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TERMINAL FACILITIES EXPANDING

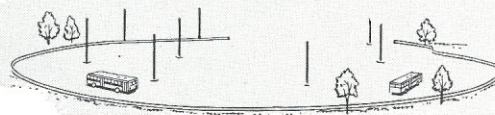


96th OFF - THE - STREET TERMINAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

ANOTHER new off-street terminal (see above photo) is being built in Columbus Park, at Central avenue and Harrison street, as a joint project of the CTA and the Chicago Park District.

When construction is completed, it will be the 96th such modern facility utilized by Chicago Transit Authority as part of its contribution to improving street safety, and expediting the flow of street traffic in the Chicago area.

The new terminal occupies an area of 135 feet by 340 feet on park district property. When completed it will provide parking space for 70 automobiles within the U-shaped drive-

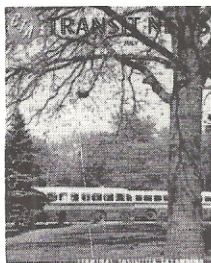


way over which CTA vehicles will operate when entering and leaving the terminal.

The terminal will serve both the Central avenue and Harrison street surface routes. Control of the parking facilities will be the responsibility of the Chicago Park District.

Another recently built off-street facility is located at Kedzie avenue and 63rd place. This serves as the north terminal of the south Kedzie route and the south terminal of the Kedzie-California route.

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



OUR COVER: Landscaped off-the-street terminals dot the CTA system, providing park-like enclosures in many sections of the city and easing neighborhood street parking conditions. Pictured on this month's cover is the facility located at Milwaukee and Devon avenues on the far northwest side of the city, where the CTA off-the-street terminal blends in with the summertime beauty of the surrounding forest preserve.

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RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

Clarence Knox—Transportation (Douglas)

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William N. Cecich—Way and Structures

Harry G. Hogan—Shops and Equipment (West Shops)

Bernard W. McCormick—Electrical

Paul M. Petrowsky—Shops and Equipment (Ardmore)

Willie R. Strickland—Transportation (Kedzie)

Edward E. Winters—Shops and Equipment (Blue Island)

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Gunlock succeeds Budd as CTA CHAIRMAN



ELECTION of *Virgil E. Gunlock*, former commissioner of public works for the City of Chicago, as chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, took place July 1, following the retirement of *Ralph Budd*, who had served as chairman since September 1, 1949, and as a member of the Board since May, 1949.

Mr. Gunlock was appointed to the Transit Board by *Mayor Martin H. Kennelly* on June 8 following announcement of Mr. Budd's plans to retire. Mr. Gunlock's term runs until September 1, 1959.

The appointment of Mr. Gunlock as Mr. Budd's successor met with widespread approval from civic leaders, transportation experts and financial men. He brings to his new post extensive experience as an engineer and administrator. He has been active in public construction projects in Chicago since 1927.

Mr. Budd's retirement was in deference to his own wishes to take a less active role in public affairs. He declined a new appointment to a seven-year term on the board in September, 1952, but agreed to serve as chairman until a successor had been appointed.

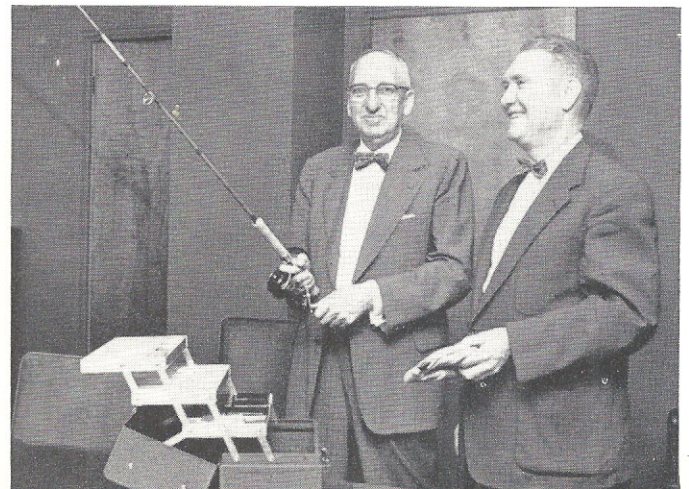
The new chairman had been commissioner of public works since September 1, 1952, when he was named to succeed *Oscar E. Hewitt*, who retired. An engineering graduate of the University of Illinois, Gunlock worked for the Chicago

Sanitary District as a construction engineer from 1927 through 1938, and then shifted to the department of subways and superhighways.

He was construction engineer on the first subway project, rose to deputy commissioner, and then succeeded the late *Philip Harrington* as commissioner when Harrington became the first CTA chairman in 1945.

Mr. Budd began his long career in the transportation field in 1899 with the Engineering Department of the Chicago Great Western Railroad. In 1906, he was called by the government from his position with the Chicago Great Western to be chief engineer of the Panama railroad, a key task in the building of the Panama Canal. In 1919, Mr. Budd was elected president of the Great Northern Railway, which position he held until 1932, when he became president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and its subsidiaries. He retired from this position in May, 1949, just prior to becoming member and chairman of Chicago Transit Board.

RETIRING CHAIRMAN *Ralph Budd* anticipates doing a lot of fishing from now on and as a parting gift *General Manager Walter J. McCarter* (right) presented him with fishing equipment, including rod, reel, lures and tackle box on behalf of CTA officials.





A STAFF of seven instructors conducts the training classes at the carhouse at Division street and Western avenue. The group shown includes (left to right), Raymond Drope, James Ward,

John P. Murray, James McClements, clerk; Julius W. Dain, chief instructor; Adam Fiorito, Edward Murray, and George Scanlon. Instructor James Dudley was absent for the picture.

Shopmen Schooled in Carhouse Classrooms

AN IMPORTANT part of the garage and carhouses division of the Shops and Equipment Department is the training school, located in the Division Carhouse at Division street and Western avenue. This comes under the direction of John F. Gillen, superintendent of carhouses and garages.

Julius W. Dain, chief instructor, is in active charge of the staff of seven instructors, namely: Raymond Drope, James Dudley, Adam Fiorito, John P. Murray, George Scanlon, Edward Murray and James Ward. The school trains personnel for carhouses, bus garages, rapid transit inspection terminals, bus overhaul apprentices and other new employes hired for carhouses and garages.

In order to meet the service needs of modern equipment with its faster, smoother operating and more complicated controls, it became essential to train the maintenance men in methods of servicing this new equipment. It was with this thought in mind that the school and its training program materialized in May, 1947.

The reaction of the maintenance personnel to the training program was so favorable that it became imperative to expand the facilities of the school. This expansion has necessitated acquiring additional space from time to time until at present the entire west portion of the Division Carhouse is occupied with training projects.

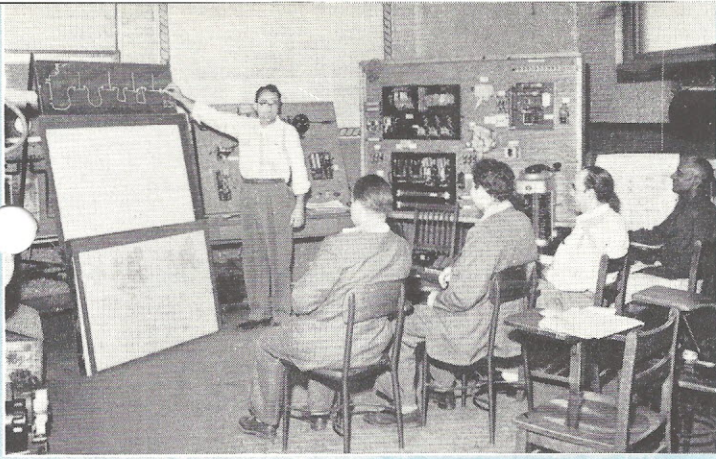
Since the inception of the training program, one evening per week has been devoted to Shops and Equipment Department supervisory staff meetings. This assemblage is for the purpose of having open discussions on maintenance problems that arise from time to time. To keep abreast of new develop-

ments, technical representatives of various manufacturers of equipment or products used by the maintenance department are invited to discuss the proper use, maintenance, and other aspects of their product with the supervisory staff.

All new employes hired for the carhouses and garages are given 16 hours of training to acquaint them with their duties. This consists of two hours of briefing at the school on such topics as safety, organizational rules, and similar subjects. Fourteen hours are spent at the location where the new employe will work. Here the new employe services and operates the equipment under the supervision of an instructor.

The various courses of instruction change to meet the current and future needs. Each course covers in a practical manner the theory, installation, maintenance requirements and logical diagnosing of any trouble that may arise on the various units that are a part of every bus, streetcar or elevated car, with emphasis on keeping street delays and unnecessary damage to a minimum. Some of these courses are: (a) Internal combustion engines (gasoline, diesel and propane); (b) Air brakes; (c) Fuel systems (carburetors, fuel pumps, etc.); (d) Transmissions of power (mechanical transmissions, clutches, torque convertors, differentials, etc.); (e) Fundamentals of electricity (batteries, generators, voltage regulators, etc.); (f) Blueprint reading pertaining to streetcars and elevated cars.

Specialized courses are frequently conducted on such items as tires, snow removal equipment, operation of fire-fighting equipment and other topics.



EXPLAINING a door signal circuit on new "Green Hornet" "L"-subway cars to a group of rapid transit terminal repairmen is *Ray Drope*, instructor at the training school.

In the classroom, the mediums for conveying the information to the students consist of visual aids, film strips, silent and sound films, slides, cut-away models, mock-ups and actual operating units. Blackboard discussions, directed by the instructor, occupy a prominent place in classroom procedure. The classroom theory is augmented by actual shop work. The student learns by doing. All classes are conducted on an informal basis and trainees are encouraged to enter into discussion with the instructor. In order to permit more individualized instruction, classes are kept to a minimum size, never exceeding six.

Instructors are obtained from the ranks of the maintenance men themselves. These men are chosen for their outstanding classroom and shop work, practical background, ability to learn, interest in the subject, appearance and ability to get along with men.

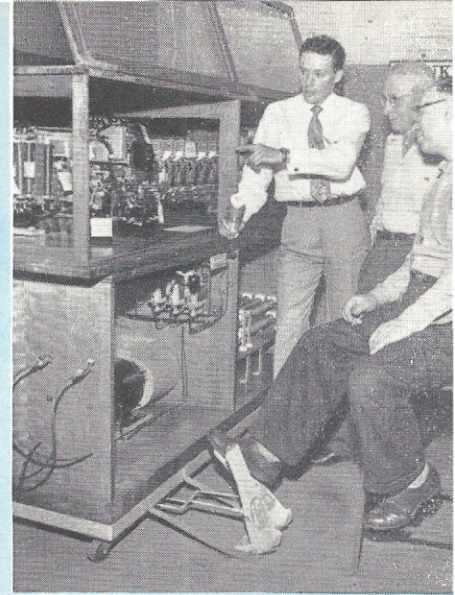
The experience with the training program indicates that economy of operation has been gained through improved service and availability of the equipment. The program has inculcated the trainee with a higher standard of approach to the problems of maintenance. This has resulted in an improved quality of workmanship, thereby leading to longer equipment life. The technical knowledge within reach of maintenance personnel has developed an added interest in the work at hand and stimulated thought, alertness, new ideas and pride in good workmanship.

A total of 625 employees was trained at the school during the last school term of eight months.

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THESE REPAIRMEN listen intently as *Instructor George Scanlon* explains sequence of trolley coach controls.

KNOWLEDGE is being acquired by these two CTA employees attending the school as they watch *Instructors John Murray* (left), and *James Wood* (center, rear), adjust voltage regulators for gas, propane and diesel coaches.

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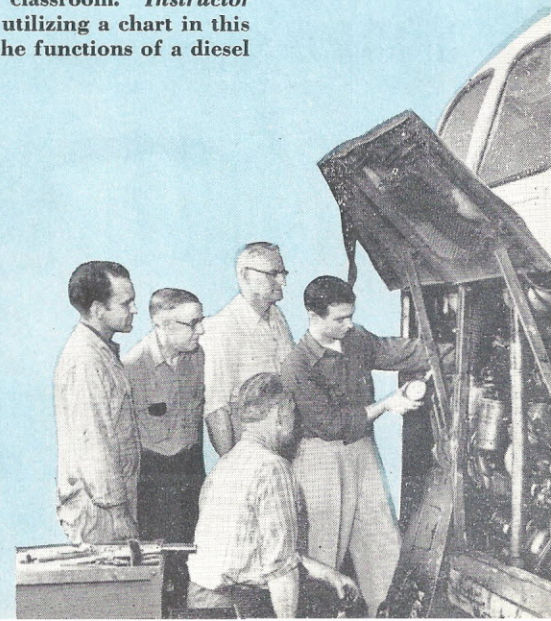


VISUAL AIDS and actual operating units are used in the classroom. *Instructor Edward Murray* is utilizing a chart in this demonstration of the functions of a diesel engine injector.



THEORY is augmented by practical work at the school and classes are purposely kept small. Here, *Adam Fiorito* (center), instructor, explains the mechanism of a trolley door control system to two men assigned to his group.

BUS REPAIRMEN from 77th, Limits and Kedzie stations are represented in this group with *Instructor James Dudley* (right), who is reviewing the progress of a diesel engine tune-up.



SPOTLIGHTING

SPORTS



WINNER of the championship in the CTA Women's Bowling League was the team of (top row, left to right), *June Hamilton*, captain, Accident Prevention; *Gloria Keane*, Payroll Accounting; *Jeanne Ludmann*, Claim, and (bottom row), *Joyce McDaniel*, Claim, shown with *Dorothy Klosowski*, M and S Accounting, who accepted the trophy for *Jenny Bagger*, Revenue Accounting, the fifth member of the team, at the league's annual banquet.



WIND-UP OF the season for CTA bowling leagues and the first golf outing of the summer combined to bring employees' sports activities into the spotlight in recent weeks.

First to celebrate a successful season and establish the champs for the season was the CTA Women's Bowling League, which marked the completion of its schedule with an annual banquet at the Kungsholm restaurant on June 2. Trophies were presented to the members of the winning team and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by some 40 girls who bowled with the circuit.

Next event on the calendar was the CTA Mart Offices Golf Outing, held June 5 at Mohawk Country Club, Bensenville. This attracted 50 participants, with the honors for



CTA CHAMPIONS is the title held by the Devon No. 2 team after a roll-off series with the 77th No. 1 team, south side winners. Members are (left to right): *Anthony Becofski*, *Arnum I. March*, *Morris A. VanDerMeulen*, captain; *George E. Wyers* and *Elmer L. Shattuck*.

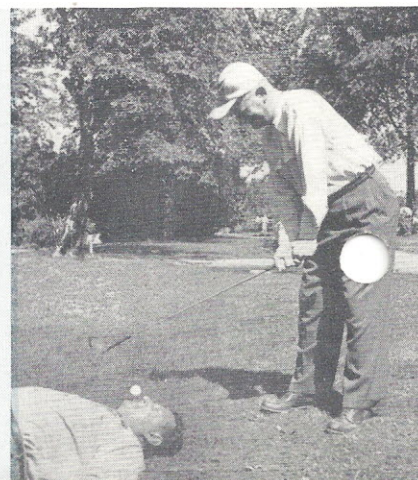
the day going to *E. J. Healy*, chief adjuster, Claim Department, whose low gross score was 79, and to *Attorney W. S. Allen*, Legal Department, who posted a low net of 70. Prizes were awarded to many of the participants and everyone shared in the fun.

As a finale to the season so far as the CTA men's bowling leagues are concerned, the Devon No. 2 team—north side champs—rolled a three-game series on June 12 against the 77th No. 1 team—winners of the south side title—for the championship of the CTA. The northsiders were a little too good for their opponents and swept all three matches to win by a total pin score of 2,698 to 2,463. *Anthony Becofski*, with a three-game total of 640, led the winners. His 257 single game was high for the series.



PARTICIPANTS in the CTA Mart Offices Golf Outing form the gallery as one of their number gets set for a shot down the fairway at Mohawk Country Club.

A TEE SHOT right off the tee(th) of *Peter Sepic* is demonstrated by *John Rau*, but it didn't mean a thing. He failed to follow through with his swing. Both are Claim Department employees.



our Public Speaks...

EMPLOYES of the Chicago Transit Authority who perform their services in a manner conducive to good public relations are commended daily by their riders who recognize the courteous, patient and diplomatic manner in which they execute their duties. Moreover, the time and attention given to write these commendations denote that satisfied customers really do appreciate good performance.

Here are only a few such letters:

"Friendly Smile"

"I think in all the years I've traveled on the Broadway streetcars, I have never met such a gracious conductor as the one with whom I had the pleasure of riding with a short time ago. He was a grey-haired gentleman and had such a friendly smile that I couldn't help but notice him. I am only sorry I could not see his number." (*Editor's note: The conductor involved is Frank Vollman, Devon.*)

"From His Own Pocket"

"I would like to say how very kind Operator No. 30199 (*Casey Nowakowski, Ravenswood*) was when upon boarding his bus I discovered I had forgotten my purse and had only a nickel in my

pocket. Without keys, I was unable to return for my purse and told him the situation. He very kindly gave me 15 cents from his own pocket. I am an elderly person and appreciate what he did very much."

"An Act of Kindness"

"Bus Operator No. 5462 (*Richard L. Wade, North Avenue*) certainly deserves credit for his act of kindness when he alighted from his bus to help a blind man across the street in heavy traffic while other men stood by and watched. It took him about a half minute, but in that short time he gained the respect and admiration of many passengers."

ALTHOUGH many bouquets are received complimenting CTA personnel, the mailbag also brings brickbats such as these:

"As a complete stranger from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, I had boarded a bus and asked the operator how much the fare was and how I could best get to my destination. He was very discourteous in his replies and only after having asked him several times for a transfer did he finally give one to me when I was getting off."

COMMENT: CTA management strongly urges employes to be considerate of passengers and treat them as guests. Employes are expected to make every effort to handle all situations tactfully.

"I board the Clark street car at Fullerton avenue. This morning, a practically empty car pulled up to the corner

and about 10 people were in the street awaiting to board it. The amber light was on, so the streetcar sailed right on without even opening its doors. There were many disgruntled passengers as you can well imagine because when the next car came along, it was so loaded that it, too, failed to open its doors although it had to stop for the red light."

"Although I had tried to flag down a bus, giving the operator plenty of time to see me, the driver did not stop the bus to pick up passengers. He kept on going. As the bus passed me, I noticed that the driver was conversing with another CTA employe and was probably so engrossed in conversation that he just didn't bother to stop."

COMMENT: CTA vehicles are operated to provide service for the convenience and accommodation of its patrons at all times. Whenever an employe fails to stop at a regularly designated service stop to permit passengers to board or alight, he is not only performing a disservice to patrons, but to himself and the CTA as well.



SHOWN here is a comparison of complaints and commendations received by Chicago Transit Authority for May, 1954, and May, 1953.

	May, 1954	May, 1953
Complaints	1,081	1,039
Commendations	75	66



HELEN McMAHON, Agent (with Inquiring Reporter *Kitty Keegan*, right): "A summer salad bowl consisting of summer sausage, bologna, head lettuce, onion, bacon, crumbled blue cheese, bacon drippings, vinegar and Worcestershire sauce, served with salted crackers and lemon iced tea really hits the spot with me on a very hot day."

What is your favorite *hot-weather meal?*

INQUIRING REPORTERS: Kitty Keegan and Ruth Hanson
LOCATION: Westside (Agents)



MARCELLA BYRNES, Agent (with Inquiring Reporter *Ruth Hanson*, right): "My specialty for a hot day is southern fried chicken, corn muffins, salad of crisp greens, paper-thin cucumber slices, ice-box cookies and plenty of iced tea."



NANCY FOGARTY, Assignment Agent: "For me, a favorite hot-weather meal is creamettes and tuna fish salad served on chilled lettuce leaf surrounded by potato chips. Iced tea is always a refreshing beverage, and assorted cookies top it off."



HENRIETTA BROWN, Agent: "In hot weather, I like a delicious shrimp salad with slices of hard-boiled egg, thousand island dressing and coffee."



BUELAH FIELDS, Agent: "I like the same type of food in hot weather as I do in colder weather. A tempting fruit salad, roast beef or steak (rare), a green salad and coffee just suit me fine—anytime."

THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Revisits Birthplace In Erin Isle

ARCHER—Mr. and Mrs. William Bennis left Midway airport June 27 for a six-week vacation in Limerick, Ireland. This is her first trip abroad, but Bill is a native son of the Erin Isle. He has not seen his mother, who is 81 years young, for many years.

With great enthusiasm we welcome back to work one of the bravest and most courageous men we know, Paul Simon. Paul has been sick for over two years, and not once did he lose his faith or falter in his fight to regain his health. We can all take a lesson from Paul and we sincerely wish him God's blessings.

Congratulations to Robert, son of Operator Andy Kohlstedt, for making the honor roll and receiving his diploma from De La Salle on May 30. Bob has taken a position with an insurance company.

Larry Larson is motoring through the New England states and Art Pearson is vacationing in the north woods of Wisconsin. . . . The family of Frank Schmitz recently spent a week at Fish Lake, Indiana, but Frank reports that the lake was not properly named—no fish.

Wedding bells will ring in the near future for two Archer boys. Planning to take the big step soon are Glenn Ross and Walter Gibson. Best man for both affairs will be Charles Crumble.

Speaking of new things, we also found out that Frank Sladek became the proud grandfather of Scott Robert Sladek, who was born on May 24.

If you have any old clothes that aren't getting any use, please let Ed Metke know. He had the misfortune of having his home ransacked by vandals who stole all his clothing.

Did you know we have a softball team at Archer? Well, we have, and from the latest reports, a good one. So let's get out and give the team some support. We would, at this time, like to compliment Walter Zelis for the swell job he is doing as secretary of the CTA softball league.

—JACK WILLIAMS AND
FRANK ROTHMAN



GOLDEN JUBILEE

RETIRED "L" conductor Dennis Stokes, right, and his wife celebrated their golden anniversary on June 8 with a solemn high mass at St. Finnbar's church, where their son, Reverend John B. Stokes, center, is pastor. Following the mass, a dinner attended by 175 friends and relatives was held in the parish hall. The original best man and bridesmaid, Mark Stokes and Mrs. Mary O'Donnell, were present to assist the jubilarians.

The honored couple first met while neighbors in County Cork, Ireland. Both came to Chicago in the early 1900's and were later married in Holy Cross church on the southside. Dennis retired in 1946 from the former Chicago Rapid Transit company after 44 years of service.

Glad It Rained — Had Wonderful Time

BEVERLY—Bus Operator Malcolm Daigre and his wife, Lucille, while on vacation toured Kentucky, Alabama, Florida, the Gulf of Mexico and ended up in Biloxi, Mississippi, where Malcolm and his brother did some crab fishing.

Their trip brought up the question, "What good is rain?" The Daigres feel that it may have saved their lives. When at Vicksburg, Mississippi, the rain was coming down so hard it forced them to remain there overnight. The next morning they learned of the terrible tornado that had wrecked homes and blown autos off the road in the vicinity of their routing.

June, they say, is the month for marriages. Art Barman and his wife agree with that whole heartedly. They celebrated their 34th anniversary on June 2.

Proud parents around here these days are Bus Operator John Horton and his wife, Josephine. Their son, Roy, a senior at St. Leo high school, was the recipient of a large trophy awarded for scholastic and athletic achievement. Roy placed third in a recent Catholic high school track meet at which the one-mile run was recorded at 4:38.4 minutes. Inasmuch as the four-minute mile was the current talk of the sports world, this served to bolster the Horton's pride in their son's achievement.

We have several news notes about our pensioners this month. Joe Vandergriff is spending three months in Holland, the country where he was born. . . . John "Horseshoe" Smith stopped in town recently from St. Petersburg, Florida, where he has been living since taking his pension. He was up here visiting his children. . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Cashman are still in Chicago and he is looking as good

as ever. . . . John Weber, also, is still looking as well as when he was working on Stony Island avenue. . . . Anthony Walsh is also feeling fit as a fiddle and stops in to visit occasionally.

We're always happy to hear from our pensioners.

—DANTE F. BRUNOD

Hospital List Grows; Get Well Fast, Folks

CLAIM AND LAW—We wish a speedy recovery to Adelyn Trapper and Don Curtin, who recently underwent surgery, and to Bill Pittman, who was confined to the hospital; also to the wives of Rocco Zazzara and Joseph Tobin, and to Howard Clark's mother, all of whom recently were in the hospital.

Our sincere sympathy to William Bliss, husband, and to the family of Madeline Bliss, who passed away after a long illness.

Congratulations to Nick Dalitto and his wife on the recent birth of Richard, and to William and Ethel Peterson on the recent birth of a daughter.

Good luck to Henry Mauer in his new home in Franklin Park. . . . Good luck to Ronnie Sergott, who recently joined the Air Force.

We hope that by the time this is printed that Carl Midland's son will have completely recovered from his accident.

Henry Praiter recently returned from an extensive motor trip covering New Orleans, Biloxi, and Pensacola. . . . Speaking of Florida, Bernadette Bonk of the Law Department enjoyed the sunshine at Miami Beach on her vacation.

The Chicago Bowling association gave a testimonial dinner for Jule Lellinger at the La Salle hotel on June 19. It was attended by officers and members of the association, local executive directors and other members of the American Bowling Congress and their wives. The honored guest was presented with some very handsome luggage, and Mrs. Lellinger received two dozen American Beauty roses.

—G & T

EASY DOES IT



OUT FOR a stroll along the lake shore at Spooner, Wisconsin, is this quartet from Ravenswood station. Left to right, they are, *Charles Young, William Zematis, Cliff Hutton and George Wesley.*

Reported by *Al Beck*

Roves Afar For Vacation Fun

ELECTRICAL—*Florian Czanstkowski*, operator, traveled some 4,700 miles on his vacation, passing through some ten states and traveling as far as New Mexico and Texas.

Operator *Albert Fennema* is the proud daddy of a bouncing baby boy, *Warren Lee*. . . . Operator *Howard Lodding* was presented with a baby girl, *Karen Ann*. This is the second girl for the Loddings.

George Nelson vacationed in the twin cities, St. Paul and Minneapolis, and reports that it was hotter there than in Chicago.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

Their Theme Is "The Anniversary Song"

GENERAL OFFICE—(*Electrical*) Happy anniversary is extended to *Harry Wilson*, who, on June 16, entered his 30th year of service with the CTA and predecessor companies, and to *Alfred G. Morf*, who celebrated a quarter of a century of service.

Sympathy is extended to the family of *Jim Broderick*, Chicago avenue third rail foreman, who passed away recently.

Virginia Neubaum Ullis bids us adieu to become a full-fledged housewife.

William C. Janssen has returned to work following a 12,000-mile plane and train trip which required five and one-half weeks to com-

plete. After landing in London, his trip took him to France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and Monaco, where his gambling was limited to playing the equivalent of a ten-cent coin in a slot machine. He then went on to Spain, Lisbon, and finally back home.

John and LaVergne Chwistek spent their vacation baiting hooks at Hayward, Wisconsin. . . . *Walter Olson* and his wife recently returned from a motor trip to New Orleans. . . . *Marge Kinsey* took part in celebrating Illinois day at Mooseheart, Illinois. She traveled on a chartered bus and enjoyed luncheon on the spacious grounds. A trip through the many beautiful buildings followed.

(*Insurance*) *Margaret Horan* has become an employee of the pension section. She is the daughter of *Patrick*, who has been associated with West Shops for a quarter of a century, and is the sister of *Theresa* and *Joseph*, both former employees of West Shops. We also introduce *Marlene Neher*, a recent graduate of Mercy high, who is following in the footsteps of her brother, *Don*, who has already established quite a few years of seniority in the Accounting Department.

Lake Delavan was alive with laughter and merriment when eleven of the department's loveliest took residence at the Peek Inn motel on a recent week-end. They were chaperoned by *Ralph* and *Nancy Meerman*.

(*Transportation*) *Joe and Florence Blaa* traveled via train to Clearwater, Florida, where they visited with several former CTA employees now on pension.

Clarence Williams, who won a trip to Mexico by placing second in a quiz sponsored by the travel bureau in the Mart, purchased transportation for his wife and spent eight days seeing the sights of Mexico.

Russell Elderkin, on vacation, spent most of his time with his favorite racket—tennis. . . . *Lou and Floss Bohlin* recently returned from a trip to the west coast and Tucson, Arizona. While in the latter city, they visited with *Ernie and Glee Hoskins*.

—JULIE PRINDERVILLE

Double Feature Down In Indiana

GENERAL OFFICE—(*Employment*) *Gerry Griffin* returned from her vacation spent down in Greencastle, Indiana, where her fiance was graduated from De Pauw university and received his commission in the Air Force.

Ray Ruzich spent his vacation time redecorating his new home. We understand that Ray is a professional when it comes to interior design.

(*Training*) *Stuart Maginnis* and his wife, *Arla*, report the birth of a new baby daughter at West Suburban hospital on June 4. She was given the pretty name of *Lynn Ellen*. *Mark Maginnis*, two years old, is the baby's proud big brother.

(*Job Classification*) *Irene Glasling* vacationed in Florida, visiting the Cypress Gardens, Silver Springs and Miami Beach.

Jim Carney's daughter, *Mari-terese Kemmerer*, is a new mommie. A baby girl was born June 22 at St. Francis hospital, Evanston.

(*Accident Prevention*) Congratulations were extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Charles Malcom Smith* when they celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 21.

Friends and co-workers were sorry to learn of the death of *Frank Schaaf* on June 13 after a long illness. Frank, who retired from CTA in 1950 after 32 years of service, worked out of North Avenue station as a trainman and later in the Accident Prevention and Training Department as a visual aid operator. He will long be remembered for his good humor and cheery disposition. Sympathy is extended to his wife, *Ina*, and family.

(*Executive*) General office co-workers surprised *Audrey Johnson* and *Mary Howlett* with wedding gifts of a rotisserie and luggage, respectively, at a dinner held June 24 at the Black Orchid. Mary moved to Pennsylvania, where she will reside permanently in a new home which is now under construction.

—MARY E. CLARKE

West Coast Visitors Praise Golden State

KEDZIE—*Fred Schultz* and his family drove to Oakland, California, and then visited neighboring cities and towns such as San Francisco, San Jose and Palo Alto. Fred reports that that is the ideal place for a vacation.

Kevin B. Herbert, son of Superintendent *Bill Herbert*, received his degree as doctor of philosophy in philology from Harvard university during the week of June 14.

The modernization program at Kedzie is well under way. With the removal of tracks, laying of black-top, installation of fuel tanks and a modern, automatic wash house, we will soon have one of the most modern bus garages.

We have received word that former motorman *Lester Ludlam*, retired, was married recently, bought a new car and motored to California for his honeymoon.

—C. P. STARR

PUZZLED PUP



NOT TOO sure that he likes posing for a picture is *Colonel Blackout*, coal-black cocker spaniel pet of *August Bartelheim*, 77th. The colonel, so named because he's from south of the Mason-Dixon line, has won many blue ribbons at dog shows. The white beard he is sporting is powder which his owner applied for this picture.

Reported by *Joe Smith*

This Tells Which Tony Has A Tony

LAWDALE — Shop Clerk Tony Blazeovich became eligible for a Father's Day present on June 9 when his first child, Tony, Jr., was born.

It was a curious coincidence that two of our lads decided to test the blades of their power saws while the saws were working. Willie McMahon and Harry Ruth have returned to work now with sore thumbs, but no serious damage.

We are sorry to announce the untimely passing of Bus Operator Howie Fertig, the popular and valued assistant to Joe Nolan in handling the business of the credit union.

Ray Doll has taken over the Lawndale column for the Union Leader, so let's get behind him.

—BILL FEILER

SEARS RETIRES



CLIMAXING nearly 45 years of service, Perry W. Sears, assistant to the treasurer, retired effective June 1.

Sears began his transit employment with the old North Side City Railways company as a clerk in the Purchasing department on October 23, 1909.

Upon his leaving, Sears was presented with a cash gift on behalf of Treasury Department and other employee friends. His hobby is hunting, and Sears indicated his retirement gift would be invested in a new gun. He and his wife, Fern, expect to make Mountain Home, Arkansas, their residence in retirement.

Here's Your Chance To Whoop And Holler

LIMITS—There is nothing that can take the place of fun at the ball game, so let's keep our boys playing to win now that the season is in full swing by going to the games and pulling for the team.

The following men are playing at Lawrence and Long avenue: Tom Steglec, Bob Geiser, Walter Dense, Pete Colucci, Bill Considine, Chuck Payton and Carmen Iocullo. Eight teams play morning games and seven play evening contests so everyone who desires to can see our boys in action.

Latest reports on Bill Keane are that things are looking up for him. Although a long way from complete recovery, Bill is home now, so drop in and see him or send a card.

Alertness of mind, foresight and little thought for himself made Operator J. Lally a hero in our eyes. One day recently, he spotted a runaway streetcar coming out of the yards and heading for the busy intersection of Clark street with no one at the controls. Lally boarded the car and brought it to a safe stop, saving untold damage. Supervisor Ed Walski, who was on duty nearby, gets an assist for pulling the trolley off the wire as the rear end of the car passed him.

—C. F. GREER

Doing What Comes Naturally

LOOP—Marie Lehmann, while vacationing in Washington, D. C., with her daughter, Theo, spent her time baby sitting with her new grandson, Ernest.

Mary Lyons traveled around Florida, but spent most of her time in Panama City. While there, Mary was visited by her nephew who is stationed in an army camp located just over the state line in Alabama.

Glad to see Frank Gallagher back to work. His trim figure (he's pounds lighter) comes not from dieting, but as a result of a serious attack of pneumonia.

John Cozzers is trying out all the highways around Chicago.

Our condolence to the family of Dorothy Fitzpatrick, who passed away June 18. Dorothy had been an employee since September, 1943.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

PRENUPTIAL PRESENTATION



TWO BRIDES-TO-BE in the Public Information Department received gifts from their fellow workers on June 21 as they made plans for their approaching nuptials. Seated before the electric coffee makers which each received are Mary Howlett (left), secretary to the director of public information, and Lillian Rompala, stenographer. With them are other members of the department staff (left to right), Mary P. McDonnell, Patricia Feller, Marie McClaughry and Amy Sirotny.

Met. Softballer's Begin With A Bang

MET. INSPECTION TERMINALS—We are happy to report that our softball team started off with a bang by defeating Lawrence station 18 to 8 in the opening game, twice coming from behind in order to win. There were no individual stars; the whole team was hitting and fielding like champs. Every one of the boys is giving it the "old college try," so how about coming out and giving them some moral support.

We extend another thank you to Mr. Pappas, proprietor of the Terminal restaurant, for sponsoring our softball team. The boys look resplendent in their new maroon and gold uniforms.

We are sorry to report the death of Andrew Bratko, repairman at Logan, who passed away while on vacation in Alaska. He contracted a cold while fishing and, although he was moved to a hospital, it later developed into pneumonia. He was visiting his daughter, whom he had not seen in some time. Andrew had been an employee since 1919. To Mrs. Bratko and the family, we offer our sincere sympathy.

Your reporter was recently transferred to E. R. Hendrickson's office

at Wilson avenue. For the time being, however, he will continue to report the Met. Inspection Terminal's news, ably assisted by Nick Suero, Logan; Herman Izzo, Douglas, and Ralph Danielson, Laramie.

A huge thank you to the boys at Logan for their remembrance when I was transferred. Words could never express my appreciation.

—JOE FEINENDEGEN

Maybe He Should Hire A Gardener

NORTH AVENUE — "Home Sweet Home" is more than just a tune to the Frank Salandra family, who recently moved into their new home located northwest of Chicago, in the suburb of Wooddale. Mrs. Salandra has all sorts of plans for Frank. Blistered hands and aching backs will be standard complaints while planting and landscaping goes on.

TV and motion picture actress Tomi Thurston, daughter of William Hornkohl, just finished a run at the Salt Creek summer theater in Hinsdale, where she played opposite Charles Coburn.

Eddie Winters was a proud dad when his son, Eddie, Jr., returned

DIES SUDDENLY



EDWARD ANDRLIK, 47, assistant general accountant, died unexpectedly on June 25 as the result of a heart attack. He had been a transit employee for 30 years.

Starting as a junior clerk in the Auditing department of the former Chicago Rapid Transit company on June 23, 1924, Andrlik rose in successive capacities. He became chief clerk in November of 1943, was named assistant auditor in April of 1947, and was appointed to the position he held at the time of his death on January 1, 1948.

Interment was at Mount Hope cemetery. Surviving are his mother, *Bessie*; two brothers, *William* and *Jerry*, and two sisters, *Helen* and *Blanche*.

from his duties with the Armed Forces. Young Eddie is also a member of the CTA family and works out at Blue Island.

Congratulations to *Operator James "Red" Corbett* on his 31st wedding anniversary, which was celebrated July 28.

Operator Sam Tamburino left for Butternut, Wisconsin, to see how the fish were biting and to test some new fishing equipment.

After *Operator Jeff Mulvey* saw his daughter graduate, he packed his bags and left for a shady rest resort where, he says, the fishing is always good.

Science will never find a substitute for money. Perhaps you are a little empty after returning from your vacation. If you need cash, you'll find our credit union ready to serve you. All transactions are confidential. If you must borrow, see your credit union first.

—JOE HIEBEL

Bowlers Celebrate Successful Season

NORTH PARK — The North Side P.M. Bowling League Banquet was held at Eagle's hall, 3857 N. Western avenue, on May 22. All locations were represented, and trophies were presented by *T. F. Moore* and *D. M. Flynn* of the Transportation Department. Dancing followed the dinner and a good time was had by all. It would have been difficult to determine a winner if one were judging a beauty contest among the wives and sweethearts of the bowlers. The women were dressed in their finest, and all looked very pretty. They made the evening complete with their fine dancing and singing.

Sympathy is extended to the family of *Owen Brogan*, formerly of Lawrence, who recently passed away. Owen had many friends and was admired by all. Sympathy also to *Operator Frank Lifka* in the recent loss of his lovely wife, who passed away on June 17.

Dave Rose reports that on his vacation in New York he saw the Statue of Liberty, visited Coney Island and, best of all, went to the ball game to watch the Yankees play.

The stork greeted *Edward Marchinski* and his wife with a baby son, *Michael Edward*, on May 24. . . . He also made a visit to *Roy Painter* and his wife, *Millicent*, who were presented with a baby boy who has been named *John*, after his grandfather. Roy has four other children, two boys and two girls.

George Zelinko and his wife celebrated their 25th anniversary on June 5. Their married daughter and son-in-law, *Mr. and Mrs. R. Dedrick*, and son, *George*, went along with mother and dad to the opera house in the afternoon. After the opera they had dinner in the Empire Room at the Palmer House. All had a pleasant and enjoyable day.

Charles Andrews is very pleased and happy about the gift he received from his wife, a portable hammock, on his 24th wedding anniversary. He and his wife, *Leona*, celebrated on June 14 by having a chicken dinner, with all the trimmings, at Potter's House.

Wedding bells rang for *John Huart* and *Marjorie Peters*, who were married on June 26. They spent their honeymoon in the Blue Ridge country of Kentucky. *Marjorie* is the daughter of *John Peters*, motorman at Devon.

Operator Pat Doherty is looking forward to August 22, as he is planning a visit to North Ireland to see his brother and five sisters.

All the boys are happy to see *Frank Keller* back at work after being on the sick list for several weeks with an infected finger.

While visiting at North Avenue on a very hot and humid day, we noted the happy smiles on the faces of *Chief Clerk Bob Healy*; *Receivers Art Olson* and *Art Eckert*, and *Clerks Joe Dillon* and *Bob Stack*. Joe asked if it could really be as hot as everyone said, and at the same time register a cool 72 on the office thermometer.

—JACK MOREAU

Reporter Leaves For New Job As Housewife

PURCHASING AND STORES—Lots of luck and happiness to *Catherine O'Malley*, who resigned on March 13, to take up household duties as a full-time job. Cathy's place was taken by *Mildred Bonomo*, who is one of our receptionists in Purchasing. Cathy was formerly Transit News reporter for this department.

The early vacationists in Purchasing are *Natalie Kaczowski*, who flew to Washington, D.C., and while there saw many historical places. One of the most interesting tours was through the F.B.I. building. . . . *Phyllis Delaquila* motored through the Smokie Mountains, Tennessee, Georgia, and basked in the sun at Miami Beach, Florida.

We wish a speedy recovery for *Stanley Skonieczny*, Purchasing, who is recuperating at home after a recent illness.

In the Stores general office, vacations have started, with *Theresa Barry*, clerk, taking a one week vacation for her son's graduation from eighth grade. . . . *Gudrun Hanssen*, typist, enjoyed sightseeing right here in Chicago, and *Fred Loitz*, order clerk, started his vacation by decorating their children's room from stem to stern.

John Mulligan and *Richard Grannan*, laborers at Grand and Leavitt, vacationed by staying in Chicago. Dick followed all the baseball games since that is his favorite pastime.

We are happy to see *Leonard Skrine*, stock clerk at West Shops, back on the job. Leonard is glad to be back, too.

We hope to see *Art Thineman* and *Fred Yost*, stock clerks at West Shops, back with us soon.

They are both convalescing after their illness.

We also wish a speedy recovery to *Roy Croon*, laborer at West Shops, who has been hospitalized due to an accident involving his power lawnmower.

Steven Dorich, stock clerk at West Shops, and wife, *Theresa*, are the proud parents of a little girl, *Kathleen Ann*, born on June 9.

Art Harris, stock clerk at Montrose, and wife enjoyed a visit with their son, who is studying to be a priest, and who vacationed with them.

The welcome mat is out to *Kenneth Klein*, new file clerk in Purchasing.

Our deepest sympathy to *Dorothy Doljanin*, typist at Grand and Leavitt storeroom, who suffered the loss of her mother on June 20, and also to *Al Mix*, assistant divisional storekeeper at West Shops, who lost his brother, *Charles*, on June 17.

—JEAN O'NEILL

Ravenswood Reports On Vacation Varieties

RAVENSWOOD—Well, vacation time has arrived again and we are happy to report on the activities of some of our folks.

Don Wilson and his wife visited St. Johns, Canada. . . . *Mechanic Larry Wolaver* went up to Wisconsin. . . . *Carl Kallgren* took a cottage in Minnesota and also visited Canada.

Allen Francisco and his wife spent two weeks in Florida and the

TRIPLETS



PICTURED immediately after they made their first confirmation at St. Theodore's church are the nine-year old Marron triplets (left to right) *Robert*, *Jean* and *Richard*. Their father is *James Marron*, south bus overhaul.

Reported by *Evelyn Clark*

Carolina Smokies. . . *Frank Weishaar* went fishing in Wisconsin. . . *John Kane* and family journeyed to their Butternut Lake spot in Northern Wisconsin where *Mrs. Kane* and the children will stay until Labor day.

Walter Nordin and his wife plan to spend three weeks at Ashland, Wisconsin. . . *Pat Cronin* is staying right here in Chicago, where he can see a few ball games. . . *Harry Wilde*, mechanic, spent his holiday catching up on some back chores around his Wheaton home.

Our board member, *Robert Lamping*, has returned to work after undergoing surgery in June.

Tom Thygesen and his son, *Tom, Jr.*, have a 16-foot sailboat and expect to enjoy many hours cruising Lake Michigan this summer.

We failed to mention in the May issue that *Operator Allen Francisco* had an anniversary of 30 years service on April 7.

Sympathy is extended to *L. Smoot*, whose sister passed away recently at her Missouri home.

Operator Harry Frey is back from a 6,200-mile vacation drive to California with his family.

All the operators that were present serenaded *Emma Lewandowski*, the restaurant manager, with a "Happy Birthday" chorus on her day. A surprise long-distance telephone call from her daughter living on the west coast started the celebration off right.

Operators *Charlie Young*, *Bill Zematis*, *Cliff Hutton* and *George Wesley* spent a pleasant week-end fishing at Spooner, Wisconsin, recently.

Operator Emil Schreiber celebrated his change in domicile by holding an "open house." Many of his fellow employees and their wives were present for the occasion. . . *Operator Jack Richardson* welcomes the coming of summer so he can take the top down on his convertible. . . *Operator Johnny Bork* is "expecting."

Operator Joe Oddo installed a TV set in the restaurant for the boys' pleasure. Please, no slugs in the 25-cent-per-hour slot, men!

—GEORGE D. CLARK AND
AL BECK

Named Officer Of CTA Legion Post

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC — Congratulations to *Joe Karel* who was recently elected to the vice commander's job in CTA Post 1216, American Legion.

TRANSIT VETERAN RETIRES



A VETERAN of nearly 50 years of transit service, *August "Augie" F. Nimtz* (front, right), chief clerk at Skokie Shops, was honored by his co-workers on June 9, preceding his retirement on July 1. Presentation of a 17-inch television set was made by *Lester H. Reichard* (front, left), superintendent of rapid transit shops, on behalf of Augie's many friends. Augie started to work with the former Chicago Rapid Transit company as a wireman in 1905, and has been serving as a chief clerk since 1920.

Reported by *David Gurwich*

Bob Boal and his wife were guests of 50 of his friends and fellow employees who wished him success in his new endeavor.

Bill Worcester and his wife announced the arrival of their second son, *Robert Leonard*, on May 29.

Frank Neuman hopes, and we join with him, that he will be as good as new after his recent confinement in the hospital with a heart condition.

Dave Jacobs says he is feeling "100 per cent" since he co-operated with a few surgeons recently.

We regret to report the sudden death of *Thomas B. Jamieson* on May 31. After military service in World War I, Tom took up a transportation career in 1923. In 1945 he joined this department as a traffic checker. He was laid to rest with a military funeral.

The welcome mat is again displayed, this time for *Harold Andrews*, who joined us recently.

Walter Thomas, who has been a faithful student of business administration at Northwestern university evening school for several years, was graduated recently.

Ten years ago we reported that *Corporal Bernie Kincanon* took time to exchange wedding vows with his beloved *Mary*. Bernie and

Mary are now the proud parents of a nice family of two boys and one girl.

—L. C. DUTTON

Storkline Busy At Skokie Shops

SKOKIE—The stork has been a busy bird around Skokie Shops in recent weeks. He visited no less than four families, bringing twins to one of them.

The happy parents of the two-some are *James* and *Elizabeth Jones*, to whom were born twin daughters on May 30. The girls have been named *Elizabeth Mary* and *Ellen Bernice*.

On May 31, *Erwin* and *Catherine Weichmann* became the parents of a son, *Robert Erwin*.

May 29 saw the arrival in the family circle of *Electrician* and *Mrs. Frank Capadona* of a new son, *Peter Paul*.

The fourth newcomer is *William Joseph Holbay*, who arrived on June 20. He is the son of *Aramature Winder John* and *Vilma Holbay*.

We want to extend a welcome to the following men who have recently transferred to Skokie Shops: *Carpenters I. F. DiPiero, Louis Pracko, James Egan, E. J.*

Barrett, G. A. Olson, C. J. Valentino, J. C. McGrail, D. A. Denoia, John Donohue and *J. J. Traynor*, all from South Shops, and *Leo Dreyer, Robert Mueller* and *Steve Kisly*, from Wilson terminal.

Our deepest sympathy to *Machinist Victor Ianello*, whose wife passed away recently after a long illness.

Driving home from work one day last month, *Machinist Joe Sedivy* followed fire engines that led him to the street where he lived and he discovered his own house was on fire.

Received a card from *Specialist Wally Moench* from Toronto, Canada, where he spent the Memorial day week-end visiting the streetcar shops of Toronto.

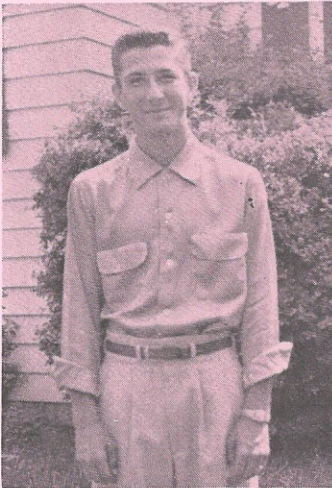
We wish a speedy recovery to *Thomas Browne*, electrical worker, who recently hurt his foot.

—DAVID GURWICH

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE—280 acre farm located in Adams county, Wisconsin. Includes 8-room house, modern facilities and complete machinery. Near schools, churches and shopping. Excellent physical condition. Sacrifice. Phone *Herman Smith*, KEystone 9-2893.

PROMISING ATHLETE



A PROMISING contender to fame in the fight world is **Leo, Jr.**, son of **Leo J. Bien**, 61st street rapid transit office. Young Leo's first year at the University of Illinois, where he is majoring in physical education, proved an eventful one.

He began by winning the 137-pound intramural wrestling title. Later he entered the inter-class wrestling tournament and, by error, was placed in the 147-pound division. He won that title on May 20. Oddly, on the same day, Leo was scheduled to box in a benefit exhibition at St. John's church. He fought twice that evening, winning both bouts by TKO's in the first round, and received the 135-pound trophy for his efforts. In addition, at the conclusion of the tournament, Leo was awarded the "most promising boxer" trophy.

Being Up In The Air Can Be Fun

SOUTH SHOPS—On the Pan-American Airways, flying direct from Chicago to Stockholm, Sweden, with stopovers in Newfoundland, Scotland and Germany, **Kalix Palmberg**, woodmill, realized a dream of visiting his homeland. Kalix has a daughter, one brother and two sisters in Stockholm.

A. C. Lindquist, office, and his wife, **Mercedes**, visited some friends in Champaign-Urbana recently while on vacation. They also donated two days of their vacation to the poppy drive for our vets,

delivering the poppies to various locations where they were to be sold.

The South Bus Overhaul's third annual golf tournament was held at Silver Lakes country club on May 22. The first place trophy was won by **Jack Powell** of Store-room 56. A wonderful time was had by all. The third annual fall golf outing will be held in September. All those wishing to participate may contact **Frank May** or **Joe Kehoe** of bus overhaul.

Wedding bells rang out for **James Walter**, bus overhaul, and **Leonora Chiarelli** on June 26. James and his lovely bride were married at 10 o'clock mass in St. Frances De Paula church. The breakfast was held in the bride's home and a reception at St. Augustine K. C. hall was held in the evening.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Joe Kehoe**, south bus overhaul and **John Kehoe**, west bus overhaul, on the deaths of their mother and father, who passed away just one week apart. A speedy recovery is our wish for **Joe Kehoe**, who recently underwent surgery in Little Company of Mary hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mauragas, bus body, became the proud parents of **Pamela Jo** on April 26. . . . Also wearing a big smile is **John Spatz**, bus overhaul, who became the father of **Rita Ann** on May 25.

Jim Hesler, upholstery, is home recuperating after being in South-town hospital for surgery.

When **Ed Friedman** mentioned that he needed blood donors for his wife, who was seriously ill in Michael Reese hospital, the response was great. The blood donors were **George Edwards**, **Elmer Laxstrom**, **William Donnelly**, **Tom McPartland** and **Roy Behan**, all of South Shops. We are glad to report that Ed's wife is home now and on the way to recovery.

Oops! Last month in this column we made a double mistake—and we (the editor and I) apologize to **Car Repair Foreman Ted Wahlberg**. Ted's title and last name were both misrepresented.

Another early vacationer was **Bill Hanna**, car wiring. He and his wife spent two weeks in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Deepest sympathy is extended to **Owen** and **John Clark**, powerhouse, and their families in the loss of their mother, who passed away on May 18.

—EVELYN CLARK

Pensioners Revisit Old Familiar Scenes

SOUTHSIDE — With the vacation season and summer upon us, there have been a number of familiar friends whom we have not seen for some time dropping in at the 61st street office. We refer to the pensioners, who, since retiring, have moved to warmer climates.

Henry Tassaert, a former conductor, dropped in for his riding pass and told of the exciting winter he spent in Tampa, St. Augustine, St. Petersburg and other Florida cities.

Al Griebel, one of our pensioned motormen, said that the west was the ideal spot for retirement. Al has a small plot of ground near Palo Alto on which he grows apricot, orange and walnut trees. His address is 21910 Alcazar avenue, Monta Vista, California. Why not drop him a line or stop to see him if you are out that way.

It was a pleasant surprise to see **Lester Hickey** back at his desk and looking pretty good for himself. An expression of thanks is hereby conveyed for him for those encouraging get-well cards he received. They are always appreciated by one who is hospitalized.

Our station superintendent, **Ralph Wenstrom**, took an early vacation which was spent in the vicinity of Green Bay, Wisconsin. A trip to the Smokie Mountains in their automobile also was made by Mr. and Mrs. Wenstrom.

Towerman George Ruehl was seen carrying around two boxes of cigars and, when questioned, said it was for a special occasion. It appears that George became a double grandpa when his daughter and daughter-in-law announced the arrival of baby boys.

John Moran, receiver, was a very proud dad when he received word that **John, Jr.**, was promoted to petty officer in the Navy.

Ed Hennessy and his wife spent a very delightful vacation visiting the land of shamrocks. The crossing was made on the ocean liner **Mauretania**, which, according to Ed, is a vacation in itself.

Before we close, a last minute bulletin: **Joe Nonkovich**, who was acting superintendent at Loomis, recently announced that he is a grandfather again.

—LEO J. BIEN

How Does He Like The Change In Weather?

WAY AND STRUCTURES—We had the pleasure of welcoming back **Corporal William Cecich**, chauffeur in the utility division, who completed his tour in the Army. He was in the artillery division at Ladd Field, Fairbanks, Alaska. During his time in service he became a member of the 50-degrees-below-zero club. Bill tells us that hunting, fishing and baseball were the most enjoyed recreational activities for the boys in that area while off duty.

Mary Quinn, stenographer in the surface track division, resigned recently, and in her place we welcome **Arlene Dormal**, who started June 14. We all hope she will like her new surroundings.

Jean Chapman was one of the lucky girls who received a box of chocolates on secretary's day in May.

The CTA Girls Bowling league finished their schedule in May and wound up with a celebration dinner which all the girls attended. Top honors were extended to **Elaine Stepke**, stenographer in the rapid transit division, who won in the finals and mixed doubles. Elaine and her husband took their vacation at the end of June and spent their leisure time at one of the lakes in Wisconsin.

June 12 was the wedding day of **Edel Kreutzer**, typist in the building division, and **Army Sgt. Peter G. Lee**. Edel, who is the daughter of **Arvin Kreutzer**, Schedule department, resigned June 9 and is now living at an Army base in South

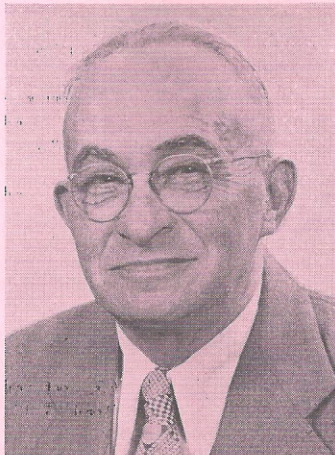
PRIZE CATCH



DISPLAYING his prize catch of 210 crappies made in one evening recently is **Emil H. Kloepper**, operator, North Avenue. He and his son-in-law were fishing at Lake Marie in nearby Wauconda.

Reported by **Joe Hiebel**

RETIRED



FRED J. SHIPPY, after completing nearly 48 years of service, began his retirement on July 1. A Devon station conductor, Fred began his service in October of 1906.

Carolina, where her husband is stationed. Upon his discharge, the couple intend to return to Chicago.

J. L. Ruzich, while attending funeral services held for *John Miller*, general foreman in the track division who passed away recently, met *N. R. Alexander*, retired CTA engineer, whom, he says, looks wonderful and quite happy.

Jim Murray spent his vacation at home entertaining friends from Arizona. He also had the pleasure of seeing his son, *John*, also a CTA employee, graduate with the degree of jurist doctor from Loyola university. Father's day for Jim was a happy one and we want to wish him and his son success and good luck.

—VIOLET CARNES

Oscar Deserves Oscar For This

WEST SHOPS—We now have a hero at the West Shops. On May 22, *Machinist Oscar Nolte* was fishing in East Loon Lake when he saw an elderly lady floundering in the water. Quickly rowing to her aid, Oscar was able to pull her into his boat, probably saving her life.

On May 18, *Machinist Joe Keny*, bus overhaul, laid out the welcome mat for that well-known, long-legged bird. The stork delivered a fine big boy who was named *Robert*.

If *Casey Peskor*, paint shop, seems slightly puffed lately, there's a

reason. On May 31, around the hour of midnight, Casey was awakened by a gentle tapping on his front door. When Casey opened the door, there stood Sir Stork with a baby girl. The young lady has been named *Joanel*. This is the *Peskors* first.

John Danloe, paint shop foreman, became a grandfather for the first time. The grandson, *Stephen Michael Danloe*, arrived on May 31. The baby's father is John's son, *Walter*, who is also a CTA employee, but just now is serving with the Air Force in Korea.

John Loris, tailor in the sign and curtain department, also became a grandfather for the first time. The granddaughter arrived on May 14 and was named *Susan Therese Loris*.

Horace "Frenchy" Regnier spent his vacation finishing the interior of his new house. Frenchy believes in doing it yourself, then you know it's done right.

By the time this issue is out, your scribe and wife will be in their new home in Portage Park. The home probably will be named "Trailzend," although "Mort Gage Manor" probably would be more appropriate.

Delayed news: On May 1, *Dan Rubik*, armature room, retired after 30 years of service. Congratulations and best wishes for a long and enjoyable retired life.

At this time, *Dennis O'Leary*, bus overhaul laborer, is having a grand time visiting friends and relatives in Ireland.

—TED SHUMON

Pensioners Hold "Get Together" In Florida

WESTSIDE — Retired dispatcher "*Hank*" *Gauer* and his wife paid a visit to retired conductor *E. H. Johnson* at his home in St. Petersburg, Florida. Johnson sends his best wishes to everybody.

Conductors Oliver Scarsi and *Henry Conrad* left the active list to spend their time in retirement.

At this writing, *S. Rhbarczyk*, motorman at Logan Square, is confined in the hospital. . . . *Motorman Lawrence Koster* and *Conductor B. J. Lewis* are still on the sick list. Others on the sick list are *Joe Lewen*, *Tom McGourty*, *Ernie Howard*, "*Happy*" *Keane* and *John Pietrowski*. A speedy recovery is wished for them all!

Our deepest sympathy to the families of *Conductor George E.*

McKenny, who passed away on May 25, and retired motorman *Guy E. Ormsby*, who passed away on May 13.

Our heartiest congratulations to the families of the new born. On May 29, *Archie, Jr.*, was born to *Motorman Bragg* and his wife. Bragg's other son, *George*, is now eight years old. . . . *John Clark* was made very happy upon the arrival of a son, *Jeffery C.*, on June 15. . . . *Conductor Cooley* has a new daughter, *Jasmine Calvina*, born on May 6.

We are very sorry to hear of the tragedy which struck *Towerman E. Lawshe*. His son, *John Wesley*, was killed in an automobile accident on June 18 in Riverside. His daughter also was seriously injured.

—WALTER J. REICH

Competition Coming For Irish Colleens

WESTSIDE (Agents)—The colleens in Ireland are going to have some real competition when our pretty little *Student Agent Jean Fahey* and *Agents Mary Flanigan* and sister *Margaret White* arrive there in the near future.

Agent John Filapek and family traveled by car through Indiana and Michigan recently. . . . Other agents vacationing are *Ann Walsh*, *Josephine Eilert*, *Edna Davies*,

Marian Fennings, *William Wright*, *Robert Kelly*, *Henry Sigbornson*, and *James Morrow*.

Two of our pensioners are in the hospital with broken hips and surely would love to hear from their old friends. *Mary McGuire*, former assignment agent, is in St. Anne's hospital, and former agent *Mary Burke* is in Loretta hospital.

We welcome back from the sick list *Agents Eva Devitt*, *Leone Nelson*, *Buelah Fields*, *Ann Welsh* and *Dorothy Rainow*. . . . Agents still on the sick list are *Laura Sullivan* and *Catherine Rice*. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to *Agent Elmer Hane*, whose mother passed away at the age of 87 years, and to *Student Agent Edward Janis* in the loss of his father.

The welcome mat is out for all of our new agents.

—KITTY KEEGAN AND RUTH HANSON

Looks Like Road Maps Are Favorite Reading

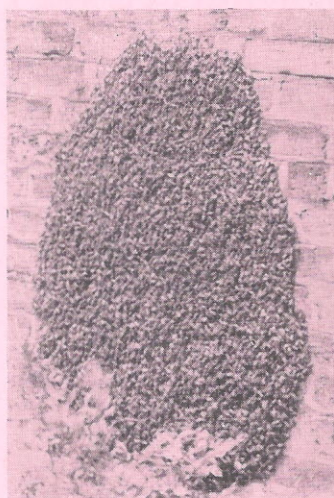
WILSON SHOPS — *Joseph Fano*, truckman, enjoyed his vacation with his family in Arizona. . . . *F. Rakstis* and his wife motored to Wisconsin for their vacation. . . . *Fred Plattner*, machinist foreman, drove to Indianapolis, Indiana, to

PENSIONER



CALIFORNIA-BOUND to spend his days in retirement is *Francis Regnier* (second from left), craneman, Wilson Shops, who joined the ranks of pensioners June 1. He had been a shop employee since March, 1923. Here he is receiving a billfold and cash gift from *Fred Plattner* (left), foreman, as *Anthony Antonucci*, general foreman, and *Everett E. England* (right), CTA TRANSIT NEWS reporter, wait to extend best wishes.

BUZZING AROUND



DEVON STATION had some visitors recently—some 15,000 of them in fact. A swarm of bees moved in, attached themselves to a brick wall and stayed for four days. Where they came from or where they went from there, no one knows. Most CTA folks out there gave them a wide berth, but *Clerk Arthur Hoffman* was brave enough to get up close enough to take this picture.

watch the trial runs for the Memorial day 500-mile race only to discover that he could not get into the park due to the great crowd. . . . *Warren Yenni*, repairman, motored to Cleveland, Ohio, to visit his brother who recently purchased a new farm there.

Joseph Neboska, machinist, had a new home built, and spent all of his vacation around the house. There is always work around a home, but it is fun.

Ernest Jones has transferred to Laramie terminal. We miss seeing him at Wilson. . . . *William Rocco* and *William Ford*, formerly foremen at Wilson Shop, stopped in to say hello. Rocco is at Logan Shop. Of course, we see Ford more often as he is at Kimball Shop. . . . *Steve Kisly*, machinist, transferred to Skokie Shops and is greatly missed.

Herman Geisler spent a quiet vacation in Chicago, just trying to keep cool.

Julius Neboska was in Michigan for two weeks of his vacation to take some more health baths. That mineral water, he says, does a lot for him.

—EVERETT E. ENGLAND

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

MADELINE BLISS, 43, clerk, Claim Department. Died 6-13-54. Employed 4-9-47.

ANDREW BRATKO, 59, repairman, Shops and Equipment. Died 6-13-54. Employed 1-15-20.

JAMES J. BRODERICK, 60, foreman, Electrical Department. Died 6-15-54. Employed 4-13-20.

W. H. BUTHMANN, 80, retired motorman, Elston. Died 5-17-54. Employed 12-18-02.

P. A. CIMA, 56, clerk, Department of Police. Died 6-17-54. Employed 6-28-23.

J. E. CONLEY, 77, retired motorman, Armitage. Died 5-31-54. Employed 1-27-15.

H. A. FERTIG, 44, retired operator, Lawndale. Died 6-12-54. Employed 8-17-37.

JOSEPH FREEMON, 50, collector, 69th. Died 5-30-54. Employed 5-21-42.

WILLIAM H. GOKENHOLZ, 61, Treasury Department. Died 5-24-54. Employed 4-26-53.

CLARENCE HARDERS, 68, retired conductor, Elston. Died 5-9-54. Employed 2-6-13.

T. M. HARRIS, 85, retired conductor, North Avenue. Died 5-11-54. Employed 5-3-09.

FREDERICK HOLZHAUSER, 63, conductor, 77th. Died 6-11-54. Employed 7-14-20.

CHARLES G. HUGHES, 63, guard, rapid transit. Died 5-30-54. Employed 1-28-13.

WILLIAM HUGHES, 86, retired motorman, Utility. Died 5-28-54. Employed 8-15-16.

FRANK HULL, 80, retired motorman, Cottage Grove. Died 5-23-54. Employed 4-13-10.

THOMAS B. JAMIESON, 62, traffic checker, Schedule Department. Died 5-31-54. Employed 7-20-23.

J. F. KEHOE, 64, retired conductor, 69th. Died 5-20-54. Employed 12-31-19.

STANLEY W. KUOGA, 60, retired car cleaner, 77th. Died 5-25-54. Employed 8-10-26.

J. V. LAWLER, 71, retired motorman, Lawndale. Died 5-29-54. Employed 5-11-23.

ALBERT MANSON, 84, retired motorman, Burnside. Died 5-12-54. Employed 6-21-02.

GEORGE R. McKENNEY, 36, gateman, Lake Street. Died 5-25-54. Employed 5-10-50.

H. L. METZGER, 65, retired guard, Northside. Died 5-31-54. Employed 8-17-08.

JOHN MILLER, 63, Track. Died 5-29-54. Employed 2-15-07.

WILLIAM MURPHY, 90, retired motorman, Archer. Died 5-20-54. Employed 7-31-05.

SALVATORE MUSCARELLO, 79, retired paver, Track. Died 5-25-54. Employed 5-16-17.

T. J. NOONAN, 60, retired conductor, Cottage Grove. Died 6-15-54. Employed 10-28-25.

G. E. ORMSBY, 80, retired motorman, Lake Street. Died 5-13-54. Employed 5-13-02.

A. F. PETERSON, 75, retired receiver, Limits. Died 6-6-54. Employed 12-19-06.

EARL E. PHILLIPS, 62, conductor, 69th. Died 6-9-54. Employed 8-18-40.

L. F. SCHWEINFURTH, 69, retired flagman, Beverly. Died 5-6-54. Employed 2-10-16.

EDWARD J. SEEBOCK, 57, conductor, Lawndale. Died 5-26-54. Employed 11-2-22.

A. L. SWANSON, 65, retired laborer, Electrical Department. Died 5-28-54. Employed 5-5-09.

O. K. SWARD, 63, retired motorman, Devon. Died 5-23-54. Employed 12-12-28.

LINTON D. WALKER, 35, conductor, Archer. Died 6-10-54. Employed 4-17-46.

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TRANSIT IN THE

News

SERVICE REVISIONS

CONSOLIDATION of two CTA Surface routes, Narragansett-North and Irving Park extension, effective May 30, improved service for patrons in the affected area and eliminated the necessity of transferring for those who use these lines in combination.

Under the new arrangement, a through route in the shape of a "U" is in operation seven days a week, from approximately 4:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. between terminals at Pueblo and Irving Park on the north end, and North avenue and Harlem avenue on the south end.

On the new through route, northbound buses operate east in North avenue to Narragansett, north to Irving Park, and west to Pueblo. Southbound buses follow the same route in reverse.

On Mondays and Thursdays, during midday and evening hours, for the convenience of those traveling to and from the business section at Harlem and North avenues, additional service is being operated on North avenue between Narragansett and Harlem.

In addition, on Saturday afternoons supplementary trips operate on Irving Park between Neenah and Pueblo to accommodate shoppers and others transacting business in the area at Irving Park and Milwaukee.

With the consolidation of these two lines, it was estimated that about 1,400 weekly riders, in both directions would benefit by saving one transfer in their trips. In addition, several hundred riders who use the Irving Park extension and Irving Park trolley bus lines to reach north and south routes for rides to destinations in the area between Irving Park and North avenue will be better served by riding east on Irving Park, south on Narragansett and then transferring east to their destinations on one of the east-west routes that connect with Narragansett. These passengers have one transfer eliminated and benefit by the lighter loading and more frequent headways on the east-west routes.

Besides being more convenient for shoppers patronizing business centers in the vicinity of Irving Park and Milwaukee and North and Harlem, the revised service also benefits students and teachers of Steinmetz high school.

"Operation Alert"



ON JUNE 14, CTA employees participated in "Operation Alert" a mass air raid drill which was designated as a test of city's and nation's civil defense organization.

Employees in the Merchandise Mart offices of the Authority went to two shelter areas in seventh floor corridors where they stayed until the "all clear" signal was given. The accompanying photo was taken in one of the shelter areas at the height of the drill.

CTA vehicles operating on surface routes were required to stop wherever they were and remain standing from 10:56½ a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with passengers remaining on the vehicles. Conductors and operators were given pamphlets explaining the air raid drill, to pass out to passengers during the time the vehicles stood still. Elevated and subway trains maintained their regular schedules during the drill.

The city-wide exercise was under the direction of the Chicago Civil Defense Corps and was intended to focus attention on the necessity for full public co-operation and participation in civil defense efforts in view of the increased destructiveness of recently developed weapons of war.

COMMENDATION

EVERY SO OFTEN something nice happens—like this brief but eloquent note from an appreciative rider. It reads:

"I don't mind the increased fare—I think it's still the best transportation buy. And your operators are the smilingest I've seen in five cities recently."

CTA TRANSIT NEWS is pleased to report such an expression of approval from one of CTA's patrons.

INCREASED SUMMER SERVICE

SPECIAL TRANSIT service to and from places of interest to Chicagoans and out-of-town visitors was inaugurated May 30.

For the summer season, service has been approximately doubled during limited hours on certain days on four lines serving places of entertainment, recreation, forest preserves and cemeteries.

The lines and the periods when this extra service is provided are:

South Western Bus

On Sundays, from noon to 9:00 P.M., for those traveling to and from the forest preserves.

Western Avenue Bus

On Saturdays and Sundays, between Archer and Roscoe, from noon to 11:00 P.M., for patrons of Riverview Park.

Milwaukee Avenue Bus

On Sundays, between Noble and Devon, from 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., for those visiting Forest Preserves and cemeteries.

Jackson Bus

On weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., all buses operate to Grant Park for the benefit of those attending band concerts.



REPORTING at Lawrence garage for the last time, these operators join with Day Superintendent John P. Hart (left) in looking over safety trophies and awards won by the station in recent years. They are, left to right, Dan Noncek, John Becker, Ed Schmidt, Albert Klopacz and William Pittenger.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS
MONTHS OF MAY 1954 AND 1953, FIVE MONTHS AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED
May 31, 1954

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

	Month of May		Period Ended May 31, 1954	
	1954	1953	5 Months	12 Months
Revenues	\$10,364,885	\$10,552,172	\$49,429,612	\$121,174,802
Operation and Maintenance Expenses.....	8,469,945	8,737,054	44,063,284	105,344,996
Available for Debt Service.....	1,894,940	1,815,118	5,366,328	15,829,806
Debt Service Requirements:				
Interest Charges	422,468	403,236	2,113,520	4,985,625
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond Maturity Fund (Note 1)	150,000	83,333	750,000	1,733,334
Revenue Bond Reserves (Note 2)	30,000	23,000	150,000	325,000
	602,468	509,569	3,013,520	7,043,959
Balance Available for Depreciation.....	1,292,472	1,305,549	2,352,808	8,785,847
Provision for Depreciation—Current Period....	829,191	844,174	3,954,369	9,693,984
Balance Available for Other Charges (Note 3) \$	463,281	461,375	\$ 1,601,561 r	\$ 908,137 r

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PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers.....	53,851,946	58,521,121	273,985,580	670,368,507
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STATUS OF EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

as at May 31, 1954

1952-53 Orders:	Delivered to date	Remaining to be Delivered	Total
Propane Buses.....	310	90	400
El-Subway Cars.....	118	132	250
	428	222	650
Delivered under previous orders.....	2,814		
Less—P.C.C. Streetcars to be converted to El-Subway cars	250		2,564
			3,214

NOTES:

- (1) Equal monthly installments to retire \$1,800,000 principal amount of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing on July 1, 1954.
- (2) Available to pay interest on any interest payment dates of Series of 1952 and Series of 1953 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 1952 and 1953 Bonds.
- (3) Deposits may be made in the Depreciation Reserve Fund only to the extent that monies are available therefor. The requirements for these deposits, however, are cumulative, and 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 Agreements covering Series of 1952 and 1953 Revenue Bonds provide for quarterly deposits of \$300,000 and \$16,713.50, respectively (cumulative within any one year) to the "Revenue Bond Amortization Funds" 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, Revenue Bond Amortization and Operating Expense Reserve Funds.

Lawrence Garage Closed

WITH THE service revisions made May 30 on the CTA surface system, Lawrence garage was permanently closed and all Transportation Department functions formerly located there were transferred to North Park station.

Trolley buses required for runs reporting at North Park are now housed at Avondale yards; motor buses at North Park.

Lawrence was opened in January, 1943, as a temporary garage during World War II as a step to conserve gasoline and tires in co-operation with the government's rationing program.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

IN A DEPARTMENT order signed by Charles E. Keiser, superintendent of transportation, the following assignments became effective May 30:

Myles F. Harrington was appointed vacation relief station superintendent, and John P. Hart, night station superintendent, North Avenue Station (trolley buses).

CITATION

For Distinguished Community Service

In recognition of outstanding and continuous
cooperation in connection with the activities
of

AREA NUMBER ONE

MAYOR KENNELLY'S COMMITTEE For A CLEANER CHICAGO

This Citation is Gratefully Awarded To

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Dated at Chicago: May 24, 1954

CAR CARDS, station cards and posters in CTA vehicles and stations over the entire system carried the appeal to "Keep Chicago Clean" earlier this year. In recognition of its co-operation in this campaign, Mayor Kennelly's Committee for a Cleaner Chicago recently presented the CTA with this "citation for distinguished community service." The citation was presented by Ernest R. Rather, co-chairman of Area No. 1.

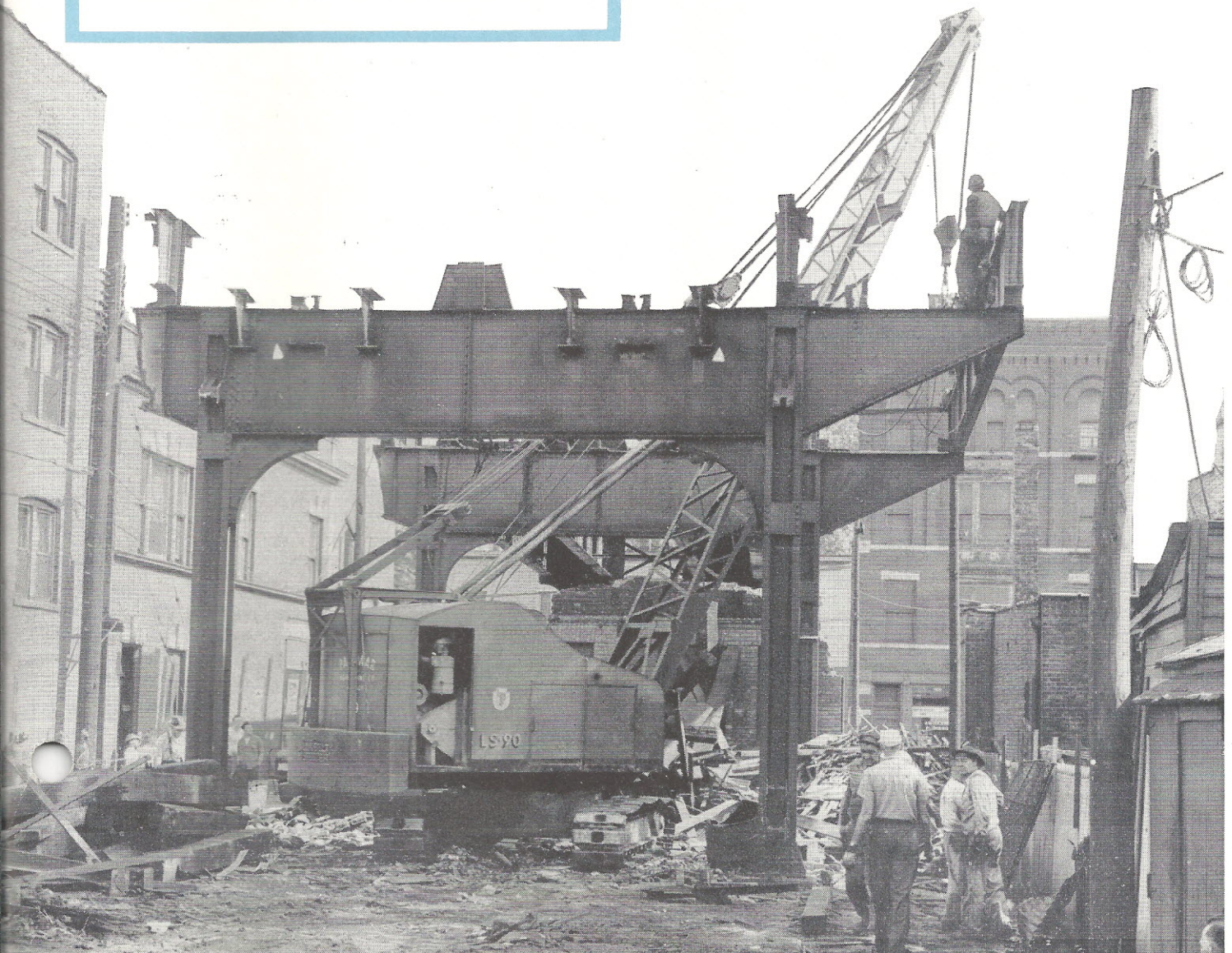


Scrapping Normal Park "L"

WORK STARTED May 19 on the razing of the Normal Park "L" structure under a contract with the Doppelts Scrap Iron & Metals Company, which will pay CTA \$13,540 for the scrap involved.

Wrecking of the three-eighths of a mile of structure includes the removal of the 65th street, Marquette road and 69th street stations and the interlocking tower at Stewart avenue junction. Some of the equipment from this tower was salvaged for use at other rapid transit locations.

Service on the Normal Park shuttle line was discontinued on January 29.



LIVE

through the summer

ALONG WITH the wonders of summer vacations, long days and action-packed week-ends, come a few inconveniences we sometimes wonder about! Pestiferous insects, for example, and constantly slamming screen doors are just two of the common summertime aggravations. So that we CTA'ers can more fully enjoy the warmer months, here are some hints designed to help you live through the summer—and like it.

SAFETY

Nothing is more tragic than vacation-time accidents. Yet, they're all too frequent. Just exercising good common sense can eliminate the majority of them. Note carefully the cartoon illustrations bordering this story. Besides offering a chuckle, they offer good advice.

How about your home? Is it arranged for summer safety? Loose rugs, trailing electric light cords, badly-lighted stairways, defective stoves and over-stuffed wastebaskets all spell danger. Remember that the place for medicines is in the medicine cabinet—beyond the reach of children. Household cleaners, ink, nail polish or turpentine should also be kept away from small children. And keep proper first-aid supplies always on hand. Sterile bandages, cotton, adhesive tape, a good disinfectant for cuts, and pure vaseline petroleum jelly for burns are everyday essentials.

INSECTS

Mosquitoes and flies unquestionably are the most bothersome and dangerous of the summer insects in that they are disease carriers. These summer pests, however, can be kept to a minimum with proper precautionary measures.

In fighting mosquitoes: (1) Use sprays of 5 per cent DDT on porches and on both sides of screen doors. (2) Use good repellents on skin and clothing. (3) Screen all windows and doors with 16-mesh-to-the-inch screening materials, and equip each screen door with positive-action type door closer and push-pull catch to insure quiet, certain closing. (4) Keep water from accumulating in tin cans, eavestroughs and street gutters. (5) Screen open cisterns; cover cesspools, septic tanks and rain barrels. (6) Empty bird baths or other watering pans at least once a week and treat standing water in pools or ponds with larvicides. (7) Stock ornamental pools with gold fish or top minnows.

Recent tests have produced some highly effective insect

repellents for personal use that are presently available commercially. When planning to spend a good deal of time out-of-doors, use of such a repellent is advisable. Choose a repellent that won't dissolve nylons, plastic or clothing. Completely cover all exposed skin areas with the repellent, excepting the eyes and lips. A thin film will offer hours of protection. To prevent mosquitoes from biting through clothing, smooth repellent onto your clothing where it lies close to the skin, such as along the shoulders, nylons and socks.

In fighting flies: (1) Use space sprays or aerosol bombs in the house. (2) Use residual sprays that will stick on screens, porches and garbage cans. (3) Use effective fly traps, poisons and other devices around the home. (4) Hang screen doors to open outward.

In addition to these precautions, equip your home with screening and door closers and catches. Pneumatic, air-liner type door closers which insure certain-closing action accompanied by no more than a gentle click are available at any hardware store.

VACATION MEDICINE

Certain hazards to health are more prevalent during the summer months. Here are a few accompanied by authoritative advice on what to do to offset them:

Suntan—Blonds burn faster than brunets, children more easily than adults, and dry-skinned individuals more quickly than persons with oily skins. Bad burns can be avoided by noting how long it takes for the summer sun to make your skin a faint pink. Then, until you are well on the way to a tan, limit your sunbathing to two or three times that period. Five times that period can give you a painful burn and ten times it will result in blisters.

Sweat Losses—The best way to offset water and salt losses from the body through sweating is to "force fluids," just as in treating a fever, by drinking water on a regular schedule, whether you are thirsty or not. And abundant salting of food is a better way to replace lost salt than the use of salt tablets.

Athlete's Foot—This is particularly common during warm weather because perspiring feet provide ideal conditions for the fungus responsible for the disease, and because there is no reliable means of eradicating the fungus from shower rooms, bath houses and other places where people are bare-foot. It usually can be prevented, however, by taking care to keep your feet dry, especially between the toes; a dusting talc is helpful in this. And it can be cured by prompt, conscientious treatment with one of the newer fungicidal medicines, such as asterol hydrochloride.

Prickly Heat—This annoying summer rash is due to plugging up of the sweat glands, which then become infected. The best preventive is sleeping in a well-ventilated room;



Don't let pesky insects get you down

"WORK SAFELY so you can play; **PLAY SAFELY** so you can work" is a good slogan for CTA'ers to remember as they enjoy their 1954 vacations.

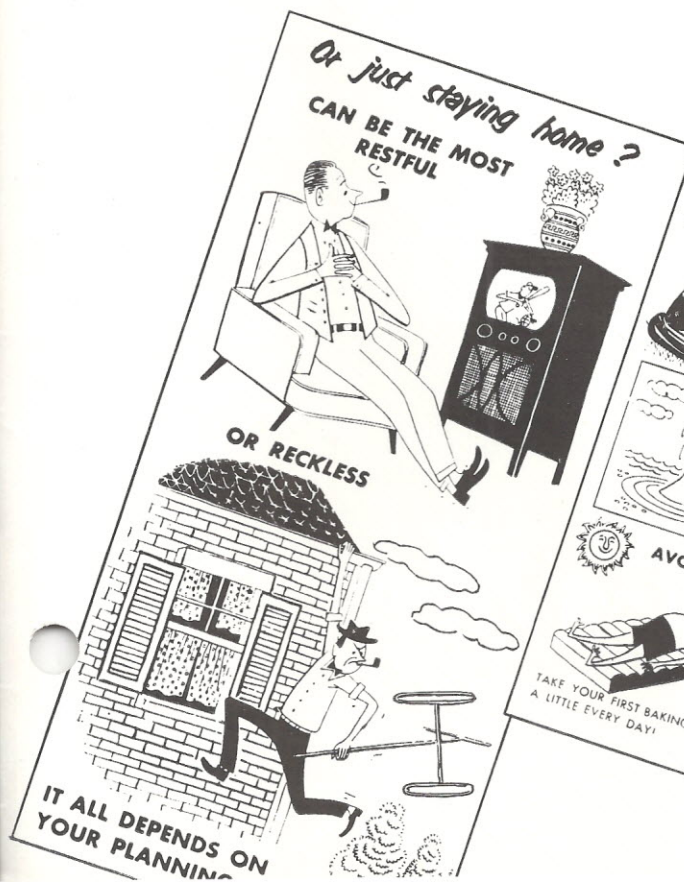
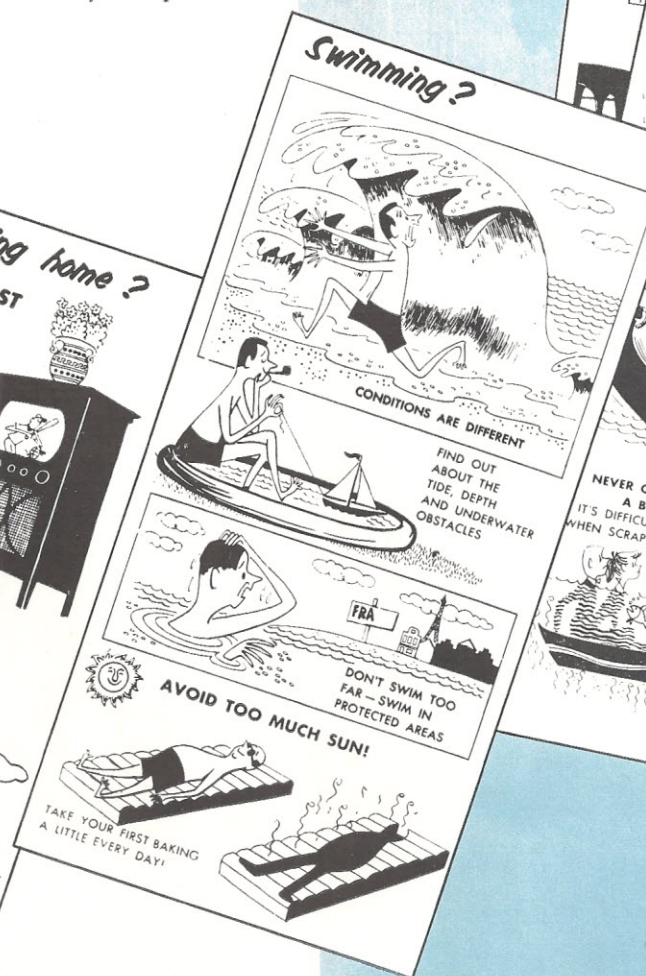
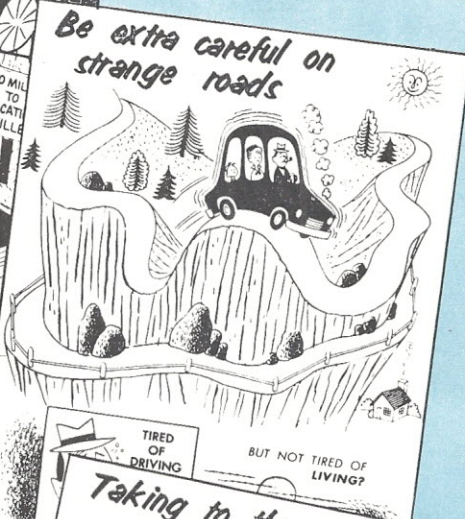
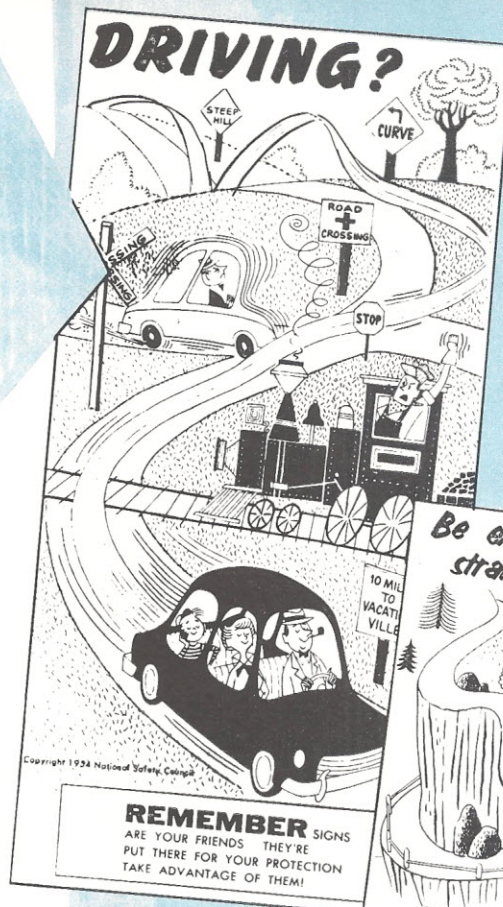
The cartoons depicting the dangers that await those who start their vacation days in a "vacation daze" point up quite clearly the hazards of the highways, resort areas, beaches—and even home vacations.

Vacation days are the time to relax and have fun—but take it easy!

eight hours a day of cool air seems to "clear" the sweat gland openings. Talcum powder or calamine lotion is the recommended treatment if you can't cool off long enough each day to forestall development of the prickly heat rash.

Hay Fever—A single-shot desensitization treatment for hay fever recently has been developed. Still experimental, it accomplishes no more than the standard desensitization procedure, but is more convenient, since the latter requires eight to 40 shots a year. In the new treatment, one injection is taken early in the year, a booster shot is given, if needed, just before the hay fever season.

Lest the variety of special precautions against summer health hazards give a false impression, it should be noted that the over-all U. S. death rate takes a pleasing dip in summer. The July-August rate is approximately 20 per cent below the winter peak.



APARTMENT AVIARY

NO BETTER name than "Birdville" could be applied to the household of *Transportation Clerk Roland Hartney*, southside rapid transit—and that's exactly what they call it. Raising an unusual variety of "feathered friends" is Roland's hobby. During June, he had a total of 12 colorful and interesting birds and five probables still in the egg stage.

A 14-year transit employe, Roland has been interested in birds in a more than general way since childhood. It was his sister, *Hazle*, however, who first began keeping birds at their residence about eight years ago. Roland acquired his first, a pair of Java rice birds, in 1948.

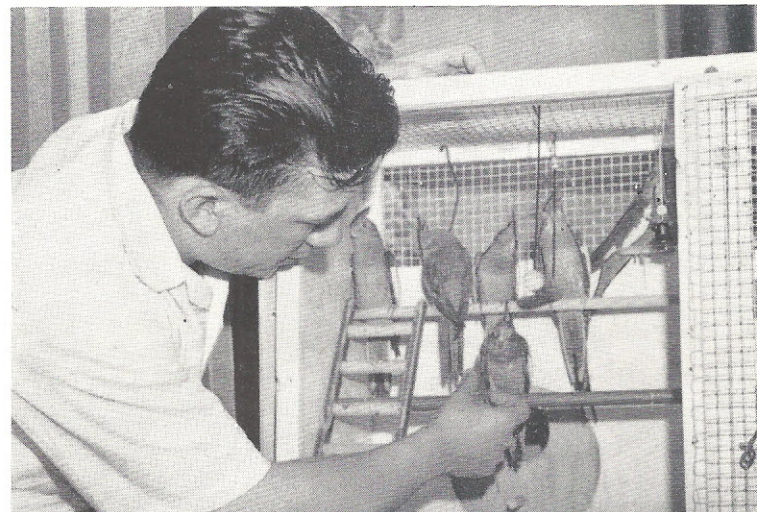
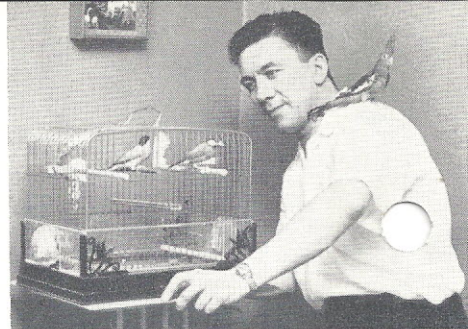
Presently, the feathery assortment includes an adult pair of cockatiels, *Richard* and *Maggi*, and six of their young ones; two male Java rice birds, *Billy* and *Johnny*; one ringnecked, blunt-tailed African love bird, *Squawky*, who, incidentally, is the roughest of the lot, and a parakeet, *Sparky*. In addition, *Richard* and *Maggi* were nesting on five eggs. The six young cockatiels, yet unnamed, were born beginning on May 3. The eggs hatch one at a time, approximately 36 hours apart.

All of the birds might be termed "house birds" in that they are of the type that could fly freely about the house. Jealousy, however, runs high among them because they all like attention. "And with 12 of them," says Roland, "it's pretty hard to devote too much attention to any one bird."

Probably the most interesting are the cockatiels. The youngsters remain sexless for approximately six months, although they grow in size quite rapidly. When born, they are about an inch-and-a-half long. They grow to about 11 and one-half inches, just slightly smaller than a pigeon. Mother and dad take turns sitting on the eggs on a "shift" basis. The incubation period lasts 21 days.

When the eggs hatch, dad will have nothing to do with the youngsters for about a period of two weeks. During that time the feeding responsibility rests with the female. But

WHILE preparing to feed his Java rice birds, Roland was visited by a young cockatiel which had flown the coop.



COCKATIELS tame easily and can be taught to talk and do tricks. Besides the six young ones pictured here, Roland's adult birds, *Richard* and *Maggi*, are incubating five eggs just behind the circle cut-out near the bottom of the cage.

thereafter, dad becomes extremely proud and suddenly takes over, does all the feeding, and won't let mom have anything to do with the operation. The feeding process consists of vigorously shaking food into the beaks of the young.

In less than two months, the young cockatiels are just about as big as their parents. When they reach that stage, Roland says, the surest way to tell them apart is to note the color of their beaks—the youngsters are light-colored, whereas the adults have darker beaks.

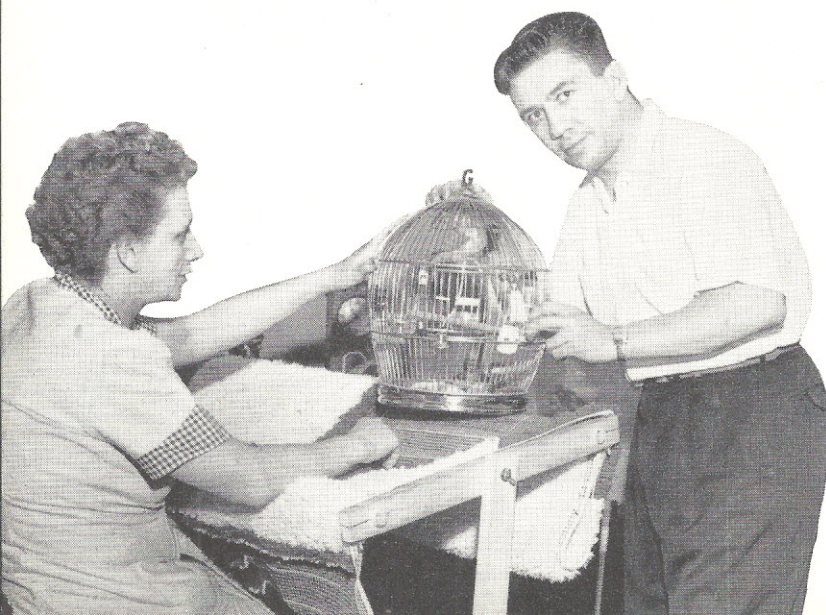
The cockatiels are smart birds ("all birds are" according to Roland) and can be taught to talk and do tricks. They are great imitators of people, and quickly can learn to say "ouch" and other common expressions. Some cockatiels have been taught to raise and lower flags and similar tricks.

Aside from her interest in birds, *Hazle* also devotes much of her spare time to making hand-hooked wool rugs.

This pastime was started about a year ago and she already has made several of them in various sizes and patterns. The rug she presently is working on (pictured) is an all-wool, patterned, three-colored design, 75 inches long by 36 inches wide. A similar rug, purchased in a retail store, would cost approximately \$250.

The birds, too, are valued highly price-wise. *Sparky*, the parakeet, is valued at around \$35. *Squawky*, the love bird, is worth approximately \$40, and the cockatiels can run as high as \$200 apiece for adults.

But as far as Roland is concerned, they're priceless. To him, they're just an "awful lot of fun."



ROLAND HARTNEY, southside transportation clerk, discusses *Squawky*, their African love bird, with his sister *Hazle*. The hand-hooked rug she is working on is all wool and, when finished, will possess a retail value of around \$250.

to the ladies

from Ellen



SIZZLING, grilled frankfurters, especially with the new cheese-flavored frankfurter buns, ice-cold beverages and the wonderful outdoors . . . that's what makes a picnic.

Food, Fun and Frolicking

HURRAY! WE'RE going on a picnic. E-v-e-r-y-b-o-d-y loves a picnic with sizzling grilled frankfurters and ice-cold beverages.

To add new zest to an old favorite, the hot dog, may we suggest a batch of delicious, cheese-flavored frankfurter buns. These novel buns will raise many an "ooh" and "ah" from the delighted picnickers.

CHEESE FRANKFURTER BUNS

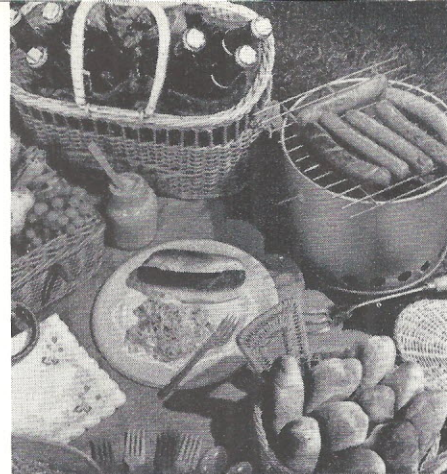
1 cup milk
 ¼ cup sugar
 1 tablespoon salt
 ½ cup warm, not hot, water
 (lukewarm for compressed yeast)
 2 packages or cakes yeast, active dry or compressed
 5 cups sifted enriched flour (about)
 2 cups grated sharp cheese
 Scald milk; stir in sugar and salt; cool to lukewarm. Measure water into large mixing bowl (warm, not hot, for active dry yeast; lukewarm for compressed). Sprinkle or crumble in yeast; stir until dissolved. Add lukewarm milk mixture and 2½ cups flour. Beat until smooth; stir in cheese. Add remaining flour to

make a stiff dough. Turn dough out on lightly floured board and knead 8 to 10 minutes. Place in greased bowl; brush lightly with melted shortening. Cover with a cloth; let rise in a warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour and 20 minutes. Punch down, pull sides into center and turn out on lightly floured board. Mold into a roll about 12 inches long. Cut into 9 even pieces (1½ inches each). Form each piece into a ball with smooth top and let rest on board about 5 minutes. Roll each piece with palms of hand into tapered cylinders about 6 inches long. Place on greased baking sheets about 1 inch apart. Cover with a cloth. Let rise in draft-free warm place until doubled in bulk, 30 to 40 minutes. Bake 425° F. (hot oven) 12 to 15 minutes. Makes 18 buns.

There's nothing like a good old-fashioned picnic—that is, if it's combined with new-fangled conveniences such as a handy, little grill, a brand new food like these cheese frankfurter buns and the old, but most important, outdoors.

If some kiddies are going along, making them part and parcel of the planning, by giving them an important part in the chores by packing everything in small baskets instead of a large one, will have everyone partaking in and enjoying the picnic.

And to make your picnic as carefree as possible, put the cole slaw in a bright-hued plastic dish and take along inexpensive plastic forks, spoons, and paper items.



Tempting Picnic Fare

Helping Hand

WHEN TAKING snapshots on the bright beach this summer, it's possible to catch your friends without the beachtime squint that disfigures so many handsome escorts, male and female. Keep the subject in the sun, but with his back to it. Protect the camera lens from direct light with the shade of a beach umbrella, bath-house canopy, or fitted lens shade.

THE BEST time for having a portrait photograph made is during vacation days—when you're relaxed. Photographers say, in preparing for a sitting: (1) Have your hair set a day or two before the appointment. (2) Wear a simply made, but well-cut, dress or suit—no stripes, dots or bold patterns. (3) Use a slightly oily foundation for good highlights. (4) Go easy on the mascara. (5) Use lipstick sparingly and follow the lip line. (6) Don't approach the sitting as if it meant facing a firing squad—no need to "hold that pose" these days.

Looking Cool in Organdy

IT'S AMAZING what a little, lightweight, colorful apron can do to make a hostess look as cool and delightful as the refreshments she'll be serving.

The little apron illustrated is perfect for summer hostessing. The waistband of this dainty, organdy half-apron is smocked with colorful threads, and a cascade of tiny blossoms is embroidered down one side.

Free direction leaflets for this easy-to-make organdy half-apron are available. Write Women's Editor, CTA TRANSIT NEWS, Box 3555, Chicago 54, Illinois.



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