the Chicago Transit Board to represent the Authority. On the present Committee are *D. J. McNamara*, Chairman, *Charles Burns*, *T. J. Murray*, *P. J. O'Connor* and *P. L. Simons*, representing the employees, and *H. B. Storm*, Secretary, *J. E. Hastings*, *E. A. Imhoff*, *P. J. Meinardi* and *T. B. O'Connor*, representing the Authority. The Committee meets on the third Monday of every month to consider all matters concerning the Plan, including applications for retirements and refunds.

At the present time approximately \$500,000 is collected



ONE of the duties of the Insurance Department fire inspector, *Roy Simpson*, is to instruct and train employees how to handle available fire-fighting equipment. *Rich Sailer*, right foreground, fire brigade leader, West Shops Bus Overhaul, also instructs and trains his men in proper fire-fighting technique, as do others in the same capacity throughout the system.

ALL policies carried with outside insurance companies are contained in this drawer. *Ralph Umstot*, assistant to the superintendent of insurance, checks the terms of a policy to determine how a particular matter should be handled.



ALL propane storage facilities on the CTA System are inspected regularly by an Insurance Department representative. *Fire Insurance Inspector Roy Simpson* checks a valve at North Park station with the assistance of *Ed Jaeger*, day foreman, bus repair.





**THESE** files in the Pension Section of the Insurance Department contain individual records of each active and each retired employee. The files are kept up to date by Stenographer Marilyn Wargin, seated, and Donna Ramsdell, typist I.

each month for the Retirement Plan. One-third of this represents a 3% deduction from each employee's salary or wages. The other two-thirds represent the CTA contribution. Once each month, this money is forwarded to the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, the Trustee for the Plan. The Trustee was selected by the Retirement Allowance Committee, and holds the principal of the Fund and the income therefrom in an irrevocable Trust. It makes payments from the Fund only in accordance with authorizations issued by the Committee.

Payments made by the Trustee are the monthly retirement and disability benefits, refunds to employees whose services have been terminated and the expenses of the Trustee, the Committee and the CTA cost of maintaining the Retirement Division records.

All monies contributed by an employee, together with any interest earned, are always returned to the employee or the employee's named beneficiary either in the form of a refund or benefits. The money contributed by the CTA becomes a part of the Fund and may never be returned to the Authority.

In order to make the Fund as sound as possible, the Trustee is authorized and empowered to invest and re-invest the principal and income of the Fund in Bonds, Notes, or Certificates of the United States of America, Bonds of the State of Illinois, Revenue Bonds of the CTA and general obligations of the City of Chicago.

The retirement records for active or retired employees are maintained in the Retirement Division under the supervision of the Secretary of the Retirement Allowance Committee. An individual record is maintained for each active employee and each retired employee.

The active employee's record shows the date of birth,

**MORE** than 4,500 pension checks, totaling over \$400,000, are presently being written, signed, placed in envelopes, sealed, stamped and mailed each month by the Pension Section of the Insurance Department. Marilyn Wargin, stenographer, is stuffing the envelopes.

with necessary proof, the date of employment, the Social Security number, the job classification held on May 31, 1948, if an employee prior to June 1, 1949, and a beneficiary form advising the Committee to whom any payments are to be made in case of death.

The retired employee's record includes all of the foregoing, plus his approved application for retirement, a record of his earnings and contributions since June 1, 1949, and a copy of the calculation sheet which was used in determining the amount of his monthly benefits. The individual records also contain any other information concerning the individual, his employment or change of address.

The Payroll Department furnishes to the Retirement Division once each Plan Year the individual earnings and the amount contributed by each employee. This yearly record, which is on an IBM card, properly punched, is then added to the individual Employee's Retirement History Card. The latter carries an accumulated total for each employee of the money earned and the money contributed. At the time the earnings and contributions are accumulated, any interest earned on the employees previous contributions is added to his accumulated record. It is necessary to keep such a record in order to figure retirement benefits at the time of retirement or refund in case of termination.

An IBM History Card is maintained for each retired employee. This card gives the employee's name, Social Security number, date of birth and employment, monthly pension, total amount contributed and interest earned.

From an IBM Pay Card, monthly checks are written by machine, giving the correct amount, name, address and pension number as well as the date. After the checks are written, they are signed by machine, placed in window envelopes, sealed and stamped by machine and mailed on the last working day of each month. More than 4,500 checks, totaling over \$400,000, are now being mailed each month. These checks may be cashed only by the individual retired employee whose signature is on file with the Trustee. The Trustee will not accept for payment any checks on which the endorsement does not correspond with the signature on file.

Since June 1, 1941, over 6,400 employees have retired and more than \$14,000,000 have been paid to the retired employees or their beneficiaries.

**EACH** month, Typist Donna Ramsdell has the job of using this machine to stamp and seal the more than 4,500 pension checks which are mailed out on the last working day of each month. Since June 1, 1941, more than \$14,000,000 have been paid to retired employees or their beneficiaries.





## TRANSIT IN THE

# News



### MISSOURI BOUND

LOADED on a flatcar at the CTA South Shops, the first of 150 "Green Hornet" type streetcars, which are to be used in the construction of 150 new rapid transit cars, was shipped to the St. Louis Car Company on May 28.

*Ed Wahlberg*, body shop foreman, wearing smock, supervised the loading operations. The initial car, Number 4173, was a 1946 PCC.

Fabrication of the 150 "Green Hornet" "L"-Subway cars involves the sale of an equivalent number of the PCC streetcars to the manufacturer. Certain components of these streetcars—such as trucks, electrical equipment, seats, stanchions, etc.—will be used in the building of the new rapid transit cars, which will then be sold to CTA at the net cost of \$32,332 per each.

CTA engineers estimate that this procedure is resulting in a saving of \$20,000 per unit, and yet will produce "Green Hornet" type "L"-Subway cars equivalent in operating qualities and life expectancy to cars manufactured with all new components.

An order for the building of the new rapid transit cars was authorized by the Transit Board on February 24, 1953, and carries an option for the purchase of 100 more of the cars at the same unit price. The 150 cars will cost a total of \$4,849,800.

Deliveries of the new cars are to start in December, 1953, and are to continue at the rate of ten per week until the order is completed. As the cars are delivered, they will be placed in service, replacing an equivalent number of outmoded cars.

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ANOTHER typical CTA off-street terminal at Kedzie and Peterson provides adequate storage space for buses and safer, convenient boarding facilities for passengers with no interference to normal street traffic.

### Paving The Way

WITH the opening of another new off-street terminal at 26th and Kenton for Blue Island-26th street buses—the 95th under the Authority's accelerated program for construction of these modern facilities, including the Boulevard System—CTA is paving the way to greater street safety and making an important contribution to the expeditious flow of traffic in the Chicago area.

Another recently built off-street facility is located at 8629-41 South Racine avenue for the Wallace-Racine bus route. It occupies an area of 15,600 square feet, the greater portion of which has been surfaced with asphalt. Including the land, the cost of constructing the terminal approximates \$27,630. An operators' room, costing \$5,469, was still to be built along with other finishing work on the new terminal when the accompanying photo was taken.

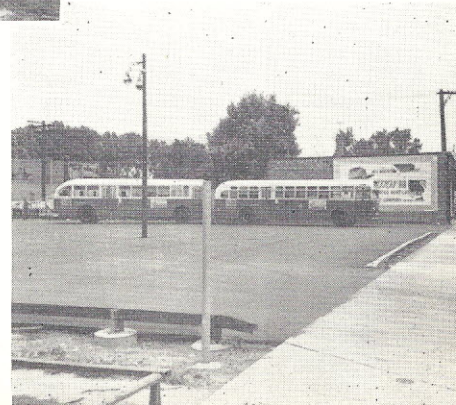
Wide asphalt driveways facilitate convenient entrance and exit of buses at the terminal. The driveway on the north side of the property is 30 feet wide; the exit driveway is 55 feet wide.

Modern off-the-street facilities such as these eliminate the necessity for weaving buses or cars, or turning back vehicles by around-the-block operation.



THE new off-street terminal at 8629-41 South Racine Avenue as it appeared in the construction stage. This is the 87th terminal of this type built by CTA as part of its modernization program.

A SIMILAR view of the 87th off-street terminal after being placed in operation. Construction of an operators' room and other finishing work remained to be completed when this photo was taken.





# Coming Down

WITH modernization emphasis turning to the Rapid Transit System, abandoned "L" stations on the North side section are being removed.

CTA employes working on this project at Grace street station are, top, left to right, *Bart Everman, Bill Dean, and Joe Matrisciano*. On the receiving end are *George Bray and Frank Moltch*. Other north side stations to be removed are Buena, Clark, Wrightwood, Webster, Halsted, Larrabee, Schiller, Oak and Division.

It is planned that certain abandoned South and West side stations will also undergo removal through contract labor.

Meanwhile, other stations and crossing gates over the entire system are being cleaned and repainted. Street "L" structure columns are also being painted and re-striped.



## Added Convenience For Riders And Operators

NEW fare boxes which are designed to accept quarters and large size rapid transit tokens have proved an aid to operators and are speeding the collection of fares on four CTA bus extension routes of the Rapid Transit System.

The new fare boxes have been placed in buses on the Douglas Park "L" extension route, Skokie "L" extension route, Westchester-Forest Park "L" extension route and on the Garfield Park "L" extension route which operates on Sundays and holidays only.

Also adding new convenience for passengers on these lines, most of whom transfer to and from the Rapid Transit System, the new fare boxes have eliminated the necessity of carrying two types of CTA tokens or the handling of additional pennies to pay the differential between Surface and Rapid Transit fares.

The fare boxes previously used on these routes accepted only pennies, nickels, dimes and small size Surface System tokens. The new boxes accept all of those coins and, in addition, will take quarters and the larger size tokens. Therefore, under the new arrangement, any proper combination of coins and tokens or either size token may be registered without manual participation on the part of the operator.

## CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS  
MONTHS OF MAY 1953 AND 1952, FIVE MONTHS AND TWELVE MONTHS  
ENDED MAY 31, 1953

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

	1953 (4)	Month of May 1952	Period Ended May 31, 1953 5 Months (4)	12 Months (4)
Revenues .....	\$10,552,172	\$9,457,144	\$52,358,772	\$122,010,154
Operation and Maintenance Expenses.....	8,737,054	7,965,834	45,015,192	103,811,062
Available for Debt Service.....	1,815,118	1,491,310	7,343,580	18,199,092
Debt Service Requirements:				
Interest Charges .....	403,236	318,038	2,017,231	4,502,040
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond Maturity Fund (Note 1) .....	83,333	—	416,667	916,667
Revenue Bond Reserves (Note 2) .....	23,000	107,000	115,000	393,313
	509,569	425,038	2,548,898	5,812,020
Balance Available for Depreciation.....	1,305,549	1,066,272	4,794,682	12,387,072
Provision for Depreciation—Current Period....	844,174	756,571	4,188,702	9,760,813
Balance (Note 3) .....	461,375	309,701	605,980	2,626,259
Accumulated Deficit to End of Previous Period.	—	743,450r	—	433,749r
Balance Available for Revenue Bond Amortization Fund (Note 3) .....	461,375	433,749r	605,980	2,192,510
Revenue Bond Amortization Fund.....	455,395	—	600,000	900,000
Balance Available for Other Charges (Note 3) ..\$	5,980	\$ 433,749r	\$ 5,980	\$ 1,292,510

### PASSENGER STATISTICS\*

Originating Revenue Passengers.....	58,521,121	62,184,926	290,177,149	699,859,218
Transfer Revenue Passengers.....	2,390,200	3,583,316	12,120,280	27,589,915
Total Revenue Passengers.....	60,911,321	65,768,242	302,297,429	727,449,133

\*Includes Chicago Motor Coach Company passengers for Comparative purposes, as follows:

May 1952 .....	7,222,651			
June 1952 through September 1952....				27,890,663

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### STATUS OF EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM as at May 31, 1953

Purchased and placed in service under Modernization Program:

Diesel Buses .....	100
Gas Buses .....	800
Propane Buses .....	551
Trolley Buses .....	559
El-Subway Cars .....	204
P.C.C. Streetcars .....	600(5)
	2,814

1952-53 Orders:

Propane Buses .....	300
Conversion of P.C.C. Streetcar to El-Subway Cars (Memo only) .250	300
	3,114

### NOTES:

- (1) Equal monthly installments to retire \$1,000,000 principal amount of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing on July 1, 1953.
- (2) Available to pay interest or principal on any interest or principal payment dates of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds, or interest on any interest payment dates of Series of 1952 Revenue Bonds when amounts set aside for such purposes are insufficient therefor, or for accomplishing the final retirement or redemption of all outstanding Series of 1947 and 1952 Bonds, respectively.
- (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 any balances available after the current period's provision for Depreciation must be applied to cover prior period deficiencies which may exist in deposits to the Depreciation Reserve Fund. The Supplemental Trust Agreement covering Series of 1952 Revenue Bonds 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 and Operating Expense Reserve Fund.
- (4) Includes operations of the Boulevard System, acquired October 1, 1952.
- (5) 250 of these P.C.C. cars will be sold to the St. Louis Car Company during 1953 for conversion to El-Subway cars.



# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## "Long Time No See"

BEVERLY—*Bus Operator Oscar Nelson* sure made good use of his vacation. He traveled to New York City to meet his brother *Axel* who came from Sweden. They hadn't seen each other in 42 years. While in New York City, they visited the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Central Park and Radio City. Back home in Chicago they visited the Brookfield Zoo. Brother Axel said he had never seen so many different animals at one time in one place.

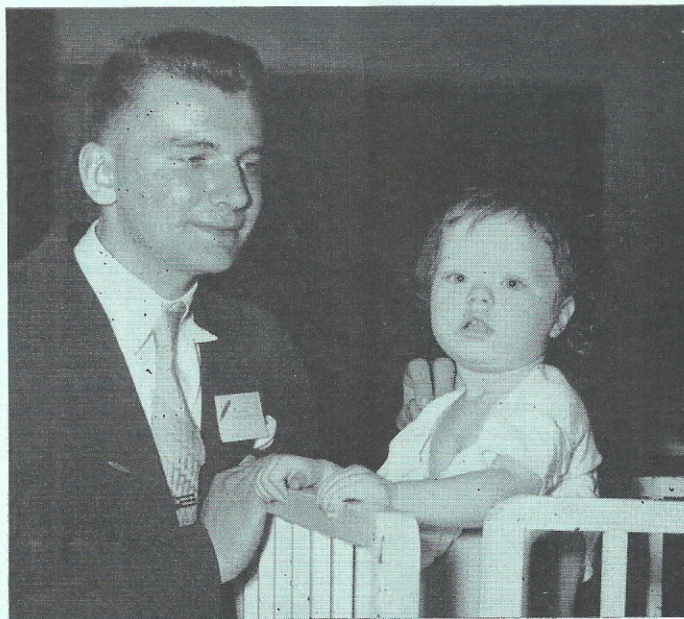
*Bus Operator Henry Gottsch*, Past Commander of the V. F. W., Ava-Cross-Chatham Post, and District Deputy Chief of Staff of the Third District of Illinois, represented his post at the V. F. W. State convention in East St. Louis on June 11.

## Two Firsts

*Fred Rapp, Jr.*, son of *Bus Operator* and *Mrs. Fred Rapp* is a very busy boy at the Chicago Vocational High School where he is in the second year. He was awarded a first prize medal for his oration on the Constitution of the United States in the American Legion Oratorical Competition in the Chicago High Schools. It was sponsored by the American Legions in the Third District. In a mechanical drawing contest, second year competition, sponsored by the Illinois Institute of Technology, he was awarded first prize which was \$500 worth of drawing equipment. His winning drawing was of a grinding wheel head. Besides this he is piling up musical honors with his trumpet playing.

His mechanical ability a total loss, *Superintendent Robert McClelland*, Bus Repair, with his children, visited Kiddy Land. As boys are, we just couldn't miss the pony ride. As McClelland was holding his son on and getting the pony to travel, the pony saw some fresh green grass so stopped to eat some. His son protesting, Dad pushed and pulled the pony but "No go." Dad was thinking if the pony only had a carburetor adjustment or a spark plug to replace, but he waited patiently for the pony to go when it was ready.

—DANTE F. BRUNOD



## THANKS TO YOU

DURING "Thanks to You" week, June 7 to 13, *Edward*, the 18-year-old son of *Conductor Earl W. Day*, 77th, delivered talks before prominent neighborhood civic and business groups on behalf of the Community Fund. Edward was chosen to act as one of 75 such Junior Speakers because of his outstanding record at the Parker High School.

Purpose of the speech, which was self-prepared, was to extend "Thanks" to all who contributed on behalf of the 188 Red Feather agencies which receive support from the Community Fund. No money was sought at the gatherings.

Preparatory to delivering his speech, Edward visited many of the Red Feather agencies to get first-hand information on how contributions are being spent. One of the visits took in St. Vincent's Infant Asylum, where the above photo was taken. The Asylum, partially supported by Community Fund dollars, provides a home for Chicago's abandoned, neglected and destitute children.

## Just Short Notes About the Folks

CLAIM AND LAW—Congratulations to *Ethel Falk* and *William Petersen* on their July wedding.

*Tony Greene* is back in the United States after having been in Korea, and, by the time you read this, he should be officially discharged.

Best of luck to *Attorney Joe Farmer*, who is leaving us August 1 to join the law firm of *McNamara and Callahan*.

Belated congratulations to *Girard McSwain* on his engagement.

*Sam Fisher* and his wife spent three weeks in California . . .

*Cecelia Baggs* is vacationing at home.

Among our June visitors we found *Carl Bodensedt*, *George Schaeffer* and *Pauline Roberts*.

We would like to welcome *C. Harold Dillon* and *Mark Gier* to the adjusting department.

— G & M

## TRANSITAD

**WANTED TO RENT**—Unfurnished 2-bedroom apartment, northwest or Austin. Father and daughter, both employed. Phone *Mary L. Howlett*, KEDzie 3-9482 after 5:00 P.M.

## There Ain't No Flies on Grandpa!

ELECTRICAL—*Stephen Gecan*, chief operator at Illinois substation, traveled some 15,000 miles via airplane. He flew from Chicago to Miami, Florida, and then hopped over to Panama for two days, thence to Lima, Peru, to Santiago, Chile; Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil; Port of Spain, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Havana, Cuba; Cuba-Miami, Florida and back home. On arrival he learned he had two new grandsons, one born on June 4 and one on June 7.

*Operator's Apprentice Francis Griffin* is the proud daddy of a little baby girl, *Margaret*, who arrived on May 31. This is number two for the Griffins.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

## And Away We Go

GENERAL OFFICE—*W. T. Roser*, Real Estate, sailed on his merry way in his self-propelling vehicle—via Virginia and Washington, D. C., to his destination down Florida way.

*Joyce Kealy*, Executive, packed her luggage, put on her hat and went east to visit her sister in Connecticut.

—CATHY O'MALLEY

## Fisherman's Paradise In Tennessee

GENERAL OFFICE—(Personnel Department)—"Out from Jim Hutchcraft's Place on Reelfoot Lake" was the caption on the post card received from *C. E. Keiser*. The picture portrayed a fisherman's paradise in Tennessee. It was here on vacation that Mr. Keiser's rod-and-reel battle resulted in a fine catch of bass—some weighing as much as 5 pounds.

*Mary Scanlon* is the pretty new typist recently welcomed in Personnel.

(Training Department)—*Ruth Havlik* returned from a delightful vacation spent in Quebec, Canada. One of the typical sights along the countryside observed by Ruth, was the open ovens where loaves of bread of rare taste are turned out.



## MR. AND MRS.



ON May 9, **Fred Simmons**, paint shop clerk at West Shops, led pretty and petite **Nancy Mulcahy** down the aisle of Our Lady of Grace Church after the two had become Mr. and Mrs. They honeymooned in Kentucky.

Reported by **Ted Shumon**

The French accent of the Quebec people was also interesting to our traveler.

(Chief Engineer's Office) **Colonel Ed Blair** delightfully surprised the C. E. O. personnel with a visit, the first since his retirement. Colonel and Mrs. Blair have been enjoying their new home and surroundings at Tryon, North Carolina.

**Al Wolf**, formerly at South Shops, has been welcomed as a new member in this department. Al fills the job vacated by **Joe Jollief**.

**Tom Mulvey's** death on June 15 was sad news to his many CTA friends and former co-workers. Tom, who started work with Rapid Transit in 1920, retired in November of 1951. He worked as draftsman in the Chief Engineers Office, and his beautiful artistic lettering will be remembered by all who called on many an occasion. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mulvey and family.

(Accident Prevention) "Hoot Mon! tiz a new gran'son f'av" said **Frank Barker, Sr.**, as he bounced into the office doing a bit of the Highland fling. The bonnie laddie, born June 22, on his dad's birthday no less, is the son of **Dorothy and Frank Barker, Jr.** Papa Frank at

present is with the Chicago Plan Commission on leave from CTA's Traffic Engineering Department. The baby will be named **Francis Joseph**.

**John Donovan** returned from a vacation spent at Lake Marie. He and Mrs. Donovan also enjoyed a trip to the Wisconsin Dells. Though there was no report of any fishing being indulged in, we understand Mrs. Donovan landed a fine catch. It was dear John, who accidentally slipped and fell into the lake. On his return to the city, John donated his services to helping out at a charity bazaar, the proceeds of which will benefit the handicapped children of Our Lady of Providence School.

**June Hamilton** spent a day in Edgerton, Wisconsin, viewing the excellent drilling and concert ability of a Chicago branch of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Drum and Bugle Corps, the Cavaliers, competing against several Wisconsin branches. The Cavaliers, the only Chicago entry, received two awards, making them winners of the competition.

(Employment) **Arline Barileau**, a Mercy High graduate, has been welcomed as the newly-employed typist in Employment. We are all happy at **L. B. Herrin's** return to work after his recent illness.

—**MARY E. CLARKE**

## Back with CTA After Army Duty

LIMITS—**Ed Erskine** says he is mighty glad to be home and back with CTA after his tour of Army duty. Ed spent most of his time in Germany.

To our new men, **Rowland Arrette**, **John Esler**, **Joseph Gibson**, **Simmons Gibson**, our welcome mat it out.

It's anchors aweigh for sailor **Pat O'Donnell** who will get his boat out of dry dock this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. **George Coolo-georgen** became the proud parents of a boy, named **Peter G.**

The office force at Limits helped **Elmer Baljanz** celebrate his 39th wedding anniversary by treating him to a cake with all the trimmings.

Welcome to the following men who joined us from the Boulevard System: **C. Payton**, **R. Dennis**, and **O. Coolo-georgen**.

Quite a few of our brothers have been on the sick list for some time. Should any of you have the chance to visit them, I am sure it will give an added spark of life both to the visitor and the visited. Following are the names of some: **L. Peterson**, **C. Ferrell**, **W. Uhl**, **Ross Carter**, **E. McHale**, **H. Zeman**, **E. Bosworth**, and **Dan Parizek**. Do you know any of them?

—**C. F. GREER**

## EXCHANGE VOWS



**MARRIED** on May 23 at St. Mels Church, **Bob McCarthy**, stock clerk at West Shops, and his smiling bride, **Elizabeth Jane Martin**, spent their honeymoon at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Reported by **Jean O'Neill**

## Her Nieces Are Nurses

LOOP—**Elizabeth Diamond** is flying to New York where she will be met by her brother. Elizabeth is then flying home to Limerick, Ireland. Her time will be spent visiting with her three sisters and friends whom she has not seen in 29 years. Also, a stop at London, England, is planned to visit her nieces, who are nurses there.

**Mary Murphy's** wedding to **James O'Shea** was celebrated at eleven o'clock mass at St. Angela's Church. The bride wore ice blue lace and net waltz length dress and carried an orchid on her prayer book. The bridesmaid, **Josephine Giblin**, was dressed in pink lace and net and the bouquet was deep pink roses. A buffet dinner was served at the reception. The couple spent their honeymoon at the Dells, Wisconsin.

**Harry Brooker** retired after 37 years of service. He plans on just taking life easy.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the **Almer Rumberg** family. Al passed away in Arizona June 14. He worked nearly 37 years for our organization—first as a motorman on the Northside and then as a supervisor in the Loop.

**Elsie Kilroy** and her daughter, **Marge**, are driving south, stopping at different points of interest. Their destination is Miami, Florida. On the return trip, they will

## OFF TO IRELAND



**JUST** before beginning a three-month trip to Ireland, **Bill Hanna**, assistant foreman of car wiring, South Shops, (in smock at right) had the accompanying photo taken. Purpose of the picture was to show his relatives and friends in Ireland some of his co-workers and the modern vehicles on which they work.

Reported by **Frances Louward** and **Mary Ann Yercich**



come up the east coast, stopping at New York to visit friends.

Mary Griffin and sister, Katherine are going to enjoy the beautiful scenery at the Dells, Wisconsin.

Margaret Brennan had a grand time at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and the Wagon Wheel at Rocton, Illinois.

Nellie Kerns divided her time between friends in Racine, Wisconsin, and a niece in River Forest, Illinois.

William Reynolds is spending his vacation spoiling his grandson, Joseph, born June 13, weighing nearly nine pounds. Joseph is the first boy baby in the Reynold's family in 30 years . . . Helen Rogan's version of an ideal and beautiful spot for vacationing is her home town, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Lila Hodges, Margie Wick, Andy Nielson and Anthony McHugh are on the sick list and we are anxiously awaiting their return.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

## Tough for a Man — Worse for a Woman

MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES—Eng Jensen, divisional storekeeper at west shops, has lost his voice again this year. Imagine his fellow workers are enjoying it, but Eng isn't!

Josephine Terracciano, typist at west shops, is sporting a beautiful sun tan after vacationing in Florida. It was her first visit to Florida and her first time in a plane and she loved both.

A speedy recovery to the wife of Carmine Cardomone, laborer at west shops, who is in Bethany hospital.

Bill Unwin, stock clerk at south shops, and wife are the proud parents of a son, William Carl, born on May 25.

Stanley Hall, stock clerk at south shops, and wife proudly introduce their son, Richard Earl, born on June 1.

We also introduce a baby girl, Josephine Bernadette, born on June 7. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Devine. John is a laborer at south shop.

Dorothy Korzycayk, typist in general office, and husband, who just returned from military service, enjoyed their vacation in the vicinity of Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

We welcome Charles Gubala, laborer at Skokie, to our department, and Mr. Hjortsvang, watchman at Halsted, who has recently transferred to our department.

—JEAN O'NEILL

## JOE HECHT, SR., RETIRES



AFTER 45 years of service in the transit industry, Joseph G. Hecht, Sr., (wearing smock in center foreground) retired on June 1 as paint shop foreman at the South Shops. To honor the occasion, many body shop employees gathered to extend their best wishes. On their behalf, Vern Howe, sprayer, presented a wallet containing \$55 to the retiring veteran.

At another celebration marking the retirement, approximately 125 CTA employees and friends attended a dinner held at McKown's restaurant on the south side on May 29. On that occasion, Hecht was presented a television set and other remembrances, including a novel testimonial scroll contained in a paint can. By pulling the paint-brush handle, the scroll unrolls.

Hecht's local transit career began when he started as a sign painter for the old Chicago City Railways company on May 27, 1908. By March 1, 1910, he advanced to assistant foreman of the South Shops paint department. He was appointed October 1, 1924, to the post he held at retirement.

Hecht and his wife, Rose, will divide their summer time between Chicago and Grass Lake, Illinois, and intend to spend the winters in Florida. The couple has one daughter, two sons, and three granddaughters. One son, Joseph G. Jr., has followed his father in the local transit field and is the present general foreman of the South Shops.

## Two Important Reasons For Ireland Visit

NORTH AVENUE—Last month found Supervisor Owen Calt aboard a T. W. A. airliner headed for the old sod. The object of his trip was to see his parents, whom he had not seen for some time, and to kiss the Blarney Stone.

Wedding bells rang out for Mary Richardson last month. She is the daughter of Operator James Richardson. The reception was held at Viking hall and the couple honeymooned in Wisconsin.

We were all glad to learn that Operator Emil Miller is doing nicely after his recent operation. He was a patient at Walther Memorial hospital.

Congratulations to Operator James Dohoney who was presented with a baby girl. She was named Eillen Theresa. This, of course, makes Motorman Dan Finley a grandpappy.

Instructor Art Krickow is now

a member of the grandpappy's club. His grandson was named Richard, and is Art proud.

Congratulations to Operator Frank Turpin on his 25th wedding anniversary which was celebrated last month. "Wonderful 25 years," says Frank.

Ernest Pommerening was a patient at Billings hospital.

Operator Paul Dzack was again a patient at Illinois Research hospital where he underwent surgery.

Operator Al Maro was also on the sick list. To these fine fellows we hope for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations are due Operator James "Red" Corbett on his 30th wedding anniversary which will be celebrated July 28.

For chills, thrills, and spills, plus fresh air and sunshine, attend the North Avenue baseball games. Be a North Avenue booster. Our number one booster is Eddie Kowald who chews four or five cigars every game.

—JOE HIEBEL

## Vacations from Indiana to California

RAVENSWOOD—Operator D. Schrimplin and family spent a week at Spooner Lake during June, then drove to Indianapolis to visit relatives.

John Kane and family spent their June vacation at their cabin in Northern Wisconsin.

Richard Head, receiver, is spending his vacation in the great Smokies. Cliff Hutton is filling in during his absence . . . The Joseph Oddo family is vacationing in California.

Ray Gustafson, an employee of the Transportation Department for ten years, passed away on Friday, June 12. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Gustafson.

—GEORGE D. CLARK



## Did Don Teach Her How to Drive?

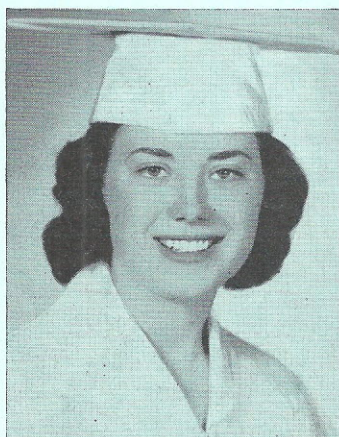
ROSEMONT—For the benefit of our TV fans who follow the hot rod races at Soldier Field, the gal who drives the tow truck is *Elaine Edwards*, wife of *Operator Don*.

*Harry Pearlman*, bus driver on route 51 over a decade has been nominated for "Father-of-the-Year" in Chicago and received a nice write-up and photo in the *Herald-American*. He devotes his Sundays off to driving the synagogue run to Temple Sholom. We hope Harry wins.

*Bill Hehl's* bowling team, sponsored by Charley's Hearn Pontiac on Broadway and champions of our bowling league, was treated to a wonderful night out by Mr. Hearn with their wives or gals on May 25, with cocktails, dinner at Patricia Club, and winding up at Rainbo fights at Marigold. *Operators Bill Snyder, Ray Doneske, and Bill Hehl*, master mechanic, formed the team with *Ray Duster* and *Harry Block*, Bill's brother-in-law. The team presented the trophy on TV to Hearn.

*George Lewis* will be installed as the new Commander of the La Salle Hotel American Legion in the fall . . . *Alex Chisholm* is making plans to fly back to Scotland next month. . . . I will close with a thought for the day: This is my 8th edition and I have as yet to

## PERFECT RECORD



**PATRICIA ANN**, daughter of *Operator and Mrs. Michael H. Brown*, Beverly, recently graduated with a perfect attendance record throughout her four-year term at Francis De Sales high school. Patricia pursued a stenographic course.

Reported by *Dante F. Brunod*

receive my first piece of news from any of our Operators. I'll keep going if it kills me . . . Keep your air up.

—AL BECK

## Two Days He'll Remember!

**SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC** — This being graduation season, we find *Tony Hess* very proudly celebrating the graduation of his son, *Richard*, from the Illinois Institute of Technology on June 12, with a degree in mechanical engineering, and a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps. On June 13, Richard took unto himself a bride, the former *Dolores Latimer*, and after a lovely reception at the bride's home, the young couple motored to Canada and Niagara Falls.

*Kathryn Batina* is very proud of her brother, *Anthony*, who graduated from Loyola Dental College on June 10 . . . *George Bryan, Bill Devereux* and *Norman Johnson* have been successful in getting their children's home work done right, and so are celebrating some graduations from high school.

*Richard Goldstein* is justly proud of his son, *Ray*, who repeated last year's performance of his brother, *Henry*, in winning the spelling bee at Mary Lyon school. Ray will represent his school in the district spelling bee next fall. *George Fisher* reports satisfactory recuperation of his wife, *Helen*, who recently underwent surgical attention . . . *Ed Juric's* daughter had the misfortune of a broken arm and *A. Brandt's* daughter suffered injuries from broken glass on the last days of school. Hope these two girls will be well soon.

Ten years ago *Joe Karel* was the 13th member of the department to be inducted into the armed services.

—L. C. DUTTON

## Lost Wallet Returned to Owner

**SKOKIE**—Driver *John R. Hanus*, tractor 587, who makes his run between the West and Skokie Shops, on June 18, stopped in for lunch somewhere near the West Shops. Completing his lunch, he reached in his pocket and discovered his wallet was gone. The same afternoon, when John returned to Skokie Shops, he was very much surprised when his wallet was returned to him intact by Clerk *Ted McMillen*. John rewarded Sweeper *George W. Beyers*

## BOWLING CHAMPIONS



**THE CTA Traffic Engineering team**, one of eight teams comprising the Department of Public Works Bowling League, finished the 1952-53 bowling season with top honors. For winning the title, *Commissioner of Public Works Virgil E. Gunlock* presented the CTA team with a large trophy which bears his name. In addition, each member of the team received a smaller, individual trophy.

The champions in the back row are, left to right, *Bill Kendall, Ed Whiston* and *Frank Barker*. Front row, left to right, *Fred Potenza, Vince Donohue* and *Wally Braff*, who captained the winners.

Reported by *Mary E. Clarke*

who found the wallet and turned it in to the office.

Welcome back to *Arthur Keiner*, painters foreman, who was off sick for some time but has now completely recovered.

Received a card from *Machinist Julius Elenbogen* who with his wife attended their son's wedding in New York. The latter is with the U. S. Air Forces.

Congratulations and best wishes to *Air Brakeman and Mrs. Michael Murphy* to whom the stork delivered a son, named *Michael Brendon*, on May 26.

We wish a speedy recovery to *Truckman Andrew Hodowanic*.

Congratulations and best wishes to *Carpenter and Mrs. Edward Kennedy* for whom the stork delivered a five pound, 11 ounce baby girl at the Augustana Hospital on June 20. The new arrival has been named *Betty Jean*.

We wish to extend our sympathy to *Truckman and Mrs. William*

*Endeen*, whose daughter passed away June 22 at the age of 21.

—DAVE GURWICH

## Dated Packages Will Be Helpful

**77TH**—*Louis Fox*, son of District A clerk *Al Fox*, returned home after nearly six years of active duty in the United States Navy. He received several citations. Dad, mother and two sons are going on an extended vacation of, as Mrs. Fox puts it, four days here and back home to feed the dog and the canary; then four days there and back home to do likewise; and four days someplace else and back home to repeat. The Fox family is going to wrap the dog food and bird seed in four separate packages each time and let the bird and the dog unwrap it themselves.

Superintendent *John J. Theis* and *Mrs. Theis* took off on their



## BUSHY



**CHICK THULSTRUP**, retired assistant to general superintendent of transportation, and his wife, **Gertrude**, recently took part in a sesquicentennial celebration in Newburgh, Indiana, where they now make their home. The beard went out of existence after the Newburgh celebration.

Reported by *Julie Prinderville*

vacation on the afternoon of June 14. They toured the United States, Canada and Alaska. That's the nearest we can come to their destination.

**Jack J. Crossen**, son of Supervisor **John Crossen**, graduated from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana Campus, Sunday June 21, with a Bachelor of Science degree awarded to him after completion of a pre-med course. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, honor fraternity for scholarship, and Omega Beta Pi pre-medical fraternity which is also an honor fraternity for students outstanding in the field of pre-medical subjects. He will enter Stritch Medical College where he will stay until he completes his medical course. Jack is also a Lieutenant in the United States Air Corps.

According to a report from pensioner **Otto Last**, he has built a summer home in Yankee Stadium just off the first base foul line, next to the dugout.

**Roque W. Anderson**, son of Operator and Mrs. **W. E. Anderson**, graduated from St. Ignatius High School with first honors and will attend John Carroll University.

Early in the month of June, Chief Clerk **Owen Duncan** entered the hospital for a general checkup. After numerous tests and a week in the hospital, he was found to have a condition that required an almost complete replenishing of his blood supply. He is grateful to all

those who helped him as blood donors and is feeling much better.

**Nancy Stich**, daughter of **John** and **Mary Stich**, was awarded a medal of honor by **Monsignors Cunningham** and **McCarthy** at the Presentation Grammar School Commencement exercises. Nancy was the possessor of the highest marks of any in the school. **J. J.**, her younger brother, ran her a close second, making his parents doubly proud.

Speaking of the Stich youngsters, their father has taken a step up in world affairs around 77th. He has taken over the Union Leader column from **John "Muscles" Curry**, who started with **John Donovan** and then carried on alone for more than a year. Now situations have risen that make it necessary for John to give all of his time to his family and his job.

—**WILBUR JENSEN** AND  
**JOE SMITH**

## Employees' Children Make the News

**SOUTHSIDE**—It appears that this month's column will be devoted to congratulations to the parents of those children who made news in the papers.

**Adrian**, the five year old daughter of towerman **Adam Modelski** gave a very stirring performance, playing a very difficult number in a piano recital at the Fine Arts Building.

Supervisor **Ray Vondran** is another proud dad who beams all over when you mention his accomplished daughter, **Elaine**. She played the accordion in a sing-

spiration presented by the Walther League.

**Charles Sasso**, 61st Street clerk, was very happy as his son, **Philip**, an ensign on an L. S. T., arrived home after a long cruise. We often wonder how it is that Phil joined the Navy as his dad is a Colonel, inactive in the U. S. Army.

**Harold Blitch** was seen walking down Halsted Street with a bunch of peonies and singing to himself. It was discovered that he was bound for the hospital where his wife had presented him with a new daughter.

We understand that **Adolph Huff** looked very dignified in his dress suit during the reception at the Sherry Hotel. **Mrs. Huff** was installed as president of the Marquette Manor Women's Club.

Loomis train despatcher **Bob Brown**, like all parents, was very proud when Bob, Jr., received his sheepskin from Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio.

**Ray Vondran**, supervisor, remarked that as he looked back the years just flew by. Of course, Ray was reminiscing on his 18th wedding anniversary.

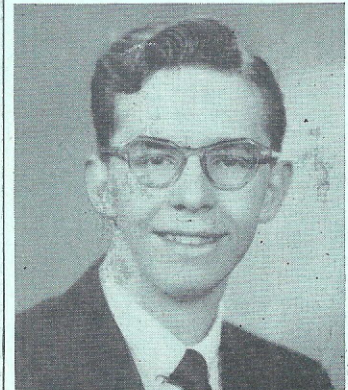
With vacation time here, many of us will experience exciting and unusual happenings. If you wish to relate them, and we all like to read such things, please submit them to the undersigned who will arrange for publishing.

—**LEO J. BIEN**

## South Shops Bowlers Beat West Shops

**SOUTH SHOPS**—The South Siders were the victors in the bowling

## GRADUATE



**JUNE** graduation from Schurz high school closed the activity-filled four year span for **Ronald J. Ulm**, the grandson of West Side Receiver and Inside News reporter **Walter J. Reich**.

Ronald was a member of the school honor society, The Laurels, for many semesters and participated in various extra-curricular activities, such as forming the Puppet Club and taking an active part in the school musical productions. He plans to take a pre-medical course at the University of Illinois this fall with the ultimate goal of becoming a pediatrician.

match between the South and West Shops. **F. Jann**, Captain, **M. Villa**, **J. Cuci**, **R. Valarious**, **A. Bader**, of the Building Team brought the trophy home.

A long life of happiness and best wishes are extended to—**Sam Heasley**; **Joseph Hecht Sr.**, and **August Jablonsky**, who have retired.

Congratulations to **Theodore Cattoni**, miscellaneous, who became the proud father of **Shirley Anne**, born June 9.

**Andrew Draus** became the new paint shop foreman; **Vern Howe**, the new leader.

—**FRANCES LOUWARD** AND  
**MARY ANN YERICICH**

## She Should Have Backed His Dancing!

**TRANSPORTATION AND INSURANCE**—**Mary Berry**, being as how she recently had the pleasure of engaging in Irish dances with **Terry Milligan**, representing Ireland in the Golden Gloves, figured a bet on his ability as a fighter should bring rich results. Mary finds her budget unbalanced by twenty-five

## GENERAL OFFICE CREDIT UNION SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

THE advantages of belonging to an employee credit union are available to all general office personnel. The CTA General Office Credit Union, which was founded March 2, 1951, with five charter members, has now expanded to a membership of 300 accounts. All general office workers are invited to join and share in the benefits of this credit union which has paid 3% annual dividends for the last two years.

The Union's latest financial statement shows assets of approximately \$35,000. Of this amount, 70% is outstanding in loans for such uses as the purchase of automobiles and automobile insurance, vacation trips and personal needs. Loans for various purposes can be secured at a low rate of interest.

If you need any financial help in solving your economic problems, don't hesitate to phone any of the following for confidential information on the subject: **Frank Irvine**, president, extension 778; **James E. Touhy**, vice president, extension 2307; **John J. Ruberry**, treasurer, extension 2319; **G. T. Donahue**, secretary, extension 775; **H. F. Ebeling**, extension 823; and **J. S. Fransen**, extension 778.



## HONORED



**RUTH**, the daughter of Radio Dispatcher Ed Budoff, recently attended a ten-day civic course at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, as part of the American Legion Auxiliary's 13th Illini Girls State program. A junior at Glenbard high school, Ruth received the award, which gives selected girls the opportunity of learning the functioning of Government, through the American Legion of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. She was chosen for displaying leadership, character, courage, honesty, scholarship and cooperativeness.

Reported by Julie Prinderville

cents, but the memory of Terry's Irish dancing lingers on.

Rosemary Evans, tucking away her diploma from Mercy high in moth balls, started her career as a white collar girl in the Insurance Department . . . Marilyn Wargin's motor vacation to Canada has been temporarily postponed. Chauffeur-ing a new Nash, her car was struck by another and Mary found herself hospitalized and her new Nash on the way to Warshawsky's. Hospital bulletin reveals no broken bones, and Marilyn should be back with us soon.

Wayne Olson, son of Walter Olson, power supervisor, former student trainman on the Douglas Park Branch, recently received his sheepskin from DePaul college of Law, and shortly will take his bar examination.

The fluorescent lights in the insurance department suddenly dimmed as Cae Fahey displayed her new diamond engagement ring—a surprise package from her husband-to-be, in honor of her birthday. —JULIE PRINDERVILLE

## We Wouldn't Care About the Color

**WAY AND STRUCTURES**—Some people are just born lucky. It seems Ray Burke, road clerk in the Rapid Transit Division, is that individual. He won a Ford Victoria car which was raffled off June 14 by St. Philip Neri Council, Knights of Columbus. Ray is single and doesn't have a family to share the car with, but says he is planning to use it on his vacation trip. The only fault he has with the prize he won is the Easter-egg color, which is salmon pink with a white top.

Ireland seems quite a distance to go on a vacation, but Michael Cresham, motorman in the Utility & Emergency Service Division decided to take his three weeks and visit relatives in his home town of Southern, Ireland. He is making this trip via plane.

Sylvester Smith, Paul Anderson and several of their friends took the advice of Gerald A. Weiler, our expert fisherman, on where to find the relaxed fish just waiting to be hooked. Their destination is Eagle Lake, Vermillion Bay, Ontario, Canada. This excursion will take them almost 200 miles inside of Canada where they hope to set up housekeeping in a cabin. They are prepared to fight off the bear, moose and other wild life they'll encounter. Their greatest aim and effort will be to do a lot of fishing, and we hope they'll have some good stories when they return.

—VIOLET CARNES

## This Boy Is A Fast Worker

**WEST SHOPS**—On Sunday evening, May 31, Vincent Consalvo graduated from St. Phillips high school and Monday morning, June 1, he was mail boy at the West Shops. This boy works fast. Vince is a brother of Dan Consalvo, our bus dispatcher.

Ed Kuberskie, former bus driver

at Lawrence garage, is now a truck driver at the West Shop. Their loss is our gain.

Joe Kereszturi believes in combining business with pleasure. On his vacation he will be a delegate to the Blacksmith and Boiler-makers convention at Minneapolis.

If Art Scheck, paint shop, seems to be swelled up a little, there's a reason. Art became a grandfather on April 26.

Sam Cearing, machinist in the Bus Overhaul, spent part of his vacation in Belmont Hospital, where various parts of his anatomy were removed. Says he feels like a million dollars now.

Since our last issue, the following men have retired: Robert Shauski, a painter helper with 34 years; John Crawford, armature room, 9 years; John Kamaroff, truck repair, with 30 years; Carpenter Joe Dudak, 29 years; and Carpenter Theodore Solovey with 8 years. Our best wishes go with these fellows.

We were all sorry to see Betty Brennan of the Bus Overhaul office and Tom Healy, Bus Overhaul machinist, leave us. Betty has taken a position with another firm and Tom is now under civil service. Our best wishes for success go with them.

We roll out the red carpet and extend an official welcome to the new young lady in the Bus Overhaul office. She is Mary Therese Gibbons.

As this goes to press your scribe and his wife will be on their way to Mexico.

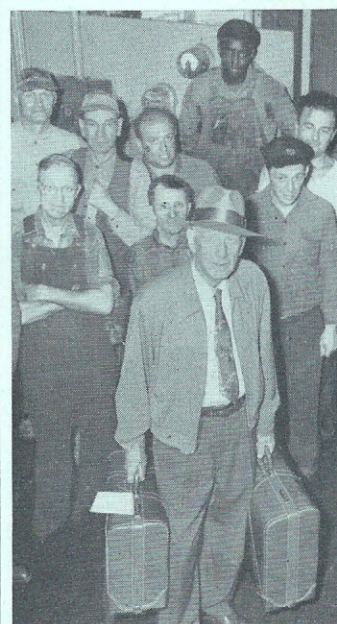
—TED SHUMON

## Agents Help Make Party a Success

**WESTSIDE (Met.)**—Agent Margaret Sheehan wishes to thank all the agents for their help in making her brother's (Reverend P. J. Ronayne) party for a new school a great success.

We are glad to see Agents Rose Janacek, Ann Metzger and Ella Sullivan off the sick list and back

## KIMBALL RETIREMENT



**FELLOW** employees at Kimball Shop gathered to extend retirement congratulations to Herman Cook, shopman, when he took his pension after 25 years of service. Upon his June 1 retirement, Cook received a two-piece set of travel luggage as a parting gift.

at work again. Those still on the sick list are Eileen Gallagher, Joe Donohue and Lena (Montesana) Comita. Lena was operated on at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and is doing nicely. Cards are always welcome.

Agent Josephine Eilert is spending her vacation in Arizona . . . Catherine Daly is on her way to Hayward, Wisconsin . . . Other agents on vacations are Mildred Leppla, Mary O'Grady (Dorian), Anna Walsh, Julia Duffy, Joe Mirabella and Weitold Skorupski. The porters on vacation are John Perry, Austin Youngs, Percy May and Louis Thompson.

A couple of proud parents were Agent Grace LeBel, whose son graduated from St. Mel's high school, and Agent William Fitzgerald, whose son graduated from grammar school.

Agent Henrietta Brown is a grandmother for the second time. A son was born to her son's wife on Decoration Day.

The welcome mat is out for all recently hired full time and part time agents.

—KITTY KEEGAN AND RUTH HANSON

## RECENT APPOINTMENTS

IN a bulletin issued by Superintendent Frank A. Forty, Schedule-Traffic, and approved by General Manager Walter J. McCarter, the following appointments were made, effective June 1, 1953, in the Schedule-Traffic department:

L. C. Dutton, Senior Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Schedule Section of Surface System.

M. B. O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Schedule Section Covering Boulevard Routes.

R. N. Goldstein, Assistant Superintendent of the Traffic Division Covering Surface, Boulevard and Rapid Transit Systems.



## John Trk Returns From Military Service

WESTSIDE—John Trk returned from military service recently, and is back with the men at Douglas Park.

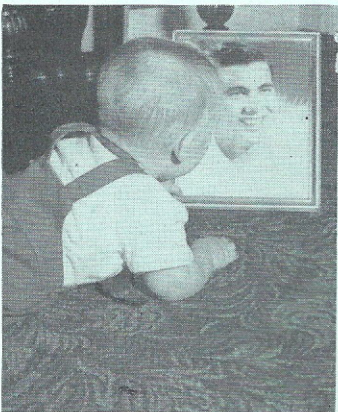
James Logan just returned from a wonderful vacation, as did Leo Targaz.

Laddie Kiery left for his vacation to visit his two brothers in Minnesota.

Our sympathy goes to John Cimmerer upon the death of his father, and to Collector Joe Gavin, whose daughter, Mrs. Plueinski, passed away. We also extend our sympathy to Supervisor Daniel Hayes, whose wife passed on after a lingering illness, and to the family of Edward Mirous, former conductor at Douglas Park.

—WALTER J. REICH

## GETTING ACQUAINTED



THIS little six-month oldster, William S. Comstock, Jr., is getting acquainted with his father, who was called into military service when the tot was just three months old. The youngster is the grandson of W. S. Comstock, CTA budget supervisor.

William, father of the tot, also worked for CTA on a part time basis while attending the University of Wisconsin, from which he graduated a year ago. He is now an Army 2nd Lt. and is in charge of a section of the Chegu-Do prisoner-of-war camp, located about 200 miles southwest of Korea. Corresponding with his wife, Marilyn, he writes that the prisoners, numbering 49,000, are of an anti-communist nature and that there are approximately 5,000 in his particular section of the camp.

## We'll Be Watching for Him

WILCOX—Operator Loy Baker spends his time at Raceway Park, 130th and Ashland, driving in the stock car races. You stock car fans be on the lookout for Baker with the winner's flag.

Operator Ed Colberg has been working the Washington detour for so long that he will have to go back on the school car before he drives again.

It surely is good to see Operator Jake Van Overbake back at work after a long recovery period caused by an auto accident.

Operator Earl Kozacek has spent so much time redecorating his new apartment he is thinking of going into the business. That is, if anyone will give him the business.

That Florida tan on Operator Sam Smargon is beginning to wear a little thin.

It was a great shock to all of us to hear of the attack Operator Sidney Miller had. Sid is known and respected by all his fellow operators and the people on the Boulevard routes.

Due to a typographical error, Operator Joe Grass's last name, in a previous issue, was spelled Grasal. I hope this apology will soothe Joe's just wrath.

It is a little late, but we wish to welcome all the men from the other stations who joined us on the last system pick.

—THOMAS H. MOONEY

SIGN UP FOR PAYROLL SAVINGS AND BEFORE YOU KNOW YOU'LL BE SITTING PRETTY ON A BAG OF DOUGH!



## LINE FOREMAN RETIRES



UPON retiring on July 1 after 49 years of service, William G. Stokes, Electrical line foreman (center, wearing hat) received a Benrus calendar wrist watch presented him on behalf of his co-workers. Members of his crew who were on hand to extend best wishes are, left to right, John Ulanski, Zeno Lisowski, Mathew Stiglich, George Holy, William Gaw, Ralph Jossi, Robert Monson, William Murray and Daniel Gierhahn. The photo was taken by Robert Booth, lineman's helper.

Reported by Gilbert E. Andrews

## Babies, Vacations And Injuries

WILSON SHOPS—Tony Porcaro was all smiles and passed around the cigars. His wife presented him with a baby boy on June 16.

J. Bado and T. Hanley were recently transferred to Wilson Electrical Department. We welcome them.

Gordon Walters returned from Florida with a nice sun tan and a lot of beautiful sea shells.

E. England enjoyed a two-week rest at Daytona Beach, Florida,

with his wife.

Avid Adams lost two days at work with a sprained back.

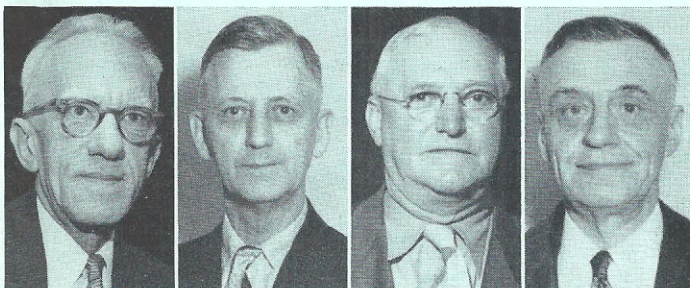
Eddy Majkszak was forced to miss ten days of work with a broken nose due to a mishap at home. We are happy to see him back.

Arthur Redlick stopped in to say "hello." He is looking swell. We hope he can be working soon.

Frank Regnier is back from California with a beautiful tan and some very interesting stories of the west.

—EVERETT E. ENGLAND

## 40-YEAR MEN RETIRE



Harry A. Krueger, motorman, Northside, retired July 1 with 45 years service.  
Leverence Peterson, conductor, Limits, Northside, retired July 1 with 40 years service.  
John Bochot, conductor, Northside, retired July 1 with 41 years service.  
Harry Heath, conductor, Westside, retired July 1 with 46 years service.



## AWARD TROPHY



CHICAGO born *Lin Stacey*, son of *John J. Stacey*, CTA bricklayer, Building department, was recently awarded a memorial trophy for being the out-

standing athlete of the year at Grinnell College in Iowa.

It was the first in a series of such yearly trophies to be awarded at Grinnell and is known as the David Theophilus memorial trophy in memory of *Lt. David Theophilus*, an outstanding Grinnell athlete who was killed in action in Korea.

Lin, who graduated from Chicago's Lake View high school, received the award for "outstanding performance, leadership, and attitude on the athletic field . . ." He was a two-letter football halfback and a member of Grinnell's championship track squad. Lin obtained his college degree in mathematics.

After his graduation from college, Lin entered the U. S. Navy as an ensign and is presently attending a navy school in Newport, Rhode Island.

## RAY SOLBERG DIES SUDDENLY

THE sudden passing of *Raymond Solberg* early Monday morning, June 29, came as a shock to his many friends and co-workers in the Merchandise Mart offices. He had been on vacation for a week and was due back to work Monday morning. Ray was a Special Clerk in the Office Service section and had been with the Chicago Transit Authority and predecessor companies since 1918 except for a five-month period in 1945 when he was employed elsewhere. Ray is survived by his wife, *Florence*. He was interred at Irving Park Cemetery on July 2.

IF YOU KNOW of a CTA employee 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.

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(Street and Number)

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## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

GEORGE W. BEARDEN, 63, retired watchman, Skokie Shops. Died 5-28-53. Employed 8-10-21.

EDWARD BOBULA, 49, conductor, Lawrence. Died 4-20-53. Employed 3-11-27.

VICTOR G. CAMPBELL, 55, conductor, 77th. Died 4-19-53. Employed 6-8-21.

CHARLES ECKEL, 61, conductor, 77th. Died 4-24-53. Employed 10-20-16.

IRVIN ECKLUND, 50, conductor, Beverly. Died 4-22-53. Employed 3-31-42.

AUSTIN FERGUS, 54, motorman, Limits. Died 4-27-53. Employed 3-31-42.

FRANK FLANAGAN, 55, retired supervisor, Transportation. Died 5-28-53. Employed 12-16-25.

PETER GESTAUTES, 66, retired repairman, Kedzie. Died 5-9-53. Employed 5-1-06.

ANTHONY GOLDEN, 65, conductor, Limits. Died 5-2-53. Employed 10-28-19.

GEORGE GREEN, 65, retired conductor, Northside. Died 4-23-53. Employed 4-1-24.

JOHN GRIETZ, 49, laborer, Way and Structures. Died 5-26-53. Employed 9-10-41.

JOHN KASSEK, 51, conductor, Westside. Died 5-10-53. Employed 3-15-28.

JOHN LEECH, 63, retired bricklayer, Building. Died 5-18-53. Employed 9-1-19.

ALBERT MARTIN, 51, retired conductor, Beverly. Died 4-20-53. Employed 8-17-23.

JAMES H. MERRICK, 60, agent, Southside. Died 5-10-53. Employed 4-18-41.

JOHN P. MILLETTE, 60, conductor, 69th. Died 5-9-53. Employed 8-2-28.

JOSEPH PERSAK, 49, repairman, Skokie Shops. Died 4-24-53. Employed 6-1-39.

RUDOLPH M. PLATTNER, 60, gateman, Westside. Died 4-24-53. Employed 2-12-09.

VALENTINE ROTZOLL, 62, retired repairman, Lawndale. Died 5-2-53. Employed 1-29-19.

HUBERT SHIPLEY, 54, conductor, Westside. Died 4-20-53. Employed 4-21-42.

ARTHUR YOUNG, 65, retired conductor, Devon. Died 5-16-53. Employed 3-24-21.

## RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS



WHEN *Al Linn*, stock clerk at West Shops, center, retired on June 1 after 30 years of service, fellow employees gathered to honor the occasion and present him a going-away gift. Al received a traveling bag, pipe, tobacco and a tobacco pouch as remembrances. His fellow employees are, left to right, *William Cummane*, *Barney Nimkavage*, *Art Thineman*, *John O'Connell*, *Stan Tadevic*, *Francis Murphy*, *Pat Porcelius* and *Frank Zander*. Kneeling, at right, is *Ray Brzeczek*.

Reported by *Jean O'Neill*



# "What was the most exciting event you ever witnessed?"

INQUIRING REPORTER: Al Beck  
LOCATION: Rosemont



**FRED "BUD" FUGGIT**, Operator: "When I was a Chicago motorcycle policeman I stopped a car carrying three men without drivers' licenses. When they tried to ditch me, we exchanged shots. The man I caught in a dark gangway told me I made a wonderful target as I entered, but he just couldn't shoot me. He, as well as his two companions who were picked up later, had a criminal record. That was a thrilling event in more ways than one."



**JACK KREBS**, Operator: "It was my privilege to be a defense worker at Douglas Aircraft during the war as a small link in assembling those great 'work-horse' planes. I shall never forget the day we rolled the first DC-4 off the assembly line. Seeing our first 'baby' take to her wings on a test flight, after much pomp and ceremony, was a thrilling spectacle."

**HAROLD DOWEY**, Operator: "It was Jubilee Year in Rome, Italy, 1925, and I was a scholastic (student) studying for the priesthood. The occasion was the 'Centenary Approbation of the Rules of our Religious Congregation. About 60 of us were granted an audience with the late Pope Pius XI. Meeting him was truly the most exciting event of my life."



**RAY KARLING**, Operator: "While I was serving as a cornetist in the U. S. Marine Band in Washington, D. C., *President F. D. Roosevelt* passed away. I was one of eight trumpeters chosen to play taps at his state burial. The scene I witnessed from my position at Hyde Park, New York, that day was truly the most exciting event I have ever beheld."



**KELLY GILIO**, Operator: "During the second world war, I served in the southwest Pacific with the U.S. Navy. As a chief boatswain mate, I was in charge of the first wave to land on Guadalcanal. The noise, confusion, stark realism, hell-on-earth witnessed there was the most exciting and eventful day of my life."



**THIS** is the third in a series of articles in which the National Association of Home Builders offers some expert advice on how to keep your home in first-class running order.

Two previous articles explained that a new home, like a new car, requires careful "breaking in," particularly during the first year of occupancy. They described the initial inspection to be made before moving in, and explained how to deal with the normal problems every householder faces with concrete foundations, cement work, wood and windows.

This article deals with condensation and plumbing problems, electrical and gas systems, and how to avoid some of the most common household fire hazards. Although slanted primarily toward "new" home owners, much of the information will prove interesting and helpful to those who have recently purchased "used" houses.

## **PART III** *take care of* ***YOUR HOME***

### **Condensation**

POSSIBLY the most disturbing factor which occurs in a new home is condensation. This will cause you to believe moisture is seeping through cellar walls, that pipes are leaking, or water is coming through the windows.

Condensation takes place wherever the warm, moist air inside the house comes in contact with a colder surface, such as windows, cellar walls and exposed pipes. Excessive window condensation can be stopped by putting up storm windows. Proper ventilation minimizes condensation in basements during the summer months. Windows should be closed during damp, muggy weather and opened during clear, dry weather.

If your home has attic louvres, or louvres at the crawl space of the basement, keep them clear at all times. The purpose of these openings is to ventilate your house.

Condensation is at its maximum in new homes. Tons of water go into materials such as concrete, cement, plaster, wallpaper paste, tile work, and even some types of paint. This water comes out of the house by evaporation which, consequently, develops air of a higher moisture content than normal. Ventilation should be provided whenever possible to bring the drying-out process to a normal conclusion as steadily as possible. Do not try to accelerate this process unduly by creating extremely high heating temperatures during winter. This will create an uneven drying which will exaggerate the effects of normal shrinkage.



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### **Plumbing**

Plumbing should give little or no trouble. After the "breaking-in" period, you may find that a faucet drips or the toilet tank does not operate properly. This requires only a minor adjustment—such as the removal of minute chips from the cuttings of the tubing or pipe which get into the lines of every new house during construction, or the replacement of a washer. Care should be exercised in closing the faucets. These should be closed just hard enough to shut off the flow of water.

From time to time you may find that the toilet tank flushing mechanism will not operate properly. Removal of the top of the tank will disclose the mechanism. The rubber ball valve plunger, which moves vertically, allowing the toilet to flush, is subject to deterioration. New plungers can be obtained at the nearest hardware store. The old one is removed by unscrewing from the end of the vertical rod which holds it in place, and a new one is readily inserted. The large plastic ball float, which maintains the level of water within the tank, can also be easily replaced. All tanks contain a marking to show the required water level and the float should be adjusted to make sure that the proper amount of water is stored within the tank.

Scale and brown-colored water which normally collects in hot-water heaters can be easily removed by opening the valve at the bottom and allowing the tank to drain itself clean. All hot-water heaters, whether gas, electric or oil, have a control mechanism to govern the temperature of the water. These controls should normally be set at approximately 125 degrees. Where automatic washing machines are used, they may be set for 145 degrees.

Exterior water connections should be turned off before cold weather to avoid freezing and ultimate fracture of the pipe and fittings on the outside. The valve controlling these hose bibs is usually found within the house, close to where the water supply goes through the exterior wall.



## Septic Tanks

All septic tank installations for disposal of sewage are required to meet the standards of the local health officials. They require little, if any, maintenance. Every three to five years the sludge should be removed and the tank cleaned. Patented septic tank cleaning agents are not generally recommended to be added to the sewage.

## Electrical Equipment

More than 70,000 home fires are caused each year by abused or misused electrical equipment. Don't let an amateur handyman alter the wiring in your home.

Fuses are the safety valves of your home's electrical system. Check the location of the fuse box as soon as you move into your home. Never use pennies or substitute 30-amp. fuses where 15-amp. fuses should be used. A fire might result.

Blown fuses are caused from plugging in too many appliances, a short circuit resulting from a worn cord or a defective plug connection, voltage too high for the appliance used, or the starting of an electric motor. Before replacing a fuse, locate the cause and correct it to prevent blowing another fuse.

To replace a fuse, cut off all current by throwing the master switch. Stand on a dry surface and avoid touching metal part of the fuse box. Locate and remove the blown fuse which ordinarily will have a burned spot on the top surface. Install a new one of correct ampere rating. Close master switch to restore the current.

In case of complete power failure in the home, call the power company. Teach your children never to touch electric sockets or fixtures. Never handle wires or attempt to plug in appliances when your hands are wet or if standing on a wet floor. If your home is to be vacant for more than a

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**A DRY** cellar can have wet walls and floors due to moisture condensation. Basement walls against the earth are colder than the air inside. Damp spots are the result.

few days at a time, pull the main switch to shut off all electric power.

## Gas Service

Leaks in the gas system are extremely infrequent, but do occur. Should you suspect escaping gas through the presence of gas odors, do not search for the leak, but call the emergency service department of the gas utility company immediately. They have specialized equipment designed to find the leak.

## Cleaning

Gasoline is dangerous for cleaning and should never be used in the home. It invites fire and explosion. Make certain all flammables are stored in accordance with manufacturers' instructions. Never store them in glass jars with screw tops—a cork stopper is safer.

Remove dust from the vacuum cleaner before storing it. Never toss loose dust into the stove, heater or incinerator. It may cause an explosion.

Grease spots on cement floors may be removed easily with special powders prepared for this purpose. Never put sawdust under a car to absorb grease. Sand is safer.

## Storage

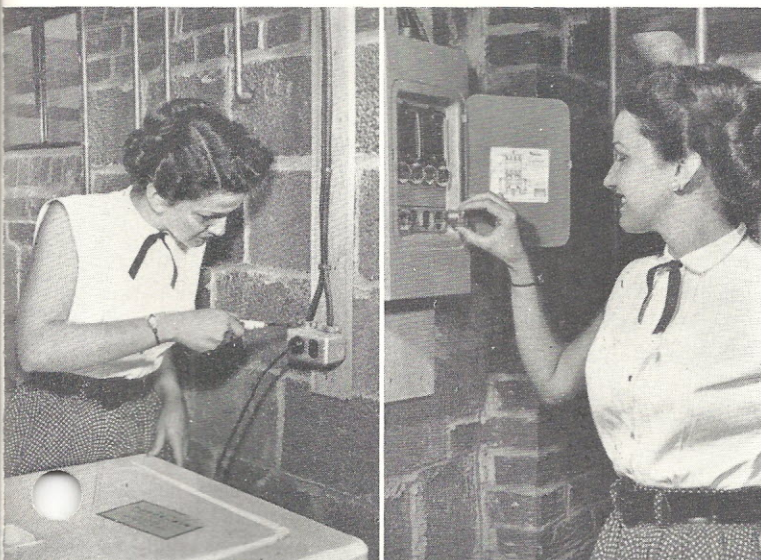
Rubbish and trash accumulations are prime ammunition for fires which breed in out-of-the-way places. Animal or vegetable oil on any combustible material may ignite spontaneously under certain atmospheric conditions.

Wastepaper and trash should be stored in metal cans and disposed of regularly to avoid accumulation in the basement, attic or other storage places. Stack newspapers and magazines neatly in bags or boxes away from the furnace. When burning rubbish outdoors, use an incinerator or a stout wire basket.

Oily mops and cloths are safe from spontaneous combustion if they are hung where they will get plenty of ventilation. Otherwise metal containers should be used to store mops, dust rags, painting equipment and other oily materials.

Matches should be stored in fire-proof containers out of reach of children. At least one fire extinguisher should be kept in every home.

(To be continued)





# our Public Speaks...

**THE LETTERS and cards we receive commending our operators and trainmen are certainly encouraging. They are an indication that Chicago Transit Authority employees are trying hard to see that our passengers are satisfied. Keeping up good, safe, courteous service will leave a favorable mark on everyone who rides with us. Here are a few excerpts from letters recently received:**



"I am a man of 79 years of age and none too active on my feet. While riding from the north side to the Loop recently, I got to my feet suddenly, dropping my packages and spilling things all over the platform of the train. Instead of receiving a rebuke, I was surprised to find a smiling, good-looking man helping me to my feet, picking up my things and doing everything possible to help me out of my troubles. What could have been a very embarrassing situation turned out to be a pleasant meeting with a grand person (*Emmett Selby*, Northside) in the uniform of the elevated system of Chicago."

"I'd like to report the courtesy extended to me by one of your drivers of a No. 151 Sheridan Road bus (*Ira Saxby*, Rosemont). Waiting for the bus at Schiller Avenue at what I assumed was the

logical place, the No. 151 came along and the driver motioned to me to proceed some fifty feet and waited for me. In running for the bus, I fell on the uneven ground and the contents of my purse were strewn all over. The driver courteously got out of the bus, came back, assisted me to my feet and asked whether I needed medical attention. He is to be commended for his politeness and the sympathetic and gracious manner in which he handled this situation, especially since he was in no way to blame."

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"Recently I observed an act of courtesy which I feel should not go unnoticed. I was standing on the sidewalk on State street just north of Chicago avenue when I noticed a boy riding a bicycle lose an article while crossing the streetcar tracks. The motorman of a streetcar passing at that moment stopped the car and got out, reached under the car and recovered the object. The motorman (*Ray P. Strouse*, 77th) went through considerable effort to recover the item and he certainly is a credit to the CTA."

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**CERTAINLY a courteous, accommodating and helpful manner requires no more effort than a discourteous response or attitude and makes a whale of a difference in building good will. The following letters received recently, one of complaint, and the other a letter of thanks, illustrate this point very well.**

## The Complaint



"Today it was my unhappy privilege to board the Belmont Avenue bus. I was the first person to board and gave the driver a 50-cent piece. He in turn gave me five dimes in change. In transferring them from his hand to mine, one of the dimes dropped to the floor. I asked him if he could get it as it was right under his seat. But he told me to put my money in the container and move on. There were several people behind me waiting to pay their fares so I graciously moved on rather than have further words with the driver. This extra dime I paid for my fare won't make me or break me. It was his discourteous manner that more or less irritated me."

## The Commendation

"Yesterday I happened to board a streetcar during the rush hour and inadvertently dropped a dime near the conductor after paying with a token. The conductor (*Ernest J. Thompson*, 77th) did not let me pick up the coin, though it had been my fault, but returned me a dime from his changer and picked the coin up later when he was free. Also later, when I was waiting at the back door for my stop, he signaled the motorman, seeing that I had forgotten to do so. In his whole manner, despite my disturbance during his peak period, he was always extremely polite, not only with me, but also with the other passengers."



# WALLS OF WISDOM



WHEN spring cleaning operations in the home of *Warren A. Logelin*, CTA director of advertising, reached the door of his son's room, the 12-year-old lad had his own ideas about its future interior. Safety was the keynote.

The youth, *Warren E.* to his teachers and "*Butch*" to the boys, had previously been quite impressed with copies of CTA safety posters which his father had brought home from the office. Butch decided he'd like to have the walls of his room papered with the safety posters as constant reminders to both himself and his friends of the importance of safety at home and at play as well as at school. His dad and mother, *Adelaide*, bought the idea. Soon, father and son went to work "hanging" safety.

When the job was finished, every wall in Butch's room was adorned with posters from floor to ceiling. And the kids loved it. Even their French poodle, *Jezebel*, looks in starry-eyed wonder as she gazes about the room with her pretty mistress, *Bunny*, the Logelin's eight-year-old daughter.

The posters are of the "Tim and Trudy" series and a



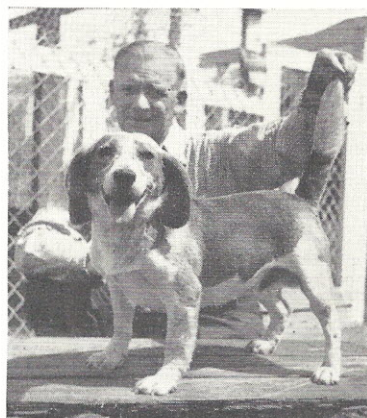
similar series designed for high schools. They originate in the Public Information department of the CTA and are distributed to public and parochial elementary and high schools throughout the Chicago area, with the cooperation of the schools and the Citizens Traffic Safety Board. The program was begun in 1948, and new posters have been supplied schools at approximately six-week intervals since that time.





## A BUNDLE OF BEAGLE

THESE three first place trophies are proudly displayed in the Pedersen's northwest side home. All three were won within a brief period—10 days. Winning three field trials is one of the requirements in developing a field champion.



THE Champion, on leash, is not the only beagle in Roy's Black Hawk kennels. At present the North Park operator also has three others, *Black Hawk Ricki*, *Black Hawk Joni* and a pup, sired by *Billy*, yet unnamed, which Roy holds.

A BUNDLE of beagle—and that's just what *LeRoy H. Pedersen* has in his Field Champion *Ver-Lyn's Hillbilly*. "I've always dreamed of owning a dog like 'Billy,'" said the North Park bus operator, "and I've been working with beagles since I was seven years old."

Roy's pride in his black-blanketed beagle hound is easy to understand. Raising and training beagles has been his life-time pastime. But it's not an easy life. Being a beagler involves daily care of the hounds, countless hours of work and training, innumerable heartaches, patience, knowledge and understanding. The greatest return is affection and honor. Only a precious few beagles become field champions, although this, of course, is a beagler's biggest dream.

In fact, according to Roy, it's easier to make five show dog champions than one field champion. That, as is termed by beaglers, is to "finish" a dog.

To become a field champion, a dog must win three first places and 120 points at licensed field trials. Under American Kennel Club rules, a first place winner receives half as many points as the number of dogs entered. Second, third and fourth place winners receive a smaller number of points on a graduated scale. The dogs are run in pairs on live wild rabbits. Judges, usually on horseback, score each dog individually on their ability to stay as close to the line of scent as possible and to pick checks, which means the



NORTH PARK Operator *LeRoy H. Pedersen* displays the string of ribbons won by his prize beagle hound, Field Champion *Ver-Lyn's Hillbilly*. Roy's car features a built-in carrier for transporting his dogs. Fresh air is taken in through the protruding tube above the left rear fender and a fan is located inside the trunk for increased air circulation.

FIELD Champion *Ver-Lyn's Hillbilly*, a bundle of beagle, is posed by his proud owner and trainer. The remarkable black-blanketed beagle attained championship honors at the age of two.

angles and turns a rabbit makes in its dash for freedom.

*Ver-Lyn's Hillbilly* has an astounding record. It usually takes about five years for a beagle to become a field champion—if it is capable of the accomplishment. *Billy* became one a year ago at the age of two. He competed in only 14 field trials, amassed the necessary requirements in just seven of those, won the necessary three first places within a ten-day period and completed the entire accomplishment in just two months and two days.

Sharing the 19-year transit employee's enthusiasm for the beagles is his wife, *Bernice*. They have two children, *Roy, Jr.*, who is now serving in the Army, and *Joan*. Both have accompanied their parents on many field trials through the years and have enjoyed the beagles as much as the folks.

IN THE 13-inch male class competition at the Milwaukee Beagle Club field trial held in September, 1952, *Billy*, under Roy's handling, scooped top honors. Also pictured are the second, third and fourth place winners. Standing in the background at the right are the two trial judges.





# TO THE Ladies

... from JOAN

## WHAT'S COOKIN'?

IN a recent poll sent to prospective brides and prospective grooms, three housewifely duties were mentioned. Good cooking, good housekeeping and good entertaining were to be rated in the order of their importance by the persons polled. And how do you think it came out? Two thirds of the women rated good cooking tops in importance. But ALL of the men voted it first.

So the minute a girl says "I do!" it looks as if she'd better make friends with her stove and her cook book. And it's fun!

But if you want cooking to be a delight to your husband, yourself, and all your friends . . . if you want it to mean true self-expression for you . . . remember this. No one is an expert without first being a beginner. So lend an ear to this friendly advice.

Don't start out with a bang, trying gourmet creations worthy of a high bonnet chef. Start with the simple familiar dishes you can handle without getting the jitters. Most husbands like 'em best anyhow, and there's time ahead for the subtleties.

Get the cook book habit—good cooks often browse through them like novels—but start with one easy as a primer and teach yourself the terms of your new art. You might even chant definitions the way you used to do with the multiplication table. Saute . . . braise . . . fold . . . blend . . . marinate, etc., and exactly what they mean.

Follow recipes exactly—till you're so good you can afford to yield to inspiration. And taste as you go. No cook who tastes is ever guilty of overseasoning, or of namby-pamby unseasoned food.

Keep a recipe file, of course, and whittle it down to proven successes. Then list who's been invited for what, so recurring guests won't think of you as the girl who always serves tuna souffle. But don't be afraid of giving the man of the house his favorites pretty often. He'll like repetition.

JULY, 1953



## THREE-PIECE SUNSUIT

FOR sun and fun, one plus two equals three. To a carefree bloomer sunsuit . . . add a panel skirt . . . then add a bolero and you're set for sun or street. The suspender straps of this striped cotton set are edged with rick rack. The rick rack trim is also carried out on the skirt. For free direction leaflets in size 12, write to Women's Editor, CTA TRANSIT NEWS, Box 3555, Chicago 54, Illinois.

at the beach, or in a state park, a picnic is a party. Food needn't be elaborate. But it should be good and there should be lots of it. Sandwiches are traditional picnic food, and it's easy to see why. They're easy to prepare, carry and serve, and everyone likes them. A sandwich filling that will rate high is ground ham and crushed pineapple for Hawaiian Ham Sandwiches. Pack a hamper with these sandwiches, along with potato chips, olives or pickles, a thermos of coffee or milk, cookies and fresh fruit.

## Hawaiian Ham Sandwich

12 slices whole wheat bread  
Butter or margarine  
1 cup ground ham  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup drained crushed pineapple  
1 tablespoon brown sugar  
 $\frac{1}{8}$  teaspoon cloves  
Lettuce

Spread bread with butter or margarine. Combine ham, pineapple, brown sugar and cloves. Mix until well blended. Spread 6 slices bread with ham mixture. Top with lettuce and remaining bread slices. Makes 6 sandwiches.

## PICNIC FARE

ANY excuse for a picnic is a good excuse. They're enjoyed by young and old alike. Whether it's in the backyard,





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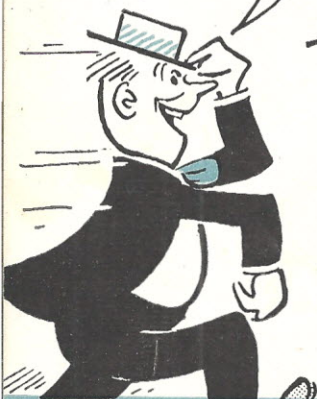
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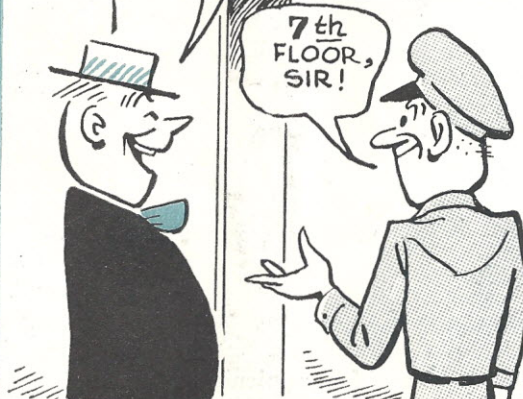
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