

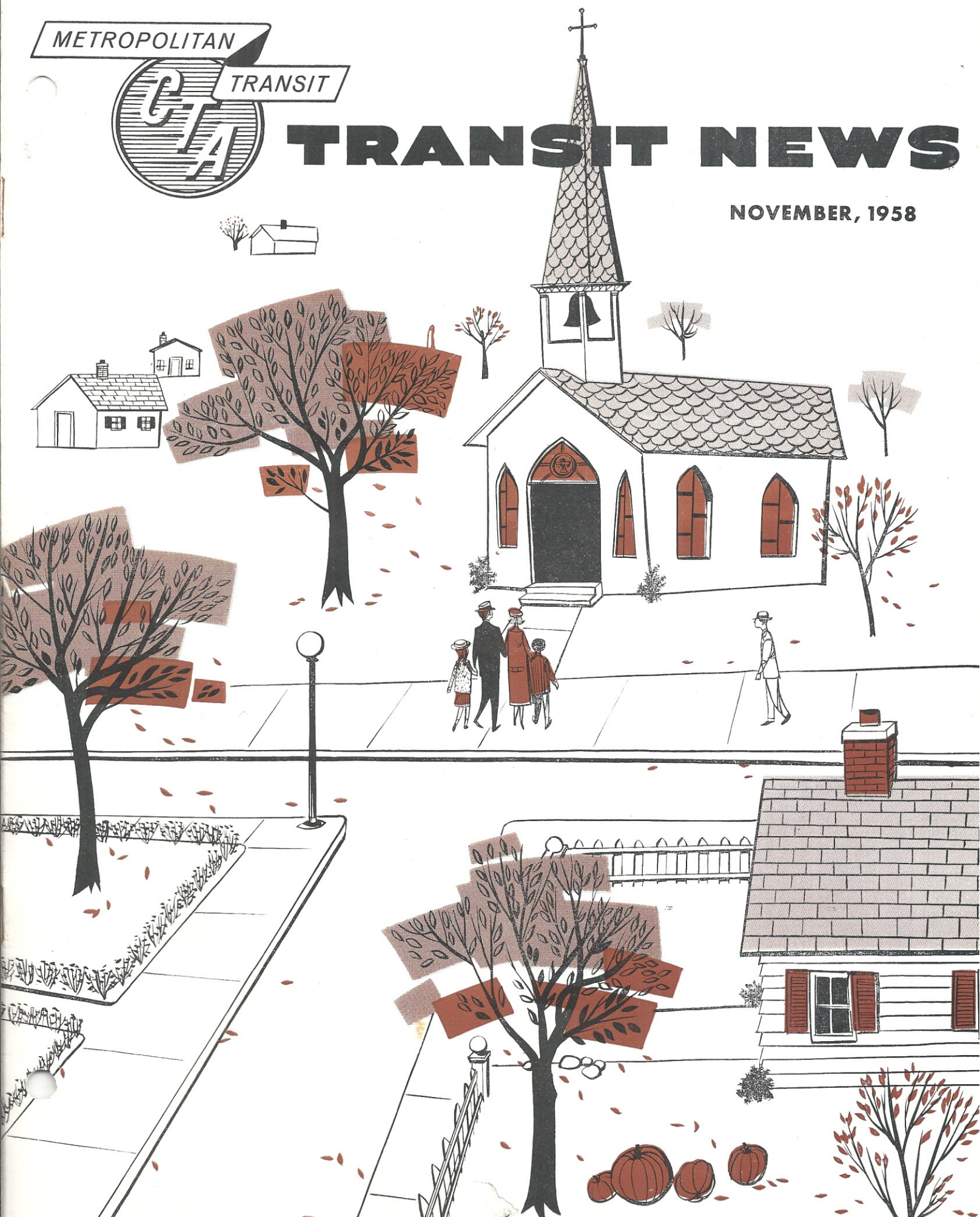
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# TRANSIT NEWS

NOVEMBER, 1958







## WORK PROGRESSES ON WILSON TRACK PROJECT

A NEW connection, part of the installation to provide four passenger tracks through the Wilson avenue station, will cover a distance of approximately 540 feet and will be built in the yards south of that station. The first phase of the project calls for the contractor to connect the freight track west of the station with the existing outer southbound track by constructing a ballasted deck right-of-way supported by a single row of concrete columns. At the time this photo was taken, workers for the contractors were moving caissons into position for foundations.

The City of Chicago is to be reimbursed this amount by CTA.

When the new West Side subway started passenger service on June 22, 1958, only the twin-tube section from Congress-LaSalle station to just east of Halsted station was equipped with permanent block signals and automatic brake trip equipment. At the time of the start of passenger service the underpass at Lockwood avenue was and is now protected by temporary block signalling.

Existing temporary facilities west of Laverne will continue in use until the Congress Expressway with its grade-separated rapid transit strip is completed to the western terminal at Desplaines avenue, Forest Park.

With automatic block signals, motormen are guided by three-aspect color lights. Green is for proceed; yellow for proceed with caution, prepared to stop, and red for stop. If for any reason a motorman proceeds past a stop signal, a wayside track trip will open a controller on the train, shutting off the power and applying the brakes. The brakes then cannot be released until the train has come to a complete stop.

Block signal and automatic train brake trip protection for the sections of the elevated system, not presently signalled, is one of the objectives of CTA's \$315,000,000 rapid transit extension and improvement program for which it is seeking financial assistance. The signal projects included in the program total \$28,000,000.

## NEW BLOCK SIGNALS IN WEST SIDE SUBWAY

PERMANENT, AUTOMATIC block signals and brake trip equipment were placed in operation October 27 along a four-mile section of CTA's Congress rapid transit branch in the median strip of the Congress Expressway.

The section involved extends eastward from a point approximately 700 feet west of the Cicero-Laverne station to about 600 feet east of the Medical Center station.

Work is proceeding on the installation of permanent automatic block signals in the open-cut section from just east of Halsted station to the Medical Center

station, including the Douglas Park junction, and it is expected this section will be finished by December 1 of this year, thus protecting the entire route from the Loop to just west of Laverne avenue with permanent, automatic block signalling.

The material for the entire project is being furnished by General Railway Signal Company and the installation work is being handled by Kil-Bar Electric Company of Chicago as contractors for the City of Chicago. The overall cost of this signalling from Congress-LaSalle station to Laverne avenue is \$3,130,000.

## RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

*George Dillon*—Transportation (North Avenue)  
*Selander Morris*—Transportation (77th)  
*Lawrence Butler*—Transportation (Kedzie)  
*Basil G. Kokoletsos*—Engineering ..  
*David Ford*—Transportation (69th)

## RECENTLY RETURNED

*Ovelton W. Blanchard*—Transportation (Limits)  
*R. J. Heffernan*—Treasury  
*James E. Mifflin*—Transportation (Lawndale)

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## J. D. MURPHY NAMED TO BOARD

**JOSEPH D. MURPHY**, prominent Chicago investment banker, was sworn in as a member of Chicago Transit Board by Mayor Richard J. Daley in the latter's office on October 24. Mr. Murphy succeeds **John E. Holmes**, chairman of the board of Swift & Co., whose term as a member of Chicago Transit Board expired September 1, 1958.

Mr. Murphy, who lives at 3000 Sher-

idan road, is president of the investment banking firm of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., 105 West Adams street.

Mr. Murphy, who was appointed to a seven-year term as a board member by Mayor Daley, is a native of Chicago, being born on the West Side on March 31, 1891. Mr. Murphy's first job was with the Harris Trust & Savings Bank as a messenger, beginning in 1909.

A NEW member of Chicago Transit Board is **Joseph D. Murphy** (fourth from left), who was given the oath of office on October 24 by Mayor **Richard J. Daley** (third from right), who recently appointed Mr. Murphy to a seven-year term as a member of the board. Others in the picture, left to right, are board members **Mrs. Bernice T. Van der Vries** and **James R. Quinn**, **V. E. Gunlock**, chairman of the board; **Edward McGinnis**, a close friend of Mr. Murphy, and **William W. McKenna**, board member.

Three years later he left this field to enter the securities business, becoming president of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. in 1940.

In 1933, when Mayor Daley was assistant county treasurer, Mr. Murphy worked with him in handling the refunding of \$86 million in county bonds that were in default. He was also instrumental in obtaining \$7 million in financing for the system of state armory buildings in small Illinois towns. One of his more recent achievements was the financing of the new Mackinac bridge in Michigan.

### CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS  
MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER 1958 AND 1957, NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1958 AND 1957 AND  
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1958  
(Revenues applied in order of precedence required by Trust Agreement)

	Month of September		Nine Months Ended		Twelve
	1958	1957	1958	1957	Months Ended
					Sept. 30, 1958
Revenues	\$10,522,988	\$10,732,123	\$93,876,703	\$91,492,303	\$126,857,335
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	8,788,044	8,462,385	80,593,984	78,874,285	108,481,100
Available for Debt Service	1,734,944	2,269,738	13,282,719	12,618,018	\$ 18,376,235
Debt Service Requirements:					
Interest Charges	379,208	389,512	3,460,569	3,562,109	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond					
Maturity Fund	166,667(1)	166,666	1,500,000	2,000,000	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Sinking Fund(2)	105,213	95,767	890,240	287,300	
Revenue Bond Reserves(3)	—	7,000	43,398	201,000	
	651,088	658,945	5,894,207	6,050,409	
Balance Available for Depreciation	1,083,856	1,610,793	7,388,512	6,567,609	
Transfer from Operating Expense Reserve to					
meet deficit in Debt Service Requirements(4)	—	—	—	313,588	
Balance Available for Depreciation	1,083,856	1,610,793	7,388,512	6,881,197	
Provision for Depreciation:					
Current Period	841,839	858,570	7,510,136	7,319,384	
Balance Available for Other Charges or					
Deficit in Depreciation Provision (5)	242,017	752,223	121,624	438,187	
Accumulated Deficit:					
To end of previous period	544,331	1,414,021	180,690	223,611	
At close of period	\$ 302,314	\$ 661,798	\$ 302,314	\$ 661,798	
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PASSENGER STATISTICS					
Originating Revenue Passengers	43,894,660	44,799,622	396,519,557	441,623,136	536,962,288

STATUS OF EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM  
as at September 30, 1958

	Delivered to Date	Remaining to be Delivered	Total
1958 Orders:			
El-Subway Cars	—	100	100
Propane Buses	35	115	150
	35	215	250
Delivered under previous orders		3,464	
Less: P.C.C. Streetcars to be converted to El-Subway Cars		100	3,364
			3,614

#### NOTES:

- (1) Equal monthly installments to retire \$2,000,000 principal amount of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing on July 1, 1959.
- (2) Equal monthly installments to retire Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing July 1, 1978 by purchase after invitation for tenders or in the open market.
- (3) Available to pay interest on any interest payment dates of Series of 1952 and Series of 1953 Revenue Bonds when amounts set aside for such purposes are insufficient therefor, or for accomplishing the final retirement or redemption of all outstanding Series of 1952 and 1953 Bonds.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Deposits may be made in the Depreciation Reserve Fund only to the extent that earnings are available therefor. The requirements for these deposits, however, are cumulative, and any balances available for Depreciation must first be applied to cover prior period deficiencies which may exist in deposits to the Depreciation Reserve Fund. The Supplemental Trust Agreements covering Series of 1952 and 1953 Revenue Bonds provide for quarterly deposits of \$300,000 and \$16,715.50, respectively, (cumulative within any one year) to the "Revenue Bond Amortization Funds" to the extent that earnings are available therefor after making the required deposits to the Depreciation Reserve Fund; also that deposits of \$900,000 are to be made to the Operating Expense Reserve Fund in any calendar year that earnings are available therefor. Deposits to the Municipal Compensation Fund may be made only from earnings remaining in any one year after making all required deposits in the Depreciation Reserve, Revenue Bond Amortization and Operating Expense Reserve Funds.

## CTA Removing Five Garfield Park Stations

REMOVAL OF five ground level stations on the old Garfield Park rapid transit route, which has been replaced by the West Side Subway in the median strip of the Congress Expressway, is now under way.

The St. Louis station was the first to go. This was followed by Independence and Tripp stations. Cicero station was being wrecked at the time this was written. Kedzie station will be the last to be demolished.

The demolition work is being performed by personnel from CTA's Way and Structures Department.

As fast as circumstances permit, the Way and Structures Department will remove the other stations on the abandoned Garfield Park rapid transit route.

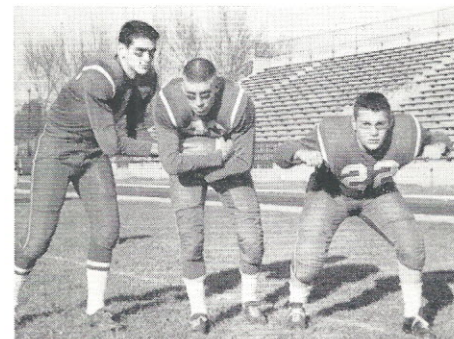
Meanwhile specifications will be prepared for bids on contracts for removal of the elevated structure between Sacramento boulevard and Laverne avenue.

CTA has already removed the "L" structure between the west side of Desplaines street and Aberdeen street.





WHEN A long kick is needed, Jerry is often called upon to boot out of danger. Here he displays his kicking form in pre-game practice before a league contest.



THREE MEMBERS of the first-string backfield quartette of the championship Sullivan high school team demonstrate a hand-off play which has led to scoring plays for the far north side school. They are, left to right: Paul Askenaz, quarterback; Jerry Sanford, left halfback, and Jerry Jacobson, fullback.

Named All-City Half Back . . .

## SENIOR WITH SCORING SAVVY

A SPECTACULAR change for the better in the football fortunes of Sullivan high school on Chicago's far north side has put the spotlight on *Jerry Sanford*, 17-year-old son of *Assistant Station Superintendent R. W. Sanford* of the North Section, rapid transit division.

The team's top scorer and co-captain, Jerry's back field play and all-around performance on the gridiron is the talk of the league. He and his team-mates have brought Sullivan its first championship in history after 28 years of high school competition. The team won eight games while losing only one for a 1958 season record. Last year, Sullivan lost every game it played.

A swift, hard-running, 165-pounder, Jerry usually operates as an offensive left halfback. But he can fill in just as capably at quarterback or in a defensive role as he does in his regular assignment. As his coach, *Sam Fralick*, says: "Jerry can do everything—run, kick, pass, tackle, block and help keep the team cool and poised. He's the best all-around back we have ever had."

Jerry's value to the team can be best assessed by his scoring record. In five league encounters he scored 51 points—enough to lead the North-West Blue Division league in which Sullivan plays. His passing arm has accounted for a

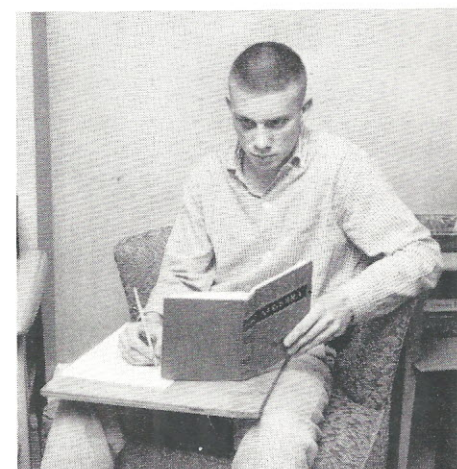
number of other scores made by team-mates whom he has placed in position to out-race opposing defenses and scamper to touchdowns.

Jerry isn't big, as football players go, standing five feet, 11 inches in his gridiron shoes. But he's "on the ball" all the time as his opponents will testify.

When summer comes around, Jerry turns to baseball which he started playing when 10 years old with Little League teams. He later graduated to Pony League baseball, where he was noted as a slugger. He also is a member of Sullivan's baseball team.

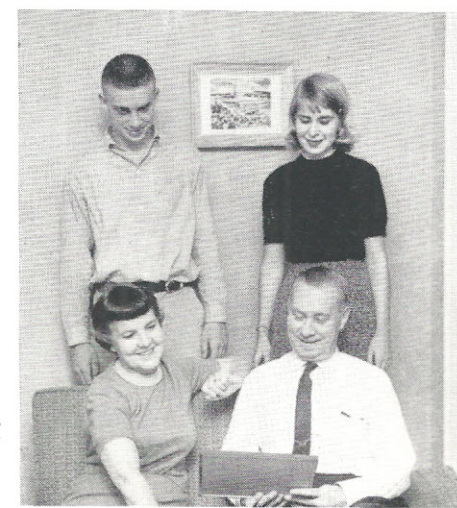
A senior in high school, Jerry hasn't as yet decided where he will attend college. But he is interested in flying, recently receiving his pilot's license, and he may go into the aviation field. His father, a former pilot, encouraged him in this respect and they rent a plane to fly regularly at Palwaukee airport.

Jerry comes from a real transit family. His mother, the former *Signe Swanson*, before her marriage was a nurse on the medical staff of the former Chicago Rapid Transit Company. His sister, *Adale*, now the wife of *1st Lt. Floyd Acker* of the U.S.A.F. Strategic Air Command, worked for a while in CTA's general offices in the Merchandise Mart. His father has 22 years of service with CTA and predecessor companies.



TO BE eligible for varsity play, school marks must be maintained to qualify scholastically. Jerry's home-work for the evening includes algebra, which probably accounts for the serious expression as he concentrates on a problem.

THE WHOLE Sanford family beams as they look over the pilot's license Jerry received recently. The 17-year old athlete flies frequently. Seated are Jerry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sanford. Standing by his side, his sister, Mrs. Floyd Acker.





## \$275 IN SUGGESTION AWARDS WON BY TWO SHOPMEN

TWO CTA shopmen received a combined \$275.00 in suggestion awards made by the Employees' Suggestions committee for their ideas which have saved CTA more than \$2,700.00.

Winners were *Thaddeus Szymanski*, electrical worker "A," Skokie Shops, who was awarded \$175.00, and *Machinist Wayne A. Hansen*, West Shops, who was the recipient of a \$100.00 award.

Szymanski proposed a simplified procedure, in altering heater deflectors in 6200 series rapid transit cars, that cut the job time in half. Originally, to do the job, shopmen removed the heaters entirely from their enclosures. However, Szymanski showed that it was necessary only to remove the deflectors and alter their positions to accomplish the same purpose. His method has resulted in a \$1,728.00 saving in labor costs to CTA.

A transit employee since May, 1947, Szymanski turned in his first suggestion in 1952. Rejection of this initial proposal did not discourage him, however, and, subsequently, he received \$10.00 each for two additional suggestions.

### Improves Inspection Method

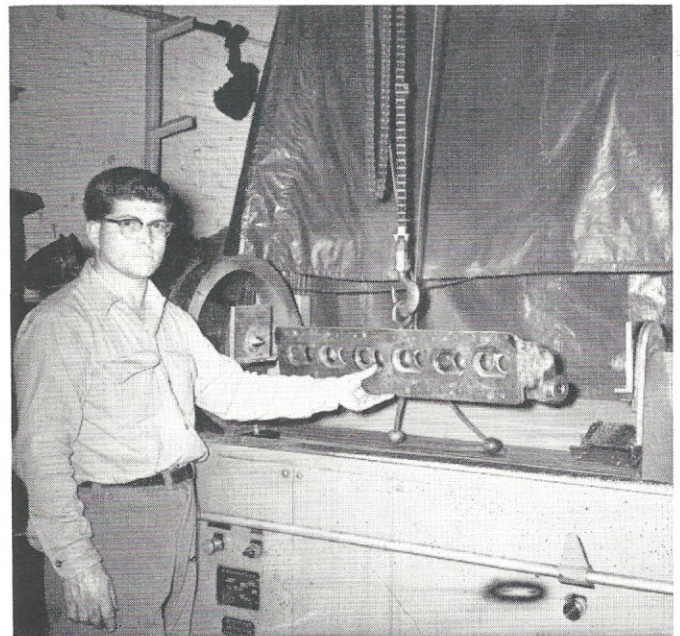
From a lathe-like machine used in the inspection of heavy bus engine cylinder heads, Hansen, a 12-year employee, removed two face plates to which brass contact pads were attached, and replaced them with face plates to which two self-designed cone-shaped lugs were affixed. After a cylinder head, suspended from an overhead crane, is placed between them, the two face plates are moved so that the lug of each one is inserted into an opening at either end of the cylinder head.

Formerly, the cylinder head, which the contact pads held by sheer pressure only, tended to tear the pads apart whenever an inspecting shopman turned it, and thus sometimes became loosened enough to fall and damage the inspecting machine.

In addition to increasing safety, use of the new face plates reduces inspection time. Saving to CTA in labor and other costs has amounted to \$1,000.00.

Hansen's award is his first.

Five other CTA employees also recently cashed in on their suggestions. They are *Automobile Mechanic John J. Durkin*, West Shops, who was awarded \$25.00; *Stock Clerks Raymond M. Brzezczak* and *John Marasovich*, Stores Department; and *Agent Leroy Lilly, Jr.*, North Section, each of whom received \$10.00, and *Operator Oscar D. Harris*, Limits, who was awarded \$5.00.



SHOWING HOW bus engine cylinder head, suspended from overhead crane, is readied for safer, faster and easier inspection is *Machinist Wayne A. Hansen*, West Shops. Two small cone-shaped lugs, which he designed and attached to face plates on lathe-like inspection machine, can be moved to be inserted into holes at either end of cylinder head. Brass contact pad, which formerly was used to hold cylinder heads in place for inspection, lies, at far right, on machine.



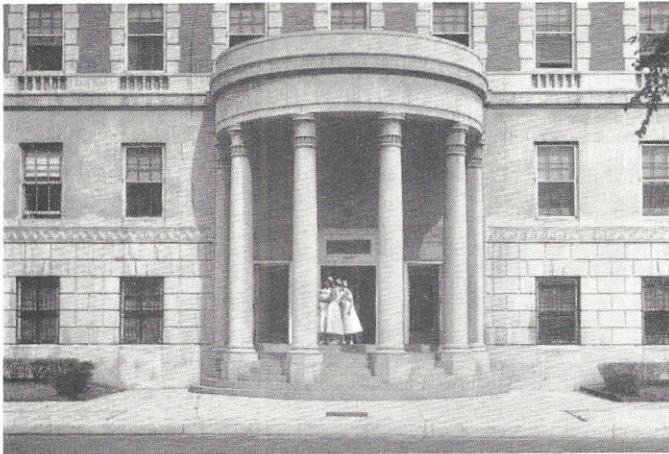
THADDEUS SZYMANSKI, electrical worker "A," Skokie Shops, makes the job of altering a heater deflector on a 6200 series rapid transit car a much faster and easier one merely by taking out the deflector and replacing it in the desired position. Formerly, shopmen removed the entire heater from its enclosure to do the job.





TO SERVE OUR RIDERS BETTER...

## KNOW YOUR CTA ROUTES



IN THE HEART of Chicago's world-famed Medical Center is the Cook County School of Nursing at 1900 W. Polk street. About 460 students, including trainees, as well as a number of graduate nurses are enrolled. Students obtain their practical training at nearby Cook County hospital. The school, in October, 1929, became the successor to the Illinois Training School for Nurses, which was founded in 1880 and was the first school of its kind west of the Alleghenies. A new 16-story structure was built in 1935.



THE CHICAGO Board of Trade, one of the tallest buildings in Chicago, affords this view to the northeast over the lake front from its observation tower 525 feet above LaSalle and Jackson. The Board of Trade itself, housed on the building's fourth floor, does about 85 per cent of the world's trading in grain futures, and also conducts cash transactions. From an observation gallery, visitors can watch the frenzied activity in the so-called pits where quantities of wheat, corn, rye, cottonseed oil and other allied commodities are bought and sold.

CTA'S DOUGLAS (No. 136) surface line provides direct, convenient transportation between the downtown area and three long-established west side communities—West Garfield Park, North Lawndale and Near West Side. In the Loop area itself, buses of this route furnish door-to-door service between the Chicago Board of Trade building, which soars skyward 612 feet, and the always-busy Union station.

A ride from the western end of the line at Hamlin and Lake (200 N. and 3800 W.) will take one through sections consisting largely of apartment buildings and single-family residences. Closer downtown, the area traveled through contains old, weather-beaten structures which, however, share space with industrial plants, commercial houses and such modern edifices as those of the world-famed, ever-expanding Chicago Medical Center.

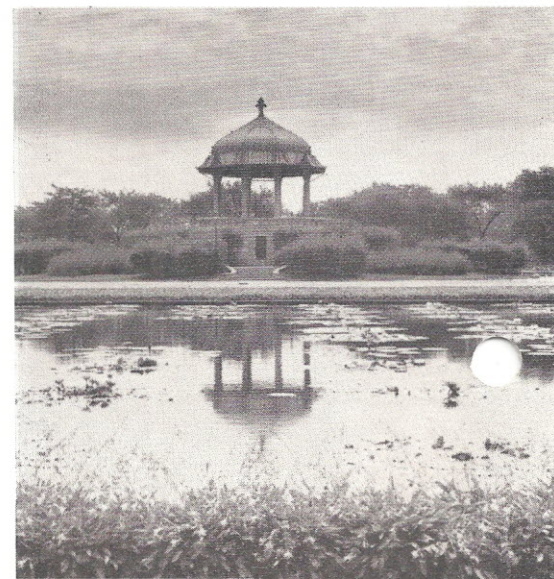
From Hamlin and Lake, Loopbound Douglas buses travel south on Hamlin to Douglas, east on Douglas, south on Sacramento, northeast on Ogden, west on Polk, north on Paulina, east on Harrison, north on Racine, east on Jackson and north on State to a terminal at State and Quincy (0 E. and W. and 220 S.)

Outbound vehicles operate west in Quincy, north on Dearborn, west on Adams, south on Racine and thence over the inbound route in reverse.

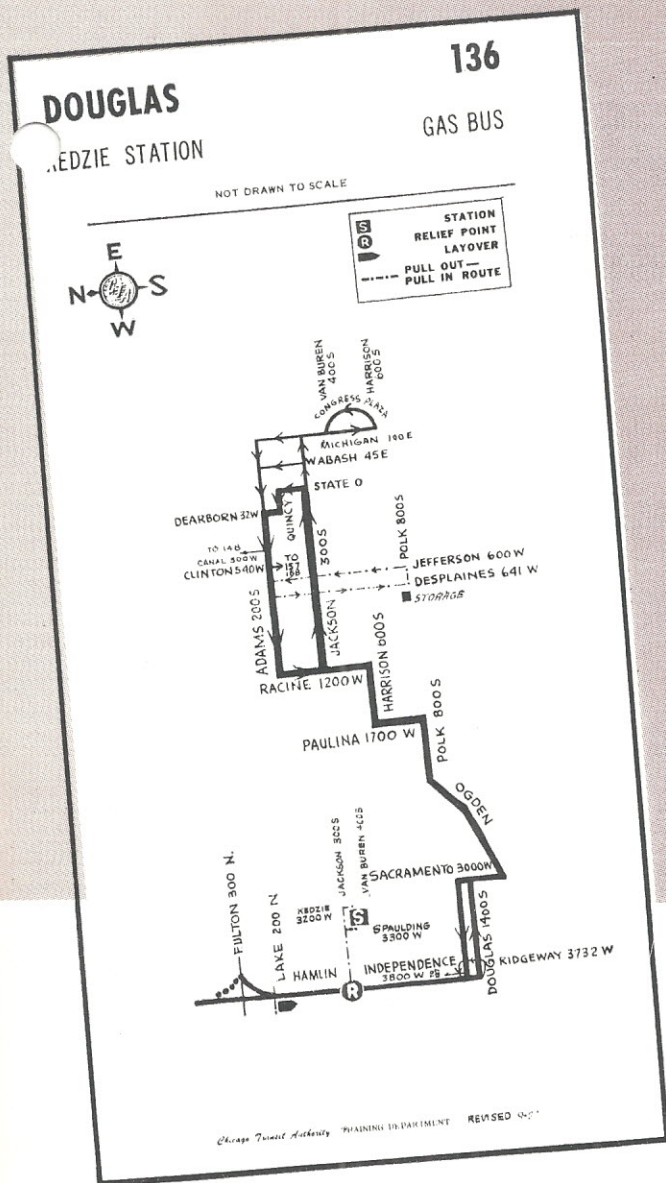
Mondays through Fridays, buses leave Lake and Hamlin between 6:22 a.m. and 10:51 p.m. However, three trips leave Jackson (300 S.) and Hamlin starting at 5:54 a.m. on these days only.

On Saturdays, buses leave Lake and Hamlin between 6:38 a.m. and 10:56 p.m. and, on Sundays and holidays, between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

LILY PADS in a quiet lagoon, spacious lawns, flowers and shade trees typify the pastoral beauty to be found in Douglas Park, 14th street and Albany avenue, in the midst of a giant city. Also located in this park is almost every recreational facility known to public playgrounds.







QUINCY STREET between State and Dearborn streets is truly the bottom of a "canyon" hundreds of feet deep. In this view, looking west from State street, department stores flank the thoroughfare. At right, a Douglas bus waits for passengers at its downtown terminal. In background looms the massive structure of the United States Court House where the Federal Courts and offices, and also post office departments, are located. This building once housed the city's main post office, now located at Canal and Harrison streets.

ON JULY 4, 1902, this statue and fountain in Independence Square, on Douglas boulevard, was dedicated to American youth. The statue, sculptured in granite and bronze by Charles J. Mulligan, depicts children on top of a Liberty bell, celebrating Independence Day.



IN THIS scene, looking west along Roosevelt road at the intersection of Independence, are eastbound Roosevelt trolley bus and, at right, Loopbound Douglas bus. This intersection is in the North Lawndale neighborhood.



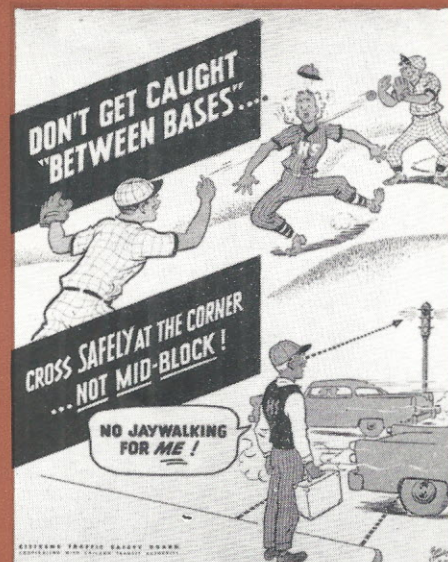
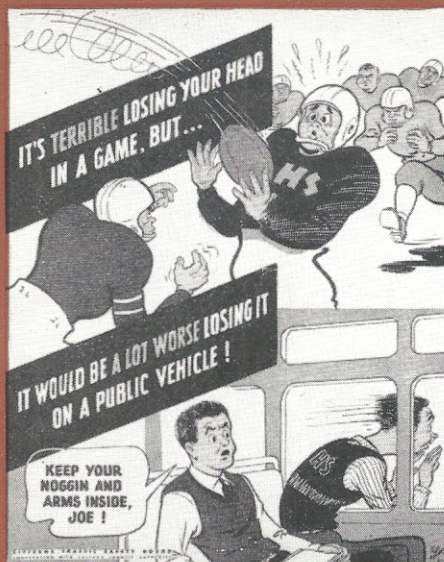
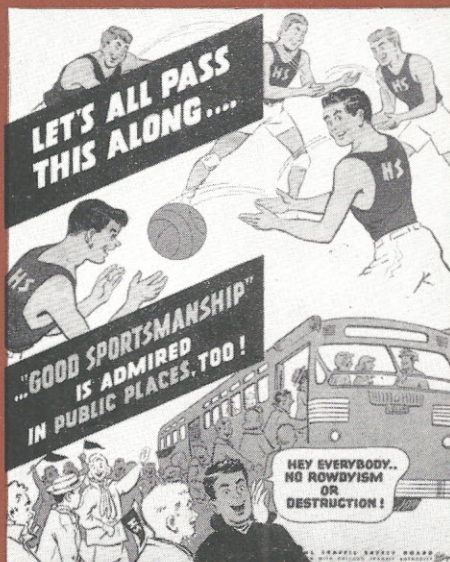
They leave State and Quincy, Mondays through Fridays, between 6:39 a.m. and 11:28 p.m.; on Saturdays, between 7:30 a.m. and 11:28 p.m. and, on Sundays and holidays, between 10:02 a.m. and 11:32 p.m.

In general, headways Mondays through Fridays are five minutes during morning and afternoon rush hours and 10 minutes during midday base and evening periods. There is no "owl" service at any time. Headways on Saturdays are nine minutes throughout the day until the evening hours when they lengthen to 12 minutes. Fifteen-minute intervals are the rule all day long on Sundays and holidays.

During peak periods Mondays through Fridays, as well as Saturday mornings, certain buses travel east on Jackson to Michigan, south on Michigan to Van Buren; generally east, north and west through Congress Plaza, north on Michigan, and west on Adams.

Twenty-three diesel buses, stationed at Kedzie, serve the Douglas route. A bus requires between 35 and 50 minutes to cover the line's 7.7 miles, depending upon time of day and traffic conditions.





## School Poster Series Supports Student Safety

STREET SAFETY rules are being stressed in a new series of 12 posters now being distributed in 760 public, private, and parochial elementary and 180 high schools in the Chicago area as part of a cooperative safety education program sponsored by CTA and the Citizens Traffic Safety Board.

Using a cartoon-type technique, the posters carry simple safety messages keyed to the interests and activities of school-agers from the early grades through high school.

Six of the posters in the current series are based on the popular "Tim and Trudy in Safetyland" theme and are designed for the grade-schoolers. The other six develop a sports theme and are slanted to high school students.

The posters, printed in two colors, are displayed in school rooms and corridors, with a different one of the series being issued at six-week intervals so that the safety message is

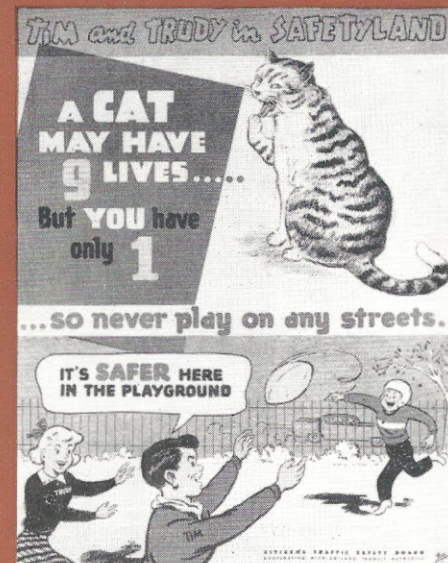
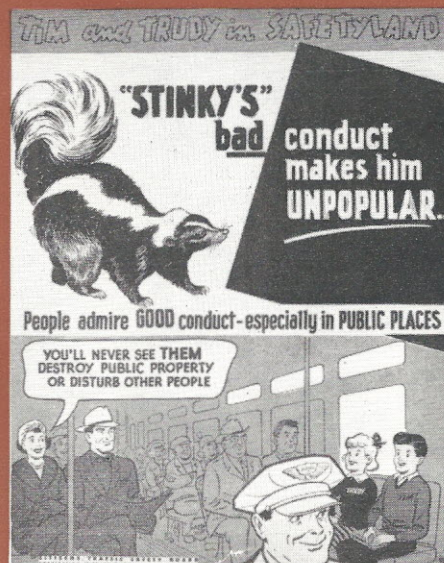
continually changing with a fresh approach throughout the school year. They are made available free of charge to the participating schools.

The grade school posters capitalize on younger children's natural interest in animals and point up simple safety lessons in a style easy for the youngsters to understand.

Seasonal sports themes are highlighted in the high school posters, which "team up" safety messages with athletic activities, good sportsmanship and careful habits.

Distribution of the safety posters to schools was started in 1949. They have been highly commended by school authorities.

Typical posters in the current series are reproduced on this page.





# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## A Grand Tour Of The Far West

**ACCOUNTING** — *Assistant Comptroller Clyde North* and his wife took a vacation trip to Oregon and then down the Pacific coast to San Francisco and Los Angeles. They explored Yosemite National Park and the Redwood Forest before driving on to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Traveling extensively throughout Arizona, the Norths visited the Chirachua mountains, cliff dwellings, *Montezuma's* castle, Walnut Canyon, the ghost town of Jerome, and mining installations at Clifton, Bisbee and Douglas. They saw all kinds of wild life as they traveled off the beaten path in going over the Mogollon Rim in northern Arizona and the Nogales in New Mexico. They traveled over 9,000 miles on their trip.

*Andrew J. Fitzsimons*, general accountant, and his wife drove to Hot Springs, Arkansas, during part of their vacation. They also visited the Ozarks.

## A Flight To Remember

**(Material and Supplies)**—*Lydia Haemker* had service deluxe on her first trip west since her daughter, *Gloria*, was the stewardess on the plane. Lydia visited Los Angeles, Hollywood, and San Francisco, California, and then traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada, and Phoenix, Arizona.

*Harriet Kryzan* put her vacation to good use by re-decorating her apartment . . . *Frances Georgouses* winged her way to the sunny south and spent a week in Miami Beach.

**(Revenue)**—*Barbara Biegel*, formerly of this section, gave birth to a son on October 14.

*Mildred Hasse* is a newcomer to this section.

At this writing, *Hazel Emery* is recovering nicely from surgery.

Before leaving CTA on October 13, *Catherine O'Brien* was given a dinner at the Ivanhoe by her associates. She received many gifts of little things.

**(Property Accounting)**—Recently leaving CTA to take over house-



1900 STREETCAR

THIS OPEN AIR car, with *Motorman Thomas J. McCarthy* at the controls and *Conductor George Fuller* (right) was photographed back in 1900 at the end of the 21st street line at 21st street and Marshall boulevard. Fuller and McCarthy worked out of the old Blue Island station which today is used by CTA's Electrical and Stores department. Sending in this picture was *John C. Zapel*, nephew of Mr. McCarthy. John, now on pension, worked as a motorman on the West Section and had nearly 47 years of service when he retired on December 1, 1949.

hold duties was *Amy Hudak*. Her co-workers presented her with a farewell gift.

*James Barratta* presently is home recuperating from surgery.

*Deanne De Sutter* transferred to this section from the Employment Department recently.

**(Payroll)**—*Violet Holt* and her husband were impressed greatly with the scenic beauties of the West. They traveled by train to San Francisco, and then down the coast to Los Angeles. On the return trip, they stopped off at Las Vegas.

While crossing the Wells street bridge over the Chicago river and watching the antics of pigeons, *Eileen Neurauter* fell and was painfully injured.

**(IBM)**—*Carmella Petrella* traveled by air to Tucson, Arizona, where, at the Saddleback ranch, she enjoyed horseback riding, and watched a bull fight. She also enjoyed the "Hellorado" at Tombstone, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. *Daniel Proffitt* are the proud parents of a daughter,

*Lynn Irene*, who was born October 7. The little girl joins a sister and two brothers.

**(Voucher)**—*Josephine Sweda*, former employe, and her husband became the parents of a son, *Jefrey*, recently.

**(Internal Auditing)**—An unusual occurrence at the home of *Tom Coan* was the birth of nine puppies to *Mimi*, a French poodle owned by Tom's daughter, *Rita Jean*. In her first litter, Mimi had seven pups. Usually, according to Tom, a poodle's litter consists of no more than five.

—HELEN A. LOWE and  
MABLE I. POTTHAST

## Devoted Worker Gets Deserved Honor

**BEVERLY**—*Operator Art Neff's* wife, *Lilly*, who for many years has been a Sunday School teacher at the Mount Greenwood Nazerene church, was honored recently by being selected as "Sunday School Teacher of the Year" for the

Nazerene church's Chicago Central District, which comprises 62 churches. Art, who also is active, has been the church's treasurer for a number of years.

The Neffs recently moved into a new home at 10634 S. Sawyer avenue, Mount Greenwood.

*Sgt. Don Mayer*, son of Mr. and Mrs. *Bill Mayer*, met and married a pretty nurse while stationed with the U. S. Air Force in Germany.

*Pat Burns*, of repairs, will take his pension on or about December 1. He came to Beverly after spending 15 years at 77th street station.

*Gabriel De Jonge* is back at work after being away because of severe burns he suffered when his gas furnace blew up . . . *Ed Fortuna* was a recent surgery patient at Roseland Community hospital . . . *George Tidd* and *Harry Gottsch* still are on the sick list as we write this . . . *Marty Pierson* presently is recuperating at home after suffering a slight stroke.

## Visit Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. *John King* visited Copper Harbor in northern Michigan . . . The *Ray Tonns* spent a few days in Rock Island and Moline, Illinois, and Davenport, Iowa . . . Mr. and Mrs. *George Kristoff* attended the World Series games in Milwaukee and saw a football game at South Bend, Indiana.

*Emil and Pearl Beck* visited Mrs. *Beck's* sick brother in Louisville, Kentucky . . . *Supervisor Ernie Freel* and his family fished at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin . . . The *Fred Rieckes* visited their son, *Fred, Jr.*, at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

The *Nick Dops* and another couple stopped at Mackinac Island and the Soo locks before continuing on to Niagara Falls via Canada . . . *Carl Schwartz* enjoyed a week of trout fishing in Lansing, Iowa . . . The *Roy Engwalls* led a caravan of three cars packed with friends and relatives up to Roy's home town of Wilmar, Minnesota . . . The *Peter Flahertys* visited relatives in New Jersey.

*Judy*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. *Roy Anderson*, was married to *Ralph Caprio* at Queen of Martyrs church in a recent ceremony.



## ON BRIDGE TOUR



**STANDING AT** the entrance of a covered bridge near Turkey Run, Indiana, are *Ruth Havlik*, Training and Accident Prevention, and her mother. Members of the Havlik family, who were on hand for the annual Rockville, Indiana, Covered Bridge Festival early in October, visited 10 of Parke county's (Indiana) 39 covered bridges on a bus tour. They also partook of a pancake breakfast at the Rockville school house and a barbecue chicken supper on the courthouse lawn. They enjoyed a slide presentation on covered bridges and the "Belles of the Covered Bridge" contest.

Reported by *Mary E. Clarke*

Celebrating wedding anniversaries were the *Fred Drawerts*, their 26th on October 29; the *George Goerners*, their 26th on October 27 and the *Charles Berryhills*, their 30th on November 10 . . . The *Norman Newcombs* will celebrate 36 wedded years on November 24, while the *Chester Buckleys* will mark 30 years on November 29 . . . Thirty-six years of married life will be celebrated by the *Bill Moores* on Thanksgiving Day.

*John and Mary Healy* became grandparents for the 12th time on October 15 when *Kathleen Ann Smith* was born.

Quite a lot has happened at the *Joseph Gertzen* home lately. First, their daughter, *Sister Germane*, who is in a convent in Schiller Park, was home for a week's visit. Next, their son, *John*, came home on leave from North Carolina where he was stationed with the Marines. Another daughter, *Kathy*, received

her first Holy Communion, and, last but not least, their elder son and his wife presented the *Gertzens* with their first grandchild, *Theresa Frances*, on October 21. This little lady also is the great-granddaughter of *John Gertzen*, a retired CTA employe who lives in Dolton, Illinois.

Operator and *Mrs. John Freiwald* recently suffered the loss of their infant daughter . . . The wife of *Receiver Larry Helinski* died recently.

—FRANK M. BLACK

## Garage Houses Strange Tenant

**CLAIM - LAW—Blind Case Clerk** *Vernon Thornton's* lovely garage presently is infested by a strange type of termite, a woodpecker! He said he would appreciate any suggestions as to what he should do about this "insect."

*Locator Gerald McSwain's* wife presented him with a baby boy, *Daniel*, recently.

*Adjuster Samuel Fisher* toured California during his vacation . . . *Clerk David Munyer*, who vacationed in Chicago, rejoiced over the New York Yankees' winning the World Series.

*Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sepanski* held two celebrations recently. They observed their silver wedding anniversary and their daughter, *Sheila Ann*, was notified by *Mundelein College* that, because of her scholastic standing, her scholarship was renewed for her sophomore year.

—CHARLENE O'CONNOR and MARY ANN NYKIEL

## His Bruise Was A Mark Of Honor

**ELECTRICAL — Lineman's Helper** *Jack Bernstein* received a severe back bruise recently, but has the satisfaction of knowing that he saved *Lineman Bill Spitzcock* from much more serious injuries than a leg fracture, or perhaps even death. *Bill*, who was preparing to lift a cable from an insulator on a utility pole's cross-arm, lost his balance and started to fall, head first. *Lineman Eugene Smith*, who was up on the pole with *Bill*, grabbed him but couldn't hold him. *Jack*, who was on the ground, saw *Bill* falling, dove under him to break the fall, and prevented *Bill* from hitting broken tile and concrete.

*Carl W. Wolf*, CTA's electrical engineer, became a grandfather for the first time on October 22 when his daughter, *Lauralee*, and her husband became the parents of *William Patrick*. Shortly after this blessed event, *Mr. Wolf* was instituted as a member of the Forest Park elementary school board.

*Substation Operator Albert Fenema* is the proud daddy of a little boy, *Michael Wayne*, who was born recently. The lad joins three brothers . . . *Harold Coyne*, assistant superintendent of maintenance, is the proud grandfather of *Mary Rose*, who was born recently to his daughter, *Rose Lock*, and her husband.

*Adolph Kutz* has recovered from a serious auto accident, which occurred last April, and returned to his job.

*Frank Corrigan*, operator at Franklin substation, spent a vacation in the Deep South. He said that, although the weather was hot, he had a good time.

*William Hoover*, operator at Illinois substation, suffered the loss of his father on October 22.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

## No Parking Problems For These Operators!

**52ND — Operators** *William Holland* and *George Garfield*, chugging to work on their new motorbikes, are a familiar sight on Cottage Grove avenue.

*Janitor Austin Moore*, who suffered a slight heart attack, presently is home after a stay in the hospital.

Have you any ideas, fellows? Send them in to the Employees' Suggestions Committee for, if accepted, they really pay off. *Jim Ross*, janitor, received a \$10.00 award for proposing a new method of wrapping transfers that provides for greater protection in shipment from the print shop to the various bus and rapid transit stations.

*Arlene Dini* is the new granddaughter of *Operator Tom Dwyer* . . . *Operator Thomas Banks* recently was presented with a daughter.

*Patricia Carrol Schwartz*, daughter-in-law of *Operator Louis Schwartz, Sr.*, died only about eight months after she was married to *Louis' son, Louis, Jr.*

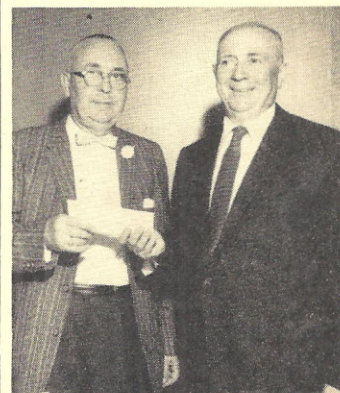
—JOSEPH W. WALINCHIUS

## Stays Close To Water During Florida Visit

**GENERAL OFFICE — (Transportation)—***Marie Krausman* spent her vacation in Miami and surrounding territories. While in Miami, she stayed in the new Deauville hotel, right on the ocean. While in St. Petersburg, *Marie* stayed at the Desert Ranch motel, which is on the Gulf shore.

*Telephone Operator Wanda Krause* flew down to Texas to visit her sister, *Joan Jackson* and her godchild, *Jocasta* . . . *Radio Dispatcher Frank Adams* and his wife traveled to Bainbridge, Georgia, where they visited their son, *First Lt. Robert Adams*, who is attending an Air Force jet pilot school . . . *George Kelly* and his wife spent their vacation in Wilsonville, in southern Illinois, with *Mrs. Kelly's* parents.

## TAKES PENSION



**PRESENTING U. S. Savings Bond to** *Thomas F. Coan* (left), balance clerk in the Internal Auditing Department, on behalf of *Mr. Coan's* co-workers, is *E. C. Burke*, internal auditor. The presentation was made at a dinner held in *Mr. Coan's* honor at *Yunker's* restaurant on October 30. *Mr. Coan*, who began his career with the old Chicago City Railway company on June 19, 1912, later was a correspondent of "Surface Service," the former Chicago Surface Lines' employe magazine, from April, 1924, when the first issue was published, until October, 1947, when CTA began operation. He also was a treasurer for the old Surface Lines club, a social group composed of CSL employes.



Bob Christian joined a group of fellow church members on a bus trip to South Bend, Indiana, to watch Notre Dame beat Duke, on a beautiful, sunny fall afternoon.

Omar B. Wright resigned as night station superintendent, West Section, to accept employment elsewhere. Before assuming his new position, he was married and visited various places in Europe.

Instructor Arthur Krickow, assigned to the training school, recently attended a horse show at Kalamazoo, Michigan. One of the contestants, Little Beaver, made such an impression on Art that he purchased him. Having no horse trailer, Art rode Little Beaver to Allegan, Michigan, a distance of 25 miles, and presented him to his grandchildren as a gift. Art is now walking in parenthesis fashion.

Russ Elderkin, rapid transit system line supervisor, was named top ranking veteran in Chicago Park District tennis leagues. He and other top tennis players received awards at a banquet held recently by the Chicago Park District Tennis association.

Stenographic — Joan Fitzgerald, along with Shirley Guertin, Executive, soon will be invading the "wilds" of Mexico. Following in their path will be Helen Dobbs, who will honeymoon there after her wedding December 27.

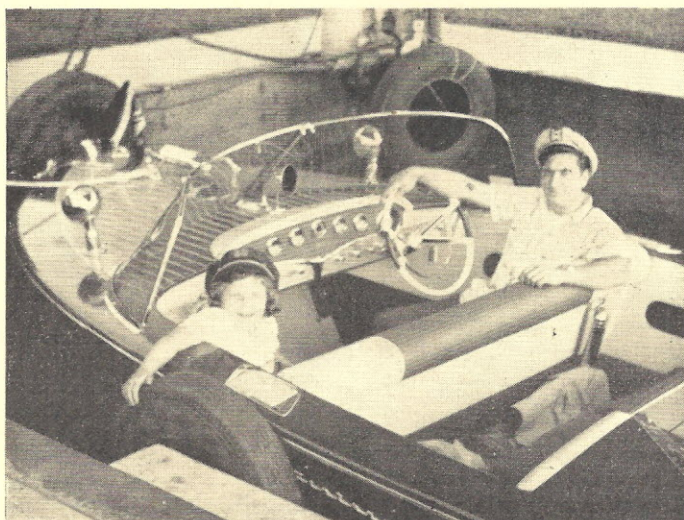
Marjorie Arnold transferred from Revenue Accounting to join the

### CTA LEGION POST PLANS YULE FETE

A CHRISTMAS party for members of CTA Post No. 1216, American Legion, and their families will be held on Tuesday, December 23, at St. Jude's hall, 211 W. Madison street, starting at 7:30 p.m. Santa Claus will be present, and there will be gifts and entertainment for the children. Refreshments will be served.

All CTA employes who are veterans are cordially invited to join the post, according to Nick Suero, membership chairman. Meetings are held at 8:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at St. Jude's hall. Refreshments are served at all meetings.

## SUMMER MEMORIES



LAST AUGUST, when the weather was warm, Roger Mulvihill of West Shops' brake section, took his vacation which he spent up in McHenry, Illinois, on the Fox river. Here he is with his daughter, Fatima, as they were about to take off on a trip down the river.

Reported by John T. Burke

land of typewriters, and Rod Hefernan, formerly of the Treasurer's office, after returning from a hitch with Uncle Sam, transferred to Photographic.

Dorothy Wilhelm and her husband, Harry, traveled to Waukesha, Wisconsin, to visit their daughter, Gail, who is a sophomore at Carroll college there. They took part in all the activities planned for the college's Mom and Dad Day.

(Insurance)—Anne Golding and her husband spent their vacation in Hayward, Wisconsin. Anne's favorite role is now being a grandmother to Dianne Lynette O'Connor, who said "Hello World" recently.

(Public Information) — Carol Fahey of Service Section recently became engaged to Jim Wallace. No date has been set for the wedding.

Al Ekelmann, Charter Service, spent a two-week vacation in and around Chicago.

—JULIE PRINDERVILLE

### Visit Pensioner During Trip South

GENERAL OFFICE — (Training and Accident Prevention)—Jim Tretton and his wife vacationed recently in Mississippi. They toured through Long Beach, Biloxi, and then went on to Ocean Springs where they

visited G. T. Hellmuth, retired claim attorney.

Members of the Merchandise Mart Softball league recently held their 25th annual banquet at Henrici's restaurant in the Mart. Among those attending from this department were Bernie Ford, Michael McCarthy, Frank Johnson, and Clare Crawley, who are members of the Henrici team.

Don Lemm was guest of honor at a department luncheon prior to his transferring to the Stenographic-Duplicating Department as methods and procedure analyst.

Your reporter, along with Irene Rotche, Ruth Havlik and several others took an excursion train to see Niagara Falls and the surrounding area.

Stuart Maginnis and Ted Jung recently joined an instruction class in skin diving conducted by the Submarine Skin Diving Club in the pool of the New Lawrence hotel. The two reported that, although there are certain basic things a person should know before using the "aqua lung," the underwater breathing device, skin diving is not a complicated sport and can be learned by anyone who is a fair swimmer. Although at present Stuart's and Ted's "under-water explorations" are confined to the bottom of a swimming pool, both hope

to explore more open water in the near future.

(Industrial Safety) — Charles Smith is the proud grandfather of Leona Ingrid Black, who was born October 2 at Swedish Covenant hospital to his daughter, Carol, and her husband, Eugene. Before her marriage, Carol worked for CTA as a North Section ticket agent.

(Executive)—When Willis W. Helfrich, assistant secretary of Chicago Transit Board, found a wristwatch and returned it to its owner, the grateful lady rewarded him with a check. Returning the check to her, Mr. Helfrich explained that he was Scoutmaster of a Boy Scout troop and that he had returned her watch as "a good turn." The lady then donated the money to his troop. Mr. Helfrich said the troop would use it to buy signalling equipment.

—MARY E. CLARKE

### Let's Do Our Best When Driving's Worst

KEDZIE—Bad weather will soon be here so please drive carefully and let's make Kedzie the recipient of another Station Achievement Award. We did it before and can do it again.

When this issue comes off the press, Night Superintendent Myles Harrington and Mrs. Harrington will be in sunny St. Petersburg, Florida, spending their vacation and visiting retired employees . . . At this writing, Relief Clerk Herman Goldman and Receiver Ed O'Keefe are enjoying their vacations in and around Illinois.

—C. P. STARR

### HOLD RITES FOR STUART D. SIM

FUNERAL SERVICES for Stuart D. Sim, 59, a district superintendent, who died November 5 after a short illness, were held November 8. Burial was in Lake Street Memorial Park cemetery, Elgin.

Mr. Sim started in transit work as a conductor with the former Chicago Surface Lines on February 10, 1927. He became a motorman in 1930 and from 1932 to 1943 worked as a bus operator. He was appointed an assistant division superintendent on March 7, 1944.

His widow, Rena, survives.



## EXCHANGE VOWS



**MARILYN WALLACE**, Stores Department, is pictured here with her new husband, **Joseph Vitello**, after the two were married in a recent ceremony at St. Vincent's church. After an evening reception, the couple flew to California and Nevada for their honeymoon.

Reported by Dagmar McNamara

## Hope He's Well On Road To Recovery

**LIMITS**—Janitor **George Urke** presently is home after a stay in the hospital, and is feeling fine.

Your reporter, his wife and some friends traveled about 2,000 miles to Danville and Herrin, Illinois; Baltimore, Maryland, and Washington, D. C., where we took pictures of various Federal buildings. We had fine weather and a fine trip.

Be sure to look in this issue for the "Inquiring Reporter." You will see pictures of five of your fellow-workers.

Let's have more news for this column.

—IRVING J. METZGER

## Goes Sightseeing, Visits Her Sister

**Loop (Agents)**—**Mary Dye** flew to Mexico City where she took a number of sightseeing trips. At Aca-pulco, she spent a few days basking in the sun at the Caleta hotel. On her return trip, she stopped in Miami, and at St. Petersburg, where she visited her sister and brother-in-law.

**Porter Rufus McMillan**, his wife, **Effie**, and their three children

visited his mother in Mobile, Alabama, and **Effie's** mother in Jackson, Mississippi.

Your reporter met **Nellie Keating**, a retired employe, at Grand Junction, Colorado, and was entertained royally at Nellie's home in Delta. We traveled to the top of Mt. Evans and Pikes Peak, and visited National Monument, Grand Mesa, Montrose, Denver, the Garden of the Gods, the old Teller house in Central City and the Red Rock theater.

Your reporter also visited **Margaret Henderson Peck**, a former agent, in Peculiar, Missouri.

**Barney Perkowski** of Way and Structures, retired on pension November 1 after more than 39 years of service. Beginning with the old South Side Elevated Railroad on June 4, 1919, at that firm's Shops department at 61st street, he was transferred to Throop street in 1921. He transferred to the Way and Structures Department in 1922.

At this writing, **Mary Lyons** and **Mary Lynch** are on the sick list . . . **Mary Avallone** is back on the job.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

## Celebrate 32 Years Of Connubial Bliss

**NORTH PARK**—Operator and Mrs. **James Rasmussen** celebrated their 32nd anniversary . . . Operator and Mrs. **George Krinke**, their 30th anniversary, recently.

Operator and Mrs. **Franklin Crawford** became the parents of **Franklin, Jr.**, recently, and Operator and Mrs. **Carl Ortman**, and Operator and Mrs. **William Huerta**, welcomed **Peggy** and **Deborah Ann**, respectively.

**Superintendent Ernest Guiles** spent an October vacation in Florida, while Operator **Tom Irwin** vacationed in California.

Operator **Tom Kniderman** suffered the loss of his step-father.

—EDWARD F. STENZEL and  
EARL W. McLAUGHLIN

## Club Elects Officers

**NEW OFFICERS** of the CTA Pensioners club of St. Petersburg, Florida, who were elected at the group's November 4 meeting, will assume their posts at the January meeting. New president is **Joseph Blaa**; vice-president, **Sid Brown**, and secretary-treasurer, **Mrs. Joseph Blaa**. Named to the group's committee were **Katherine Odill**, **C. L. Sundstrom**, **E. L. Kreiger**, **F. A. Wimmer** and **E. H. Johnson**.

## Congratulations To New Grandfathers

**NORTH AVENUE**—The North Avenue Grandpappys' club continues to grow. New members recorded are **Louie Hoy**, who has a new grandson; **Edward Lee**, whose new granddaughter was named **Deborah**, and **James Corbett**, who became the grandfather of **Susan Frances** . . . **William Fitzgerald's** new grandson, **Michael Patrick**, is his third grandchild . . . **Edward Rutkowski** was presented with a grandson named **Brian Thomas** . . . **Foreman John Cahill** became a grandfather last month.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries this month were the **Ralph M. Hartsells**, their 33rd on November 3; the **Edward Menths**, their 25th on November 8; the **Arthur Weinreichs**, their 27th on November 10; the **Douglas Halbergs**, their 29th on November 11; the **Joe Dillons**, their 28th on November 16, and the **Phil Smiths**, their 31st on November 19.

The **Owen Calts**, who always celebrate their wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day, will mark their 21st on that day this year, while the **John Jacobys** will celebrate their 27th on the same day . . . The **Joseph Hebdas** will mark 19 wedded years on November 26.

**Eddie Anderson** and **Phil Smith** both spent their vacations in Hot Springs, Arkansas . . . **Sam Tam-burino** reported fishing good at Crivitz, Wisconsin, where he had a hard time keeping up with his wife, who was pulling in fish right and left . . . **Matt Malina** vacationed in Mexico.

**Bill Medeima** and **Ernie Bock**, who usually hunt together in the fall, won't be able to do so this year. Ernie has been off since last winter because of a broken hip.

Operator **John Meyer** recently underwent surgery at Oak Park hospital . . . **John Ruddie**, of repairs, was a patient at Veterans' hospital . . . **Tony Costa**, also of repairs, is back at work after undergoing surgery.

**George Sladek** has pleasant memories of a recent trip to sunny Florida.

—JOE HIEBEL

## A Proud Aunt And Godmother

**PURCHASING AND STORES**—**Typist Pat Steinbeiss**, Stores, proudly announced the arrival of a nephew, **James Edward**, who was born Octo-

ber 8. Pat is the baby's godmother.

**Stock Clerk John Sheridan**, South Division, and his wife, **Mary**, announced the arrival of their second child, **Una Marie**, born October 21.

**Stock Clerk Kenny Felten**, Skokie, is the proud owner of a new home in beautiful Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

**Helen Toth** suffered the death of her mother recently.

**Diana Erickson** transferred from Purchasing to Employment, and we welcome, in her place, **Judy Heide-mann**.

**Rose James**, Purchasing, vacationed at home.

**Buyer Ed Cummings**, Purchasing, hauled in a 5¼ lb. northern while vacationing at Twin Pines Resort, Spooner, Wisconsin, recently.

—DAGMAR McNAMARA

## Mark Anniversary, Become Grandparents

**SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC**—Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Hill** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 14, and six days later their son, **James**, and his wife made them grandparents for the second time with the arrival of a little girl.

**Joseph DeGrazia** drove to Biloxi, Mississippi, for his vacation, while

## NEWLYWEDS



**RECENTLY MARRIED** in a ceremony performed at St. John of God church, 52nd and Throop, were **Jean Panek**, a clerical worker at South Shops, and **Walter Potempa**. A reception attended by 500 guests was held in Nativity hall. The couple honeymooned in Miami, Florida.

Reported by **Evelyn Clark** and **Frances Louward**



Pete Mills drove around Illinois and enjoyed his home state.

Mike Dore was hospitalized for surgery, but is now well along the road to recovery.

Joseph Werner's brother, Jacob, passed away on October 9.

—GERTRUDE F. ANDERSON

## Gets Trip To Coast For Her Birthday

77TH—Switchboard Operator Art Heene and his wife, Agnes, traveled through the northwestern states, and up the west coast of Canada almost as far as Alaska, during his vacation. The trip was a birthday present to Agnes.

Switchboard Operator Roscoe Wakefield and Isola, his wife, made a trip to Roscoe's home town of Shelbyville, Illinois. Other towns visited were Bloomington, Kiwanis and Urbana where they visited his brother.

Sam Genender visited his son, Benny, at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, where Benny was finishing his basic training.

Night Doorman Mike Lavin, who visited the depot on payday during his vacation, brought his two grandsons, Billy and Jackie Kleinick, along with him. Mike and the two boys were headed for a day's outing.

—JOE SMITH

## Hurry Up And Get Well, Fellas!

SKOKIE SHOPS—Among those who are home ill, at this writing, are Electricians Louis Karolich and Frank Kramer, and Machinist Robert Mueller.

Henry Altschuler, electrical foreman, and Carpenter Ed Wynn enjoyed their vacations working on and around their homes.

Electrician William Jacobson and his wife spent their vacation in the sunny state of Florida.

—DAVID GURWICH and  
EVERETT E. ENGLAND

## When They Celebrate, Everybody Celebrates

SOUTH SECTION—Towerman Bill Termunde's birthday September 27 and Clerk Jim Martinek's birthday the following day called for gala festivities at Loomis street terminal.

Agent Renate Ellinger and her new husband, John Mason, traveled

## SENIOR AGENT TAKES PENSION

MISS ELISABETH A. PAYSEN, 66, who led all other rapid transit agents in number of years of service, took her pension November 1. During her more than 40 transit years, Miss Paysen stated, she developed the premise that an agent "should go 90 per cent of the way" to establish cordial relations with the public.

"All through the years, I have been grateful for my work, and I always have enjoyed meeting the public," she added.

Miss Paysen began as an agent assigned to the Damen avenue station of the old Metropolitan West Side Elevated Railroad's Logan Square branch on September 7, 1918, and subsequently worked as an agent on other west side "L" branches before assuming her



present assignment on June 22 of this year.

After her retirement, Miss Paysen plans to make her home with a sister in Montecito, California.

to Niagara Falls for their honeymoon.

Clerks John Barry and Edward Collins, who presently are on the sick list, are making a steady recovery, at this writing.

Porter Frenchie Ellis proudly announced that a baby girl named Donna Marie arrived at his home on October 10.

Switchman Peter Frascella is on the mend after a short stay in the hospital and should be back at work very shortly.

A hearty welcome to our new night station superintendent, James Blaa.

Conductor Ray Doughty spent his vacation in Iowa, the state where the tall corn grows. He visited Manchester and Cedar Rapids.

Arthur G. Anderson, assistant station superintendent, and his wife celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on October 12.

We're all mighty proud of Loomis Street terminal which recently was awarded a traffic-passenger type Station Achievement Award for the third quarter of this year.

Yard Foreman Maurice Murphy happily announced that a baby boy was delivered to his home on October 20.

—LEO J. BIEN

these days. He recently presented a diamond engagement ring to Mary Reid.

Superintendent Ralph H. Martz and his wife made a scenic tour of Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Tetons, and other points out west.

Foreman Richard J. Bulak and several co-workers spent several days at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana.

Your co-reporter, Frances Louward, became so fascinated with Mexico on her last visit that she decided to spend her vacation there again this year. She visited missions in El Paso, Texas, while en route, and various missions and the cathedral in Juarez, Mexico.

Albert was the name selected for the new baby son of Painter George Wright . . . Painter Faulkner McCrea and his wife, Ann, named their new daughter Joan Madeleine.

Two employes reported additions to their growing number of grandchildren. Upholsterer John Loris became a grandfather again when Janet Marie was born on October 13 . . . Foreman Max Kuchan's new grandson was named Roland.

Painter Joseph Austra passed away on September 28. He had over 31 years of service . . . Ed Fregeau and John Gianella, both of bus overhaul, suffered the losses of their fathers recently.

Harry Poces and Leroy Goering, bus overhaul, are back to work after both underwent surgery recently

## He Does All Right With The Golf Clubs

SOUTH SHOPS—Foreman Tony Nutile won a trophy at a golf tournament held by south bus overhaul at Westgate Valley Country club. Prizes were awarded at the dinner which was held after the tournament.

It's no wonder that Bill Donnelly's face is wreathed in smiles

## DR. CIPRIANI SUCCUMBS

FUNERAL SERVICES were held October 24 at St. Mel's church for Dr. John B. Cipriani, 67, recently retired member of CTA's medical staff, who died October 20, at Wesley Memorial hospital after a short illness.

Dr. Cipriani, who began with the former Chicago Surface Lines on January 22, 1947, and retired last August 1, served on the faculty of the University of Illinois College of Medicine from 1920 to 1942. While in this capacity, he also was named as Mother Cabrini hospital's first president and held that position from 1927 to 1933.

From 1941 to 1944, he was superintendent of the Illinois Public Welfare Department's Eye and Ear Infirmary and, from 1942 to 1945, was official examining physician for Selective Service Board No. 115, Chicago.

Dr. Cipriani was chairman of Medicine Board of Voiture Post No. 220, 40 & 8, and was a member of Melin-Romer Post 728, American Legion. He served in the U. S. Army's Medical Corps as a first lieutenant during World War I.

Dr. Cipriani is survived by his widow, Florence M., a daughter, Helen (Mrs. Thomas Davidson), two granddaughters and a brother, Anthony. Another brother, the late Frank, was travel editor of the Chicago Tribune.

Interment was at Mount Carmel cemetery.



## JOHN J. MADDEN RETIRES

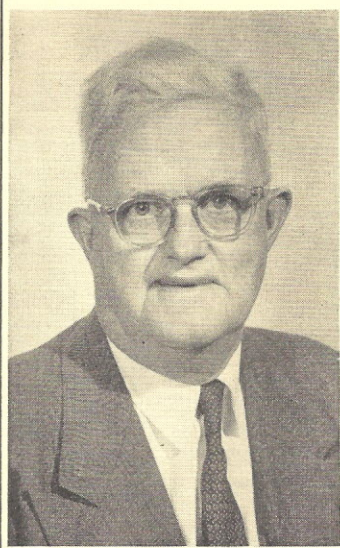
**JOHN J. MADDEN, 65**, retired on pension November 1 after nearly 47 years of service with CTA and predecessor rapid transit companies.

Mr. Madden, an assistant superintendent of maintenance in the CTA Way and Structures Department's rapid transit division, began with the old Northwestern Elevated Railroad on January 12, 1912, as a time-keeper.

Taking time out from his transit career to go into military service during World War I, Mr. Madden saw action in France in four major battles as a first sergeant in the U. S. Army's 33rd Infantry Division.

Shortly after his return to civilian life in 1919, he was promoted to material inspector. And through the years, he worked his way up through the ranks as, successively, track foreman and general foreman of track elevation before attaining, on November 1, 1939, the position he held at the time of his retirement.

A board member of the South Side Elevated Credit



Union for the last 15 years, Mr. Madden also is active in social, fraternal and religious groups. He is a member of CTA Post No. 1216, American Legion; of Voiture Post No. 220, 40 & 8, and is a past commander of the old Chicago Elevated Post No. 184, American Legion, of which he was a charter member.

... However, still on the sick list, at this writing, is Carpenter Joe Bobko who also underwent surgery.

Andrew Hankosky and John McVeigh, body shop, and Harry Ott and Corvin Fields, bus overhaul, recently took their pensions.

—EVELYN CLARK and  
FRANCES LOUWARD

## Stork Calls On Repairman, Wife

**TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS** — (Wilson)—Repairman Art Hall and his wife, Dollie, are the proud parents of a baby boy, David Allen, who was born October 16.

Clerk Cliff Vandervest spent his vacation listening to the World Series and working around the house ... Foreman Art Kalvelage went on a motor tour of the West and Southwest.

Other recent vacationers were Cleaner Frank Miculinic and Repairmen John Hennelly, John Southworth, Dan Brodie and John Orange.

(Kimball)—Foreman Bill Ford spent his vacation visiting Los An-

geles, San Francisco and other points on the West Coast.

Repairman Bill Buerger, who recently suffered the loss of his brother, is now off due to illness.

(61st)—Foreman Charles Dowling's vacation in Michigan was interrupted because of the death of his brother.

(Lake)—Repairman Frank Chiappetta and J. C. Williams spent their vacations around Chicago.

(Logan)—Foreman Harold Rose spent his vacation taking a trip around the lake. He also drove over the new bridge to Mackinac Island.

Repairman George Speers recently suffered the loss of his wife.

(Garfield)—Repairman Joe Serriella presently is off because of an operation.

(Douglas) — Foreman Marty Shannon was on jury duty.

Night Foreman Jerry Jennings spent his vacation hunting deer in Michigan with a bow and arrow. He said he hit one but it got away.

(Howard)—Cleaner John Zielinski retired November 1 after 34 years' service. His fellow workers presented him with a cash purse.

—JOE FEINENDEGEN

## Enjoy Their Swank Florida Vacation

**WAY AND STRUCTURES**—Arthur E. Frank, driver for the utility department, and his wife spent a very enjoyable vacation at the swank Deauville hotel in Miami Beach, Florida, during the first two weeks of October.

Joseph Gallo, father of Carpenter Mike Gallo, rapid transit division, and Anna Andrews, mother of Julius Andrews, construction carpenter foreman, rapid transit division, died on October 18.

Painter Frank Engeln, rapid transit division, retired November 1 after 12 years of service.

Ernest Hass, father of Carpenter Ernie Hass, rapid transit division, died October 13 in Spirit, Wisconsin.

Laborers Charles Schlick and Antonio Scimeca, and Trackman Joseph Barbara, all of Track, retired on pension November 1. Joe had 32 years of service, Antonio had 30 and Charlie had 24.

Jerry Weiler, assistant senior engineer, replaced John J. Madden as assistant superintendent of maintenance, rapid transit division, when Mr. Madden retired November 1.

Jerry Weiler's post has been assumed by Jack O'Reilly.

—MARLENE NEHER

## Waiting For The Ship To Come In

**WEST SECTION** — (Agents) — Agent Tom O'Shaughnessy is eagerly waiting for his daughter, Helene, who will arrive from Japan for an extended visit late this month. Tom, who has arranged to have his vacation coincide with his daughter's visit, said that he will act as her private driver and escort during her stay. Helene, who was a secretary in the American embassy in Tokyo, will take up similar duties in Teheran, Iran, after the first of next year.

At this writing, Ralph DeMaria, superintendent of agents and porters, is confined to Billings hospital where he is undergoing observation for a recurring ailment.

Confined to the hospital at this time is Fred Kaiser, a member of the porter staff, whose finger was amputated.

Agents Ada Hogan and Catherine Dee joined the ranks of the retired on October 1.

Agent Dorothy Raiman became a grandmother for the eighth time when her daughter, Mrs. Jean Barnhardt, presented her with a grandson, John Thomas.

We extend a most cordial welcome to William Roskopf as a new agent. Bill formerly was a motorman out of Lawndale Depot, and for 13 years worked as an alternating driver for the wreck and supply wagons.

Molly Shields has sufficiently recovered from an illness to be able to resume her duties as agent.

Agent Catherine Sullivan returned recently from her vacation where she toured through New York State and parts of Canada.

Agent Nellie Turner retired November 1 after 15 years of service ... also retiring November 1 were Agents Marie Schoos, Elisabeth Paysen and Margaret King.

—GORDON KELLY

## Watch Is Reward Of Watchful Conductor

**WEST SECTION**—(Logan)—Conductor Harry Becker was rewarded with a wrist watch for finding a brief case full of watches lost by a jewelry salesman.

Clerk Harry Gabel and his wife became the proud grandparents of a boy, Ronald Glen, who was born to their son, Kenneth, and daughter-in-law, Betty Jean, on October 25.

James Jones, Jr., West Section porter who was serving in the U. S. Army in Korea, died October 21. Jones, who arrived in Korea last September, was found dead in his bunk at his base.

—JOHN HANNING

## Tony Goes North, Al Heads South

**WEST SHOPS**—Tony Spatafore, miscellaneous, and his wife drove up to St. Paul, Minnesota, during their vacation ... Al Windt, bus overhaul, and his family drove to Washington, D. C., and then to Florida.

Bob Emery, unit overhaul, and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 18.

John Schwartz, office, transferred to the budget department in the Merchandise Mart.

Dan Murphy, Brake Department, and his wife are the proud parents of a brand new son, Brian.



## 40-YEAR EMPLOYEES RECENTLY RETIRED

Frank Spolec, Tin Shop, and his family visited his son, who is stationed with the Navy at Charleston, South Carolina. They went via New Orleans, Louisiana.

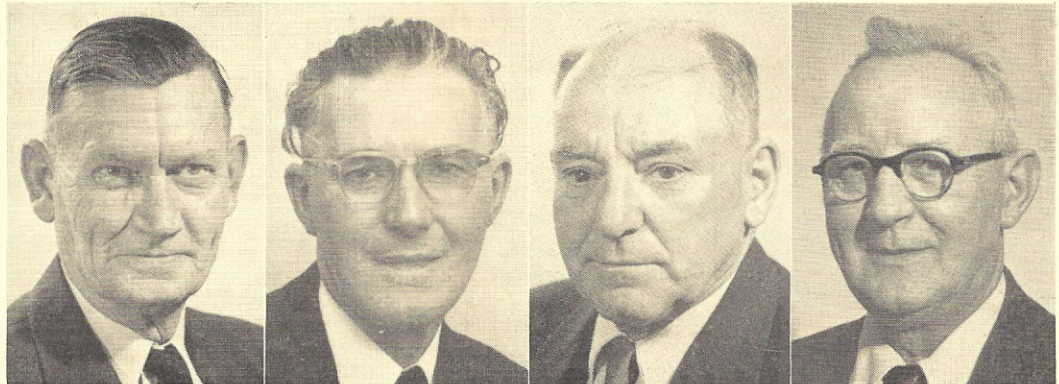
Mary Corliss, formerly of Technical Services, and her husband, Bill, welcomed a son, William Joseph, recently.

Frank Horvat, Electrical, tried out the fishing around the Canadian border during his vacation . . . George Holmes, Technical Services, and his wife recently traveled to Oregon and Canada.

James Patrick is the new arrival at the home of Jim and Joan Ward. Joan formerly worked in the office and Jim is attached to the garage division.

Emil Buelow, engine and torque converter area, spent his vacation in Michigan.

—JOHN T. BURKE



**William I. Davis,** motorman, South Section, November 1, 41 years.

**Patrick F. Sullivan,** conductor, North Section, November 1, 42 years.

**William Bonaguidi,** conductor, West Section, November 1, 41 years.

**William C. Fischer,** temporary janitor, Limits, November 1, 40 years.

## NEW PENSIONERS

**D. J. Ahern,** plant guard, CTA Department of Police. Employed 3-11-53.  
**R. J. Anderson,** operator, Forest Glen. Employed 1-21-21.  
**J. H. Berck,** gateman, West Section. Employed 12-2-20.  
**Michael Bieszczad,** gateman, West Section. Employed 7-24-44.  
**Michael Breen,** bus cleaner, Kedzie. Employed 1-1-38.  
**F. O. Card,** guard, West Section. Employed 12-11-22.  
**F. J. Corey,** supervisor, District "A." Employed 5-3-23.  
**Catherine Dee,** agent, West Section. Employed 8-5-42.  
**P. C. Eckert,** bus repairman, 77th. Employed 6-2-20.  
**T. J. Elphick,** temporary collector, 77th. Employed 6-9-20.  
**A. R. Evans,** foreman, Limits. Employed 7-1-25.  
**S. C. Frase,** track foreman, Way and Structures. Employed 5-16-30.  
**E. P. Glatz,** towerman, South Section. Employed 2-11-13.  
**R. J. Grannan,** laborer, Stores Department. Employed 5-9-16.  
**Andrew Hankosky,** carpenter "A," South Shops. Employed 7-8-26.  
**J. L. Hickox,** operator, North Avenue. Employed 10-16-24.  
**A. L. Hogan,** agent, West Section. Employed 2-17-44.  
**N. C. Jensen,** agent, South Section. Employed 5-18-23.

**Matthew Marth,** gateman, West Section. Employed 10-14-43.  
**J. F. Miller,** operator, Lawndale. Employed 7-8-26.  
**P. P. Mudaras,** bus repairman, 69th. Employed 9-16-23.  
**Frank Patrino,** track foreman, Way and Structures. Employed 5-4-21.  
**Ernest Polino,** laborer, Way and Structures. Employed 4-10-34.  
**Louis Prtenjaca,** laborer, Way and Structures. Employed 7-21-27.  
**C. A. Randle,** operator, 77th. Employed 10-7-29.  
**R. L. Rentfro,** car repairman, Shops and Equipment. Employed 12-12-44.  
**F. J. Rogoz,** carpenter "A," West Shops. Employed 9-7-22.  
**L. F. Schoenfeldt,** operator, Forest Glen. Employed 3-14-16.  
**Christ Stovlbeck,** operator, 77th. Employed 6-11-20.  
**H. O. Stuewe,** foreman, Beverly. Employed 2-28-17.  
**L. A. Thompson,** porter, West Section. Employed 7-22-43.  
**G. C. Uehrke,** janitor, Limits. Employed 3-24-43.  
**G. G. Wilson,** janitor, Kedzie. Employed 11-8-26.  
**F. A. Wimmer,** conductor, West Section. Employed 4-29-12.  
**W. L. Yates,** operator, Limits. Employed 3-21-27.  
**Luciano Zullo,** watchman, Way and Structures. Employed 9-8-29.

## For And About Our Pensioners

**BEVERLY**—Board Member *Peter Flaherty* and his wife visited with *George Grassel*, former conductor and board member, who now lives at 512 Spring street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

*Chester and Stella Buckley* stopped at Steger Lake, Crystal Falls, Michigan, to visit *Augie Saar*, former receiver, and his wife, whom they found in good health.

The Buckleys also visited *Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nebelsick* at West Bend, Wisconsin.

*Tom Nolan*, former conductor, and his wife recently visited *Mike Hanley*, who now lives at 3700 Ocean drive, Bowling Green, Florida. Tom also has been in touch with *John Douglas, Morris Fitzgerald* and *Jim O'Connell* and reported all of them to be well.

While on a recent trip to California, the Nolans visited *Alfred Vandermeche*. Alfred, who was 72 on October 10, was honored at a big party at his home, 6209 Monlaco road, Long Beach, California.

Also visiting the Vandermeches recently were *Martin Anderson* and his bride whom he married over in Denmark and brought back to this country. The Andersons now live in Hollydale, California.

We recently received word that *Harry Goucher*, former motorman, died last February 6 in a Stockton, California, hospital of injuries he received while in the Merchant Marine during World War II.

—FRANK M. BLACK

**52ND**—*Carl Haller*, former receiver, was presented with his CTA retirement pin when he visited this station recently.

—JOSEPH W. WALINCHIUS

**GENERAL OFFICE**—(Transportation)—*Mike Korosy* and his wife, who live in Clearwater Beach, Florida, recently entertained *Marie Krausman*. The Korosys conducted a tour through their home and their beautiful flower gardens. Later, the three enjoyed a dinner at the Capri.

—JULIE PRINDERVILLE

**KEDZIE**—*George G. Wilson*, head janitor who retired on pension October 1 after nearly 32 years of service with CTA and the former Chicago Surface Lines, and his wife have bought a home in St.

## M. G. FEAHENY OF SOUTH SECTION DIES

**MATTHEW G. FEAHENY**, 63, night superintendent, South Section, died September 24 after a heart attack suffered during a cable fire on the "L" tracks at 63rd and Calumet. Burial was in St. Mary cemetery on September 29.

Mr. Feaheny, a veteran of World War I, had been in transit 39 years. His widow, *Ann*, and two stepsons, *John* and *Richard McVicker*, survive.



## LIVELY WILLOW



ON A dark and stormy night recently, this huge weeping willow tree on the property of *Eliot Hirsch*, Training and Accident Prevention, at Petite Lake, Antioch, Illinois, was uprooted. After this picture was taken, *Eliot* began cutting off the fallen tree's upper branches and narrowly missed being the first human being to reach the moon when the tree, believe it or not, sprang back to its original position.

Reported by *Mary E. Clarke*

## For And About Our Pensioners (Cont.)

Petersburg, Florida. Stationed at Kedzie since 1947, George previously was a streetcar motorman working out of the old Noble station. On his last day of work, he was presented with a set of luggage.

*Eugene Flynn*, former conductor who retired in 1941 from the former Chicago Surface Lines after 38 years of service, recently moved to the Villa Saint Cyril in Highland Park from his home at 2719 W.

## RETIRED ENGINEER P. E. MURRAY DIES

**PAUL E. MURRAY, SR., 78**, retired communications engineer, died November 3 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mr. Murray joined the former Chicago City Railway Company on September 1, 1911, as an engineer in the Electrical Department. He was appointed communications engineer of the former Chicago Surface Lines in 1945 and held the same position at the time of his retirement from CTA in 1956.

Interment was at Mount Hope cemetery on November 6.

56th street, Chicago. Eugene will be 89 years old on November 24.

—C. P. STARR

**NORTH AVENUE**—Mr. and Mrs. *Charles Fluegel* of Pacoima, California, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on October 17. Helping them celebrate were their son and daughter, and six grandchildren. Charlie and his wife reside at 13629 Ottoman street, Pacoima.

*Eddie Durkin* was a patient at Grant hospital where he underwent surgery. . . *Jerry Hayes* was a patient at St. Ann's hospital, and *Charles Saklem* was a patient at Illinois Research hospital.

*Otto Falk*, who lives in Algonquin, Illinois, sent his regards to all his old buddies.

*Joe Pertl* was a recent visitor at the home of *Ted Shumon* at 2937 N. 21st avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

—JOE HIEBEL

**SKOKIE SHOPS**—Recent visitors here were *Gus Hyde*, retired Skokie Shops employe, and *L. B. Mann*, retired Electrical Department man. Mr. Mann now makes his home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

—DAVID GURWICH and  
EVERETT E. ENGLAND

**SOUTH SECTION**—*Adam Strohmenger* looked his old self when he visited 61st street recently.

*Towerman Emil Glatz*, Jackson Park, who retired on October 1 after 45 years of service, now is living in St. Petersburg, Florida, and can be reached there by writing care of Post Office Box 10981.

—LEO J. BIEN

**WEST SHOPS**—*Ted Shumon*, former Inside News scribe from West Shops, and his wife, *Marie*, recently entertained *Lou Volpe* of West Shops' unit overhaul.

—JOHN T. BURKE

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

**J. H. Houle**, motorman, 77th. Employed 12-14-25.

**M. J. McNamara**, comp. mixer operator, Way and Structures. Employed 7-23-36.

**H. A. Ott**, machinist, South Shops. Employed 7-18-23.

**C. W. Schrock**, operator, Archer. Employed 11-30-26.

## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

**GEORGE AMANN, 75**, retired conductor, Limits. Died 9-19-58. Employed 3-14-13.

**JOSEPH AUSRA, 61**, repairman, South Shops. Died 9-28-58. Employed 7-8-26.

**H. W. BUERGER, 69**, retired guard, North Section. Died 9-27-58. Employed 6-21-07.

**P. J. CASEY, 73**, retired conductor, South Section. Died 10-5-58. Employed 9-21-23.

**H. J. COOPER, 78**, retired motorman, North Avenue. Died 9-30-58. Employed 7-3-21.

**T. J. CRONIN, 86**, retired repairman, Cottage Grove. Died 9-25-58. Employed 12-10-07.

**WILLIAM C. CRONIN, 65**, operator, 69th. Died 9-25-58. Employed 4-28-21.

**ARTHUR DUNHAM, 79**, retired motorman, 77th. Died 9-9-58. Employed 3-1-01.

**MILDRED EHRLICH, 73**, retired clerk, General Office. Died 9-24-58. Employed 11-7-41.

**A. M. ERICKSEN, 57**, retired motorman, Armitage. Died 9-28-58. Employed 2-26-24.

**J. J. FAHEY, 79**, retired motorman, 69th. Died 10-3-58. Employed 7-15-09.

**MATTHEW G. FEAHENY, 63**, assistant superintendent, 61st. Died 9-24-58. Employed 7-13-19.

**TIMOTHY FLAHERTY, 82**, retired conductor, Armitage. Died 9-19-58. Employed 5-11-11.

**P. J. FOLLIARD, 67**, retired janitor, 77th. Died 10-3-58. Employed 1-5-23.

**R. H. FULTON, 76**, retired mechanic, Diversey. Died 10-8-58. Employed 5-15-23.

**MICHAEL GILL, 70**, retired motorman, 77th. Died 9-17-58. Employed 12-4-18.

**A. F. GROHN, 74**, retired motorman, Cottage Grove. Died 9-9-58. Employed 2-10-05.

**MIKE GUDELL, 74**, retired laborer, Track. Died 9-20-58. Employed 4-14-24.

**MICHAEL HANELY, 71**, retired operator, Lawndale. Died 10-7-58. Employed 3-26-13.

**JAMES HULAN, 81**, retired agent, West Section. Died 9-28-58. Employed 3-17-36.

**BLAJOJE JANJUSEVIC, 69**, retired paver, Track. Died 9-6-58. Employed 5-12-20.

**C. A. M. JENSEN, 75**, retired motorman, Armitage. Died 9-22-58. Employed 2-15-09.

**PATRICK KENNELLY, 80**, retired motorman, South Section. Died 9-26-58. Employed 12-3-06.

**WILLIAM KLINGE, 74**, retired agent, North Section. Died 9-14-58. Employed 3-25-29.

**THOMAS McDONALD, 60**, repairman, 77th. Died 10-4-58. Employed 5-4-21.

**H. A. McGARRY, 70**, retired motorman, 69th. Died 9-13-58. Employed 11-15-10.

**PETER McLAUGHLIN, 56**, operator, Kedzie. Died 9-30-58. Employed 3-13-43.

**A. E. MOLIK, 66**, retired motorman, Lawndale. Died 9-11-58. Employed 4-22-27.

**E. J. O'GRADY, 84**, retired trackman, Road Department. Died 9-24-58. Employed 1-1-02.

**WALTER SARNA, 46**, guard, CTA Department of Police. Died 10-6-58. Employed 7-1-57.

**MICHAEL SCAHILL, 63**, repairman, Shops and Equipment. Died 9-26-58. Employed 3-16-24.

**I. G. SCHUMANN, 70**, retired foreman, Maintenance. Died 9-18-58. Employed 9-26-27.

**W. J. SHEAFER, 92**, retired guard, Lake Street. Died 8-25-58. Employed 5-1-00.

**JOHN SMITH, 68**, retired motorman, Kedzie. Died 9-5-58. Employed 11-15-13.

**E. B. SMYTH, 86**, retired secretary, Law Department. Died 9-8-58. Employed 2-1-16.

**J. W. SNELL, 71**, retired motorman, Elston. Died 9-25-58. Employed 9-6-11.

**W. H. SPENCER, 88**, retired guard, Lake Street. Died 8-12-58. Employed 1-8-94.

**B. W. SZCSZYCKI, 78**, retired motorman, Archer. Died 10-3-58. Employed 5-25-18.

**DOMENICO TRAINA, 79**, retired watchman, Track. Died 9-28-58. Employed 4-22-43.

**H. C. WINKELMAN, 77**, retired motorman, Blue Island. Died 9-9-58. Employed 7-8-13.

**WILLIAM WIXTED, 47**, conductor, Howard Street. Died 10-14-58. Employed 11-15-41.



OUR

# Public Speaks



ALTHOUGH WELL merited praise is often received in the Service Section of CTA's Public Information Department about our employes, because of their courtesy and helpfulness to passengers, unfortunately much of the good will which is created by these kindly acts is lost due to the rudeness and thoughtlessness of a few other employes.

A courteous and reliable employe helps to win friends and customers and insures the continuation of our services and our jobs.

On the other hand, a pass-up, rudeness or carelessness in the performance of our job can only mean complaints and less passengers. Fewer passengers have one result—fewer jobs.

In other words, the future of CTA depends on its employes and the manner in which they do their jobs.

Below are a few letters of commendation written about our employes who do a fine job in creating good public relations:

## "Fine Cooperation"

"Last Friday evening many of our telephone employes were unable to supply for themselves adequate transportation for those of the group who were stricken with food poisoning at Comiskey Park.

"Through the fine cooperation of CTA supervisory personnel and the drivers (whose names I'm sorry I don't have), one of the CTA buses was put into emergency service. We're most grateful for the kindness and consideration we received, and want to express our thanks to all the CTA people involved. Their actions are a fine example of public service."

(Editor's Note: The above letter was sent to Mr. V. E. Gunlock, Chairman, Chicago Transit Board, from Mr. W. V. Kahler, President, Illinois Bell Telephone Company. Employes concerned were: *Walter Johnson*, utilities; *Kenneth Williams*, radio dispatcher, and *Operator W. J. Rogers*, 69th.

## "Help and Advice"

"We want to sincerely thank Mr. John G. Stanton, senior radio telephone operator, for the cooperation he extended us in our search for our son and his friend last Tuesday evening.

"His help and advice were useful to us and we appreciate the thoughtful and gracious manner in which he handled our call for help."

## "Prompted to Comment"

"It is more than possible that at times you may receive some complaints about service, and so I am prompted to offset some of them by commenting on the fact that last night I visited some friends in the 4600 block on Sheridan road. Later, I walked to the Wilson avenue station and boarded an Englewood train at 9:40 p.m. I arrived at 59th and State in 34 minutes and caught a 36A State bus. I rode on that bus to catch a 119th and Morgan bus and stepped off at 110th

street at exactly 10:40 p.m., completing the entire trip in one hour. I could not have done better had I taken a taxi."

ALSO, OUR patrons have written unfavorable comments, expressing their dissatisfaction about the service they have received. Reprinted below are a few examples of the kind of letters we do not like to receive:

"Within the past few days, I have had the misfortune of being passed up often.

"I have been waiting on the same corner for at least five years, and I must say that this recent occurrence is the first time I have ever had cause to complain.

"I questioned an operator as to why all the pass-ups lately, and he told me that if he knew the answer, his bus wouldn't be as crowded."

COMMENT: Pass-ups are not, and cannot, be tolerated by CTA. Every time we "pass the buck" to our fellow workers, we are not only over-burdening his job, but we are slamming the door on the faces of steady or would-be steady customers whose fares pay our wages.

"As the bus my husband and I were riding approached the stop where we were to alight, we walked to the center of the bus and pulled the cord. When we saw that the operator was not going to slow down, we pulled the cord again. Since the operator made no attempt to stop, my husband shouted to him that we wanted to alight, but to no avail. Finally, we walked to the front of the bus. The driver was totally indifferent towards us and acted as though we didn't exist. When we were able to alight, we not only had to walk four blocks back to our intended destination, but also were told by the operator that we should think of the next passenger and alight through the center door."

COMMENT: CTA vehicles are operated to provide service for the convenience and accommodation of our patrons. To deliberately ignore a patron's request to board or alight at a designated stop is a distinct violation of operating rules and regulations. Such actions are inexcusable. Whenever an employe fails to realize that his welfare and CTA's welfare depends upon the patrons who ride CTA, he performs a disservice to himself and CTA.

SHOWN HERE is a comparison of complaints and commendations recently received by Chicago Transit Authority for October, 1958; September, 1958, and October, 1957:

	Oct. 1958	Sept. 1958	Oct. 1957
Complaints	1186	1099	1302
Commendations	110	84	96



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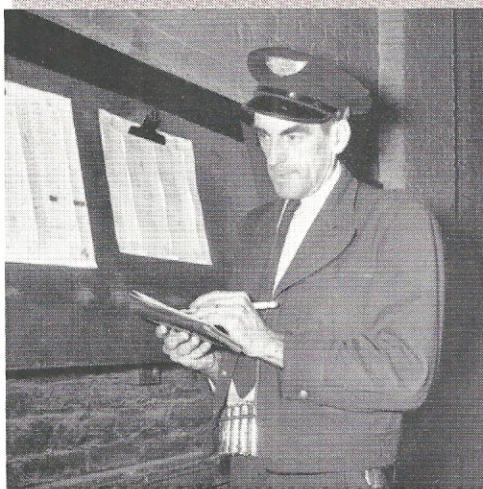
Irving J. Metzger

LOCATION: Limits

What is your favorite fall activity?

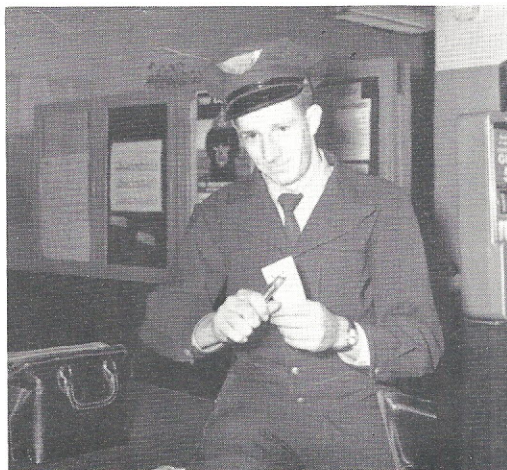


**EDWARD PUNTILL**, Operator: "Duck hunting is my favorite fall activity, even though it means getting up early in the morning and traveling a long distance. Then, too, sometimes I have to spend many hours in a blind. But when I bag a few, I feel my time has been well spent."



**JOHN MELODY**, Operator: "My son and I always enjoyed getting out into the open with our shotguns and doing a bit of hunting together for rabbits, pheasants and ducks before he went into service. When he returns to civilian life, we probably will resume this activity."

**RAYMOND HERT**, Operator: "Often on Sundays, when my two sons are playing close to home, I'll ask them, How about going over to see the Bears play football? There's nothing they'd like to do better. So, off we go to Wrigley Field for an enjoyable and relaxing afternoon."



**LAWRENCE H. LARSON**, Operator: "I enjoy going hunting for pheasants, ducks and other game birds. I think it's wonderful to get away from the noisy, crowded city and out into the fresh air and quiet of the country this time of year, and see the beauty of the autumn foliage."

**JUAN REYES**, Operator: "Does this picture of me leave any doubt about what I like to do in the fall? I think that bowling is a very relaxing sport and the night our team takes part in league competition is my one night a week out with the boys. I enjoy it very much."





# LEISURE-TIME LAPIDARISTS

A COUPLE literally leaving no stone unturned in the pursuit of their hobby are stone collectors *Joseph S. (Bud) Rosendhal*, assistant industrial engineer at South Shops, and his wife, *Virginia*.

These gatherers of rocks, or lapidarists, search throughout the nation, as well as Canada and Mexico, for interesting and valuable additions to their collection. Near Coal City, Illinois, they hunt for fossils. In a quarry near Turkey Run, Indiana, or along the banks of the Mississippi river, they pick up the strange, partially-hollow geode, a type of stone lined, on its inside, with crystals. Along the shores of Lake Superior in northern Minnesota or southern Canada, they seek out the so-called Lake Superior agate. For jade, they travel to the plains of Wyoming; for petrified wood, they go to Colorado, and for "thunder eggs" (a form of quartz), they journey to Oregon. Belonging to the Chicago Lapidary club, they often make these trips with fellow-members.

They trade for, or purchase outright, any desired items they can't get on their own, such as rubies from India, "tiger eyes" from Africa, or opal from Australia. However, even though the Rosendhals' collection consists of rocks from every continent in the world, they obtained more than half their stones through their own diligent searching during vacations or weekend field trips.

## Make Jewelry from Stones

Many rocks show little color or luster until they are polished and/or cut apart. Even rubies, in their original form, are only dull, rust-colored stones. Therefore, during the cold months of the year, Bud and Virginia convert many of the specimens they have gathered during warmer weather into many-hued gems and pieces of costume jewelry.

This they do with a special power saw which can cut through even a diamond, one of the hardest substances known. They also rely upon power-driven grinding and buffing wheels. With such machinery on hand, it takes only a short time to fashion a heart-shaped pendant from a mud-colored geode. Cutting it in half on the power saw reveals, on the inside of its thick shell, brilliant white crystals which will form the pendant. When cut up further and polished, the part selected is placed under a template, or pattern board, to be marked up for more exact shaping. After further polishing and buffing, the stone is ready to be mounted.

Although they buy many ready-made settings, chains, etc., the Rosendhals make a large number of their own by working with silver. From "scratch," they created a handsome, jet-black pair of obsidian cuff links and an attractive bloodstone bracelet.

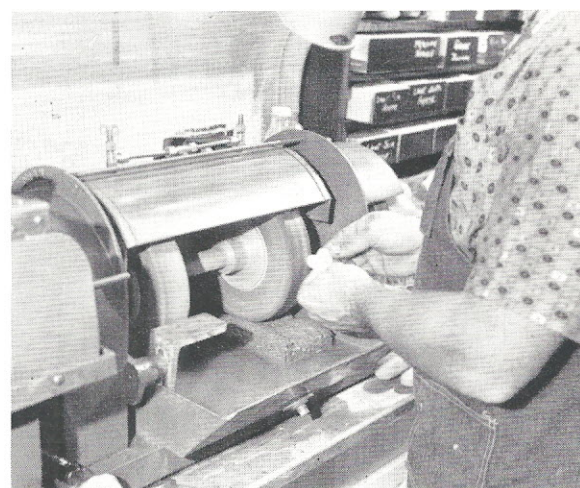
Bud and Virginia became interested in lapidary work after inspecting a rock exhibit two years ago. Soon afterward, they took classes in lapidary and silver work. Four months later, they started out on their own.

"We couldn't ask for a better way to keep busy in our spare time," said Bud.

**BUD AND VIRGINIA ROSEN-DHAL** talk over what they might do with geode which Bud holds in his hand — keep it in its original form to trade for another type stone or make it into an item of costume jewelry.



**THE GEODE** becomes a heart-shaped pendant, which Bud forms on their power-driven grindstone. He later put a finer finish on the geode pendant by using the grindstone at left, and then finished the polishing with a buffer machine.



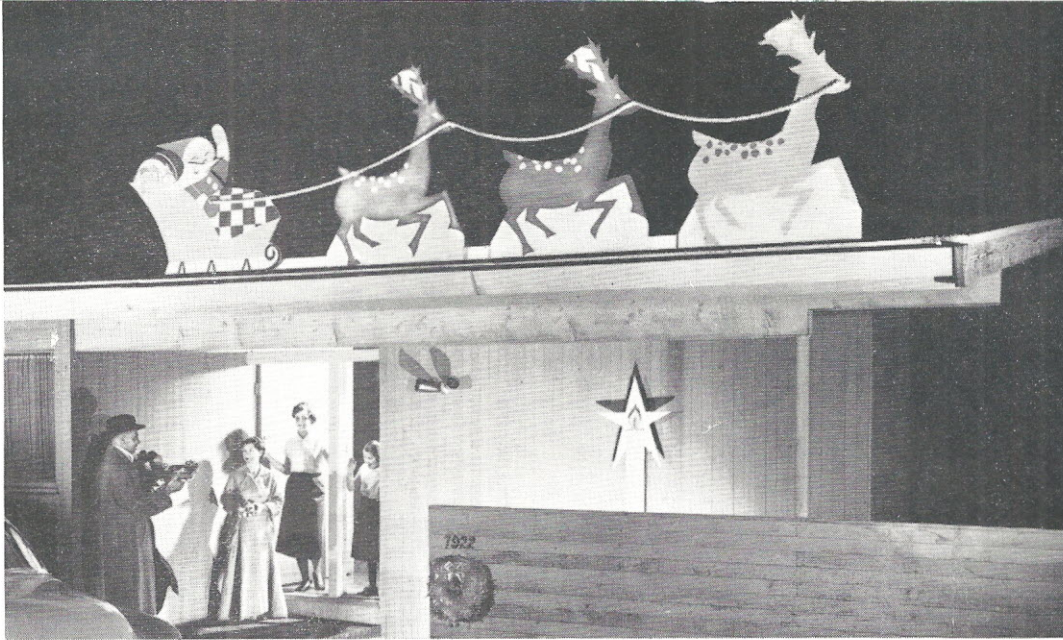
**WITH TEMPLATE**, Bud outlines, on piece of obsidian, the shape he wants to use for a brooch. Meanwhile, Virginia works on silver setting for this item. Spread out on table are highly-polished slices and nuggets of rock. Some will become costume jewelry, while others will remain as curios.



**THE RESULTS** of diligent searching, plus hours of work are proudly displayed by Bud and Virginia Rosendhal. Cufflinks at lower right on tray Bud holds were made from "scratch."



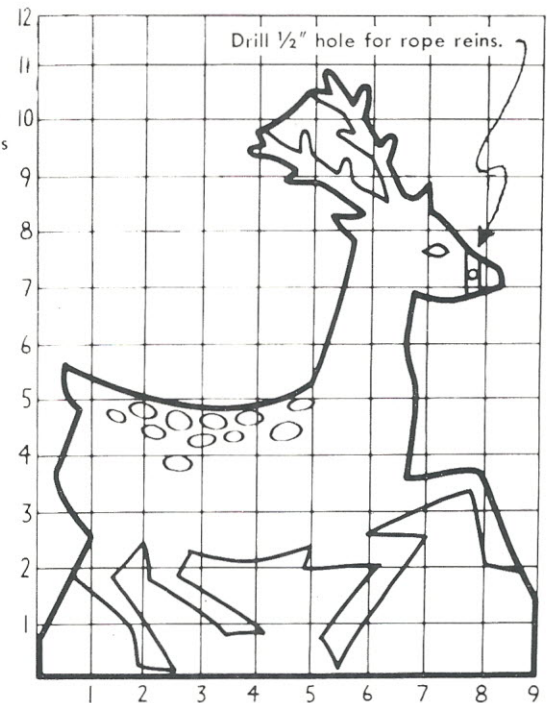
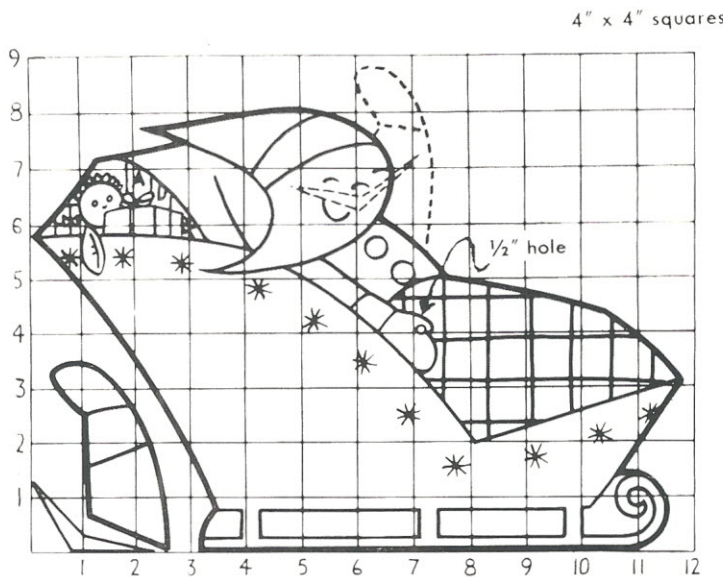




A SIMPLE-to-make lawn or roof-top display like this will bring a booming note of holiday cheer to your Christmas decorations.

**PATTERN FOR making Santa's sleigh and reindeer described in accompanying story is shown below. Cut on heavy lines. Dotted lines show position to fasten arm and mustache.**

## MAKE-IT-YOURSELF *Christmas Display*



HERE'S AN outdoor Christmas display that radiates holiday cheer.

It is a Santa's sleigh and reindeer cut-out you can display on your roof, your front lawn or a fence-top.

Designed for amateur construction, the plans have been designed to provide maximum visual effect with a minimum of drawing. This means that with grid lines overlaid on the design, you don't need any special artistic talent to reproduce the full-size figures.

The display should be made from  $\frac{1}{2}$ " exterior fir plywood and it can be used year after year. All it takes is four 3x4-foot panels.

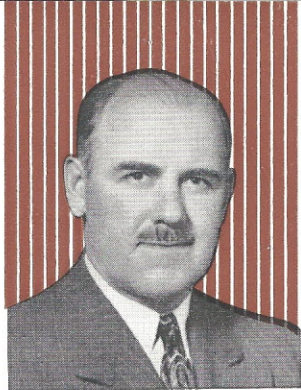
To build the display, draw lines 4" apart on the panels as shown in the plan illustration shown here. Then draw the final outline on the plywood panel. The positions of the arm and mustache are shown in dotted lines.

Then cut the figures out with a band-saw, a saber saw or a keyhole saw. For best results in painting, daub the edges of the figures with a heavy mixture of white lead and oil and prime both sides. Then paint the designs in bright contrasting colors. Use a good exterior paint.

If the display is to be floodlighted, a flat paint will reduce glare.

When the display is completed, set it up with stakes driven into the ground or with braces nailed into the roof.





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## SELF-MEDICATION

THE PRACTICE of self-diagnosis and self-medication dates back for many centuries. It will probably continue indefinitely despite the fact that it is a dangerous procedure. The troubles and difficulties produced by this practice have recently increased greatly because of the large number of new drugs on the market today.

To show what a tremendous business is done in the purchase of self-medication products, the public spent over a billion dollars in 1954 for this purpose. While no recent figures are available, it is reasonable to assume that several billions are now being spent annually. The amount has undoubtedly increased because of the tremendous advertising programs in newspapers and magazines, and on TV and radio. It is to be hoped that better control of unwarranted advertising claims will come so that the public will not be influenced unwisely.

Self-medication, as the name implies, is the practice of taking medicine without medical advice. The dangers and complications are many and varied. To cite just a few illustrations:

One common type of self-medication is the use of sedatives. These not only produce disorders of the nervous system, stomach and liver but may lead to self-destruction or suicide.

The general and prolonged use of vitamins can cause dizziness, headaches and gastrointestinal disorders.

Antihistamines have been used unwisely. They are found in certain cold remedies and cures for allergies. When taken improperly they produce drowsiness. Many serious automobile accidents have occurred as one result of this after effect.

Hormones, both female and male, have been used and abused. The effects of these drugs are not entirely understood. Injudicious use may cause permanent damage to certain organs.

Stimulating drugs such as dexidrine, dexamyl and others are used generally for two purposes: namely, to lose weight and as a stimulant. Sometimes, they can cause serious complications in a person with hardening of the arteries.

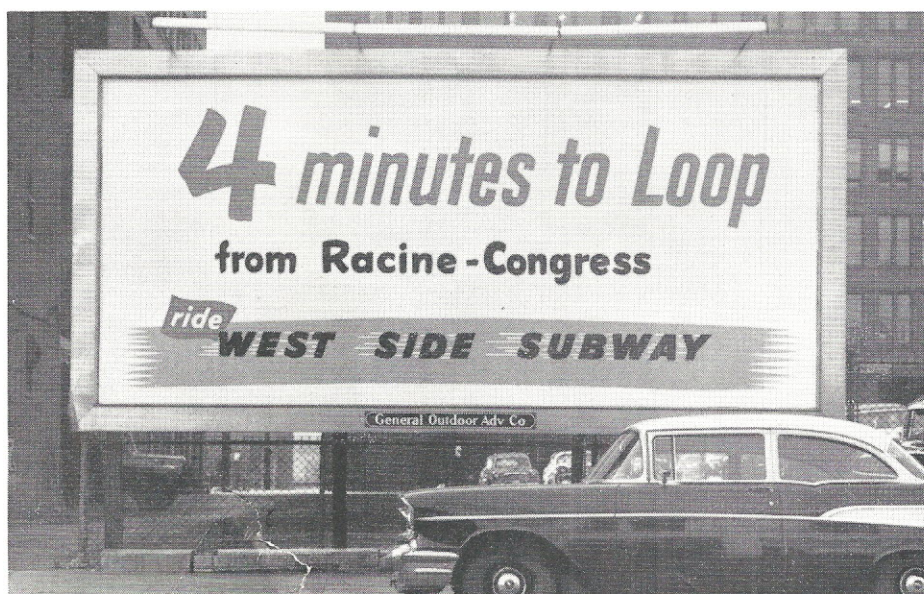
Steroid drugs, such as cortisone and meticorten, are used extensively in arthritis and in many cases produce excellent results. However, some unpleasant side effects can occur. To illustrate, here is one authentic case which occurred in the practice of one of my colleagues. A woman had been taking the drug so long it produced severe bleeding in the gastrointestinal tract. She did not tell the doctor about this habit, and an operation was recommended to stop the hemorrhage which was thought to be from a bleeding ulcer. No ulcer was found. This is not a common case, but had the patient told the doctor of her self-medication, she would have saved herself much discomfort and expense.

Antibiotics, including penicillin, are capable of producing severe allergies and blood changes as well as good results.

A typical example of the abuse of self-medication is the person who takes iron and vitamins because of tiredness or fatigue, assuming they have "tired blood." The exact cause of this feeling may be a cancer. If such is the case, early diagnosis and treatment by surgery may save a life.

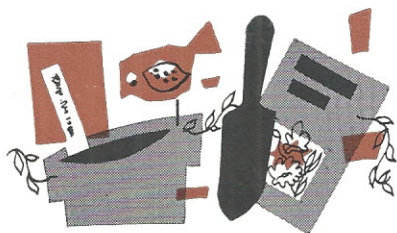
It is not the purpose of this article to imply that self-medication is always dangerous. In some cases it may be practical and helpful. However, there is enough danger in the general practice of self-diagnosis and treatment to cause plenty of trouble. It makes good sense to have a physical check-up by your physician. He will eliminate or confirm the presence of serious organic disease and advise you properly. This is also much more logical and safer than following the unwarranted testimonials and bally-hoo promises of TV and radio sponsors.

PLACED IN prominent spots at 20 locations north and south of the Congress expressway, 30-sheet billboard posters are advertising the high-speed service being provided by the new West Side subway. The signs, not visible from the expressway proper, have been spotted on west side streets in an area bounded roughly by Halsted street and Central avenue, and North avenue and Roosevelt road. They are designed to call attention to motorists driving on busy traffic streets to the time-saving advantages of the new subway from the west side to the Loop. The billboard shown in this picture is located on Jackson boulevard, west of Racine. Fourteen of the new billboards are illuminated for improved visibility after dark.





# Garden Helps



THIS MONTH we are in the midst of the fall season. Jack Frost has done his work in the garden and most of the plants showing above the ground in our gardens have been wilted or destroyed. All the trees, except evergreens, have lost their leaves. Most of the leaves are scattered about on lawns or in the shrubbery or flower beds.

At this time the gutters on the garage or on the house are well filled with the leaves from nearby trees. It may not be a part of gardening chores, but it is a good plan to clean out the gutters before winter freezes the leaves in place and starts the corroding of the gutters. Then, too, there are probably a lot of leaves still remaining on the lawn. If the latter are left throughout the winter they mat down and smother some of the grass, leaving bare spots next spring.

All leaves from the garden should be saved so that they return to the soil as nature intended. A compost heap or pit is the answer in most cases. If you have no compost heap or pit, you should at least use your leaves to spread over the ground under the shrubbery or in the flower beds or in the vacant parts of the soil around the perennial plants. If the leaves are oak leaves, which usually remain crisp all winter, they can be used as covering for your perennials. Most of the other leaves from maples, elms, etc. will become soft and soggy in winter if used for protection. That causes what is called crown rot. These leaves should be mixed in with the

top inch or two of soil in the shrubbery, flower or vegetable beds. It isn't a good plan to dig them any deeper than an inch or two if they are under the shrubs or near perennials, because that will be apt to injure the roots of these plants. If covered with only an inch of soil, the leaves will rot slowly and will improve your soil by adding organic matter to it.

This is the time to prepare for winter protection of any plants in your garden that will suffer from alternate freezing and thawing either in late fall or early spring.

Peonies, daylilies, columbine, phlox and shasta daisies are among the perennials that usually have firm enough roots so that frost action in the soil does not do them much damage. If they were newly planted or transplanted this past summer or spring, it might be well to give them some winter protection with straw or marsh hay, excelsior or evergreen boughs. But if they have been in place for a year or more they need no protection. It is important, however, to cut off the tops of these perennials. Peonies can be cut clear down to the ground without any stems showing because next year's growth will come directly from the roots in new shoots. The other perennials, and we might include hardy chrysanthemums with these, should have the tops removed only to within an inch or two of the top of the soil, because otherwise you might injure the crown of the plant by cutting too close to it.

If you have primrose, oriental poppies, or other perennials that have all of last year's growth dried off or wilted, you will find that a new fresh green set of shoots has already started this past late summer and early fall. These fresh green growths are able to withstand the cold winter. All you need to do is to spread some protection like straw, leaves, sawdust or sand around the base of the plant but be careful not to cover the fresh green shoots.

CTA POST No. 1216, American Legion, and its Auxiliary unit, held a joint installation of officers for the year 1958-1959 at St. Jude Hall on October 21. The new officers of the Post are, left to right, front row: *Walter H. Jandt*, commander; *William W. Worcester*, senior vice commander; *David J. Jacobs*, and *Nick Suero*, junior vice commanders. Second row: *Harrison D. Wilson*, past commander second district, installing officer; *John Boland*, historian; *George Kimmske*, service officer; *John Cannella*, chaplain; *Walter J. Thomas*, finance officer, and *Peter J. Sabadosa*, sergeant-at-arms.

Officers of the Auxiliary unit are, left to right, front row: *Catherine Nootens*, 1st vice-president; *Mrs. Fred Fredriksen*, 2nd vice-president; *Mrs. Arthur C. Lyng*, past director second district, mistress of ceremonies; *Mrs. George Kimmske*, president. Second row: *Mrs. Henry Kraus*, chaplain; *Mrs. August E. Walter*, treasurer; *Mrs. Henry Tyslan*, historian; *Mrs. Earl Westergaard*, sergeant-at-arms, and *Dorothy Ward*, past director second district, installing officer.

The Post's annual Christmas party for members and their families will be held December 16 at St. Jude's Hall.







## AN AMERICAN TRADITION

IT'S A great American tradition—spending Thanksgiving day with the family—almost as much so as the pompous fat turkey himself. But Thanksgiving time is also a time for entertaining, for visiting and calling and getting together.

Once the family feast is over, the round of holiday parties begin. There's the usual open house and big buffet suppers, punch parties and late-evening get-togethers. You simply can't go wrong when you entertain during a Thanksgiving weekend; the good party spirit is in the air!

Many people have their own tried-and-true formula for successful entertaining and never, never change it. Others like to try something different every year, and are just as successful doing so. If you belong in the try-something-different group, here's your dish, a new dessert to spring on your friends. It's as American as they come because it teams one of America's most popular desserts, gelatin, with a true Thanksgiving fruit, the mighty cranberry. You can present the dessert molded, to bring out its delicate beauty. Or lacking a mold, you can spoon it into sherbet dishes or tall parfait glasses—or even present it as a pie.

**CRANBERRY CHIFFON**  
3 cups fresh cranberries  
(washed and picked over)

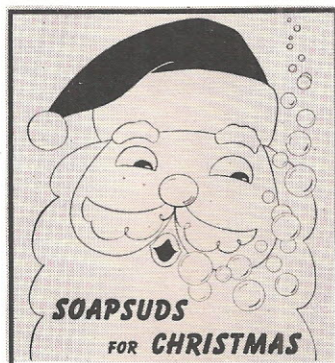


**CRANBERRY CHIFFON** is so delicious and nutritious that it may well become a standing dessert on your traditional Thanksgiving menu.

- 1 cup cold water
- 1 package gelatin dessert  
(orange flavor)
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup boiling water
- 3 eggs, separated
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt

Measure cranberries into saucepan. Add cold water. Bring to a boil over medium heat and continue cooking until all berries pop. Force cooked berries through a strainer. Empty gelatin dessert into a bowl. Add boiling water and stir until dissolved. Beat egg yolks until light. Add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of the sugar and beat in. Pour hot gelatin mixture slowly over egg yolks, stirring constantly. Stir in salt and strained cranberries. Chill, stirring occasionally to keep mixture smooth, until slightly thickened. Beat egg whites until foamy.

Gradually add remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar and beat in. Continue beating until mixture forms soft peaks. Fold beaten egg whites into thickened gelatin mixture to give a two tone effect. Pour mixture into a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -quart mold or pile into sherbet or parfait glasses; or pour into a big baked 10-inch pie shell or into a baked 9-inch pie shell, pouring the extra into dessert dishes. Chill until firm. Unmold if molded. If desired, top with whipped cream. Makes 6-8 servings.



## SAVE TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY

**SOAPSUDS FOR CHRISTMAS** booklet features lively and sensible ideas to make the holidays more enjoyable, less expensive—even safer.

"SOAPSUDS FOR CHRISTMAS" is an interesting booklet which is devoted to showing how suds-magic can save time, money, and energy throughout the holidays. And we have received a generous supply of these booklets to give away.

It starts with a "recipe" for beating soap or detergent with water to make "Suds-Snow"—which can be drifted on Christ-

mas trees, ornaments, and wreaths for the lasting, snow-laden look of a winter wonderland. It also describes how to decorate windows and mirrors with suds-designs and messages. Ingeniously sudsy ideas for gift package are real show stoppers—from fetching angels-in-the-snow to candy canes that look good enough to eat. There are suggestions on Christmas and New Year's parties for children and grown-ups: table settings, menus, and favors.

Another section reviews practical "house-gleaming" routines for keeping everything clean, both before and after the holidays. Behind-the-scene tips tell how to cope with Christmas clutter gracefully, even when there are guests. Quite a trick! Of value to any homemaker are a suds-action check list for every room in the house, and an alphabetical list of directions for removing holiday stains.

Write to Women's Page Editor, CTA TRANSIT NEWS, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago 54, Illinois, for your free "Soapsuds for Christmas" booklet.



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