



FORMAL APPROVAL of the recently-negotiated wage settlement between CTA and the two unions representing approximately 12,000 operating and office employes was voted on June 6 by Chicago Transit Board.

The Board action followed ratification of the new contract by Division 241 with a 6,573 to 87 vote at a meeting held May 13 and by Division 308 with a 202 to 15 vote at a meeting, held May 23.

The new agreement provides for the following:

- (1) A contract for two and one-half years, beginning June 1, 1957, and ending December 1, 1959.
- (2) Continuation of the seven-cent per hour cost-of-living allowance as part of the basic wage, and additional total increases in pay of 22.5 cents per hour, spread over 18 months, with six cents per hour effective June 1, 1957; five and one-half cents per hour effective December 1, 1957; five and one-half cents per hour effective June 1, 1958, and five and one-half cents effective December 1, 1958.
- (3) The four-week vacation to apply after 20 years of service but the 20 years must be completed by June 1.

New Appointment

IN A bulletin dated May 17, signed by S. D. Forsythe, general superintendent of engineering, and approved by General Manager W. J. McCarter, Arthur R. Sandberg was appointed assistant engineer of buildings and structures, reporting to Harold S. Anthon, engineer of buildings and structures. Mr. Sandberg was formerly design engineer in the Electrical Department.

- (4) Sick benefits will be increased from \$30.00 to \$40.00 per week.
- (5) Life insurance will be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000.
- (6) Pensioners retiring on and after June 1, 1957, will be insured for \$1,000 for one year, and thereafter will be insured for \$500 for the balance of this new agreement.
- (7) Cost-of-living escalator formula to apply, figured quarterly, with the May 15, 1957, index as the base.

The series of wage increases provided by the new contract will ultimately bring the base rate for two-man operators on the surface system up to \$2.32 per hour and one-man operators to \$2.42 per hour. The ultimate base rates for employes assigned to the rapid transit system will be: motormen, \$2.331; conductors, \$2.286; regular guards, \$2.268; and extra guards, \$2.259.

A total of approximately 8,500 employes are affiliated with Division 241 and approximately 3,300 are members of Division 308.

Wage negotiations are now proceeding with union officials representing members of the craft unions who constitute the majority of the remaining 1,500 employes.

OUR COVER: Chicago's fame as a vacation city continues to grow. Its many attractions, both on the lake front and in parks and forest preserve areas surrounding the city, draw Chicagoans and out-of-towners alike. Our cover this issue depicts the vacation theme and calls attention again to the fact that many points of interest and multiple recreational facilities are served by CTA routes.

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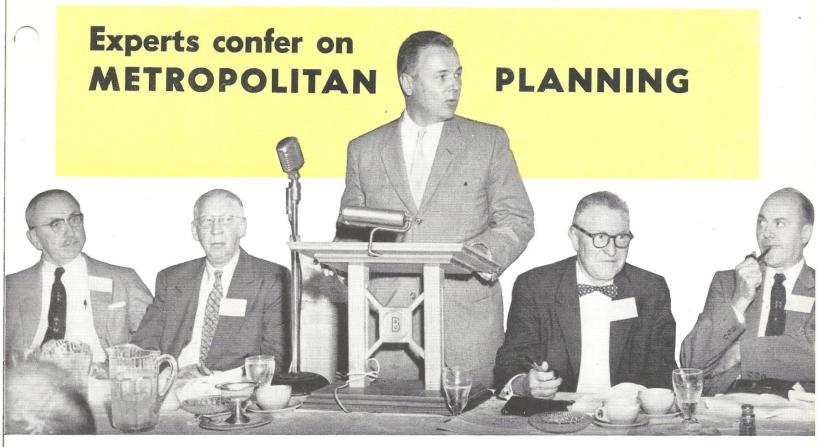
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RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

Paul Jordan, Jr.—Transportation (77th)
Richard A. Kline—Transportation (77th)

RETURNED FROM SERVICE

Walter S. Danloe-Electrical Department



PROBLEMS FACING the mass transit industry, especially those related to transportation facilities in large metropolitan areas, were highlighted by nationally prominent figures in their respective fields at the National Conference on Coordinating Metropolitan Area Transportation held in Chicago on May 27-28.

The two-day clinic, first of its kind ever held in America, attracted 275 representatives from all parts of the nation and from Canada and was deemed a timely and successful meeting.

The conference was a voluntary effort, organized by Walter J. McCarter, CTA general manager, and a group of associates. Mr. McCarter, who served as temporary chairman of the meeting, was directed by a unanimously adopted motion to appoint a committee to consider procedures and ways and means of perpetuating the spirit of the conference.

Considerable support was expressed for three basic points which were emphasized by the conference. These were:

- (1) That the job of moving people in large metropolitan areas can be performed effectively and economically only if all forms of public transportation, rail and rubber, are provided, integrated and co-ordinated.
- (2) That the task of providing adequate and attractive public transit facilities can be accomplished only through the widest possible cooperation among all affected community elements.
- (3) That competitive fares will not cover the entire cost of acquiring rights-of-way and of building and maintaining rapid transit lines.

"A CONGRESSIONAL Approach to the Metropolitan Area Transportation Problem" was the subject of an address delivered by Congressman William S. Mailliard (standing) of San Francisco, transit conference speaker. Seated at the table, from left to right, are: Earl E. Kearns, manager, urban transit, General Electric Company, Erie, Pennsylvania; Werner W. Schroeder, vice-chairman, Chicago Transit Board; Mr. McCarter, and Donald C. Hyde, general manager, Cleveland Transit System.

Primarily, the conference was concerned with obtaining maximum value and maximum efficiency for every transportation dollar spent in metropolitan areas.

Speakers, who were nationally prominent in their respective fields, and participants, who were recognized experts, contributed their own time, and paid their own expenses, to present their ideas for solving metropolitan area transportation problems.

Geographically, the conferees represented all parts of the nation—the west, and far west; the mid-west; the north; the south, the east, and parts of Canada.

The categories of activities represented included farming, real estate operations, planning engineers and planning organizations, banking, mass transportation operators and consulting engineers, public administrators, parking operators, commuter railroad operators, highway officials, manufacturers, rapid transit commissions and authorities, traffic engineers, and merchandising.

Topics discussed included "The Urgency of Sound Metropolitan Area Planning;" "Co-ordination of All Rail and Rubber Transportation, and Parking—A Must for Metro-

politan Areas;" "Planning Problems in Metropolitan Areas;" "Rapid Transit Problems and Progress in Metropolitan Areas;" "A Congressional Approach to the Metropolitan Area Transportation Problem;" "Farm and Business Views on Metropolitan Area Transportation Problems;" and the "Need for A National Organization."

Among the speakers were Congressman William S. Mailliard of San Francisco, who recently introduced legislation for the appointment of a congressional committee to study metropolitan area transportation problems; Dr. J. Douglas Carroll of Chicago, who is directing a comprehensive transportation study in the Chicago Metropolitan area; Keneth M. Hoover, project director of a transportation survey now under way in Washington, D. C.; Frank H. Simon, executive director of the Metropolitan Rapid Transit Commission of New York and New Jersey.

Other speakers were Walter S. Douglas, consulting engineer of New York; V. E. Gunlock, chairman of Chicago

Transit Board; George Alpert, president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad; Pyke Johnson, of Washington, D. C., past president of the Automotive Safety Foundation; William G. Barr, of Washington, D. C., executive director of the National Parking Association; Bruce Dwinell, vice-president and general counsel of the Rock Island Lines; Walter S. Blucher, of Chicago, president of the American Institute of Planners; Edward Dana, general manager of the Metropolitan Authority of Boston; Donald C. Hyde, general manager of the Cleveland Transit System; John A. Bailey, executive director of the Urban Transportation and Traffic Board of Philadelphia; W. E. P. Duncan, general manager of the Toronto, Canada, Transit Commission; Fred Bailey, of Washington, D. C., executive director of the Farm Roads Foundation; Max Wehrly, executive director, Urban Land Institute, Washington, D. C.; Allen F. Knight, Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park, California, and Mr. McCarter, who also served as the conference's temporary chairman.



PROMINENT AMONG the city officials present at the National Conference on Coordinating Metropolitan Area Transportation held in Chicago on May 27-28 were Mayor Richard J. Daley (left) of Chicago and Mayor Richardson Dilworth (center) of Philadelphia, shown here with CTA General Manager Walter J. McCarter, temporary chairman of the conference. Both Mayor Daley and Mayor Dilworth were among the speakers at the two-day clinic.

AMONG THOSE attending the transit conference was this group seated together at the luncheon. Left to right: Edward Dana, general manager, Metropolitan Transit Authority, Boston; Frank H. Simon, executive director, Metropolitan Rapid Transit Commission, New York-New Jersey; Mrs. Bernice T. Van Der Vries, member, Chicago Transit Board; V. E. Gunlock, chairman, Chicago Transit Board; Donald C. Hyde, general manager, Cleveland Transit System, and W. E. P. Duncan, general manager, Toronto Transit Commission.





SUPERVISORS' RESPONSIBILITIES REVIEWED

A GROUP of Transportation Department supervisors in attendance at one of the refresher sessions held recently hear J. J. Hemzacek (right), superintendent of surface operations, explain the purposes of the program in his introductory remarks.

WITH THE aid of flip charts and diagrams, Frank Smith, surface system instructor, reviews the objectives of the defensive driving campaign as one phase of the refresher program for supervisors.

THE FIRST combined refresher program for surface and rapid transit Transportation Department supervisors was held during May at three locations on the system.

The program, consisting of eight sessions totaling two and one-half hours each, was held for the purpose of reviewing responsibilities and discussing common problems of supervisors of both systems. A total of 210 supervisors participated in the program.

First sessions were held May 20 at 77th station, and were followed on May 21 at Archer and on May 22 and 23 at the Training Center, 2660 N. Clark street. Similar refresher programs previously have been held twice each year—in the spring and fall—for surface supervisors, but this is the first time rapid transit supervisors have been included.

Among the subjects discussed was the importance of keeping open system-wide communications whenever emergencies or major service delays occur. A review of the principles of defensive driving, especially as it applies to operation of surface vehicles, also was included along with refresher information concerning other duties and responsibilities of supervisors.

Each session was introduced by Joseph J. Hemzacek, superintendent of surface operations, who then turned over the sessions to James J. Roche, night district superintendent for the rapid transit system, and Thomas Shanahan, relief district superintendent for the surface system. Frank Smith, surface instructor, also assisted by conducting the discussion on defensive driving.

ATTORNEY HONORED BY K. of C.



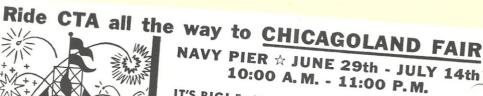
GEORGE L. GRIFFIN, trial attorney in CTA's Legal Department, was elected to the office of state deputy of the Knights of Columbus at the annual state convention held at Peoria, Illinois, May 21. He was elevated to his new post after serving as state secretary of the organization from 1955 to 1957 and in other state and local offices for a number of years. He assumes his new office on July 1.

A member of LaRabida Council of Chicago for 35 years, he served that council as recorder for four years and grand knight for another four years. His appointment as a district deputy having jurisdiction over four south side councils followed in 1949. He was elected and served as state advocate from 1951 to 1953, and as state treasurer from 1953 to 1955 before his election as state secretary. He is also a member of LaSalle General Assembly, Fourth Degree K. of C.

Griffin, a member of the Illinois bar for 30 years, is a former baseball player and umpire. In 1924 he was appointed an umpire in the old Three-I league, retiring two years later to take up the practice of law in Chicago. In 1929 he managed LaRabida Council's baseball team to a city championship in the Knights of Columbus League.

A native of the South Side, Griffin was graduated from St. Anne's grammar school, St. Ignatius high school and DePaul University, where he received the degree of bachelor of law in 1924. He is a member of the American, Illinois and Chicago Bar Associations, Chicago South Lodge No. 1596, B.P.O.E., and South Side Real Estate Brokers Association.

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CHICAGO IS going all out to stage one of the most exciting expositions to occur in the middle west since the Century of Progress.

From June 29 through July 14, the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, backed by the middle west's leading industrial firms and business organizations, will hold a giant Chicagoland Fair which is expected to attract almost a million people from all over the country.

The event, which will be staged at the city's famous Navy Pier, promises to be one of the most dramatic entertainment features of all time.

According to the sponsors, the Fair is designed primarily to focus attention on the middle west as one of the great industrial and cultural centers in the world and to spotlight the area as the center of world trade and travel.

The Fair also will help to create an awareness of the middle west's economic growth potential when the St. Lawrence Seaway is completed, permitting ocean-going vessels of up to 10,000 tons capacity to ply their trade in the Great Lakes region.

To dramatize the middle west's story, more than 250 business firms, industrial companies, schools, and service organizations, both here and abroad, will display their products and services throughout the 11 acres of display space at Navy Pier.

FACSIMILE OF copy advertising the Chicagoland Fair being carried on back of CTA transfers.

In addition, a free entertainment program and special features have been planned which will appeal to the whole family, and it will be the first time a major exposition has offered such an outstanding entertainment program free of charge.

Entertainment plans include: A water thrill show; a spectacular ice review; a radio-TV Hall of Fame where network programs will originate; special demonstrations by the Army and Navy, and many other features.

Strong promotional support is being given the event by CTA. Advertising messages are being carried on the backs of transfers; signs calling attention to the direct service provided to Navy Pier by Grand avenue (No. 65) buses are being posted along State and Dearborn streets in the Loop and along Grand avenue as far as Western avenue, and 4,000 car cards are being placed in CTA vehicles.

As a special concession to CTA employes and their families a cut rate admission price of 75 cents for adults and 40 cents for children has been authorized by the Fair management. The regular price is 90 cents for adults and 50 cents for children. Coupons redeemable for these tickets have been distributed to all employes at their job locations.

Program Stresses Fire Protection Procedures

SURFACE SYSTEM operators presently are receiving refresher training in fire protection procedures through a program designed to bring Transportation Department personnel up to date on proper use of extinguishers installed on CTA vehicles.

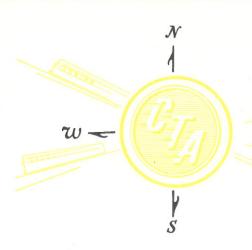
An instructor assigned to the program started the refresher sessions at south side operating stations and these will be followed by similar refresher meetings at north side locations. A special display showing the various types of extinguishers has been prepared for use in the program being conducted in trainrooms or on the training bus.

Use of six different types of hand-operated extinguishers is being demonstrated to familiarize operators with those in use on the system. The instructions also include proper measures to take in the event of fire emergencies. The importance of checking extinguishers to determine if they are in proper working condition at all times also is being stressed.

The object of the refresher training is to minimize property damage loss caused by fire emergencies, a phase of the overall fire prevention program which is continually being stressed at all CTA locations.

AGAINST A background of the display board being used in the refresher training program in fire protection procedures, Instructor Hubert McDonough (right) demonstrates the proper method of handling a powder type extinguisher as Instructor John Cerny looks on.





To Serve Our Riders Better..

KNOW YOUR CTA ROUTES

(This is the 30th in a series of CTA routes)

DRAW A line straight east and west at 1600 north on a map of Chicago and you define the location of the North avenue—No. 72—bus route, running from Clark street (100 W) all the way across the city to Narragansett avenue (6400 W).

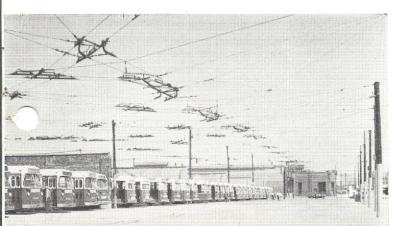
North avenue is a street of diverse characteristics insofar as its development as an important cross-town thoroughfare is concerned. On the near north side, east of the river, it is largely industrial. Slightly further west, the streets and houses bear the weather-beaten appearance of one of the older sections of Chicago, which indeed it is. Further west, smaller factories and commercial concerns share its frontage with business and shopping districts. On the far west side, it becomes primarily residential in classification as it reaches the suburban Oak Park and North Austin-Cragin neighborhoods.

Buses operating over the regular route cover a measured round trip of 16.00 miles between outer terminals. Heavy traffic conditions prevail throughout most of the day because North avenue also is designated as a state highway—Route 64—and provides a direct link between Chicago and communities west to the Mississippi river.

In addition to the regular route, an auxiliary rush-hour limited stop service is operated weekdays only between Grand avenue and Damen avenue to connect with the Milwaukee-Logan "L"-subway station at the latter point.

Buses on weekday schedules operate on headways of two and one-half to three minutes in the morning rush; three minutes in the evening rush; eight minutes through the mid-

ONE OF the busiest operating stations on the CTA system is North Avenue station, located at North and Cicero avenues. Thirteen trolley and gas bus lines, with a total of some 425 vehicles and 600 runs daily, are based and serviced at this facility. During rush hours all the buses shown in this picture will be in service on regular runs.

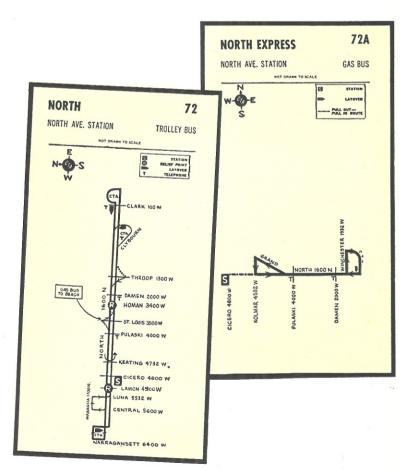


day, and nine minutes during the evening. Saturdays, the intervals are seven minutes during the morning rush period; five and one-half minutes during the afternoon peak hours; six minutes through the midday, and eight minutes in the evening. Sundays and holidays, 15-minute intervals are in effect during the morning, and seven-minute headways the rest of the day.

Rush-hour service during weekdays is augmented by the North Avenue limiteds—No. 72A—operating between Grand avenue and Damen avenue on five-minute intervals from 6:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and on four and one-half minute headways from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

North avenue buses are on an around-the-clock schedule, "owl" service being operated every 30 minutes between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

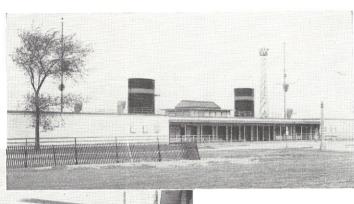
During the summer season, additional buses are put in





THE NORTHWEST Armory, at North and Kedzie avenues, is the headquarters of several Illinois National Guard units. The spacious structure, built in 1939, is a familiar sight to all riders on North avenue buses.

NEAR THE eastern terminal, North avenue buses have a convenient transfer point to northsouth "L"-subway trains at North-Clybourn station.





DIRECT TRANSFER connections with the Milwaukee-Logan "L"-subway route are made by North avenue buses at Damen station. Three surface routes — North, Damen and Milwaukee —converge at this busy northwest side intersection.



TYPICALLY URBAN in appearance is this view of tidy bungalows on a tree-shaded street in residential Austin. This photo, taken at Moody and Wabansia avenues, looks north towards North avenue.





◆COME SUMMER and the opening of Chicago beaches, North avenue beach in Lincoln Park on the lake front attracts thousands of swimmers and sun-bathers. The beach house at this point, nautical in motif, identifies this popular recreational area.

daytime service between Homan avenue and Clark street for the convenience of persons going to the North avenue beach and Lincoln Park.

Trolley buses are operated on the regular North avenue route, 34 being assigned to this service. Ten motor buses are used on the limited runs. All are based at the North Avenue station. Running time between the Clark and Narragansett terminals varies from 37 to 50 minutes, street traffic conditions and time of day being the governing factors.

The first section of the North avenue route was placed in service from Milwaukee to California avenues in 1875, back in the horse car days. Further extensions were made from Clark street to Milwaukee in 1887; California to Kedzie in 1892; Kedzie to Crawford (now Pulaski) in 1895; Pulaski to Kenton in 1900; Kenton to Lamon in 1910; Lamon to Austin in 1915, and Austin to Narragansett in 1931. The line was converted from streetcar operation to trolley buses on July 3, 1949.

In addition to the connection with the Damen station of the Milwaukee-Logan rapid transit route, North avenue buses also connect directly with the North-Clybourn station of the north-south "L"-subway and 19 intersecting surface routes.

One of the city's largest recreational areas, Humboldt Park, lies south of North avenue between California and Kedzie avenues. A lagoon and extensive flower gardens are among the attractions which draw thousands of northwest side visitors every year.

(The 31st article in this series on CTA routes will appear in a future issue)

THE WESTERN terminal of the route is at Narragansett avenue (6400 W). The round-trip mileage between this off-street facility and the eastern terminal point at Clark street and Lincoln Park is 16 miles.

THE INSIDE NEWS

-AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY













40-YEAR EMPLOYES RECENTLY RETIRED

Jacob M. Jacobsen, conductor, 77th, June 1, 41 years.

John L. Doody, motorman, West Section, June 1, 43 years. John Kobes, bus operator, Lawndale, June 1, 41 years. James J. Caron, conductor, 77th, June 1, 41 years. John R. Sitkiewicz, conductor, West Section, June 1, 46 years. Wm. C. Schultz, mail clerk, General Office, June 1, 40 years.

Hold Dinner For Benedict-To-Be

ACCOUNTING—A bachelor dinner was given Pat Clifford, Payroll, at the Bamboo Inn on May 3 by his co-workers. Pat was married to Nancy Del Porto, Insurance, at a nuptial mass at St. Michael's church on May 25.

The CTA was well represented at a benefit dinner given by Assumption church in the M and M club. Ann McAndrews, Revenue, gave two entertaining monologues as part of the program.

A. J. Fitzsimons, assistant general accountant, and his wife drove their son, Raymond, who recently completed his basic military training, to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he embarked for Germany. While in the East, the Fitzsimons' toured Washington, D. C., Alexandria, Virginia, and other historical places.

A pre-nuptial dinner and shower was given Diane Robert May 23 at the Ivanhoe by her associates. She received a deep fry grille and waffle iron, among other gifts. Diane was married to Carl Marotz-ke June 8. She is now a house-wife in their home in Summit.

A daughter, Debbie Lynn, was born April 27 to Lois Koshiol, who formerly worked in Revenue Accounting.

Lois Laica, Payroll, was the recipient of many "little" gifts at a shower and dinner given for her in the Indian Room of the Blackhawk by her fellow employes.

George Pellicore and his wife, Lillian, Internal Auditing, wended their way southward where they sunned and generally enjoyed themselves at Miami Beach, Florida. They also took in scenic spots in that state and other southern states.

Sara McDonnell, Revenue Accounting, became a brand new grandmother when her daughter, Mary Mersch, formerly of Public Information, gave birth to a son on May 10.

As we wrote this, Sandra Miller, Revenue Accounting, was in the hospital recuperating from an appendectomy.

Clarence Steffen was transferred from Revenue Accounting to the Budget Department. He was succeeded by Harold Donihi.

Helen Franson of Materials and Supplies Accounting received a departmental promotion.

Eleanor Roche, Materials and Supplies Accounting, was transferred to the Way and Structures Department, building division.

William Dowling, Accounts Payable, was transferred to Internal Auditing.

Dorothy Nyczak, Materials and Supplies Accounting, left CTA May 31 to take up duties as housewife. She was presented with farewell gifts from her fellow employes.

Marjorie Scheidler, Materials and Supplies Accounting, was in the hospital for observation and treatment at this writing.

Henry Suhr, brother of Betty Suhr, passed away at his home in Iowa May 4 . . . Mrs. Anna Palilunas, mother of Felix Palilunas, assistant payroll accountant, died May 17 after an illness of several months.

-MABLE POTTHAST

Goes To Get Fish, Returns With Bait

ARCHER—Clerk Hank Zych spent his vacation in Wisconsin and Minnesota trying to catch fish, but didn't do so well. He came home with most of the bait.

Night Superintendent Stanley Bitel and his wife recently visited their son, Jack, and his wife at Case Institute in Cleveland. Jack is doing some hard studying in the atomic field.

Herb Johnson, Loop district supervisor, informed this reporter that Supervisor Tom Bell visited the Islands while on his vacation— Goose Island, Blue Island and Stony Island.

Operator Fred Wolff became a proud grandpappy when his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wolff, Jr., became the parents of Nancy Lee, born April 29 at St. Francis hospital . . . Another proud grandpa is Jack Turco, repairman, whose daughter recently gave birth to a girl.

Operator Fred Olson's son, Norman, was hospitalized recently after suffering serious injuries to his hand in an accident at school . . . Repairman Tony Lombardo, who

recently suffered back injuries, was confined to his home at this writing.

Supervisor Roy Alford, district "B," enjoyed his vacation in sunny California . . . Supervisor Raymond McCarthy, also of District "B," relaxed at his cottage in Antioch, Illinois, during his vacation. . . . Another District "B" supervisor, Eddie Novak, visited his son, Eddie, Jr., who is studying for the priesthood at Villanova, Pennsylvania.

District "B" clerks welcomed Charles Stephenson, new clerk. He formerly worked in General Office.

Supervisor Joe Coleman was off sick, as we wrote this, from nothing other than a strawberry rash.

Archer men, with their hats off, paid their last respects to *Operator Roy Smith*, who died very suddenly, as his funeral procession passed by this station.

Operators Charlie Matthes and Pete Daly were off sick, at this writing.

-R. H. FORTIER

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NEW DOCTOR



A DEGREE of Doctor of Medicine was conferred upon John J. Crossen, son of John Crossen, supervisor at 77th, on June 12 at Loyola University's school of medicine. A graduate of St. Sabina grammar school and Calumet high school, the new doctor received a Bachelor of Science degree in organic chemistry from the University of Illinois. He will serve his internship at Mercy Hospital in Buffalo, New York. He is the grandson of the late John W. Crossen, for many years a motorman at 69th Street.

Reported by Joe Smith

I'm Six Months Old; Here We Come, Daddy!

BEVERLY-Army regulations, which require a baby to be at least six months old before its mother can take it abroad, prevented Mrs. Joan Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Healy, from sailing with her husband, Dr. John Joyce, who is stationed in Germany. However, she expects to join her husband immediately now that the baby has reached that ripe old age.

Virgil and Evelyn Trimmer will celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary on June 27.

Clerk Tom McGuire and his wife, Betty, are wrapped up in baseball this season. Tom is a committeeman on the Southeast Pee Wee league of Evergreen Park which embraces boys from ages eight through 10 and his son, Tom Jr., age nine, plays left field for one of the league teams.

Dolores Howard, sister of Operators Cliff and Al Howard, was married recently to Jim Russ, who Rosary church. That same week,

is a brother of Operator John Russ

Former Burnsiders may be interested in knowing that Operator David R. Laughlin is the son of David W. Laughlin who was a motorman at Burnside for many years.

Lt. Agis R. Bray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Agis Bray, Sr., recently was discharged from the Army and now is teaching physical education in the Chicago public school system.

John and Katherine McCarthy took a western vacation. They planned to travel to Apple Point, California, and then south to San Diego and other principle cities in the area. They also planned to visit Las Vegas, Nevada; Albuquerque, New Mexico, and then return home . . . Walter and Jane Bayer visited their son, Robert, and his wife in Lakewood, California, for one week and then flew to Florida to visit Walter's parents at Lake

Charles and Ruth Sundblad and their family tried their luck fishing in the Bemidji, Minnesota, area. . . Joe and Mary Gertzen, and Ray and Ann Walsh spent the last week of May touring the Smoky mountains.

Visit Niagara Falls

Stephen and Victoria Bagrowski journeyed to Niagara Falls, going by way of Canada and returning on the U.S. side. They stopped in Marion, Ohio, to visit their daughter, Arlene, and their four grandchildren. While on their trip, the Bagrowskis celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary which was

Edward and Lillian Ricker spent two weeks with Mrs. Ricker's mother at DuQuoin, Illinois. Ed tried bass fishing while there . . . Jim and Ann Radloff enjoyed their vacation in New Orleans.

James O'Shaughnessy George Chandler, who were off sick, are back on the job.

George and Genevieve Schletz celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary June 20 . . . Marking up 21 years of marriage on June 25 will be Henry and Vivian Hansen.

Back in February, 1955, while on vacation, Tom Canning and his wife became the parents of a boy. This year, on May 17, and while Tom was again on vacation, the couple welcomed a baby girl.

Mary Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mullaney, was married to Jack O'Connor April 27 at Holy another daughter presented the Mullaneys with their second grandchild. Sheila.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mullins and family moved into a newly-purchased home at 7841 S. Morgan street.

William Magee, day foreman, and his wife spent a week in Kansas City, Missouri, visiting relatives . . . Jack Gavin spent a week in Miami . . . Charlie Abt, who is active in the Knights of Columbus, spent a week attending that organization's convention in Peoria, Illinois.

-FRANK M. BLACK

June Brides March Down Aisle

CLAIM-LAW-This department's first bride of the year, Terry Kuzius, dictaphone operator, was married June 1 to Walter Brozek at St. Stanislaus Kostka church. An evening reception for friends and relatives was held at the Polish Veterans' hall. ... Clerk Mary Delaney exchanged wedding vows with Frank Traxler June 15 at a nuptial mass which took place at Little Flower church and was performed by Mary's cousin, The Rev. Thomas Fahey. The couple honeymooned in Florida.

Attorney Frank Mullens passed out cigars in honor of the birth of his third son, John Harvey, on May 17.

Bernadette Bonk of the Law Department is living proof that the sun does shine every day in Miami.

Tom Healy, son of E. J. Healy, was graduated with high honors from St. George's high school, Evanston. He was captain of his bowling team and had an average of 170. Recently, he entered the National American Junior Bowling Congress along with 6,000 other high school students and came home with a trophy for 118th place. He is also an accomplished golfer, but so far has not beaten his dad.

Your co-reporter, Jeanne Ludmann, has a German-made typewriter with so many gadgets on it that it even "Gesundheits" for you if you sneeze!

-EL-JE

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FOR SALE - Three uniform coats for \$25.00 total. One suit coat like new, another suit coat and overcoat in wearable condition. All size 40. Henry Hengels, 3307 N. Kilpatrick. Telephone KIldare 5-3893.

Southern Trip Includes Tour Of Cathedral

ELECTRICAL-Frank Dorsch, chief operator of Blue Island substation, motored 2,800 miles through the deep south. He spent most of his time in New Orleans where he visited the oldest cathedral in the U.S., built in 1720.

Daniel Kelly, chief operator at 63rd substation, vacationed at Fox Lake. He said he enjoyed his stay but didn't find the fishing too good. . . . Rose Scheid, secretary, traveled via train to York, Pennsylvania, to visit friends and, on her return, stopped off to visit the nation's capital, which she enjoyed immensely.

Operator Frank Corrigan of Franklin substation vacationed in the Ozarks. A card he sent read as follows: "Beautiful country-the ideal place to fish and relax.'

-GILBERT E. ANDREWS

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE - One-carat diamond ring, clustered engagement. Reasonable. Telephone REpublic 7-8506.

BIG FISH



LIKE STORIES about fish? Here's one that's true, and here's a picture to go along with it. Shown is Eugene Szabo, relief receiver, with a 148-pound Marsan grouper he caught while fishing off Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Eugene said the grouper put up such a terrific fight that it took him three-quarters of an hour to land it. This fishing escapade took place during Eugene's three-week tour of the Sunshine State.

Reported by R. H. Fortier

Both Girl And Boy Bring Added Joy

FOREST GLEN — Operator Robert Denny and Mrs. Denny are the proud parents of twins, a girl and a boy, born at Swedish Covenant hospital recently.

Operator Tom Mathisen took his pension May 1.

Operator George Ward was transferred to the Mail Department in General Office . . . Operator Joe Rieschel took over a job as ticket agent on the rapid transit system.

Operator John Sares, who was in the hospital for a few days, is back at his job . . . Operator Jack Gold also was hospitalized for a few days, but has since returned to work.

Operator Al Polwalcyk made the "heavier set" sad because of the weight he lost.

A good time was had by all at a recent dance held by our Credit Union at Dania hall.

Some of the fellows here would like to know where Frank Carpino picked up that apron.

Don't forget, fellows. Please leave your news items in the TRANSIT NEWS box. The more news we have, the more interesting it will be for all of us to read this column.

-GEORGE H. WILLIAMS

Back To Work And Rarin' To Go!

GENERAL OFFICE—(Transportation) Edna Southworth and Joe Kirk, two members of the Telephone Department, are back at their jobs after being in "sick bay."

Ada Gustafson, telephone operator, returned from a week's vacation which she spent in and around Chicago.

(Stenographic)—Al Delster is all smiles and conversation these days about his new grandson, Kirk Lew Allen.

(Insurance)—All the Insurance lovelies donned their best bibs and tuckers for a pre-marital dinner at Mr. Kelly's restaurant in honor of three girls who were married recently, Marguerite Rechsteiner, Zoe Petrin and Nancy Dal Porto. Marguerite, the first of the three

to be married, exchanged vows with Ray Kuper in a candlelight ceremony at St. James Lutheran church. All her co-workers attended the ceremony.

Janice Bruhnke, stenographer, was transferred from the Employment Department to the Insurance Department.

Nancy Dal Porto and Mary Berry, together with Kay Corcoran of the Suggestions Committee office, were three of the 10 models who wore dresses donated by Alice Keating, sister of James T. Carney of Job Classification, and given as door prizes at the fifth annual benefit party for the Assumption church held in the M and M Club in the Merchandise Mart recently.

(Public Information) — Robert Heinlein, file clerk in the Claim Department, is now assistant to E. M. Guy, commercial sales manager . . . Replacing Pat Kennebec, Steno I, who left CTA June 7, was Julie Riordan, who formerly was a typist in the Employment Department.

-JULIE PRINDERVILLE

1913 TRAINMAN



WHAT THE well-dressed "L" trainman wore 44 years ago is seen in this picture of Albert Ross, retired conductor, West Section, taken in February, 1913. Al, who spent his entire transit career on the Garfield "L" line, began with the old Metropolitan West Side Elevated Company on January 14, 1913, as a conductor and guard. Taking his pension in April, 1954, he makes his home at 1034 S. Monitor avenue, Chicago.

Atmosphere Festive At Office Gathering

GENERAL OFFICE — (Training and Accident Prevention)—John Baker and his wife, Marion, entertained the office folks at their home in Glen Ellyn on May 26. This gathering also was an opportunity to get acquainted with the lovely "better halves" of the fellows in the department: Loretta Henry; Sally Boldt, Ethel Barker, Val Hirsch, Elizabeth Tretton, Dorothy Johnson and Arla Maginnis, Also present were Harriet and Joe DeLaurentis, and Rose and Dick Perry.

Providing entertainment for the affair were Eliot Hirsch, who "whacked" out song after song on the ukelele, and the host, John, at the piano. This music put everyone in a happy mood and drove them to the punch bowl. The weatherman came through with a beautiful day and everyone had a grand time.

Harriet DeLaurentis decided to leave CTA and devote her full time to Joe and her new home. She was feted at a luncheon at Henrici's on June 3 and later was presented with a barbecue grill and corsage by her CTA friends and co-workers.

NURSING GRADUATES







GRADUATION DAY June at St. Xavier's college for *Dolores Stewart* (left), and *Rose Mary McGuire*, and for *Joan Mae Paulov* (right) at Norwegian-American hospital May 19 meant further steps toward their goals in the hospital field. Dolores, daughter of *Operator Robert A. Stewart*, Beverly, took her nurse's training at Mercy hospital and received her bachelor of science degree at St. Xavier's. Her next step will be to enter the University of Chicago to study for her master's degree in hospital administration.

Rose Mary, whose father is *Electrician John McGuire*, bus overhaul, South Shops, also took her nurse's training at Mercy hospital and plans to continue her nursing career at that institution.

Joan Mae, daughter of Repairman Steve Paulov, Archer, hopes to specialize in pediatric work at Norwegian-American hospital.

Reported by Frank M. Black, Evelyn Clark, Frances Louward and R. H. Fortier

(Employment) - This department welcomed two new employes: Deanne DeSutter and Arlene Dittmann. Deanne, the daughter of Lee DeSutter, chief clerk, Specifications Engineering Department, graduated from Alvernia high school and attended Alverno college in Milwaukee for one year. Arlene is a graduate of Luther High School, South.

(Job Classification) - Carmen Pacella, clerk, recently returned to his job after being hospitalized because of an attack of appendi-

(Staff Engineering)-Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connor, mother of John O'Connor and wife of the late John O'Connor, former chief clerk at North Avenue depot, passed away May 18.

Anne Schleiter's son, Dan, an electrical engineering student at Marquette university, was the outstanding pianist at a recital at Sherwood Music school May 26. He played "St. Francis Walking On The Waves" by Franz Liszt. During the past two summers, Dan has worked as a ticket agent on the North Section.

-MARY E. CLARKE

This Wedding Was A **CTA Family Affair**

KEDZIE-Mary Margaret Hester, daughter of Operator John Hester, Sr., and sister of Clerk John Hester, Jr., was married to John Joseph Slivka May 19 at St. Mel's church. Operator Edward Harnett died May 16 . . . Superintendent William P. Herbert and his family suffered the loss of Mr. Herbert's mother on May 19.

At this writing, the wife of Janitor George Wilson has been ill for some time.

Janitor Steve Wapon and his family spent their vacation at their summer cottage at Lake Delavan. Wisconsin.

Operator Peter J. O'Neil underwent an ulcer operation recently and was convalescing at home, as we wrote this.

-C. P. STARR

Who Recalls These Men Of Yesteryear?

LIMITS-Operator Charles Green sent us a picture, more than 60 years old and too faded to reproduce in CTA TRANSIT NEWS. of a three-car train of cable cars of the old Chicago Street Railways Company which operated out of the former Lincoln-Wrightwood barns. Pictured are John Alcott, the operator of the car who was known as the "gripman," and Conductors Louis Schild and Jacob Hahn. Do any of our pensioners or present employes remember any of these men?

Let's increase the size of this column. If we had a little more help, we could have lots of news every month.

-IRVING J. METZGER

A Florida Visit That May Be Permanent

LOOP (Agents)-After 13 years of service, Sadie Rowe retired June 1. She contemplates making her permanent home in St. Petersburg, Florida, where she recently visited Pensioner Leona Hammer.

50 WEDDED YEARS



OBSERVING THEIR golden wedding anniversary February 2. Pensioner Joseph Tryba, a conductor who worked out of Armitage, and his wife, Tekla, renewed their marriage vows at St. Helen's Catholic church. A dren.

dinner and dance followed the church ceremony.

At the time this picture was taken last November, the Trybas were helping their daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Joseph Barrowman, celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.

Joe, who retired in October, 1949, after 37 years of transit service, formerly was a cabinet maker. Both he and his wife, who emigrated from Poland as a child, are members of the Polish Alma Mater of America. The couple have two other a mass said in their honor at daughters and six grandchil-

TAKES PENSION



AFTER MORE than 38 years of service with CTA and the former Chicago Rapid Transit Company, Clarence Birmingham, shop clerk at 61st street shops, retired on pension as of June 1. Starting his career in March, 1919, as a painter's helper at Wilson Shops, he became a shop clerk in June, 1920. Later in February, 1921, he was transferred to 61st street where he remained until his retirement. Here (left) Edward Hendrickson, general foreman, rapid transit inspection shops and terminals, and (right) Charles J. Dowling, general foreman, South Section, present Clarence (center) with luggage on behalf of the clerk's coworkers. Clarence also received a \$50.00 check. Reported by Joe Feinendegen

Julia Curry now is grandmother of three grandsons. The latest, Andrew Curry, is the third born

to her daughter, Lorraine.

Dorothy Parker was recuperating at home after surgery, at this writ-

McAndrews and Marie daughter, Marilyn, vacationed with Marie's son, Joseph, in Los Angeles, California. Making their headquarters in Los Angeles, they took side trips to places of interest.

Agnes Sullivan put her vacation to profitable use by painting screens and windows and doing other chores around her home in Bellwood, Illinois.

-EDITH EDBROOKE

June's A Memorable Month For Many

NORTH AVENUE-Celebrating wedding anniversaries this month were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mocarski, their 17th on June 15; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojewoda, their 18th on June 17, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kowald, their 25th on June 18 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dick Scholtens will mark their 25th wedding our manager. Bill Miedema, coach,

anniversary on June 27 and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hightower, their 29th on June 30.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. McLaughlin, who will celebrate their 23rd wedding anniversary at the very end of this month-June 30-witnessed another wedding on the first day of this month; that of their son, John F., Jr., to Kathleen Laura Ronan at a nuptial mass in St. Lambert's church. A reception was held at the American Legion hall in Skokie. The young couple honeymooned in Florida.

Operator Walter Brouse has pleasant memories of his trip abroad. His travels took him to England, France and Italy where he stopped off in such cities as London, Paris, Rome, Naples and

Operator Andy Miedema was doing nicely after a recent operation, at this writing . . . Joe Mc-Hale was a recent patient at Hines Hospital where he underwent surgery.

A winning softball team is promised us this year by Joe Roeckl,

said that the team looks great. Why not come out and cheer for your team and your favorite player? All home games are played at Hirsch and LeMoyne.

Add the name of Eddie Clonke to the Grandpappy club.

Angelina, daughter of Operator Joseph Lazzara, was married to Frank Grzesik on June 1 at St. Philomena's church. A reception was held at the Marshall Square ballroom. The couple honeymooned in Florida.

-IOE HIEBEL

He's One Who'll Be Long Remembered

NORTH PARK-This station lost an old friend with the passing of Nick Grimaldi, who was chief clerk, on May 1 after a month's illness. Nick came to North Park after the closing of Elston and was well known to hundreds of trainmen at stations on the north and west sides of the city. He began his transit career 44 years ago.

Operator Ben Kerpen was busy whipping a championship softball

EXPERT SHOTS



IT LOOKS like a good score, Bill, Carpenter Robert Buerger (left), Skokie Shops, seems to be telling his brother, who is a battery service man at the same location, as the two, their .38 caliber revolvers in hand, examine their target after firing on the Lincolnwood Armory's range. Robert is a lieutenant and Bill is a sergeant in the first platoon, first district, Illinois Civil Defense Patrol. The brothers were presented trophies for excellent shooting during a recent meeting of the unit.

Reported by Dave Gurwich and Everett E. England

team into shape, as we wrote this. His latest candidate for shortstop was Operator Tom Correa. Who knows-maybe Tom will develop into another Luis Aparicio.

Operator Bill Buenger is back on the job following an operation.

Operator Bill Theise spent his vacation visiting his folks in Ger-

> -EDWARD F. STENZEL and EARL W. McLAUGHLIN

'Best Friend' Joins Family Circle

NORTH SECTION—Clerk Pat Hallahan recently was blessed with a new addition to his family-Duchess, a boxer.

Glad to see Agents Nancy Coleman and Mary Mulkeen back to work after their recent illnesses.

Conductor John C. Willi returned to his job after a recent illness.

Motorman Ed Von Sprecken, who spent his vacation in Honolulu, Hawaii, promised to bring back some mementos of his trip.

Supervisor Frank McManamon was home recovering from an operation, as we wrote this.

Clerk Clarence Rudolph recently entertained friends who were able to penetrate the muddy roads to his home out in Rolling Meadows.

Guard Robert L. Jones and Mrs. Jones greeted a bouncing baby boy, whom they promptly named Robert L., Jr. The little fellow joins two

Motorman Mike O'Driscoll was still recovering in Weiss Memorial Hospital, at this writing. He would enjoy seeing or hearing from more of his friends, he said.

With summer here, some of the North Section employes have suggested a get-together, such as a picnic. What do you think?

As the new reporter for this station, I'm hoping for a lot of news to fill this column. The more news coming in, the more enjoyable the column will be for all to read.

—ANGELO BIANCHINI

Little Twirler **Shows Her Stuff**

PURCHASING AND STORES - Little Connie Vail, six-year-old granddaughter of Buyer Gene Burke, really had her hands full at the second annual spring festival of Mendel Catholic high school May 10. Already accomplished with-the baton, she strutted her twirling best to a tune that might have

been especially written for her: "Baby Face." She regularly leads the band of the boys' high school in its city parades.

Mike Griffin, West Division, returned to his job after an absence of four months because of a knee

John Kutax Purchasing, left CTA to accept a position with another firm.

Bill Barnes, Purchasing, flew to Tampa, Florida, after his grandfather suffered a stroke recently. Bill reported that his grandfather was coming along rather well, considering his age of 92.

Clifford White, South Division, transferred to the Internal Auditing Department.

A surprise bon-voyage luncheon was held for Gudrun Hanssen. Stores, General Office, who flew to Norway to spend her vacation.

-DAGMAR McNAMARA

A Little Wet, But Well Worth It

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC-The CTA golf tournament, held May 18, was a slightly damp and foggy affair, but Bernie Kincanon, who won first prize, and Bob LaVoie, who took second place honors, felt that it was a successful day. Prizes were golf carts which certainly should make their future efforts less diffi-

Ed Andracki and his wife are becoming well acquainted with Janice Marie, who was born at St. Mary's hospital on April 18.

Harold Andrews had an "argument" with his gall bladder but expected to have it under control soon which, we agree, is a good idea.

The girls from this department enjoyed a pleasant evening by having dinner in the Sirloin Room at the Stock Yards Inn. Occasion was the celebration of Laura Schrecke's birthday.

-L. C. DUTTON

One Took It Easy, Two Worked Hard

SKOKIE SHOPS-Three employes recently took the last weeks of their 1956 vacations. George Rateike, divisional engineer, went fishing, while Clarence Golz, carpenterforeman, and Foreman August Feinendegen spent their time off just working around the house.

As we wrote this, Shopman John Collins was off with a broken McGovern decided to take an early

TALENTED TOT



COMING IN second in a talent contest April 25 was Lynn Ellen, five-year-old daughter of Operator Roland H. Fortier, Archer. In this picture, she demonstrates her style of dancing and singing that enabled her to win the second place trophy. Sponsored by the Archer Road Kiwanis club and Kelly Park, the competition featured performances by youngsters from ages 4 to 17. Last fall, Lynn won a preliminary contest for her age group.

thumb and Charles Ceffalio, electrician, also was off sick.

Electrician Walter Leonard and Machinist Joe Zaremski both lost their fathers during May.

The wife of Painter Irwin Weismyer was sick, as we wrote this.

Clerk Jack Lucas vacationed in

-DAVE GURWICH and EVERETT E. ENGLAND

Should Be More People Like Her

SOUTH SECTION - Agent Julia Filan, who exhibited good judgment and showed consideration when she paid the fare of a customer who had only bills of a large denomination, was commended by the person whom she helped out.

Conductor Harold Blitch became the proud father of a bouncing baby boy April 12.

District Superintendent Terry

vacation so that he could get a head start on his house cleaning. Upon his return to work, he displayed hands that were wrapped in band-aids to prove that the going was tough.

Towerman Leonard DeGroot has been seen wearing a new captain's hat. He said that, since he was launching his ship, which had been newly renovated, it was only fitting that he wear proper attire.

Agent Mary Donohue picked a spring vacation to do her annual house cleaning. When the White Sox were in town, one could always see her at the ball park rooting for those go-go Sox.

John Becker, superintendent of agents and porters, and Mrs. Becker celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary April 29.

Bob Thompson, 69th operator who formerly worked as a motorman on the South Section, decided to leave CTA and become

LITTLE DANCER



A PROFESSIONAL entertainer and model is the accomplishment of Cynthia, eight-year-old daughter of Shop Foreman Richard Bulak, South Shops, and Mrs. Bulak. She appeared in the recent New York Ballet Company's production of "The Nutcracker" which ran at the Civic Opera House until May 12. The youngster had modeled clothes for certain department stores, has been a model for television commercials and also has participated in various productions at the Jack and Jill Playhouse. She recently won first prize in a talent show held by the Beverly Hills American Legion Post for a monologue "My Dog, Mike."

Reported by Evelyn Clark and Frances Louward

CLEANER RETIRES



WHEN EDMOND DAWSON, cleaner at Wilson Shops (third from left, front row), retired May 1 after 29 years with CTA and the former Chicago Rapid Transit Company, his friends were on hand to say good bye and wish him luck. Immediately to his left is Tony Antonucci, general foreman and immediately to his right, Mike Heil, Howard shop foreman. Edmond received a \$50.00 cash purse from his fellow workers.

ic Research Laboratories. He was one of our better golfers.

The wife of Station Superintendent Ralph Wenstrom was awarded a prize at the porters' dance held May 18 at the Casino. As a result, this office enjoyed the goodness of a tasty whipped cream cake.

Instructor Don Murphy appeared to be very proud as he escorted his daughter, Donna, down the aisle to the altar at Annunciata church May 4. Henceforth it is Mr. and Mrs. John Eggars. A gala reception followed the couple's wedding ceremony.

Conductor Michael Sullivan experienced the happy occasion of seeing his son, Daniel, ordained a priest May 3 and saying his first solemn mass at Visitation church May 5.

Agent Martha Ennis took her retirement June 1 after more than 44 years of service.

-LEO J. BIEN

Getting Broken In Down On The Farm

South Shops - We now have a farmer in our midst in the person of Carpenter Tony Jarosy, bus body repair. Tony and his wife, Mary, are the proud owners of a 40-acre farm in Tinley Park where they have been planting 500 ever- home in shape for the summer.

associated with the Argonne Atom- | green trees and lots and lots of tomatoes. They now have two hogs. 12 lambs and 400 chickens to feed. The hogs, which weighed approximately 25 lbs. each when Tony bought them, now weigh in at 200 lbs. each. Little Antonette and Paul Jarosy are having the time of their lives feeding the chickens, hogs, lambs and, last but not least, their dog and cat.

> There was lots of excitement in the John Cacciato home this month. John, who is a production clerk in industrial engineering, had two boys graduating from school just five days apart. John, Jr., was graduated from St. Rita high school and expects to enter Loyola university in the fall. Robert, 13 years old, was graduated from St. Tribius grammar school and will enter St. Mary's Missionary in Techny, Illinois.

> Joe Kehoe, bus overhaul, moved to his new home in Stickney recently.

Walter Jastrembski, print shop, spent a week's vacation in Wisconsin.

Thyra Foster and Jean Panek, office, rounded out their 1957 vacation bewailing the fact that it rained almost every day . . . Having better luck on his vacation was Frank DeWitt, office, who spent

We didn't learn, at this writing, where Chief Clerk A. C. Lindquist and his wife spent the month of May, but we do know that they planned to do some traveling.

Men who retired May 1 were Carpenter Frank Wietrzak, who had 36 years of service, and Frank Jankowski truck repairman, with 30 years. Both received cash gifts along with the best wishes of their co-workers.

Gust Kaveckis, Miscellaneous, suffered the death of his wife and Richard Klesc, electrician, the loss of his mother.

-EVELYN CLARK and FRANCES LOUWARD

Here's One Really Loyal Cub Fan!

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -(Douglas)-Repairman Joe Serritella, a rabid Cub rooter, still thinks the North Side baseball team will come through with flying colors this year. He must believe in miracles.

(Lake)-Repairman Stanley Maturo and his wife, Cora, welcomed Michael Steven on April 4.

Ralph Danielson, assistant foreman, headed up to his farm in Manistee, Michigan, to spend his vacation . . . Repairman John Nash enjoyed a spring vacation right here in Chicago.

(Wilson)-Repairman Art Broska retired on May 1 after 40 years of service.

Ed Hendrickson, general foreman of rapid transit inspection shops and terminals, spent a vacation in Chicago, as did Ernie Jones, assistant foreman at Wilson Shops.

As this was written, Acting Clerk Pete Lemperis was still off because of an injury.

(Logan)-Repairman Herb Miller returned to work after being sick for two weeks . . . Repairman George Speers was still off sick, as we wrote this. George is fortunate in that his wife is a former nurse.

-JOE FEINENDEGEN

Michigan Trip In Vacation Plans

WAY AND STRUCTURES-Clerk Roy Johnson visited relatives in Traverse City, Michigan, during his vacation.

The contents of the home of Leon Danz, laborer, Rapid Transit most of it getting his lawn and Division, were destroyed by fire Nick Kamenjarin, track gang foreman, and Matteo Cirrincione, Joseph Gerk and Anton Hriljac, all of Track, retired June 1.

Your reporter spent a weekend recently in Holland, Michigan, and enjoyed the beautiful tulips and festivities of the Tulip Festival there.

-MARLENE NEHER

Let's Hear About Your Vacations

West Section (Agents)—Many of our fellow-workers are looking forward to, or are on vacation. We'd appreciate hearing about your travels and experiences. If you have some good, clear snapshots, send them along. And also, we'd like to hear some good vacation tales—especially about the big ones that got away.

Agent Beulah Fields enjoyed a vacation in Mexico.

Agent Axel Dybro took his pension June 1.

It's good to see Marcella Hogan back at work after an absence of many weeks because of illness.

-GORDON KELLY

Father Finishes Duty, Now It's Son's Turn

WEST SHOPS—Tony Vihnanek, who was on jury duty for two weeks, finished his chore in time to bid adieu to his son, David, who entered the Army.

Tony Lullo, industrial engineering, recently suffered the loss of his wife.

George Hayes, bus overhaul, reported that the boys hooked onto some nice bass at his place at Diamond Lake.

Your reporter and his wife had a wonderful time during their recent trip to Florida.

John Kolin of the machine shop took his pension June 1 after 30 years of service.

Dorothy Moran enjoyed her vacation in and around Chicago . . . Also taking their vacations were Joe Bolech, Joe Kiselus and Joe Margetic, of the technical services division.

-JOHN T. BURKE

If you've moved recently,

please notify

CTA TRANSIT NEWS

For And About Our Pensioners

ARCHER—Paul F. Ehlers, former repairman, who retired in April 1947 after 20 years of service, died May 16... We also must report the death of John Sullivan, former motorman whose 36-year career extended from 1906 to 1941, on May 22.

-R. H. FORTIER

Beverly—August Skogland, former 77th motorman, operates the Evergreen Resort at Bull Shoals Lake, Bull Shoals, Arkansas. Operator George Johnson and his family who spent their vacation at Augie's place last summer, can vouch for the good bass fishing.

A letter from former Burnsider Ray Carroll, who operates a boat and bait business at Three Mile Lake, Paw Paw, Michigan, stated that the fish are so aggressive this time of year that he is afraid to go out in a boat alone. He always takes his next door neighbor, Robert T. Duffy, former Beverly superintendent, just in case.

Former Conductor George Grassell moved from 111th and Cottage Grove to 291 Pleasant street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Remember the Sullivan brothers who were in business at 70th and State? One of the brothers, Gregory, now works at U.S. Steel. Gregory told me that his brother, Dan,

CTA Pensioners' Club Names Officers

OFFICERS OF a newly-formed CTA pensioners' club in the St. Petersburg, Florida, area were named at a recent meeting of the group in St. Petersburg, which was attended by some 50 retired CTA'ers. In addition to L. B. Mann, who was named president, other officers are Joseph A. Rabig, vice president, and Harry H. Gauer, secretary. Board members are John J. Kilbride, Merville V. Morton, Katherine O'Dill and C. W. Lundstrom.

Next meeting of the group is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, at the Odd Fellows Hall, 105 4th street, South. All future meetings will be held at that hall and on the first Tuesday of each month.

who retired six years ago from 77th, retired May 17 from a gas concern . . . George Frank retired May 1 after spending 12 years at Beverly and 77th, and 24 previous years at Burnside. His last duty was as flagman in "Hogan's Alley" on east 93rd street.

John R. Sullivan, who retired two years ago, now lives at 1737 W. 95th place, Chicago. Before retiring, he worked for 32 years at 69th and at the old Elston depot for the Consolidated Traction Company during the previous 10 years.

-FRANK M. BLACK

CLAIM-LAW — Julius Lellinger formerly of the Law Department, is in St. Francis' hospital recuperating from surgery, at this writing. We hope the June sunshine finds him back on the golf course.

-EL-JE

ELECTRICAL—Fully 170 persons attended the 11th annual dinner in honor of the retiring personnel of this department at Ray Harrington's restaurant May 9. However, of nine honored guests who retired during the last year, only three were able to be present to receive their pins. They were William Degelmann, Edward Emeritz and Arthur Raddatz.

Carl Wolf, electrical engineer, made the presentations. Unable to be present were John J. Dalton, Fred Henningsen, C. F. Gustason, Theodore Kawol, Thomas J. Kelly and Paul Murray.

-GILBERT E. ANDREWS

GENERAL OFFICE — (Transportation)—Cards were received recently from Charles Gylling, former CTA chief instructor who returned from a trip through Arizona, California and Nevada, where they stopped off at Las Vegas.

John Philpott, former Loop district superintendent, recently returned for a visit to his home town, Chicago, and his CTA friends. Upon retiring in January, 1956, he was married and then purchased a home in Brandon, which is about 10 miles from Tampa, Florida.

-JULIE PRINDERVILLE

NORTH AVENUE — We received a nice letter from *Tony Stiglich*, who is residing in St. Petersburg, Florida. He sends his regards to all his old buddies . . . We would

appreciate knowing the whereabouts of our old friends who are enjoying their pensions. Mail any items of interest to your reporter, *Joe Hiebel*, at 1057 N. Laramie avenue, Chicago 51, Illinois.

-JOE HIEBEL

SOUTH SECTION—Bartley F. Page, formerly a motorman, sent a letter to let all his friends and former coworkers know that he was in his words, "still around and enjoying myself." A regular reader of CTA TRANSIT NEWS, he has kept track of his former associates. In good health, he resides with his wife at 11004 S. Talman, Chicago. He retired in July, 1952, after more than 40 years of transit service with CTA and predecessor companies.

-LEO J. BIEN

SOUTH SHOPS—We recently received cards from Bill Hanna, former car wiring foreman, from Hot Springs, Arkansas. Bill and his wife reported a wonderful time and the weather good . . . John Crawford, former electrician, was visiting relatives in Whittier, California, as we wrote this. John wrote us that he was contemplating living in that state.

Ralph Bolt, retired tinner, recently dropped in for a visit. He looked wonderful.

-EVELYN CLARK and FRANCES LOUWARD

WAY AND STRUCTURES—A letter received from *Harry Safford*, who now lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, indicated that he is enjoying the warm climate. He said "hello" to all of his friends.

-MARLENE NEHER

West Shops-Your reporter had a nice letter from Ted Shumon, former clerk and former scribe for this column. He wrote that he was "basking in luxury" at his "Valle del Sol" in Phoenix, Arizona . . . Al Stahl, formerly of the machine shop, visited West Shops recently. . . . Bill Trautman, formerly assistant foreman, machine shop, died May 31 after an illness of two months. Funeral services were held June 4 at Golgotha Evangelical Lutheran church, 69th street and Wolcott avenue. Burial was in Concordia cemetery. Retiring in July, 1956, he had 36 years of transit service.

-JOHN T. BURKE

NEW PENSIONERS

- W. T. Barth, conductor, 77th. Employed 5-3-16.
- Chris Borcherding, gateman, West Section. Employed 10-19-43.
- G. L. Bratu, gateman, North Section. Employed 3-13-46.
- Louis Brenner, motorman, West Section. Employed 3-17-13.
- Steve Clemons, motorman, South Section. Employed 5-8-22.
- Patrick Curran, operator, North Avenue. Employed 11-12-13.
- Edmond Dawson, car cleaner, Wilson Shops. Employed 8-7-28.
- J. J. Fitzgerald, audit clerk, Internal Audit. Employed 4-13-28.
- G. F. Frank, unassigned, Transportation. Employed 10-27-20.
- E. W. Gadwill, motorman, 77th. Employed 7-1-26.
- Michael Gill, janitor. Limits. Employed 4-25-24.
- Richard Goulden, operator, Transportation. Employed 4-11-14.
- W. S. Helmer, engineer, Specifications. Employed 2-21-17.
- R. J. Janecek, agent. West Section. Employed 5-4-29.
- Frank Jankowski, truck repairman, South Shops. Employed 9-8-26.
- E. W. Littlefield, conductor, West Section. Employed 11-22-44.
- Denis Mangan, car cleaner, 77th. Employed 2-8-23.
- A. C. Meske, conductor Devon. Employed 1-18-22.
- H. S. Midkiff, conductor, 77th. Employed 12-30-19.
- P. C. Miller, porter, North Section. Employed 7-5-23.
- John Muzich, doorman, North Avenue. Employed 1-1-12.
- Joseph Niedzielak, gateman, West Section. Employed 3-19-42.
- N. P. Nielsen, conductor, Devon. Employed 1-22-20.
- James Norton, paymaster, Treasury. Employed 10-16-03.
- George Rancich, comp. mixer operator, Track. Employed 5-1-22.

TIMELY GIFT



RECEIVING WATCH from Foreman Paul Lorimer (right, front), foreman, Lake Street shops, is Repairman Walter Williams (center) who retired on pension May 1 after 15 years of service. They are with Ralph Danielson, assistant foreman, and James Durr, shop clerk. In back row are Repairmen Clinton Donly and Lewis Reyes. Not in picture, but also helping to mark the occasion, was Edward Hendrickson, general foreman, rapid transit inspection shops and terminals. Reported by Joe Feinendegen

- W. W. Rempala, motorman, Devon. Employed 11-13-22.
- Hugh Smith, conductor, West Section. Employed 11-20-16.
- Peter Smith, motorman, Devon. Employed 5-23-23.
- W. P. Smith, conductor, North Section. Employed 12-27-15.
- C. S. Thorkelson, operator, 77th. Employed 5-26-21.
- F. S. Wietrzak, carpenter "A," South Shops. Employed 4-4-21.
- Walter Williams, repairman "B," Lake Street. Employed 11-23-42.
- W. A. Witonski, gateman, West Section. Employed 6-2-42.
- L. C. Zartmann, operator, North Avenue. Employed 4-1-20.

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

- H. A. Garry, operator, North Avenue. Employed 10-29-20.
- Frank Madsen, chauffeur, Utility Department. Employed 10-15-25.
- W. J. Washa, conductor, Devon. Employed 11-22-23.

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

- ROBERT ALTERA, 69, retired agent, West Section. Died 1-31-57. Employed 3-4-37.
- GUST AMANDES, 70, retired conductor, North Section. Died 4-19-57. Employed 12-27-23.
- M. L. BAKER, 82, retired motorman, 77th. Died 5-6-57. Employed 3-25-04.
- ANTON BARILOW, 64, trainman, North Section. Died 5-6-57. Employed 6-8-20.
- ANTON BOMBALAS, 76, retired car cleaner, Kedzie. Died 4-14-57. Employed 4-24-10.
- JOHN BROWERS, 75, retired conductor, North Section. Died 4-23-57. Employed 10-31-12.
- J. W. CHADDOCK, 75, retired conductor, North Avenue. Died 4-24-57. Employed 8-28-18.
- W. I. CRAFT, 84, retired flagman, Burnside. Died 4-25-57. Employed 10-22-10.
- M. J. GAUGHAN, 64, retired conductor, North Section. Died 4-12-57. Employed 1-27-43.
- LEO GENARO, 74, retired watchman, Track. Died 4-21-57. Employed 4-7-23.
- FELIX GORNIAK, 72, retired motorman, Cottage Grove. Died 4-5-57. Employed 9-8-22.
- NICHOLAS M. GRIMALDI, 62, clerk, North Park. Died 5-1-57. Employed 5-13-13.
- EDWARD HARNETT, 61, operator, Kedzie. Died 5-16-57. Employed 11-4-22.
- ARTHUR HAYWOOD, 66, retired porter, South Section. Died 4-30-57. Employed 12-5-44.
- A. H. JONES, 90, retired motorman, 69th. Died 4-11-57. Employed 4-14-04.
- JAMES KARPICK, 64, retired agent, West Section. Died 4-17-57. Employed 5-5-20.
- OTTO LARSON, 79, retired conductor, North Avenue. Died 4-11-57. Employed 7-25-04.
- E. J. LAUERMANN, 64, retired conductor, Kedzie. Died 4-28-57. Employed 10-9-13.
- HENRY LEONARD, 79, retired conductor, North Section. Died 5-5-57. Employed 1-27-15.

- J. A. LUM, 66, retired car cleaner, 61st. Died 4-28-57. Employed 2-14-44.
- HUGH McGUIRE, 42, operator, 77th. Died 5-6-57. Employed 9-9-42.
- ALEXANDER McLAREN, 66, retired car repairman, South Shops. Died 4-25-57. Employed 5-6-27.
- C. J. MULLEN, 56, retired conductor, North Section. Died 4-12-57. Employed 3-9-25.
- J. J. O'CONNOR, 83, retired janitor, Cottage Grove. Died 5-2-57. Employed 11-1-94.
- GEORGE PUSKARICH, 75, retired laborer, Track. Died 4-18-57. Employed 6-27-27.
- E. J. ROBINSON, 66, retired motorman, Devon. Died 4-11-57. Employed 11-6-22.
- DENIS SCANLON, 71, retired motorman, Kedzie. Died 5-4-57. Employed 2-29-12.
- C. P. SCHAEFER, 66, retired conductor, Devon. Died 5-5-57. Employed 7-11-16.
- J. J. SCHILLING, 73, retired conductor, Kedzie. Died 4-15-57. Employed 9-1-08.
- LUKA SEGO, 58, retired compressor operator, Track. Died 5-6-57. Employed 12-3-23.
- M. J. SHEEHY, 80, retired motorman, Kedzie. Died 5-1-57. Employed 6-13-11.
- RAYMOND SINCLAIR, 61, operator, North Avenue. Died 4-25-57. Employed 10-9-23.
- F. J. SMITH, 77, retired station superintendent, Devon. Died 4-11-57. Employed 3-4-04.
- ROY A. SMITH, 50, operator, Archer. Died 5-14-57. Employed 4-29-41.
- LÚIGÍ TERRANA, 74, retired watchman, Track. Died 4-11-57. Employed 4-19-22.
- CHARLES TOPPEL, 86, retired motorman, Lawndale. Died 4-16-57. Employed 7-9-06.
- MARTIN VICTOR, 69, retired car cleaner, North Section. Died 4-10-57. Employed 6-15-10.
- LEWIS M. WADDELL, 61, conductor, 77th. Died 4-22-57. Employed 4-2-29.
- T. F. WALSH, 59, retired collector, Kedzie. Died 5-1-57. Employed 9-25-18.
- HERMAN WANKEL, 59, operator, North Avenue. Died 4-20-57. Employed 4-20-23.

NEW MAP ISSUED

A REVISED CTA system map and city directory has recently been issued and is available for public distribution.

The map, which folds easily to pocket or purse size, is attractively printed in blue and black and contains pertinent information about all CTA routes.

The folder lists CTA streetcar, bus and "L" and subway routes by numbers and gives detailed route information. Connecting suburban bus lines also are given. It also contains a condensed directory of streets and their locations in relation to the basic east-west dividing line of State street and the north-south line of Madison street.

Key points of interest served by local transit lines are spotted in color on the map for the guidance of visitors or other riders unfamiliar with the locations of the various centers of attraction in and around the city.

Copies of the new map and directory folder may be obtained free by writing CTA Public Information Department, Room 742, Merchandise Mart, or by phoning MOhawk 4-7200, extension 805.

Junior Official Day

AS PART of a Youth Week program in Chicago during May, Leroy Beckley, 18. a senior student at Dunbar Vocational high school, who was appointed junior general manager of the CTA, called on General Manager Walter J. McCarter at his office in the Merchandise Mart to learn something of CTA operations.

The young man was one of a group of students whose achievements were recognized by their selection for assignments to serve in leading civic positions on Junior Official Day. The nominees were sponsored by cooperating youth groups from all over the city.

After his visit with Mr. McCarter, Leroy was escorted on a tour of CTA offices in the Mart and the teen-ager later attended a luncheon in the Hotel Sherman with senior officials.

Leroy, who is studying architectural drafting, is a leader in school and Y.M.C.A. activities.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS MONTHS OF APRIL 1957 AND 1956, FOUR MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 1957 AND 1956 AND TWELVE MONTHS FNDED APRIL 30, 1957

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

	Month of	f April 1956	Four Mont April		Twelve Months Ended Apr. 30, 1957
Revenues	\$9,927,050	\$9,771,339	\$39,385,477	\$39,860,912	\$119,718,119
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	8,636,902	8,279,595	35,798,626	34,724,212	103,785,722
Available for Debt Service	1,290,148	1,491,744	3,586,851	5,136,700	\$ 15,932,397
Debt Service Requirements:	-				
Interest Charges	398,695	406,279	1,594,781	1,625,854	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond					
Maturity Fund	250,000(1)	233,333	1,000,000	933,333	
Revenue Bond Reserves (2)	30,000	30,000	120,000	120,000	
	678,695	669,612	2,714,781	2,679,187	
Balance Available for Depreciation	611,453	822,132	872,070	2,457,513	
Transfer from Operating Expense Reserve to					
meet deficit in Debt Service Requirements (3)	-	-	313,588		
Balance Available for Depreciation	611,453	822,132	1,185,658	2,457,513	
Provision for Depreciation - Current Period Deficit in Depreciation Provision	794,164	781,707	3,150,838	3,188,873	
or Balance Available for Other Charges (4) Accumulated Deficit:	182,711r	40,425	1,965,180r	731,360 r	
To end of previous month	2,006,080r	771,785r	223,6111		
At close of April	\$2,188,791r	\$ 731,360r	\$ 2,188,791r	\$ 731,360 r	
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Originating Revenue Passengers	51,474,717	50,671,327	203,932,751	207,856,075	617,359,242
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STATUS OF EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

as at April 30, 1957

	Delivered to Date	Remaining to be Delivered	Total
1955 and 1956 Orders:			
Propane Buses	149	1	150
E1-Subway Cars	100	100	200
	249	101	350
Delivered under previous orders	3,	,314	
Less - P.C.C. Streetcars to be converted to El-Subway Ca	ars _	200	3,114
			3,464

NOTES:
(1) Equal monthly installments to retire \$3,000,000 principal amount of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing on July 1, 1957.

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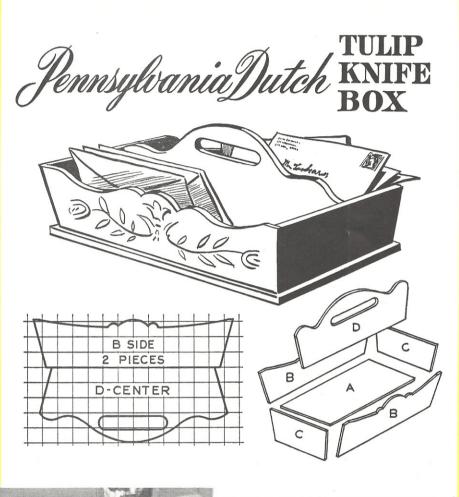
(2) Available to pay interest on any interest payment dates of Series of 1952 and Series of 1953 Revenue Bonds when amounts set aside for such purposes are insulficient therefor, or for accomplishing the final retirement or redemption of all outstanding Series of 1952 and 1953 Bonds.

(3) Revenues for the month of January 1957 were not sufficient to make the deposits required in the Debt Service Funds. In accordance with the terms of the Revenue Bond Trust Agreement, such deficiency in revenues to meet the debt service requirements was made up by a transfer from the Operating Expense Reserve Fund.

(4) Deposits may be made in the Depreciation Reserve Fund only to the extent that moneys 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 Reveaue 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 moneys are available therefor fater making the required deposits to the Depreciation Reserve Fund; also that deposits of \$900,000 zeposits 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 moneys remaining in any one year after making all required deposits in the Depreciation Reserve, Revenue Bond Amortization and Operating Expense Reserve Fund in any calendar year that earnings are available therefor. Deposits to the Municipal Compensation Fund may be made only from moneys remaining in any one year after making all required deposits in the Depreciation Reserve, Revenue Bond Amortiza



NEVES NOW FOR HOME HANDICRAFTERS





EASY TO make and attractive to the eyes this reproduction of an authentic early American antique-a Pennsylvania Dutch tulip knife box with a dozen uses.

PLYWOOD HAS many uses, but none more unique than as a material which is easily adaptable for home-workshop projects. Many decorative and useful household items can be made by following simple instructions such as the following.

Here's a striking pattern for a Pennsylvania Dutch tulip knife box with a dozen uses you can make in an afternoon with fir plywood.

It is a reproduction of an authentic early American antique—one of a series of new designs for furniture and decorating accessories suggested by a

famed designer and one of the world's foremost authorities on American antiques.

The original which inspired this design was found on a farm in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, an area world-renowned for the Pennsylvania Dutch motifs in decoration. This one is decorated with a gay tulip design-one of those for which this part of the country is famous.

Today you can use it for knives, forks or spoons. You can serve hot biscuits in it, or keep it as a letter box or catchall. Your family will love one, and it will make an excellent gift from your home workshop.

To make the knife box from the pattern shown here, you need only a small piece of fir plywood 3/8" thick. Lumber dealers have small panels of plywood from which this can be cut, and a piece as small as 16" by 21" will do. From it cut the following pieces:

- 1 pc. 63/4" by 12" bottom (A)

- 2 pcs. 3½" by 13½" sides (B) 2 pcs. 3½" by 7½" ends (C) 1 pc. 5" by 12¾" center (D) (D)

How To Assemble

Draw a grid on a piece of paper, spacing your lines 1" apart. Then draw the actual pattern outline of the handle, one side, and one end on the grid using the pattern shown here as a guide. Cut out the special shapes with a jig or coping saw. Use the same pattern in reverse for the other side and end.

File or plane the bottoms of the sides and ends so they fit properly on the bottom piece and then assemble, glue, and nail the parts into place.

To finish the item, first sand with 0 sandpaper, rounding off all sharp corners. Then dampen the surface with a wet cloth and let it stand for 12 hours. Sand again with 00 sandpaper or rub with fine steel wool.

Finally, you can wax, stain, varnish or paint the knife box to fit your own needs. A natural finish with a brightly colored tulip design, as shown in the pattern, will lend character to the piece.



INCOMING MAIL to the Service Section of the Public Information Department is a good gauge of public reaction to CTA operations. Letters can be either critical or commendatory, depending on the kind of experience patrons have had with our personnel. Often the criticisms are the result of simple misunderstandings which can be corrected by a proper explanation of the rules and regulations applying in the particular incident in question. Likewise, there are riders who find reasons to compliment our service, as these excerpts from recent letters emphasize:

"I have been a business woman for several years and a major part of my work is dealing with the public. I ride the surface lines exclusively and I can never remember an operator being abusive or rude to a rider. But I certainly have witnessed many, many times how riders have abused your personnel and always these men appeared to rise above the situation. Frankly, I have been ashamed of my sex and men, too, when I have seen how abusive they can be when on a busy morning an operator could not cash a \$10 bill for a

SHOWN here is a comparison of complaints and commendations received by Chicago Transit Authority for May, 1957, April, 1957, and May, 1956:

	May	April	May
	1957	1957	1956
Complaints	735	821	882
Commendations	100	91	87

fare. I could write pages on this subject, but all things considered I feel that the CTA gives excellent service. I thought you would appreciate knowing how a constant rider of the CTA feels about your fine service."

"Stranger In Town"

"I am a stranger in town, but I rode a bus with a driver on Clark street recently and he made me feel as if I had been living here all my life. When I told him my car was out of order and I didn't know much about Chicago, he asked me where I wanted to go and he told me how to get there without any trouble whatsoever. He was very courteous to everyone. I mentioned this to a fellow passenger sitting next to me and he said this driver is always this way and also told me that he waits to ride with Operator No. 2578 (Johnnie Tolson, 77th)."

"Courtesy Driver"

"I would like to call attention to the fine CTA service — but perhaps even more important — to the courtesy of Driver No. 2322 (Alonzo Pruitt, 77th). Recently I boarded a bus that departs from Schiller and Astor at 8:38 a.m. I asked the driver what time his bus departed every morning, and I was given the time. A few mornings later I again boarded his bus and was handed a card giving a listing of seven departure times from the corner where I regularly board the bus. Operator No. 2322 was very polite when he handed me the card and said 'I thought you would like to have a schedule."

REPRINTED below are a few letters received recently showing a different attitude patrons have when they feel they have not received the kind of service they are entitled to:

"I commute daily from my home to a destination about three miles from there. Of course, the distance isn't too far but the other day it took me one hour to get there because buses were not stopping at the corner where I was waiting. Finally a bus did stop, but by the time it had arrived there were so many people congregated at the corner that I was unable to board it. It isn't that there aren't enough buses on the line, but rather the drivers refuse to stop for passengers when their buses get a little crowded."

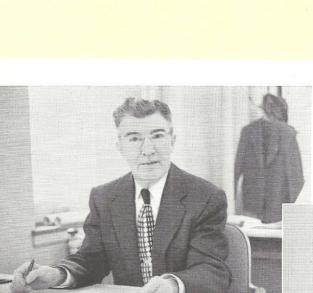
COMMENT: Our service should be made as convenient and attractive as possible and it is up to our operating personnel to make every effort to see that it is. Since it is a CTA regulation for operators to stop at designated zones, there is no excuse for a situation like this to occur.

"Recently, my two sons and I boarded a bus. There was a special collector at the side door taking fares, so we paid our way and asked for transfers. When we alighted from that bus and tried to board the next, we were informed that the transfers were invalid because they were from the day before. Naturally we had to pay another fare."

COMMENT: If the collector who issued the transfers had been more conscientious about his job, the invalid transfers would never have been issued and the patrons would not have been caused undue inconvenience and possible embarrassment. Patrons are our most important asset and every effort should be made to make our service as attractive and convenient as possible for them.

INQUIRING REPORTER: Leroy C. Dutton LOCATION: Schedule-Traffic Department

Who Acts More Rationally in a Tight Spot, A Man or a Woman?



JOHN S. FRANZEN, Schedule Maker: "I don't think that there is a fine line of demarcation between a man and a woman because, in times of great stress or sudden tight spots, both sexes tend to act rationally."



EDWARD C. KLIE, Traffic Checker: "I believe a man is more rational. A man finding himself in a predicament would try to find an angle as a means of getting out of it. Women, being more emotional than men, usually faint, cry or go into hysterics before reasoning the situation."



BERNADETTE A. KIZIOR, Typist: "Past experience and observations have convinced me that a woman, generally, is more rational in difficult situations. Equipped with her female traits, she can readily put herself in the other person's place and thereby realize his wishes and react spontaneously and tactfully. Thus, from an understanding and sensible point of view, the 'weaker' sex is the stronger sex when involved in tight spots."

WILLIAM W. WORCESTER, Schedule Clerk: "I believe that most men act rationally when there is a split second decision to be made. Women are more apt to be aghast or stunned into a moment's paralysis. However, this can vary in individuals, regardless of sex."

LAURA E. SCHRECKE, Posting and Assignment Clerk: "In my opinion, there is little difference. Most people, regardless of sex, will act at their highest efficiency in tight spots. However, we find some few of both sexes who are unable to react rationally when faced with a sudden emergency."







medically speaking

By Dr. George H. Irwin
CTA Medical Director

HAY FEVER, ASTHMA AND BRONCHITIS

ANY ONE of these diseases may be present as a separate condition, but they are so frequently associated with each other and occasionally all exist at the same time, that it seems proper to consider them under one common heading. Hay fever and asthma are usually classified as allergy disorders. Bronchitis is more often considered an infection.

According to statistics, there are over 3,000,000 people in the United States who suffer from hay fever and asthma. These afflictions rank very high as a cause of absenteeism in industry. Consequently, it is very important to understand them, not only as a causative factor of human suffering but also from the aspect of economic loss to the employe and the employer. A study of this subject by one of the large utility companies in New York reveals that the number of male employes absent three days or longer because of hay fever and asthma was 4.89 for each 1,000 employes. The annual number of days lost was 63.49 per 1,000 employes, an average of 13.32 days per case. There was a total of 443 employes who lost 5,752 days of work.

Hay fever, asthma and bronchitis result from an irritation or inflammation of the membranes in the nose and bronchial tubes, causing a swelling or partial obstruction of the air passages. In mild cases, there may be only sniffling or a stuffy, runny nose. On the other hand, in the severe, persistent cases, the trouble extends into the bronchial tubes and marked difficulty in breathing occurs.

Causes of hay fever and asthma are numerous. In general they may be divided into two large groups: intrinsic and extrinsic. The former includes those causes originating from inside the body, such as chemical and infectious changes, and the latter from all causes originating outside of the body such as sensitivity to pollens, animal dander, and other substances.

There are several kinds of asthma. One fairly frequent type (intrinsic) found in older persons is associated with heart trouble. By far the most common types of asthma, however, is the kind produced by allergy. Allergy is a condition of sensitivity which certain persons may develop to substances ordinarily harmless to the rest of the population. Some of the common allergens are: Pollens, molds, house dusts, animal danders (skin or hair shed by dogs, cats, horses or other animals), feathers, cosmetics, insect particles, dyes, fumes and chemicals. Certain food products such

as eggs, milk, nuts. wheat, fish and drugs (antibiotics and serums) also may be offenders.

A few common characteristics are present in all cases of hay fever and asthma. Seasons are important since most cases, especially the extrinsic type, occur in the summer and early fall. Age factor statistics show that the majority are found in the first three decades of life. After that there is a decreasing incidence. Periodic attacks, or occasional spasms with comparative comfort in the interim, seem to be the usual symptoms. Climate as a rule has an influence on certain cases. Warm dry states are most favorable for relief of sufferers.

Bronchitis may occur from an infection or be the end result or a complication of chronic asthma. Main symptoms may range from a mild head cold to shortness of breath, wheezing, inability to lie down during the attacks, labored respirations, cough, or sometimes cyanosis (blueness of the face) due to lack of oxygen.

Treatment, naturally, will depend on the cause. However, it is always true that the earlier the treatment the better the chance of a cure. If you have any of these symptoms arrange to see your doctor for a thorough check-up. After this examination, which may include X-rays, blood counts, urine examination and skin tests, he will be able to outline the proper treatment.

NEWEST CTA off-street terminal to be placed in service is located on the southeast corner of 59th street and Keating avenue. Arranged with the cooperation of United Air Lines, the new facility serves the 59th-61st (Route No. 59) bus line. In the center and at the sides of the driveway used by CTA buses are private parking areas reserved for United Air Lines personnel. The asphalt paving for the driveway and the trainman's building at the upper right of the picture were placed on the property by CTA. The new terminal eliminates entirely the necessity of buses turning into and off heavily-traveled Cicero avenue.





THE MONTH of June ushers in summer with its balmy weather and bright, sunny skies. After June begins you're safe in placing almost any kind of plant in the outdoors garden. House plants too tender to be left outside earlier can now be placed in the outdoor garden.

When a house plant is placed outdoors it should remain in a container so that its roots do not spread so far during the summer that they cannot be confined again in a pot for the next winter. The pot should be buried in the ground to within an inch or two of its top so that it will absorb some of the moisture from the surrounding soil and remain more evenly moist. Foliage plants should be placed in a shady position because they originally came from the jungles of the tropics with tall trees to shade them at all times. It is better to put house plants under a tree or some over-hanging shrubs. Wash the leaves off carefully with a moist cloth to remove dust and other adhering materials. Do not forget to check plants regularly, even though a rain has thoroughly soaked the rest of the garden.

Nearly every garden usually contains some roses. If there has been no rain for a week or 10 days be sure to give your roses a good watering. It is best if the water is applied on the ground without striking the leaves because when rose leaves are wet fungus growth is encouraged. Feed your roses at least twice during the summer with a complete rose food. Spray them with an all-purpose spray for roses every few weeks to prevent attacks by bugs or

diseases. Roses like moist, cool roots so a mulch such as grass, dried grass clippings, or peat moss or other mulching material around the base of your plants is always good. Don't hesitate to pick roses if you like to have them in the house for bouquets. Just be careful not to take long stems because these include leaves which the plant needs to continue to be healthy.

The month of June is a good time to start some seed in your garden for perennials. These usually start slowly and mature enough the first summer to grow again next year and come into bloom then. Columbine, pansies, oriental poppies, shasta daisies and some of the perennial daisies should be planted in seed in June or early July.

Some gladiolus can be planted as late as the middle of June. Plant them rather shallow, however, and if necessary support them with a stake as they grow taller. They will bloom by late August or early September and continue to bloom until frost.

Do not forget to fertilize your whole garden once in a while during the summer. If you have a large number of roses or dahlias or azaleas you may want to get a special type of food for these. Otherwise use one of the general forms of fertilizer that contains nitrogen, phosphate and potash along with what is called the trace elements. Mix this into the top half-inch garden soil around your shrubbery, perennials and annuals. Never get the tool you use so deep that it will injure the roots. Hardy chrysanthemums especially like a lot of food during the summer and when you notice the lower leaves begin to wilt it means they need more water and will use plenty of it.

If you have problems maintaining a good lawn, write to the Chicago Horticultural Society, 116 S. Michigan avenue, and send a five-cent stamp saying you want the copy of "Garden Talks" telling about lawns.







PRESENTATION OF Station Achievement Awards for the first quarter of 1957 was made early in May at three Transportation Department stations. At the left, Walter J. Gillies, station superintendent, Lake and Logan branches, receives the combined traffic-passenger plaque, awarded on the rapid transit system, from Thomas B. O'Connor, general superintendent of transportation and shops and equipment. The center picture shows, left to right, CTA Board Chairman V. E. Gunlock, J. J. Theis, day superintendent; R. J. Bailey,

night superintendent, and John Frugo, day superintendent, at the presentation of the surface system passenger award trophy won by 77th station. At the right, Mr. O'Connor and W. P. Herbert, day superintendent, are flanked by operating personnel following the presentation of the traffic type award at Kedzie station. The best safety record in CTA's history was registered in 1956 with a system-wide decrease of 5.3 per cent in public accidents as compared with 1955.



PONCHO AMERICANO

NEW SUMMER casuals just appearing on the fashion scene are brief this year, and to the point. The point, in most cases, is versatility.

Outstanding among this season's extroverted, happy-go-lucky designs is the Poncho Americano, a nonchalant slipon that feels equally at home in back yards, breakfast rooms or beaches, and that pairs companionably with almost anything.

Inspired by the all-purpose garment that for generations have served our south-of-the border neighbors as raincoat, umbrella, bedroll or whatever, the Poncho Americano was designed to meet the North American woman's need for simple summer cover-up.

Simple and easy to make, the Poncho American is merely two straight pieces of fabric, fastened at the shoulders with buttons and pulled in at the sides with straps closed with slim buckles.

We have secured patterns for the Poncho Americano slip-on and are offering them free to you. Write Women's Page Editor, CTA TRANSIT NEWS, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago 54, Ill., and we will be happy to send your free pattern.



PONCHO AMERICANO adapts for the summer scene in the United States the traditional garment of our south-of-theborder neighbors.

FOR YOUR NEXT DESSERT AND COFFEE PARTY

"COME OVER for dessert and coffee" . . . is a gracious way to entertain, and certainly it will be a compliment-winning way when your dessert is individual apple sauce-date pies.

See the men's eyes gleam . . . how men delight in apple pie, any style! Catch the quick interest of the women at the first delectable taste—for the pies are new and a real hostess scoop for you!

They're new because they're made of canned apple sauce. They're new in flavor . . . the ripe tang of apples, the unexpected sweetness of dates, the pungency of lemon rind and spices all mingled together. The filling has a new look, too, for apple pie. It is smooth, gently firm. Forked pieces are luscious but neat.

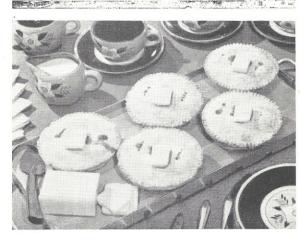
In serving, as an extra flourish, crown each piece with a generous slice of sharp cheese. And have some additional slices on the tray for the real cheese fans.

These wonderful pies are a fine treat for the members of the family. To each, his own little special pie. Notice how easy they are to make: Individual Apple Sauce-Date Pies

- 1½ cups sifted allpurpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup shortening
- ½ cup grated American cheese
- 3 tablespoons cold water
- 2 cups canned apple sauce
- 1 cup chopped pitted dates
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1½ teaspoons grated lemon rind

Sift together flour and salt. Cut in shortening with 2 knives or pastry blender. Add cheese; mix well. Add enough water to hold ingredients together. Chill. (Or use your favorite pastry mix and add the grated cheese.) Combine apple sauce, dates, brown sugar, nutmeg and lemon rind; mix well. Line individual pie plates with pastry, reserving enough for tops. Place an equal amount apple sauce mixture into pie plates. Moisten edges of pastry

with cold water. Roll out remaining pastry; cover tops of pies. Press edges with tines of fork; trim pastry to edge of pie plate. Prick tops to allow steam to escape. Bake in hot oven, 400°F., 30 minutes. Yields 6 four-inch individual pies, or one nine-inch pie.



INDIVIDUAL apple sauce-date pies with cheese is an ideal dessert for neighbors when they drop in for a visit. The family also will delight in the individualism of this delectable dessert.

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