

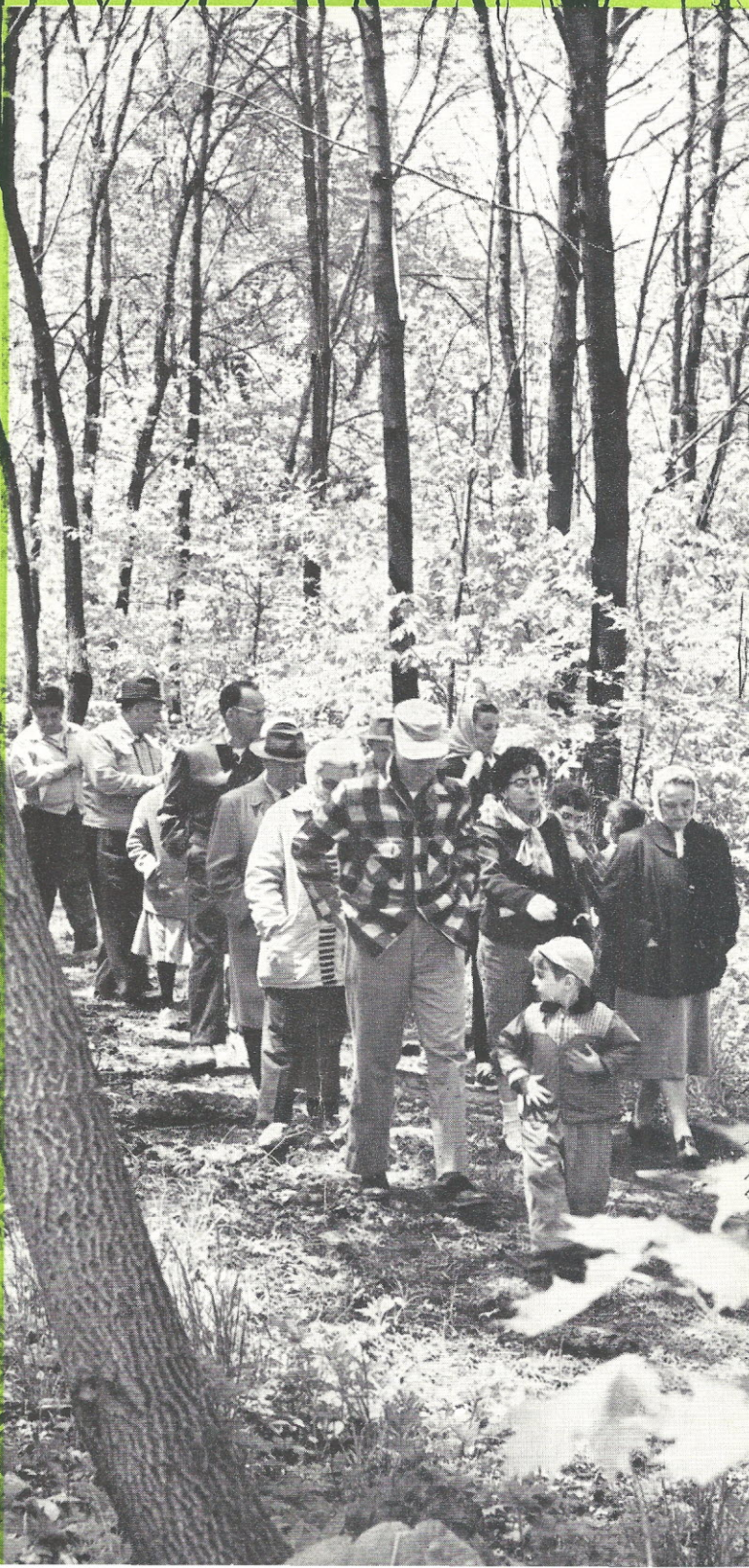
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# TRANSIT NEWS

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# CTA Sets New Public Safety Record in April

ONCE AGAIN CTA has moved ahead on the safety front.

This was evidenced when employees set a new public safety record during April, 1961, by operating with fewer traffic and passenger accidents during this month than for any previous month of CTA operation.

The outstanding record during April, together with excellent safety records in January, February and March of 1961, result in the lowest public accident frequency rates for the first four months of any year in CTA history. During this four-month period, CTA employees were involved in 9.6 traffic and passenger accidents per 100,000 miles operated, which is 14% below the rate for the similar period of 1960. This frequency rate includes all traffic and passenger accidents involving CTA regardless of liability or severity.

For six consecutive years CTA employees have established an all-time low in public accidents. This year's record low rate continues the unbroken improvement in CTA public safety rates since 1954. As compared with that year, the current public accident frequency rate has been reduced nearly 40%.

In discussing CTA's safety record, *General Manager Walter J. McCarter* stated: "This splendid safety record established on both the surface and rapid transit systems has been accomplished by consistent emphasis on public safety, particularly through CTA's intensive safety-training program.

"CTA continually stresses the importance of public safety to all operating and supervisory personnel. The results are apparent from the excellent safety record established over the past several years," Mr. McCarter concluded.

## Retiring Group Totals 330 Years of Service



OVER 90 employees of the rapid transit division Electrical Department, including 12 pensioned some time ago, were in attendance at a testimonial banquet honoring eight of their co-workers who have retired or will retire this year after completing long service records. Collectively, the eight men have a total of 330 years of service with the former Chicago Rapid Transit Company and CTA.

The picture shows the men honored on the occasion of the dinner, held at Gus' restaurant on May 13. The number of years of service and their job titles are indicated with their respective identifications. Left to right, seated: *Thomas L. Calmelat*, foreman, 41 years; *Harry E. Vollrath*, lineman, 25 years; *Carl A. Hoffman*, chief substation operator, 44 years; *Robert H. Conroy*, foreman, 45 years; *Edward Wilson*, power supervisor, 44 years. Standing: *Eldon A. Imhoff*, superintendent of personnel, 42 years; Master of ceremonies *Carl W. Wolf*, electrical engineer; *Frank J. Pionke*, foreman, 46 years, and *William C. Waters*, foreman, 43 years. In addition, Mr. Wolf, who presided at the banquet, has 41 years of service.

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### RECENT ADDITION TO THE ARMED FORCES

*Thomas L. Wolgemuth*, graduate trainee, Engineering department.

### RECENTLY RETURNED

*Phillip L. Bolz*, file clerk, Claims department.

*Richard A. Koprowski*, record clerk I, Training and Accident Prevention department.

*Walter J. Langdon*, bus operator, North Avenue.

*John A. Richardson*, bus operator, 52nd Street.

CTA TRANSIT NEWS



## 150 "New Look" Buses Now in Service

CTA's "NEW LOOK" buses are winning wide approval among Chicago transit riders.

This is apparent from the many favorable comments received as the first 150 of the 300 diesels ordered earlier this year went into service on city routes.

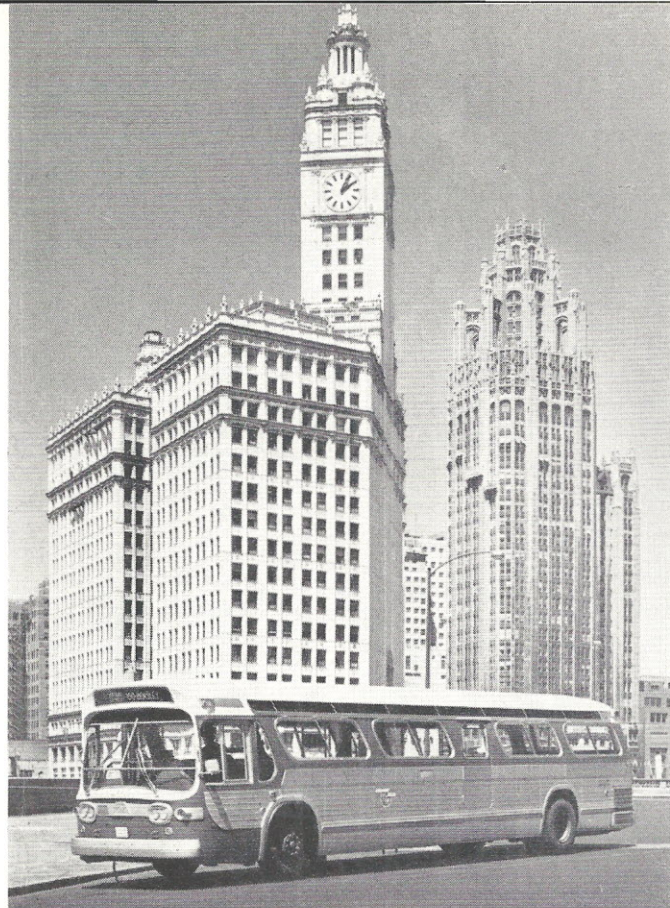
Delivery of the first 150 buses, manufactured by General Motors, was completed in mid-May, and the streamlined, new vehicles were placed in service within a few days after their arrival.

The first shipment of another 150 buses of a similar type, ordered from the Flxible-Twin Coach Company of Loudonville, Ohio, are expected to arrive during the latter part of June.

The 150 GMC diesels were assigned to the following routes: Jeffery, 26; Cottage Grove, 10; S. Halsted, 4; S. Western, 5; S. Kedzie, 5; 103rd, 7; Vincennes-111th, 7; Cermak, 19; Kedzie-Homan, 27; Diversey, 18; Addison, 22.



ONE OF CTA's "New Look" buses was placed on public display for the first time at McCormick Place shortly after its delivery in Chicago. Present for the inaugural appearance of the streamlined vehicle, 150 of which are now in service on city routes, were: left to right (front row, seated) CTA Board Chairman V. E. Gunlock, Earl McMahon, Chicago Convention Bureau board member, and CTA General Manager W. J. McCarter. Second row: E. J. Lee (standing) general manager of McCormick Place; John W. Evers, board member, Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority, and Harry Kipke, president, Chicago Convention Bureau.



A BACKGROUND of the Wrigley Building and Tribune Tower provides the setting for one of the "New Look" buses. Substantially improved visibility for the operators and CTA riders is afforded by the large picture-type windows.

Many new features are incorporated in the new buses. Exterior sides of both have fluted anodized aluminum with skirts of plain anodized aluminum. Large picture-type windows substantially improve visibility for the operators and CTA riders. Both seat 50 passengers.

The interior Melamine ceiling panels are grey color flecked with gold on which is superimposed a star pattern in aquamarine. Interior side wall panels are of anodized aluminum.

Both the GMC and Flxible-Twin Coach buses are powered by the latest type V-6 diesel engines, are equipped with power steering, automatic transmission, and air springs.

The buses, delivered and on order, were purchased at a total cost of \$7,884,273.

## Cost-of-Living Allowance Reduced 1¢ Per Hour

A ONE-CENT reduction in the cost-of-living allowance for approximately 12,000 CTA employees became effective with the first payroll periods in June, 1961, as the result of a decrease in the cost-of-living index for Chicago for April, 1961, which was released May 25 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor.

This reduced the cost-of-living allowance for CTA employees from two and one-half cents per hour to one and one-half cents per hour for a period of three months—June, July and August.

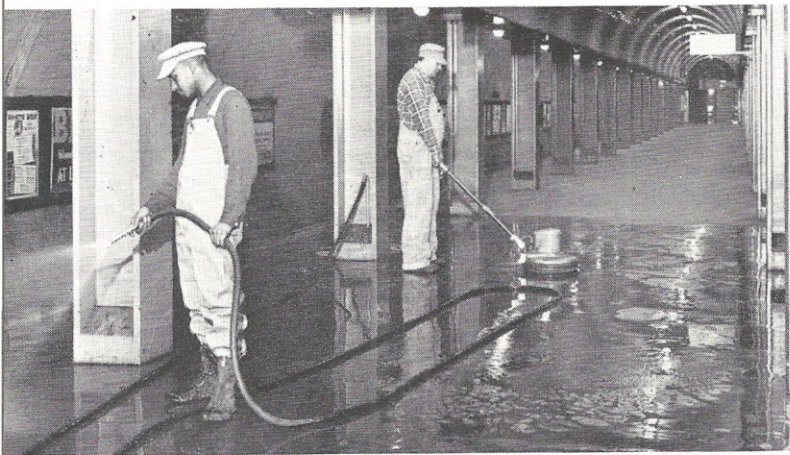
This wage adjustment will reduce CTA's operating payroll costs by approximately \$27,000 per month.

The cost-of-living allowance for members of Division 241 and Division 308 is adjusted quarterly. An adjustment, either up or down, but not below the basic wage rate, is determined by the per cent of change in the latest cost-of-living index for Chicago compared with the index for October, 1959. The per cent of change, if any, is then applied to the basic wage rate of one-man operators, which, effective December 1, 1960, was \$2.65 per hour, to establish the amount per hour to be paid as a cost-of-living allowance.





**HEAVY-BRISTLED** brushes are used in scrubbing the subway stairs. In this photo, *Porter Nels Hansen* is busily doing a clean-up job on the stairs at Washington-State station.



**SCRUBBING OF** the station platforms in CTA's subways begins with the watering down of the area to be washed. Hose, detergent and a scrubbing machine is being used here at the Washington station platform in the State street subway by Porters *Herbert Pugh* (left) and *Erwin Schultz*.



**TWICE A** week, windows in the agent booths are washed. *Porter James Chavers* is shown shining up the glass in the booth at State-Washington.

## THEY WORK UNDERGROUND...

### "Scrub" Teams Clean Subway Stations

WHILE MOST Chicagoans sleep, many CTA workers are busy on jobs that are essential to system-wide operations.

One of these jobs falls into the category of housekeeping—not a small scale chore when it applies to keeping CTA's subway stations and platforms in a neat and clean condition.

Cleaning up after the tens of thousands of customers who use these stations every day is a task that requires a mixture of elbow grease, soap, detergents, water and a sundry assortment of brushes, scrubbing machines, squeegees, mops and considerable footage of hose.

In the Loop subway stations, for example, four two-men teams work from 10:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. five nights each week cleaning up station platforms, mezzanine levels, scrubbing stairways and generally giving the premises a going-over that is considerably more than a lick and a promise.

The first procedure used by the two-men teams is to water down the area to be washed. Then, after a detergent is sprinkled on the wet surface, the men start scrubbing, with the machines. When the floors have been thoroughly scrubbed, the suds are squeegeed off, the water draining into the large sewers in the subway tubes.

In the Dearborn street subway, a large scrubbing machine is used for the station platforms; in the State street subway, a smaller machine does the job. On mezzanine levels, the washing procedure is similar, using the smaller type scrub machines. Stairways are washed with a large scrubbing brush. For stubborn spots that cannot be removed with the machines, a scraping tool is used.

The four "scrub" teams work at different locations each night. One team operates in the State street subway. In the Dearborn street subway, one team works on the continuous train platform, another team keeps busy on the mezzanines. The fourth team cleans the train platforms and mezzanines at the other stations.

Other clean-up work is done during the day. Escalators are polished every Wednesday; washing of agents' booths is done on Mondays and Thursdays. Separate crews are continually washing walls and information signs, cleaning up refuse and litter and performing general clean-up functions.

In addition, porters have the daily task of checking emergency fire equipment, fire extinguishers and water tanks, to make sure that they are always in excellent operating condition.

The subway scrubdown is only one phase of CTA's overall maintenance program conducted throughout the year. Buildings, structures and other facilities are cleaned, painted and renovated at regular intervals on a continuous schedule.



# "Spectacular"

## is Word for 1961 International Trade Fair

CHICAGO'S GREAT International Trade Fair will have a new and spectacular setting this year.

The scene will be McCormick Place, the city's new multi-million dollar convention center on the lake front at 23rd street. The date: July 25 through August 10.

Continuous entertainment, an international aviation exhibition, more than 25 national pavilions, dynamic and eye-appealing displays, folk song festival, water events, fireworks—these are some of the features that highlight this year's program.

Sponsored by the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, this third annual International Trade Fair promises to be the most colorful and unique of the series to date.

Admission prices have been reduced this year. The cost of adult tickets will be \$1.50 and 75 cents for children. CTA employees will be able to purchase tickets in advance, allowing them to by-pass admission ticket booths at the entrance to the exposition hall. Notice of the advance sale date to employees will be sent to all departments during the month of June, with specific information of the procedure to follow in ordering the tickets. Bulletins also will be posted in offices, shops, operating stations and other locations.

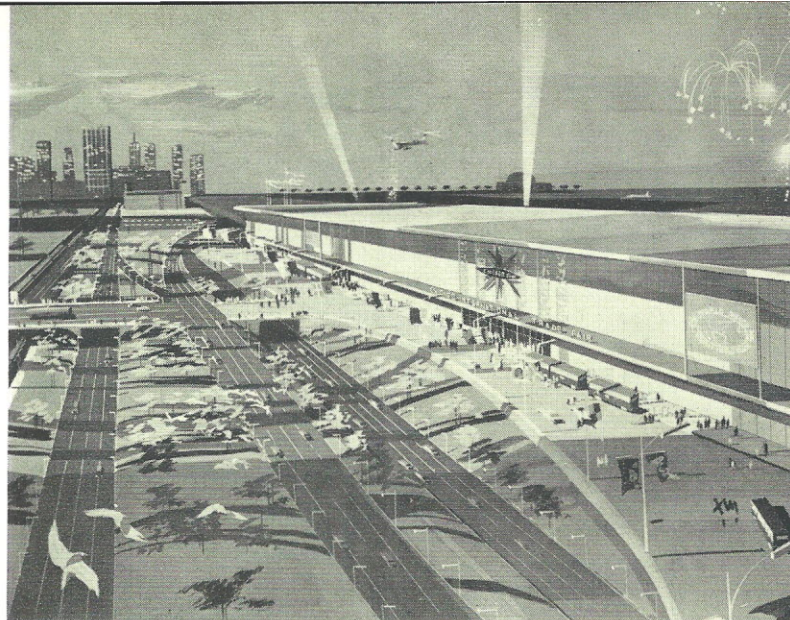
CTA service direct to McCormick Place will make the Fair easily available from every section of Chicago. A recommended combination routing is by a North-South "L"-subway "B" train to Cermak station, and then east by Cermak Road bus to McCormick Place.

From the downtown Loop, McCormick Place will be served direct by Green Pennant special buses. The Green Pennant specials will operate west in Jackson from Columbus drive to Michigan, north in Michigan to Adams, west in Adams to Canal and the Union Depot, north in Canal—serving the North Western Depot—to Washington, east in Washington to Michigan, south in Michigan to Monroe, east in Monroe to Columbus drive, and then to the south entrance of McCormick Place at 23rd street and the lakefront via Columbus and Lake Shore drives.

The regular CTA fare will be charged on the Green Pennant buses. Transfers will be issued at the time the fare is paid. Transfers will be accepted from and by other CTA services in the Loop, surface or rapid transit, at all authorized transfer points.

The Green Pennant buses will operate on 10-minute intervals from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. from July 25 through July 28, and from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the remainder of the Fair.

A leaflet giving full information on the special service has been prepared for public distribution through hotels,



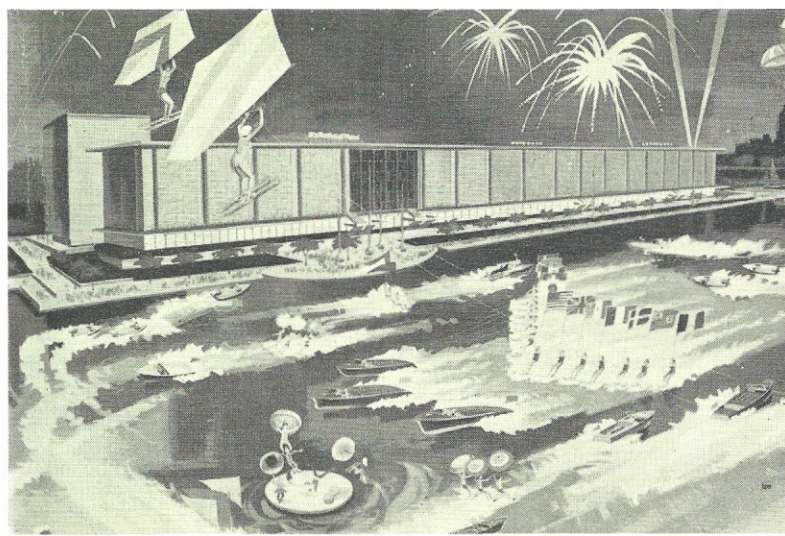
ARTIST'S RENDERING of McCormick Place, looking north to the Chicago Loop, as it will appear during the 1961 Chicago International Trade Fair, July 25-August 10. CTA buses will deposit visitors right at the door.

stores and other outlets. Station cards describing the service will also be posted in all "L" and "L"-subway stations in the Loop area.

There will be much that is new and unusual to see at the 1961 Fair. The prolific production of world industry and technology will be dramatically displayed. More than 25 countries will "show-case" their goods and services in national pavilions. Sixty nations, including the USA, will be represented in some manner at the fair. Focal point for the Fair will be a beautifully flag-bedecked Mall, 900 feet long and 20 feet wide, running the length of the exhibition area.

This year's Fair will be the first exhibition to use all the facilities at McCormick Place, both indoors and out. These are set up to accommodate 30,000 arrivals per hour without congestion, feed 27,000 in a wide range of restaurants and present professional entertainment to 15,000 persons in one hour. Wide aisles, high ceilings and spacious accommodations will allow a leisurely view of all exhibits with complete comfort.

THE FUN, excitement and entertainment of the huge water extravaganza at the International Trade Fair is captured in this artist's conception of one of the many attractions which will be featured daily. Burnham Harbor and the Lake Michigan area near McCormick Place will be alive with the fullest schedule of aquatic events in Chicago history.





WHITE  
SOX

"GO-GO"

FOR CTA GUESTS

THIS HAPPY group of CTA operators and their ladies are all set for a pleasant evening of baseball at Comiskey Park. They are displaying their cap badges which was all they needed for admission to the game between the Kansas City Athletics and the White Sox.



SEVERAL THOUSAND CTA operators and trainmen, who were guests of the White Sox management recently, must have brought luck to the Chicago team for the southsiders came up with victories in both games witnessed at Comiskey Park by the transit workers.

One was a night game on Friday, May 12, which the Sox won 2-1 on a well-pitched performance by *Early Wynn*. The second was a Saturday matinee contest on May 13 which the Veeckmen captured by a lop-sided 10 to 1 score behind *Billy Pierce*, his first win of the season.

To make it all the more exciting, the CTA'ers saw the scoreboard explode three times during the Saturday game as White Sox outfielders came up with a trio of homers, two of them by *Veteran Minnie Minoso*, and one by *Rookie Floyd Robinson*.

President *Bill Veeck* extended the invitation in a letter to *Charles E. Keiser*, superintendent of transportation. Veeck wrote: "In appreciation for the kind courtesies extended our fans by your bus operators and rapid transit trainmen, we would like to have them and their wives or girl friends as our guests for these games."

The transportation department employees were admitted to the park free-of-charge upon the presentation of their cap badges and some 3,757 were reported in the crowd for the Friday night game. The Saturday afternoon contest also drew about the same number.

Arrangements for the two games were made so that both daytime and night-time shift employees could take advantage of the free admission offer.

Many times during the season, CTA buses are chartered by fan groups attending White Sox home games, especially for night and week-end contests. Visiting major league teams also use CTA chartered buses to transport their players between airports, hotels and the ball park when scheduled into Chicago. Regular service to Comiskey Park is provided by north-south "L"-subway trains at 35th street station, and by Wentworth and 35th surface routes.

OFFICIAL TIME LONGINES

GO GO

Coca-Cola CONTINENTAL BANK

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THOUGH THERE were no Sox homers in the night game to set off a spectacular display by the giant scoreboard, it still highlighted the progress of the game and brightened the area in deep center field.

CTA'ERS ALSO were admitted free to an afternoon game on the following day. Here's what they saw from their grandstand seats as the action was in progress.





## Fun on Sunday . . .

## NATURE CENTER TOURS



TICKETS AT \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children were sold for the nature tours. Among those purchasing tickets for the north tour was this group at Limits station.



**DESTINATION OF** the north trail tour was the Aux Plaines Nature Center near River road and Milwaukee avenue. Here the group viewed exhibits that change with the seasons of the year and highlight plants, live animals and fish that are native to the forests, fields and waters of this area.



THE LITTLE Red Schoolhouse was the focal point of the south trail tour. This is a unique feature of the Forest Preserve District program of outdoor education. It is a place where an entire family can spend a full day of interest and fun. The indoor exhibits and nature trails are designed to help people learn more about the outdoor attractions so close to home.

TWO GROUPS of Chicagoans enjoyed a day's outing on Sunday, May 21, when they took Nature Center Tours, sponsored by CTA in cooperation with the Forest Preserve District, and visited two of the wooded recreational areas surrounding the city. (See Cover Photo.)

A north tour and a south tour was conducted. The north tour was to the River Trail Nature Center on Milwaukee avenue near River Road, and the south tour to the Little Red Schoolhouse in Palos Woods, on Willow Springs road, between 95th and 107th streets.

CTA buses in chartered service were used to transport them to and from the Centers, where Forest Preserve District naturalists met them and escorted them over trails and told them of the various specimens of plant and animal life and the many places of geologic, historic and scenic interest which abound in the area.

That it was an enlightening and worthwhile experience is shown in the accompanying picture sequence.



**AFTER VISITING** the Nature Centers, groups formed to enjoy picnic lunches, their appetites sharpened by the outdoors activity and fresh air. By lunch time the weather had begun to brighten and a warming sun added to the pleasure of the day.



**A FAMILY** hike in the woods or along a trail is good medicine. Such a family group sets out on its own to do a little exploring. Marked trails make it easy to follow routes through forest preserve areas.

**A NATURALIST** explains some plant life to an interested group on a nature walk. Brief, informative stories are told along the trails about the plants, animals, soils, weather and local history of these parts where the Indians once camped, hunted and made canoe portages.







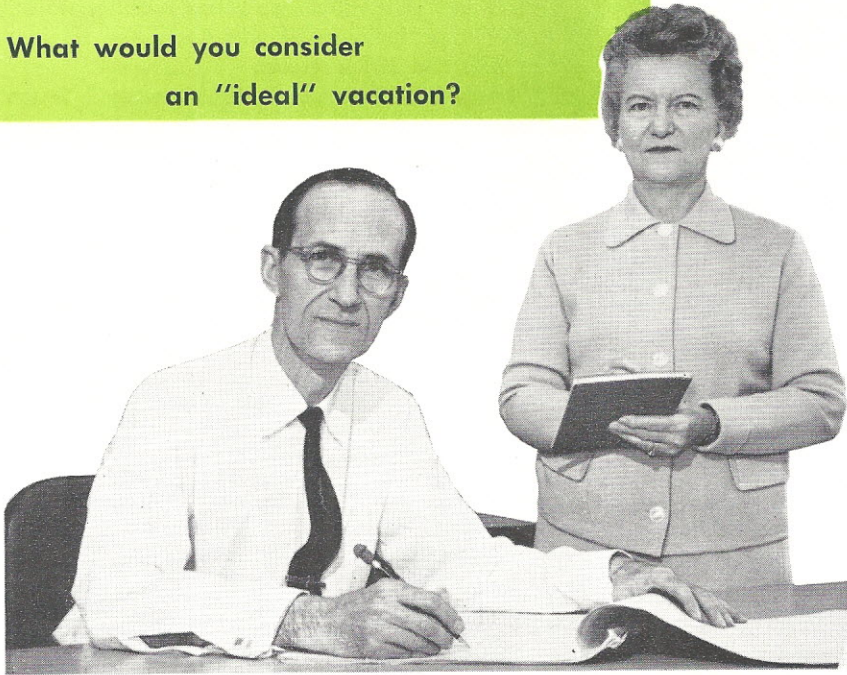
INQUIRING REPORTER:

Gertrude Anderson

LOCATION:

Schedule-Traffic Department

What would you consider  
an "ideal" vacation?



**BOB SEDLACK**, Schedule Maker (with *Inquiring Reporter Gertrude Anderson*): "A vacation that calls for a minimum amount of planning and preparation and adds up to a maximum of relaxation and enjoyment is what I consider ideal. For instance, I would enjoy a carefree auto trip through Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota, stopping off at a farm. I think farm work is relaxing if someone has worked in the tempo of city life for years."



**GEORGE HANUS**, Traffic Checker: "An ideal vacation for me would be to drive south with my family through Tennessee and Georgia and visit all the historical places of the Civil War. After all, this is the Centennial Year of the War and I can't think of a better way to commemorate it."



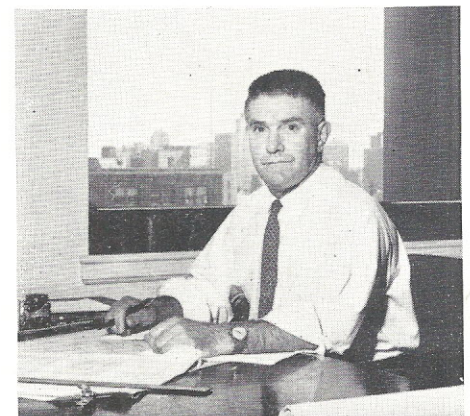
**ARVID BRANDT**, Schedule Clerk: "What I would consider an ideal vacation would be a fishing and camping trip up in Northern Canada, where there are so many beautiful lakes, scenery and 'honest-to-goodness' fishing spots. Just thinking about it gives me the vacation itch."



**MAURICE CONNORS**, Traffic Clerk: "My idea of an ideal vacation would be to go to the Lake Mary Resort hotel, located on the shores of Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. I would let the children and my wife play, swim and fish while I sat on the beach, watching the clouds and the world roll by."



**KATHRYN BATINA**, Typist: "As far as I'm concerned, I think the most ideal vacation would be to drive out west, visiting places of interest enroute. I love to look at beautiful scenery and the incredible works of Mother Nature. Whenever possible, I would like also to visit old churches, shrines and historical places ... all in due time without having to rush."





# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY



## 40-YEAR EMPLOYEES RECENTLY RETIRED

**Michael Maloney**, collector, District "A," June 1, 44 years.

**Joseph VanDerhaeghen**, carpenter "A," West Shops, June 1, 41 years.

**Andrew VanDisseldorf**, supervisor, District "D," June 1, 46 years.

**J. F. Hansen**, operator, 69th Street, June 1, 40 years.

**Mate Babich**, truck repairman, Way and Structures, June 1, 41 years.

## Ireland Travelers Also Tour Isles

**ACCOUNTING**—(*Material and Supplies*)—**Margaret Walker** and her sister and mother flew to Belfast, Ireland, for a month's vacation. While their mother visited with relatives, Margaret and her sister toured the British Isles.

**Lorraine Falk** flew to Miami, Florida, for a two-week vacation to visit with an aunt, who lives there. Lorraine came back with a beautiful suntan and reported she had a wonderful time.

**(Payroll)**—**Agnes Coman** passed away on May 10, after an extended illness. Her husband, **Edward**, works in Claims.

**Ben Twery**, payroll supervisor, and his wife visited their son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons, who make their home on the Monterey Peninsula in California. The senior Twerys also visited Los Angeles for a few days and enjoyed Las Vegas, Nevada, for four days. They traveled by train all the way.

**Rod Hefernan** transferred from Surface payroll to IBM as an operator.

(*IBM*)—The Mart Motors baseball team, proud of the trophy they won last year, played against the Mart Building team recently and lost 14-4. **John Eckel** is the Mart Motors team captain.

(*Budget*)—**Sig Shonts** flew to Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona, where he toured the Canyon region, visited Scottsdale and other interesting places in the state.

(*Revenue*)—**Dr. and Mrs. Rowley**, the former **Jane Hackett**, visited old friends in the department. Mrs. Rowley was once **Harry Tannhauser's** stenographer.

## Golfers' Day

**Felix Palilunas**, assistant revenue accountant, and **Ray Corbel** enjoyed participating in the Annual CTA Spring Tournament at White Pines Golf Club.

Your reporter, **Marie Havlik**, and her sister, **Ruth**, Training and Accident Prevention, drove to Maryland with their parents to visit with another sister, who lives there. From there, the entire family went on to Nag's Head, North Carolina, where they enjoyed collecting sea shells and viewing the beach houses on stilts along the seashore.

—**MARIE E. HAVLIK** and **EILEEN E. NEURAUTER**

## How's This For Coincidence?

**BEVERLY**—Operator **Elmer Alm**, who began his transit career on July 15, 1929, and his son, Operator **Tom Alm**, who started his career on July 15, 1954, will both celebrate their wedding anniversaries on the same date, too!

Operator **E. W. Ericson** reported that he had a fire in his home; however, everything is back in tip-top shape.

Operator **Ross Shaffer's** son, Corporal **Dick Shaffer**, was home for a 38-day furlough. Dick re-enlisted for six years and will be going to Seoul, Korea, soon.

Operator **Londell Chaff**, formerly of Beverly, now working at 77th, is number 33 on the Chicago Police department's recruiting list.

Your former reporter, Operator **Clifford Howard**, and his wife, **Mary**, recently made a trip to Harrison, Arkansas, to visit his mother for a week.

## Inherits Trailer

**Bob Meyerling** is looking for a trailer court where he can put the trailer he inherited from his dad.

Operator **Joe Griffin**, who recently suffered two heart attacks, is in the Veteran's hospital on Huron street. He would appreciate a card or visit from his friends at Beverly.

Operator **Fred Gibbs** was taken to Roseland hospital when he was seriously stricken with intestinal flu. He presently is at home taking it easy for a while.

Operator **Irving Henderson** and his two children, **Cynthia** and **Veron**, vacationed in Avon, New York, where they visited with Irv's parents.

When Operator **Jerry Gleason's** 14-year-old dog, **Blackie**, died, Jerry's wife, **Vi**, urged him to get another dog . . . he now has a black toy wire-haired terrier, whom he calls **Princess Glee**.

## Anniversary Duets

Wedding anniversaries being celebrated this month are: June 1—**Joe and Irene Balnis**, their 32nd; **John and Rose Nanninga**, their 21st, and **Carl and Elsie Schnoor**, their 33rd. June 2—**Edwin and Margaret Lagerstrom**, their 27th, and **Howard and Evelyn Taluzek**, their 33rd. **Ed and Lucille O'Shaughnessy**, their 22nd on June



## GRADUATE



A RECENT graduate of Mundelein college, **Sheila Ann Sepanski**, daughter of **Frank Sepanski**, Claims, received her Liberal Arts degree and was named **Magna Cum Laude**, **Kappa Gamma Pi** sorority. Sheila was offered a scholarship from Northwestern university and a \$3,000 Air Force scholarship from Marquette university. Also, the University of Wisconsin offered the young scholar an assistantship at their school.

3. **Charlie** and **Adele Benson**, their 20th on June 5. **Charles** and **Ruth Sunblad**, their 23rd on June 10. On June 11, **Art** and **Mary Pinelli** their 23rd. June 15, **Ernie** and **Bernice Potenberg**, their 21st. On June 20—**Joe** and **Martha Schieve**, their 33rd; **George** and **Genevieve Schletz**, their 27th, and **Karl** and **Frances Schwartz**, their 26th. **Ed** and **Helen Vanek**, their 26th on June 22. **Leon** and **Mitzie Ojeda**, their 24th on June 24. **Fred** and **Minnie Hagen**, their 36th on June 25. **Mike** and **Marguerite Stenson**, their 26th on June 27. **Al** and **Frances Brand**, their 31st on June 28, and **Night Superintendent John O'Connor** and his wife, their 33rd on June 30.

—WALTER C. STONE

## TRANSITAD

FOR SALE—Rowing Machine (exerciser). Call UP 8-9583 evenings.

## 'Twas A Corned Beef And Cabbage Dinner

ELECTRICAL—Our 15th annual dinner to honor retired employees at Ray Harrington's restaurant on April 27 was very successful. Two hundred active and retired personnel attended the corned beef and cabbage dinner.

**Eldon A. Imhoff**, retired general superintendent of personnel, and **Clarence J. Mimmack** were among the honored guests invited, but were unable to attend.

**Substation Operator Joseph Laki**, 42nd street, recently received a Zenith stereo-hi-fi set as a door prize when he attended the St. Mark's scholarship benefit. This is the first time Joe has ever won anything in his life.

**Substation Operator John Rusnak** sent a card from Niagara Falls, where he reported he was having a wonderful trip. John traveled through Canada, Niagara Falls and the Eastern States.

Vacationing **Arvin Wilmont** wrote from the Overseas Highway in Key West, Florida, that the temperature was very hot, but he was having a good time.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

## Gets Degree With High Honors

CLAIMS—**Tom Healy**, son of **Edward Healy**, superintendent of Claims, was graduated from Christian Brothers college, Memphis, Tennessee, with high honors. Tom received a degree in Electrical Engineering and plans to go on for his Master's degree.

**Outside Adjuster Carl Midland's** son, **Richard W.**, senior at the Illinois Institute of Technology, made the Dean's list. His goal also is to become an Electrical Engineer.

**Harry Boness** recently welcomed home his son, **Harry Jr.**, who completed a two-year hitch with the Army, and new daughter-in-law.

**John Hennessey**, outside adjuster, recently bowled a 653 series in the Bowling Proprietors Tournament.

**Statementman Edward Coman's** wife, **Agnes**, recently died.

**William Corbett's** sister recently passed away.

**Art Racky**, outside adjuster, spent his vacation painting his house.

**Marie Albano**, typist, also was a busy bee, fixing up her home during her vacation.

**Edward O'Connell**, supervisor of investigators, and his wife, **Helen**, spent their vacation preparing their summer home in Michigan for the avalanche of people they have invited as guests.

**Charlene Helen O'Connor** was married to **Leo Francis Conlon** at St. Ailbe church on April 29. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Colorado.

New members of the Claims department are: **Statementmen Edward McSweeney, John Hogan** and **Jim McVea**.

**Leon Berry** is the new witness locator, who transferred from Transportation.

**Tim O'Rourke** transferred from statementman to accident clerk.

## Marine Visitor

**Kevin Murphy**, vault clerk, who presently is in the Marine Corps, dropped in to say hello during his recent leave. Kevin made private first class and was awarded a sharpshooter's medal.

**Michael Shanahan**, who is our new subpoena clerk, transferred from Schedules-Traffic.

**John Davis**, court assistant, and **Fred Martin**, legal investigator, went fishing in Arkansas during their vacations.

**Dan Martorelli**, supervisor of statementmen, won first prize in the CTA golf tournament.

—FRANK SEPANSKI

## Radio Dispatcher Dies Suddenly

GENERAL OFFICE—(Transportation) The death of **Edward Budoff**, radio dispatcher, saddened all of us. **Eddie** joined the CTA as a bus operator on January 23, 1934. Shortly after, he became a supervisor, and then a radio dispatcher, the position he held for the past ten years. He is survived by his wife, **Sally**, two daughters, **Ruth**, a student at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and **Nancy Ellison**, of Livingston, Montana, and two grandchildren. Pallbearers were his co-workers, **Frank Adams, Kenneth Williams** and **John Krause**. Part of the services was conducted by **Rudy Maas**, operator, Forest Glen.

**Line Supervisor Tom Hogan's** son, **Mike**, a freshman at St. George high school, has maintained

## NEW APPOINTEE



APPOINTED TO the Archdiocesan Mission Band Number One by **Albert Cardinal Meyer** was the **Reverend Martin J. Hegarty**. Proud father of the young priest is **John Hegarty**, bus overhaul, West Shops.

Reported by **John Straka**

a top position on the honor roll since the beginning of the school term.

**Line Supervisor Russell Elderkin** and his wife, **Jennie**, recently announced the birth of **Russell, Jr.**, who was born on May 10.

The flying **Krauses, Wanda** and **Jack**, took to the open roads on their annual trek to Florida this year. They were accompanied by **Millie Thurow**, a former CTA telephone operator, and her husband, **John**, clerk at 77th, and their five-year-old daughter, **Melissa**. The group stayed at the Sun Ranch motel on the beach in Miami. They were joined by **Instructor Ray Pryor** and his wife and the entire group attended the dog and horse races.

A card recently was received from **Station Superintendent Jack Morris** and his family, who were vacationing in Clearwater, Florida.

## Hobbyist

**Instructor Fred Patheiger**, who presently is assigned to Transportation, has a hi-fi collection of more than 5000 records, including one of Caruso, which is a collector's item valued at \$500. His hi-fi equipment includes five speakers, three in the basement and two upstairs.



A smorgasbord dinner was held at the Swedish club on May 17 to celebrate the birthday and retirement of *Tottie Magnuson*, telephone operator, who was employed by the former Chicago Motor Coach company on June 1, 1934. Several of her co-workers and relatives, including her husband, *Bill*, attended the party. Also among the guests were *Kay Wynn*, formerly of this department, *Florence Roberts*, retired travel information operator; former telephone operator *Millie Bloom Thurow*; *Marie Krausman*, retired secretary to *Charles E. Keiser*, superintendent of Transportation, and *Pensioner Doris Stahl*, Accounting. Tottie received a framed caricature of herself working at her old position on the switchboard, and a billfold containing a cash gift.

(Insurance)—*Carole Schmidt* recently became a member of Musichorale, a choral group that tours Metropolitan Chicago, entertaining at clubs and educational institutions. *Ray Jurgenson*, student engineer, also is a member of the group. Carole made her debut recently at a concert at Bogan high school.

### Nightingales

All the young ladies of this department enjoyed a dinner at the Rathskeller in Old Heidelberg restaurant recently. After a splendid meal, they warbled like nightingales in community singing, and watched a very interesting floor show.

(Stenographic) — *Dorothy Wilhelm* recently was a guest of her daughter, *Gail*, when Illinois university, Urbana, celebrated "Moms" Day. A sorority dinner was followed by a concert, then a party, and Dorothy returned to Chicago to recuperate from a very full and complete week-end.

(Public Information)—*Rose Marie Hayes* was married to *Sam Costello* on May 27 at St. Cyprian church. After a lavish reception at the Chateau Royale, the newlyweds embarked for a honeymoon in Wisconsin.

*Sandra Czosek* spent one week in Miami Beach, Florida, during her vacation.

*Richard Koprowski*, presently on the unassigned list, is working in Charter Service during the summer months.

## LUNCHEON FOR BRIDE-TO-BE



A FEW days before *Rose Marie Hayes*, wearing corsage, was to walk down the aisle of St. Cyprian's church to marry *Sam Costello* on May 27, the gals in the Public Information department hostessed a luncheon for the bride-to-be at Younkers restaurant. Seated, left to right, are: *Marlene Wargin*, *Denise Benshish*, *Karen Nullmeyer*, *Rose Marie*, *Kay Killeen*, *Ellen Miller*, *Pat Freitag*, *Sandra Czosek* and *Mary Stomner*. A pink, cotton-lace bedspread was presented to *Rose Marie* as a gift from Public Information co-workers.

*Julie Riordan Tabbert*, who resigned to become a full time homemaker, announced the birth of *Christopher Gerard*, who was born on June 2.

—JULIE PRINDERVILLE

### Operators Become Sun-Bathers

FOREST GLEN — Operator *George Brieschke* and his family traveled to Florida to visit with his father, *Retired Janitor William Brieschke*.

Operator *Frank Kimmel* also toured the sunshine state during his vacation.

Operator *Ed Folan* traveled through the New England area.

Operator and Mrs. *Robert Farrell* welcomed their first child, *Allison*, who was born on April 21.

Operator and Mrs. *Edward Hrycko* also welcomed a daughter, who was born on April 23. They now have three boys and two girls.

Receiver *Fred Murbarger* became a grandpappy for the 13th time on May 3.

Operator *Ed Schurz* is hospitalized at this writing, but is expected to be up and around soon.

Operator and Mrs. *Warren Wood* helped their grandson, *Robbie Maginnity*, celebrate his first birthday on May 7.

Operators *Elmer* and *Ed Stobart's* mother passed away on April 25.

Operator *Frank Klawinski's* father recently passed away.

—EARL W. McLAUGHLIN

### Big Nine Is At Bat Again

GENERAL OFFICE — (Training and Accident Prevention)—The future "Baseball Greats" from CTA presently known as the Mart Motors Team, have started their 1961 season with four other teams from the Merchandise Mart Bldg . . . The CTA members are—*Frank Johnson*, *Michael McCarthy* and *Bernie Ford* from Training and Accident Prevention; *Clarence Crawley* and *John Bosacki* from Claims; *Emil Rusinak* and *John Eckel* from Accounting; *Tom Sobczak* from Job Classification, and *Dennis Cronin* of Ways and Structures.

Admission will be free to the CTA ladies every Thursday evening.

*Stewart Maginnis's* children took good care of their dad during his recent siege of measles.

(Employment Department)—*Art Stahl* and his family recently vacationed in the big state of Texas. They enjoyed good weather and wonderful scenery all along the way from Chicago.

*Ray Ruzich* decided to utilize his vacation by helping out with the spring housecleaning in his home.

*Marianne Walsh*, who transferred from Claims, was welcomed to our department.

*Student Engineer Edward Tobin* presently is assigned to our department as part of his training program.

### New Addition

(Traffic Engineering)—Word was received from *Harold Rowbottom*, who is recuperating from an auto accident, that a new little daughter arrived on May 8. She weighed in at six pounds, eight and one-half ounces and promptly was named *Nancy Ellen*. This makes four sons and two daughters for the Rowbottoms.

—MARY E. CLARKE

### Daughter Puts A Grand In His Name

KEDZIE—Operator *James Scanlon's* daughter, *Mrs. Ilene Burke*, presented him with a new granddaughter on April 26.

*John C. Miller* recently transferred to Way and Structures.

Operator *William Straka* passed away suddenly on May 5.

Many CTA employees, both surface and rapid transit, will be attending the annual laymen's retreat at Notre Dame university, Indiana, on August 10-13, inclusive. Those of you who attended the retreat last year, will, no doubt, be there again. Your friends also are welcome. Those of you who have never attended the retreat, but would like to this year, can contact your reporter for information and arrangements.

—C. P. STARR

### DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

A. L. *Kwilosz*, operator, Archer. Employed 2-25.48.

V. J. *Valle*, agent, North Section. Employed 4-15-43.

L. A. *Wilkins*, painter, South Shops. Employed 7-11-45.



## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

**D. J. AHERN**, 67, retired plant guard, CTA Department of Police. Died 4-30-61. Employed 3-11-53.

**ERNEST BEGGS**, 74, retired crossing watchman, West Section. Died 4-6-61. Employed 4-10-46.

**JACOB BENNER**, 76, retired chauffeur, Way and Structures. Died 4-11-61. Employed 8-15-18.

**M. A. BRICE**, 77, retired agent, West Section. Died 4-10-61. Employed 9-26-27

**MICHAEL BROWN**, 78, retired fireman, Devon. Died 4-29-61. Employed 4-14-22.

**EDWARD BUDOFF**, 52, dispatcher, Transportation. Died 4-28-61. Employed 1-23-24.

**J. M. CARLSON**, 74, retired motorman, 77th Street. Died 4-28-61. Employed 1-27-20.

**AGNES COMAN**, 54, clerk, Revenue Accounting. Died 5-10-61. Employed 3-29-23.

**ANTHONY CONGELOSE**, 67, retired laborer, Way and Structures. Died 4-14-61. Employed 5-8-22.

**WALTER CROMIE**, 59, ticket agent, North Section. Died 5-13-61. Employed 3-29-23.

**JAMES DUFFY**, 92, retired flagman, Burnside. Died 4-12-61. Employed 1-31-00.

**J. F. FITZGERALD**, 81, retired trainman, South Section. Died 4-27-61. Employed 5-23-18.

**P. B. GATZ**, 67, retired operator, Lawndale. Died 4-17-61. Employed 10-1-23.

**PHILIP BIAMBALVO**, 48, operator, Lawndale. Died 4-24-61. Employed 4-3-43.

**HENRY HALL**, 84, retired motorman, 69th Street. Died 2-7-61. Employed 7-22-07.

**H. A. HAMILL**, 65, retired towerman, North Section. Died 4-13-61. Employed 1-27-48.

**H. E. HANSEN**, 69, retired operator, Archer. Died 4-23-61. Employed 6-14-13.

**J. P. HEINEN**, 75, retired gateman, North Section. Died 4-2-61. Employed 11-11-22.

**M. F. HENNESSY**, 78, retired clerk "B," Lincoln Avenue. Died 4-1-61. Employed 12-12-11.

**ESTELLE HEVNER**, 80, retired agent, North Section. Died 4-8-61. Employed 6-21-35.

**J. J. KEALY**, 71, retired motorman, 77th Street. Died 4-23-61. Employed 2-21-23.

**A. P. LANSKI**, 77, retired watchman, Material and Supplies. Died 4-28-61. Employed 12-17-24.

**H. T. LEKAS**, 66, retired car cleaner, West Section. Died 5-4-61. Employed 7-13-27.

**VINCENT LIOCE**, 78, retired car cleaner, Shops and Equipment. Died 4-28-61. Employed 6-4-23.

**MICHAEL LYNCH**, 77, retired motorman, North Avenue. Died 4-10-61. Employed 11-9-07.

**W. F. LYONS**, 75, retired senior supervisor, 77th Street. Died 4-27-61. Employed 5-6-11.

**JOHN MCGREEVY**, 74, retired conductor, Devon. Died 4-14-61. Employed 2-20-18.

**JOHN MESETH**, 83, retired motorman, North Avenue. Died 4-5-61. Employed 8-13-08.

**BRUNO MICHAELS**, 66, retired motorman, Devon. Died 4-18-61. Employed 11-18-19.

**LEO B. MURNANE**, 43, operator, Beverly. Died 4-16-61. Employed 12-11-45.

**E. E. NEIL**, 58, retired conductor, Logan. Died 4-20-61. Employed 11-21-28.

**JOSEPH NEXBOUER**, 78, retired motorman, Lawndale. Died 5-6-61. Employed 5-27-08.

**F. A. OTTO**, 65, retired conductor, Devon. Died 4-29-61. Employed 7-14-26.

**C. A. RANDLE**, 62, retired operator, 77th Street. Died 4-20-61. Employed 10-7-29.

**VISKO ROZICH**, 60, laborer, Way and Structures. Died 4-23-61. Employed 5-4-42.

**W. T. SAVAGE**, 66, retired motorman, Cottage Grove. Died 4-12-61. Employed 2-19-19.

**F. C. SCHILKE**, 88, retired motorman, North Avenue. Died 4-23-61. Employed 4-1-10.

**SAMUEL STOLLMAN**, 75, retired crossing watchman, West Section. Died 4-29-61. Employed 7-18-30.

**WILLIAM STRAKA**, 51, operator, Kedzie. Died 5-5-61. Employed 3-28-46.

**CHARLES TIETJENS**, 74, retired night watchman, Department of Accident Investigation. Died 4-26-61. Employed 1-25-09.

**A. B. UNGER**, 78, retired conductor, 69th Street. Died 5-8-61. Employed 1-2-18.

**SYLVESTER VILLIGER**, 68, retired carpenter "A," West Shops. Died 4-18-61. Employed 7-29-29.

**J. P. WALSH**, 70, retired conductor, Kedzie. Died 4-12-61. Employed 1-22-23.

**LORETTE WILLIAMS**, 75, retired agent, West Section. Died 4-10-61. Employed 2-28-19.

**A. E. WOLFE**, 59, retired porter, South Section. Died 5-3-61. Employed 11-20-28.

## Vacation Time Is Newsworthy

**LIMITS**—Men, it is vacation time, so why not give me news of your vacation trips. News of weddings, births, deaths, or anything of interest will help make ours an interesting column.

Remember, it's up to you! Either give your news items to me, or submit them to the office in care of me.

—IRVING METZGER

## Mom Travels To Michigan

*Loop (Agents) — Nora Edward's* vacation was planned so she could spend Mother's Day with her son, Thomas, and his family in Monroe, Michigan.

*Porter Louis Gordon Hay* returned to work and wishes to thank all his co-workers for their cards and remembrances during his long illness.

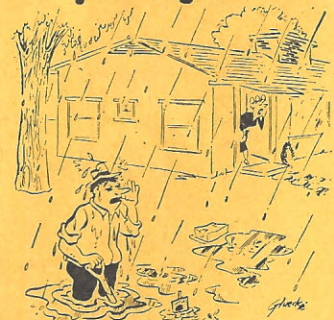
*Ann Murphy* vacationed in the Chicagoland area.

*Georgia Mae Burgie* and her husband put their vacation time to good advantage — they did the spring planting on their farm in Missouri.

*Student Agent Dolores Stellar* had two memorable and important dates in June. She was graduated from Mundelein college and later was married to *Student Agent Ralph Mandon* on June 10.

EDITH EDBROOKE

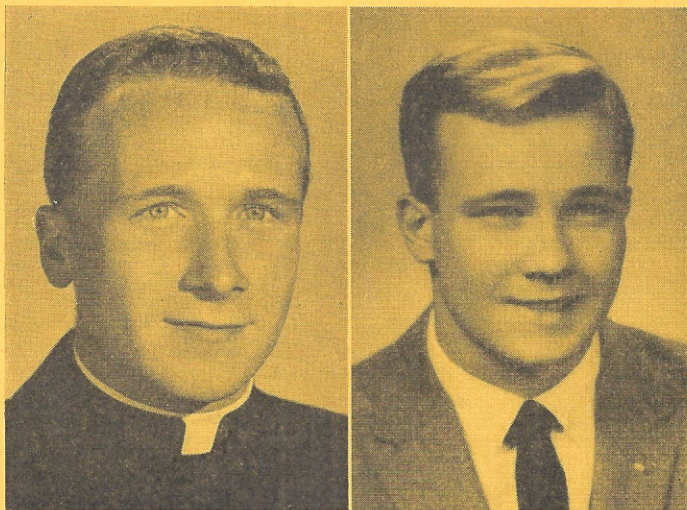
## My Neighbors



"I'm in the 'garden' dear, enjoying gracious suburban living!"



## SONS BRING HONORS TO DAD



**TWO SONS**, who make *Supervisor Arthur J. Murphy, Sr.*, District A, especially proud are (left) the *Reverend Arthur J. Jr.*, and (right) *Patrick Murphy*. Father Murphy was ordained a priest of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America on June 10 at Maryknoll Major seminary in New York. He celebrated his first solemn high Mass on June 18 in St. Justin Martyr church in Chicago. Father Murphy and 41 other Maryknollers have been assigned to the missions of Africa, Japan, Formosa, Korea, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Middle America, Peru, Chile, and the Hawaiian Islands. The young priest officially has been assigned to the missions in Korea. His brother, *Pat*, was graduated from Loyola university this month and will attend Northwestern university's law school under a scholarship he received for outstanding scholastic ability.

Another daughter, *Sister Arthur Marie, RSM*, Sister of Mercy, is stationed at Little Flower parish, Chicago.

Other Murphy children are *Joseph, Michael, Jack, Thomas* and *Eileen*, all of whom are living at home.

## Operators' Heirs Take Nuptial Step

**NORTH AVENUE**—Operator *Florian Dwieł's* daughter, *Carol Jean*, and *Raymond W. Thommes* were married on April 22 at St. Ferdinand's church.

Operator *Thomas K. Kay's* son, *Thomas J.*, was married to *Wilma Strahata* on June 3 at St. Stanislaus church. Following a dinner and reception, the newlyweds traveled to Vermont for their honeymoon.

*Carol Swanson* and *William Williams* were married at North Lake Lutheran church on June 17. Father of the bride is Operator *Arnold Swanson*. The honeymooners traveled to New York.

*Donald J. Stratton*, son of our switchboard operator, *Raymond H.*, was married to *Barbara Weifhaur* on May 20 at St. Williams church.

A reception for 350 guests was held at Roscoe hall. The newlyweds honeymooned at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Operator *Arthur Williams* recently passed out cigars to herald the birth of his first daughter, *Vonda Geraldine*.

*Martin Daley*, repairs, recently was presented with a baby girl. This makes six girls and two boys for the Daleys.

Instructor *William Kennedy* recently welcomed his fourth grandchild when his daughter, *Carol*, presented him with a granddaughter, *Mary Beth*.

The Grandpappys' club also welcomed *Foreman Mike Cunningham* recently when he announced the birth of a grandson, *Patrick Michael*.

*Superintendent Frank Buetow* became a grandpappy on May 14, when his daughter, *Judy*, presented him with a granddaughter.

*James Corbett* became a grandfather on May 10 when his daughter gave birth to a girl, who has been named *Maureen*. This is Jim's fifth grandchild.

## Celebrants

Wedding anniversaries being celebrated this month are: *Chief Clerk Gene Peterson* and his wife, their 32nd on June 1; the *Pete Madias*, their 26th on June 2; the *Harry Mocarskis*, their 21st on June 15; the *Stanley Sarneckis*, their 26th on June 16; the *Wally Wojewodas*, their 22nd on June 17; the *Kenney Mettlers*, their 23rd on June 18; the *Ted Swiders*, their 22nd on June 26; the *Dick Scholtens*, their 29th on June 27; also the *George McLellans*, their 30th on June 27; the *George Sladeks*, their 26th on June 29; the *Bob Kelleys*, their 21st on June 29; the *Bon Mullinaxes*, their 32nd on June 29; the *Harold Hightowers*, their 33rd on June 30, and the *John McLaughlins*, their 27th on June 30.

*Peter Gaynor* and *John McGill*, both of repair, retired on pension June 1.

—JOE HIEBEL

## New Faces In Stores

**PURCHASING AND STORES**—(*General Office*) — *Karen Ann Humphreys* and *Barbara Ann Rochon* are our new clerk-typists. They replace *Sylvia K. Upsel* and *Rose Marie Hayes*, respectively.

(*North Division—Storeroom 42*) — *Stock Clerk Nick D. LaCorcia* was elected assistant manager of a Little League baseball team.

*Laborer Charles M. Gubala* died suddenly on April 8.

(*South Division*)—*Martha Jugin*, typist, presently is at home, recuperating from recent eye surgery.

*Laborer Rudolph Herold* is in the hospital, recuperating from surgery. Both *Martha* and *Rudolph* are coming along nicely.

*Stock Clerk John Marasovich's* son, *John*, and *Stock Clerk Matt Basso's* son, *Bob*, are stationed together at Baumholder, Germany. Incidentally, *Bob* plays sax and clarinet in the Army band.

—D. JANE BELL

Early to bed and early to rise is a sure sign that you are fed up with television.

## Wins Contest For Best Essay

**NORTH PARK**—*John O'Malley*, son of *Repairman Pat O'Malley*, won a contest for an essay "What Democracy Means to Me," sponsored by the Chicago Junior Association of Commerce and Industry, and was awarded a tape recorder.

*Chief Receiver Ray Simon* presently is vacationing at Noblesville, Indiana.

*Receiver Bill Cerkan's* father died on April 29.

Also, *Operator Frank Katkus'* mother died on April 29.

—ELMER RIEDEL

## California-Bound Trip Includes Stop-Over

**NORTH SECTION (Agents)**—Anxious to see his daughter, son-in-law and their four grandchildren, *David Hissong* and wife spent their vacation in Pasadena, California.

## TALENTED SON



**EARNING HIS** tuition by doing office work after school, *Wallace Kenneth Maloney*, son of *Assignment Agent Robert Maloney*, was graduated from DePaul academy on June 2. Ken has received several offers from advertising companies to go into commercial art designing; however, he seriously is considering insurance underwriting, a field he excelled in at the academy.

Reported by *Edith Edbrooke*



On the way, Prescott, Arizona caught their eye, so they spent some time there.

Margaret Doerge presently is spending her vacation in and around our fair city.

Velma Tierney has been entertaining her sister from Seattle, Washington, during her stay in Chicago.

On the sick list at this writing are: Tom O'Neill, Doris Johnson, Rose Higgins and Al Ryhaczewski.

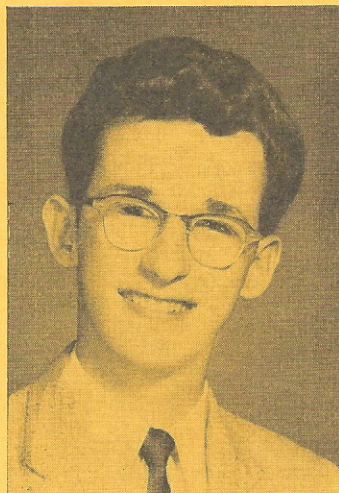
Agent Walter Cromie recently passed away suddenly.

—ELIZABETH HAWKINS

## Proud Parents Witness Award Presentation

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC—Traffic Checker George Hanus and his wife were invited to see their son, Robert, receive an award for Outstanding Achievement in the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps, at Bradley university, Peoria, Illinois, where Bob is a junior.

## RECEIVES AWARD



RECENT GRADUATE of East Leyden high school, Franklin Park, Brian Regnier, son of H. E. Regnier, bus overhaul, South Shops, was awarded an Illinois Monetary scholarship. However, Brian turned down the award to attend St. Olaf's college in Northfield, Minnesota. A member of the honor society, the young scholar plans to major in mathematics and science.

Reported by Ray Walsh

## PENSIONER FROM WEST SHOPS



AFTER MORE than 37 years of transit service, Laborer Walter Subaitis, (center) West Shops, recently retired. Many of Walt's friends gathered to wish him luck and present him with a retirement gift. Making the presentation are (left) Foreman Joe Sargent and (right) Foreman Bill Raaber.

Reported by John Straka

George Bryan, schedule maker, became a grandfather for the eighth time on May 15, when his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Welch, of Ocean Beach, California, announced the arrival of a daughter.

Mike Dore, traffic clerk, became a grandfather for the first time when his son, Gerald, and daughter-in-law announced the arrival of Cheryl Louise on April 19. Gerald was graduated from Lewis college, Lockport, Illinois.

Laura Schrecke recently vacationed in California, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Arizona. All her traveling was done via the airways.

Sam DeSalvo moved into the schedule making section on May 1.

Andy DeGrazia is back after a long illness.

Kathryn Batina attended the Catholic War Veterans convention at Aurora, Illinois, on May 5, 6 and 7.

Edward Hill, schedule clerk, underwent surgery, and is getting along fine.

William Devereux's wife passed away on April 21.

—GERTRUDE F. ANDERSON

## Operator's Daughter Is New June Bride

69TH—Judy Jaros, daughter of Operator George Jaros, was married on June 3 to Richard Krasowski at St. Basil church.

Operator John Hansen retired on pension June 1, after 40 years of service.

Operator Edward Renk and his wife drove to Florida, during their vacation.

Operator Mike Barris has been in Billings hospital for sometime, but hopes to be back on the job soon.

Loader George Wagner, Sr., and his wife celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary recently. Also, their son, George, Jr., recently was discharged from the Marine Corp.

Paddy Fitzgerald, John Barry and David Condon, all of repair, soon are making a trip to Ireland.

Operator James G. Kelly and his wife will celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary on June 29.

Operator Larry Larson and his wife, Lucille, celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary on May 25.

—THOMAS S. ELPHICK

## Chicago Offers Much To See

SOUTH SECTION—Clerk Bob Schorn and his wife spent their vacation in Chicago, visiting points of interest and renewing acquaintances with old friends.

James Martinek, who was a clerk at Loomis Street for many years, now is chief clerk at 61st Street.

Instructor Joseph Turdik and his son traveled to the upper peninsula of Michigan, where they caught their share of trout.

Joseph Nonkovich was surprised when his friends feted him with a party. Joe, who retired on pension April 1, was deeply appreciative of their expression and thanked them for the gift he received.

Our new employees are: Agents Harold Laemann, Alvin Starks and William Stratton, and Trainmen Joseph Kelly, James McCarthy and Frederick Banks.

Trainman John Kaltsas is back at work after an extended illness.

The South Section Agents' Pension Club held their quarterly meeting at Nielsen's restaurant, where 55 persons attended a dinner and social evening.

Clerk William Gallagher, who went on pension May 1, fractured his ankle, but is recuperating nicely. His friends visited him at home and brought along a cake, which was enjoyed by all. A little expression, in the way of a savings bond, also was presented to him.

The new clerk at Loomis Street is Earl Jones.

Towerman Edward VanPeer retired on pension May 1.

Your reporter, who has tried to keep this column informative, interesting and cheerful during the past 10 years, wishes to thank all of you who were so co-operative in submitting items, which made this column a success.

Beginning with the July issue, your new reporter will be Verna Hartney. Kindly extend to her the same cooperation you've given me.

—LEO J. BIEN

## Rock Hound Goes Hunting

SOUTH SHOPS — Machinist Mike Rubey spent a four-week vacation rock hunting. One of the many places Mike and his wife visited was Arkansas. He said it is one of the better states for his hobby, rock hounding and lapidary.

Bus Mechanic Eddie Fregeau and his wife, Marian, announced the birth of a girl, Tammy Ann.

Bus Mechanic Tom Bowman, who has been on the sick list for the past three months, returned to work.

The employees of the South Shops held their annual picnic at Calumet Park this year.



## FOR AND ABOUT OUR PENSIONERS

*Machinist Irv Krauledis* and his wife, *Pauline*, celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary with a week-end trip to Detroit.

*Arthur Beauchamp*, father of *Machinist Art, Jr.*, recently died.

*Carpenter K. Pavelka* presently is confined to the hospital, where he is being treated for an injury.

*Machine Shop Foreman Leo Kozlowski* and his family spent half of their vacation at their summer home in New Buffalo, Michigan. Leo said the other half was spent visiting relatives and friends in the Chicago area.

*Machinist Frank Steiner* journeyed to sunny California for his vacation. Frank liked it out there so much that he purchased some property.

*General Foreman Ernie Nelson*, who is recuperating from serious stomach surgery, stopped in to say hello. He hopes to be back at work soon.

Still on the sick list, at this writing, is *Bill Waldmann*, machine shop.

—RAY WALSH

### Little League Coach Has High Hopes

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS — (*Wilson*)—*Assistant General Foreman Tony Porcaro* spent his vacation coaching one of the Little League teams in Niles. He's hoping his son, *Jerry*, will be a future *Mickey Mantle*.

*Foreman Paul Lorimer* reports he did a lot of fishing in Wisconsin.

(*West-Northwest*) — *Repairman John Lioco's* father passed away.

(*Lake*)—*Cleaner Jim Mullozzi* returned to work after being off due to an accident.

*Foreman Ernie Jones* spent his vacation working around his home.

(*Kimball*)—*Repairman Tony Citro*, who underwent surgery, returned to work.

*General Foreman Ed Hendrickson* expects to spend his vacation at home.

—JOE FEINENDEGEN

### Laborer Still Is On Sick List

WEST SHOPS — *Laborer George Toms* presently is on the sick list.

*Carpenter Tom Clyne's* wife passed away recently.

*Machinist Henry Milewski's* father recently passed away.

—JOHN STRAKA

ACCOUNTING—*Doris Stahl* recently completed 100 hours of volunteer work and was presented with a pin at a luncheon in St. Francis hospital, Evanston.

*Pensioners William Holtz, Carl Martinsen and Agnes Samek and General Accountant A. J. Fitzsimons and R. L. Hill*, revenue accountant, attended the May Revenue Accounting Pensioners luncheon at Berghoff's restaurant. Unfortunately, six other members of the group were unable to attend.

—MARIE E. HAVLIK and

EILEEN E. NEURAUTER

BEVERLY — *George Johnson and Dick Fuljame* and their wives recently returned from a two-month visit in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where they enjoyed deep sea fishing and relaxation.

*Retired Conductor Charles Baker*, who retired from 77th Street in 1957, after 44 years of service, now lives in Evergreen Park. He sent word that he is doing well and sent a big hello to all his friends.

*Pensioners*: Please send any news items to *Walter Stone*, in care of CTA, Beverly Garage, 103rd and Vincennes, Chicago. Your newsletters will be appreciated.

—WALTER C. STONE

SOUTH SHOPS—*Machinist Bob Hunt* received a letter from *Ed Doras*, retired machinist, saying he would like to hear from the fellows in their shop. Ed, who had both legs amputated and lives alone, would deeply appreciate a letter, card or, better yet, a visit! So how about it fellows?

Ed Doras  
15308 Vine Ave.  
Harvey, Illinois  
ED 3-0419

—RAY WALSH

ELECTRICAL—*Daniel Kelly*, retired chief operator, sent a card from Miami, Florida. He said he was having a wonderful time enjoying the sunshine and looking at homes.

*Leo J. Davis*, retired chief operator, wrote from Hot Springs, National Park, Arkansas. Leo said he was soaking up some sunshine.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

LOOP (*Agents*) — *Pensioner John McGlynn* wholeheartedly appreciated the sympathy his many friends extended to him when his daughter, *Marjorie*, passed away.

*Pensioner Frank Tito* passed away on May 18 after a long illness.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

KEDZIE—*Retired Motorman William Hansen* was most grateful to the men who served as pallbearers for the funeral of his brother, *Retired Motorman Henry Hansen*.

—C. P. STARR

NORTH SECTION (*Agents*) — *Madeleine Konsbruch* presently is in St. Joseph's hospital.

*Pensioner Opal Higer* passed away suddenly and was buried in her hometown, Morocco, Indiana.

*Pensioner Irma Ludwig's* sister recently died.

—ELIZABETH HAWKINS

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC—*Pensioner William Leeper* paid a visit to the Mart on April 25, which happened to be his 70th birthday.

—GERTRUDE F. ANDERSON

69TH — *Pensioner Tom McHugh* spent six months traveling through Ireland, Scotland and England.

*Pensioner Anton Unger* passed away on May 8.

—THOMAS S. ELPHICK

CTA TRANSIT NEWS recently received a letter from *Pensioner Herman Ockenga*, retired dispatcher, Loop, who is an active member of the Golden Age Club of Arlington, Massachusetts. He founded the club seven years ago and now acts as secretary. Herman reports that there now are more than 350 members, all of whom are over 65 years old.

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS—*Retired Repairman Harry Shaner*, Logan Square, recently passed away.

*Retired Foreman Art Kalvelage* recently made a visit to Wilson Shops and is looking very well.

—JOE FEINENDEGEN

WEST SECTION (*Agents*)—*Retired Agent Nellie Reidy* now is in Ireland, where she arrived a few weeks ago by plane.

*Agents Marcella Hogan and Margaret Nolan* recently chatted with your reporter and said they both were feeling fine, and sent regards to all their friends.

—GORDON KELLY

### GOLDEN WEDDING



ENJOYING HIS golden pension years in Altadena, California, is *Retired Chief Operator Clyde G. McMakin*, Roby substation, and his wife. The McMakins, who were married on June 12, 1911, also celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Incidentally, *Mack*, as he is known to his many friends, has been on pension since 1954.

### PENSIONERS MEET

THE CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, at Odd Fellows Hall, 105 4th street, south, St. Petersburg. All CTA pensioners living in that vicinity are invited to attend these meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month at the above time and address.

THE DIVISION 308 Pensioners Club of Chicago will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20, on the 13th floor at 32 W. Randolph street. All retired members of Division 308 are invited to attend these meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at the above time and address.



## New Pensioners

**Mate Babich**, truck repairman, Way and Structures. Employed 8-25-19.

**W. E. Castree**, machinist leader "B," South Shops. Employed 9-24-29.

**R. H. Conroy**, line foreman, Electrical department. Employed 2-1-16.

**W. J. Dillon**, conductor, Desplaines. Employed 9-19-26.

**H. D. Ehrich**, clerk I, CTA Department of Police. Employed 3-2-20.

**W. G. Erlandson**, machinist leader "A," Skokie Shops. Employed 12-1-21.

**J. J. Forristal**, car cleaner, Wilson Shops. Employed 1-19-28.

**Peter Gaynor**, bus cleaner, North Avenue. Employed 9-25-40.

**W. J. Hanley**, operator, 77th Street. Employed 2-12-23.

**J. F. Hansen**, bus operator, 69th Street. Employed 10-9-20.

**C. A. Hoffman**, chief operator, Electrical department. Employed 12-29-17.

**H. G. Johnson**, conductor, Kimball. Employed 8-19-18.

**S. J. Julian**, bus repairman, Archer. Employed 3-21-25.

**Stephen Kasala**, carpenter leader "A," West Shops. Employed 9-13-37.

**Edwin Kolacek**, mail clerk, Office Services department. Employed 2-7-28.

**J. N. Lynn**, gateman, Lake Street. Employed 7-29-36.

**T. C. Magnuson**, telephone operator, Transportation department. Employed 6-1-34.

**Michael Maloney**, temporary collector, District "A." Employed 4-23-17.

**John McGill**, bus repairman, North Avenue. Employed 10-18-21.

**William Moore**, bus repairman "A," Beverly. Employed 2-22-36.

**William Pechous**, gateman, West Section. Employed 10-5-23.

**Joseph Poduch**, assistant carpenter foreman, Way and Structures. Employed 7-17-25.

**Steven Polich**, machinist, Way and Structures. Employed 3-7-27.

**Ferdinand Renn**, ticket agent, South Section. Employed 9-9-29.

**S. J. Shumowsky**, upholsterer "A," Skokie Shops. Employed 4-9-18.

**J. W. Szymczyk**, painter, West Shops. Employed 5-17-37.

**Dewey Tadin**, watchman, Way and Structures. Employed 12-4-23.

**Joseph VanDerhaeghen**, carpenter leader "A," West Shops. Employed 2-20-20.

**Andrew VanDisseldorf**, supervisor, District "D." Employed 5-5-15.

**Fortunate Vineis**, motorman, West Section. Employed 11-26-26.

**J. E. Vondras**, electrical worker "A," South Shops. Employed 10-1-19.

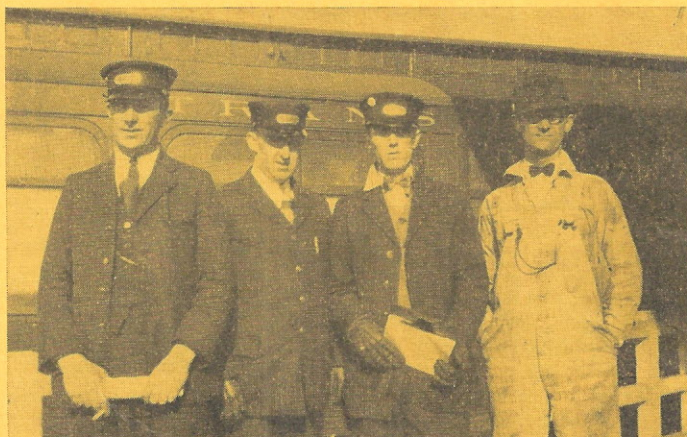
## SLUGGERS OF 1915



AS FAR back as 1915, baseball was a favorite sport. Shown here are 69th Street Station team members, who have since either retired, died or resigned from service. They are (left to right): **W. Kelly, R. McClain, J. Fleischer, C. Sherman, R. L. Burns, Campbell Stitt, Manager J. Shadler, M. Murtaugh, Al Gaffy, George Hunter, John Ward, R. Christie, and R. Mays.** Recognize anyone?

Reported by **Thomas S. Elphick**

## WAY BACK WHEN



WHILE GOING through his old scrapbook, **Motorman Mike Cavanaugh**, Desplaines, came up with this old photo. Pictured, left to right, are: **Switchman Dennis Powell**, deceased; **Retired Conductor Luke Walsh**; **Mike Cavanaugh**, and **Supervisor LeRoy Rourke**, deceased.

Reported by **John M. Hanning**

**L. J. Wertzler**, assistant superintendent, CTA Department of Police. Employed 11-21-33.

**Stanley Zerdel**, night track foreman, Way and Structures. Employed 11-22-30.

## European Honeymoon For Newlyweds

**WEST SECTION (Agents)**—**Kathleen Bohakel**, daughter of **Agent and Mrs. George Bohakel**, was married to **Paul Ponticelli** in Resurrection church on May 27. A dinner and reception was held in the Camelia Room of the Chateau Royale. The couple now are enjoying a European honeymoon.

**Agent and Mrs. Frank Zima** celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on May 5.

**Agent Julia Brousek** is proud of her new niece, **Dawn Marie Harrington**, who recently was born. The mother is **Julia's** sister.

**Agent Steve Gibbons** has recovered sufficiently to return to work after being off for several weeks due to illness.

Although not yet able to return to active duty, **Agent Joe Czranec** is able to be up and about and hopes to be back at work soon.

**Agent Louis Beck** had an unhappy experience a few weeks ago when he was hit by a car in Forest Park. We are glad to report that he sustained no serious injuries.

## Growing Family Has Sixth Addition

**WAY AND STRUCTURES**—**Jim Andorka**, carpenter, rapid transit division, and his wife, **Julia**, welcomed a sixth addition to their family on May 4, when **Donna Marie** was born in Holy Cross hospital. **Donna** has three sisters and two brothers.

**Visko Rozich**, laborer, track division, died on April 23.

**Robert Retzler**, son of **John Retzler**, building division, was graduated with honors from St. Patrick's high school. **Bob** will attend St. Mary's college in Winona, Minnesota.

**Steven Polich**, machinist, Frog shop; **Dewey Tadin**, watchman, track division, and **Stanley Zerdel**, night track foreman, track division, retired on pension June 1, with a combined total of 101 years of service.

—MARLENE NEHER

—GORDON KELLY



## Improve Passenger Facilities at 51st Street Station

TWO NEW stairways for the convenience of CTA patrons were opened and an additional fare collection booth, where an agent is on duty from 6:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. on weekdays, recently were placed in operation at CTA's 51st street station on the North-South rapid transit route.

This is the fourth south side station where passenger channelization has been modernized within the past two years. The other stations are at Indiana avenue, 43rd street and 47th street.

The two additional stairways at 51st street eased the crowded conditions formerly existing when passengers entered and left the station platforms through the single stairways on each side. The new stairways, one for northbound pas-

sengers and the other for southbound passengers, are located on the north side of 51st street, across the street from the main station building.

The new fare collection booth, where the agent is on duty during morning rush hours only, Monday through Friday, is situated at the head of the new stairs on the northbound platform. This stairway will be open as an exit at all times.

The stairway leading from the southbound platform will be open at all times for use as an exit only.

The stairways are of steel construction with sheet metal canopies and fiberglass side panels. The improvements at the 51st street station cost approximately \$26,000.

## Preliminary Work Starts on New Howard Terminal

INITIAL STEPS toward the construction of CTA's bus and rapid transit interchange facilities and a parking lot for transit patrons at the Howard street terminal of the North-South "L"-subway route were taken recently when CTA crews began the installation of drainage facilities and water lines.

When completed it will be CTA's most comprehensive off-street, bus-rail automobile passenger transfer interchange facility with direct connections to the Howard rapid transit station. It is being designed to accommodate at least three CTA bus routes and perhaps six suburban bus routes that now serve the terminal.

After the drainage facilities and water lines have been installed, the paving of the driveways will begin.

The property extends south along Hermitage avenue for about 723 feet from a point about 150 feet south of Howard street to Rogers avenue. It is about 203 feet in depth.

About 33,000 square feet of the total 135,400 square feet of land will be used for a bus terminal. A portion of the area will be set aside for short-time Kiss-'N'-Ride parking. About 90,000 square feet of the land will be devoted to a Park-'N'-Ride lot for CTA patrons.

An additional piece of property at the northeast corner between the "L" station and the bus terminal property has been purchased by CTA for use as CTA supervisory offices.

Skokie, Lunt-Touhy and Clark buses will use the proposed terminal. These buses will be routed in Birchwood avenue to and from the terminal. The main bus and auto entrance to the terminal will be on Hermitage avenue at Birchwood avenue.

The cost of the entire project is estimated at \$250,000. This is in addition to the \$271,000 that CTA paid for the property.

One of the troubles with parents who bring up children these days is they don't hit bottom often enough.

A man can wear his hair three ways: parted, unparted, departed.

### CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS  
MONTHS OF APRIL 1961 AND 1960, FOUR MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 1961 AND 1960 AND  
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 1961

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

	Month of April		Four Months Ended		Twelve
	1961	1960	April 30, 1961	1960	Months Ended Apr. 30, 1961
Revenues	\$10,217,538	\$11,131,251	\$41,819,046	\$44,609,271	\$129,302,690
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	9,102,899	9,271,063	38,123,517	38,366,783	113,306,948
Available for Debt Service	1,114,639	1,860,188	3,695,529	6,242,488	\$15,995,742
Debt Service Requirements:					
Interest Charges	351,062	363,391	1,407,412	1,459,971	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond Maturity Fund	166,667(1)	166,667	666,667	666,667	
Deposits to Sinking Funds -					
Series of 1947 (2)	125,060	115,007	500,240	460,026	
Series of 1952 (2)	29,583	28,750	118,333	115,000	
Series of 1953 (3)	—	—	—	8,750	
	672,372	673,815	2,692,632	2,710,414	
Balance Available for Depreciation	442,267	1,186,373	1,002,877	3,532,074	
Provision for Depreciation	817,403	890,500	3,345,524	3,368,742	
Deficit in Depreciation Provision or Balance Available for Other Charges (4)	375,136 r	295,873	2,342,647 r	36,668 r	
Accumulated Deficit:					
To End of Previous Period	2,221,065 r	332,541 r	253,554 r	—	
At Close of Period	\$2,596,201 r	\$36,668 r	\$2,596,201 r	\$36,668 r	

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#### PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers	41,556,632	45,303,774	170,511,686	182,462,711	522,805,611
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#### NOTES:

- (1) Equal monthly installments to retire \$2,000,000 principal amount of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing on July 1, 1961.
- (2) Equal monthly installments to currently retire Series of 1947 and 1952 Revenue Bonds by purchase in the open market or after invitation for tenders.
- (3) Equal monthly installments to currently retire Series of 1953 Revenue Bonds by purchase in the open market or after invitation for tenders. Deposits to Series of 1953 Sinking Fund prior to July 1, 1961 shall be deferrable, if and so long as during said period prior to July 1, 1961 a deficiency exists, or as a result of making any of said prescribed payments would exist in the amount available to meet the required deposit in the Depreciation Reserve Fund. Such payments into said Series of 1953 Sinking Fund so deferred shall be cumulative, and shall thereafter be made at the earliest date or dates when the prescribed payments into the Depreciation Reserve Fund are current. As of April 30, 1961 there is a deficiency of \$35,516 in this fund as earnings to make these deposits were not available for the months of November 1960 through April 1961.
- (4) 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 \$16,713.50, 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.



# OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

SELLING CTA service basically is a matter of good public relations. Every employe who comes in contact with the riding public is provided with the opportunity to test and prove this statement. Fundamentally, it "adds up" to employe attitudes, reflected in the kind of personal service given in the ordinary performances of duties. Employes who conduct themselves in a considerate efficient, accommodating and helpful manner at all times make their jobs much more easy for themselves. It's the little "extras" that count. Exemplifying this are these letters of commendation which recently were received in the Service Section of the Public Information department.



**Operator Aloize Szymell**

"It gives me great pleasure to commend Operator No. 190 (*Aloize Szymell, Keeler*), who works on the Diversey bus route.

"This man not only is a careful driver, but is exceptionally courteous. I have observed him in his kindness towards elderly people and small children, who sometimes have difficulty in boarding and alighting buses. I also admire the pleasant smile and cheerful disposition he displays to all his passengers. I, for one, honestly enjoy riding with him."



**Operator Robert L. Tate**

"Whenever I'm in Chicago on business or pleasure, I always ride CTA if at all possible. Recently, I had to take a cab from the IC station to McCormick Place. When I came out, I boarded a CTA Green Pennant bus because I wanted to get to State and Quincy to pick up an out-of-town newspaper before leaving Chicago.

"The bus I boarded was driven by Operator No. 3910 (*Robert L. Tate, Kedzie*), who answered all my questions and went all out to see that I got to exactly where I wanted to go with the minimum amount of time and trouble. He also gave me a green-colored pamphlet for future use should I return to Chicago to visit McCormick Place. This, of course, will make it easier for me to get to and from downtown and the Exposition Hall.

"Thank you for the fine service you are giving me and the people of Chicago and many thanks to a fine guy, Operator 3910."

NOT ALL letters received in the Service Section are of a complimentary nature. Letters, such as these reprinted below, also are received from patrons who believed they did not receive the kind of service to which they were entitled:

"Due to traffic, the bus I usually take every morning had to stop about 75 feet away from the corner. Because of the regularity of my boarding this bus, I waited at the corner instead of walking back for it. The operator finally started to move and drove right past me because he had a green light. I don't expect an operator to remember his passengers' faces, but I do expect him to stop when he sees a patron standing at the bus stop."

**COMMENT:** Operators who fail to stop at designated stop zones to allow patrons to board or alight are violating operating rules and regulations. Whenever an operator is forced to stop his vehicle before reaching the boarding zone, he must make another stop, unless, of course, the bus is filled to capacity.

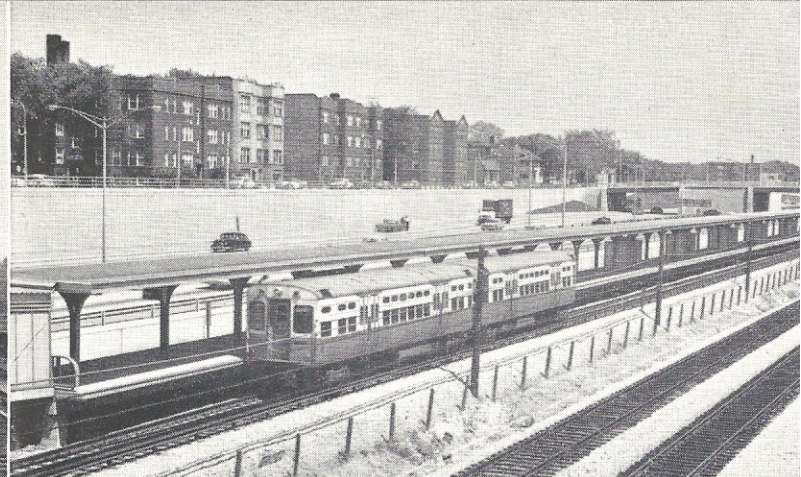
"Recently, I was returning from our school's newspaper printer and approached the agent's booth with a dollar bill and an unlimited school pass. As soon as he saw me coming, the agent rang up a full fare before I had a chance to give him the money or show my pass. When I did show him the card, he assumed a very sarcastic attitude and refused to allow me the half fare privilege. When I protested, he threatened to take the pass away. Naturally, I had no choice but to let the matter drop."

**COMMENT.** Fares should not be registered until the specified cash fare is presented. The agent's belligerent attitude did not promote good will and was unwarranted.

SHOWN HERE is a comparison of complaints and commendations recently received by Chicago Transit Authority for May, 1961; April, 1961, and May, 1960:

	May 1961	Apr. 1961	May 1960
Complaints .....	923	926	860
Commendations	122	92	74





WAY BACK a half-century ago, the city's west side was served by the Garfield Park branch of the Metropolitan "L," as recalled by a former student guard, Dr. Floyd C. Wendle of Sand Point, Idaho, in the accompanying story. The picture at the left shows a train of two wood-steel cars, used in that era, pulling into the Gunderson avenue station in Oak Park. Trains operated at ground level on the west end of the line, and though manually-operated crossing gates protected street crossings, train movements often were slowed down at intersections by surface traffic conditions. The old Garfield Park branch has since been replaced by the Congress street branch of CTA's West-Northwest "L"-subway route. Today, as shown in the picture at the right, modern all-steel cars and station facilities serve this same area, and rapid transit trains speed along a protected right-of-way, while vehicular traffic moves along its sides in an eight-lane highway.

## "GONE ARE THE DAYS" Retired Medic Recalls Time He Worked for "L"

A RETIRED physician, once employed as a student guard on the elevated system and now residing in Sand Point, Idaho, recently wrote an interesting letter to CTA recalling some of his amusing experiences as a trainman in the days of a long ago era of Chicago transportation.

The writer, *Dr. Floyd G. Wendle*, who practiced medicine for 54 years before, as he puts it, "retiring to enjoy a pleasant sundown of life and discover some old memories," has keen recollections of his days of service, which he describes as "a recital of ancient history." He also displays a keen sense of humor.

His letter reads: "Back in the beginning of the 20th Century, your organization aided many medical and dental students to obtain their education. I was one of them.

"As a 'brute' I broke in under *Conductor Bill Reed* and went to work on the Metropolitan 'L.' The run was from Garfield around the Loop and out to Douglas, then reverse. Dispatchers were *Mike Feron* at Garfield, *Cotter* and *Fisher* at Douglas; superintendent was *Jim Jarvis*. Guards were paid 26c per hour and conductors 32c and 34c per hour.

"I worked the morning and afternoon runs, then the theatre runs and in vacation time the midnight runs. I was favored to take over conductor runs when they wanted off and often I was transferred wherever the trains met and was moved up to the 32c and 34c hourly pay.

"Can you imagine the motorman holding our two-car train at State and Van Buren on our midnight run while I went down to a restaurant on the west side of State to get a pail of coffee and doughnuts every night? Or again for us to unload all passengers at Western avenue while enroute west on Douglas on account of 'motor trouble,' and then by pre-arrangement pick up the girls at the next station which gave us a short time for 'quailing' with the trains every 42 minutes apart."

Referring to his family, Dr. Wendle added this personal note: "I married my Iowa sweetheart when I was making \$82.00 a month. We raised three sons and a daughter and all are very successful. One of the sons is following in my footsteps and has made a career of the medical profession."

Dr. Wendle has a long and distinguished record in the medical profession in the state of Idaho. He is former president of the state board of medical examiners, of the state board of health and of the county medical society. He also is a former director of the Northwest Medical Journal, a member of the State Tuberculosis Commission and served for 14 years as county physician and health officer.

He resides on Mamaloose Island at Lake Pend d'Oreille at Sand Point, where he enjoys a reputation as an avid sportsman.



SPONSORED BY the Y.W.C.A., *Patricia Smith*, 15-year-old junior student at Wendell Phillips high school, was selected honorary CTA general manager in connection with Chicago Youth Week, celebrated May 14 to 20. She, along with other students from public and parochial schools, were named to serve in the city's administrative posts on May 16 as a feature of Junior Official's Day program. Patricia, who is pictured here with *General Manager Walter J. McCarter* on a visit to his office, was briefed in the responsibilities of operating the city's local transportation facilities. She also visited the operations control center in the Merchandise Mart. Patricia, who is taking a college preparatory course in high school, hopes to major in psychology at the University of Wisconsin following her graduation from Wendell Phillips.

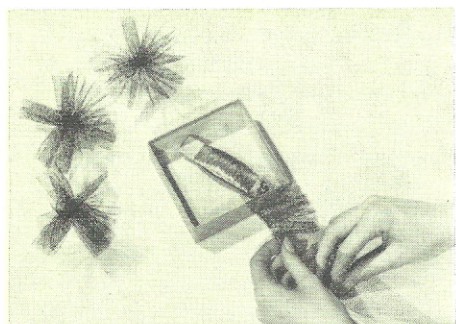


# POM-POM POODLES

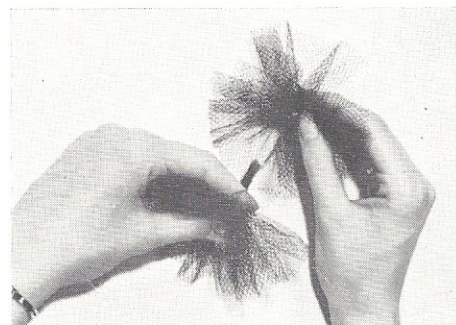
## A Make-It-Yourself Novelty



SEVERAL GALS in our CTA offices have been utilizing their spare time in making novelty French Poodles. The toy dogs have gained such popularity that we thought our TRANSIT NEWS readers might find the dogs enjoyable to make, too.



WHEN MAKING pom-poms, a good suggestion is to cut a piece of wire about 12" long and insert one end into a pin-hole made in a box. This helps to secure the wire and prevent net from slipping. When all the net is ruffled, tie ends of wire together, and spread ruffles apart.



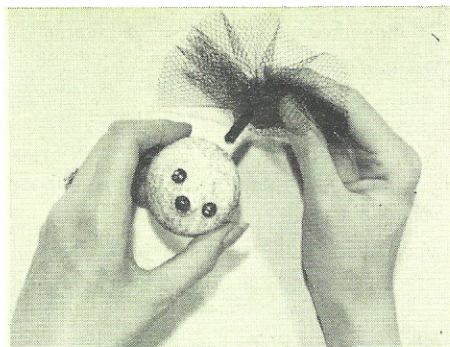
WHEN POM-poms are completed, take the pipe cleaners prepared for the legs, and put through the holes of the pom-poms. There should be seven pom-poms for each leg.

One of the girls, who is so successful in making them, agreed to help us show you how to go about making the toys.

The materials you'll need are:

- 1½ yds. net 72" wide.
- 1—4c Styrofoam ball
- 1—8c Styrofoam ball
- 1 Styrofoam candle
- ½ yd. velvet ribbon
- 1 yd. 2c ribbon
- 1 yd. 6c ribbon
- 6 large pipe stems 12" long
- 1 spool wire
- 1 tube glue
- 1 pkg. large sequins
- 1 pkg. small sequins
- 1 pkg. sequin pins
- 37 pom-poms (made from net)

Body: Cut a 1½" piece from styrofoam candle for neck. Body ball is rolled on the table back and forth to flatten rounded surfaces. To join the neck to



AFTER THE styrofoam ball for the head is rubbed with the same color crayon as the netting, and the sequin eyes and nose are placed as in this photo, attach seven pom-poms to seven short pieces of pipe cleaner and insert, in arc fashion, around head.

head and body use pipe stem from ball and insert into neck. Apply a little glue at head and body to make it secure. Nose: Cut a ¼" piece from styrofoam candle. Cut off a small piece to fit against head. Ball-fringed pom-pom is pinned to this. Eyes are large sequins with smaller size in center. Legs: Four 12" pipe stems doubled in half. The double end is bent ½" up to form foot. The other end is inserted into the body ball about 1" apart.

Ears and Tail: Cut 4" lengths of pipe stems.

Ruffle pom-poms are made from the net that is already folded in four thicknesses. Cut the net in four-inch strips. Ruffles must be carefully cut or 1½ yards of net will not be sufficient. Folds should then be cut into single strips. Lay folded edge over a taut length of spool wire pushing net together to form double ruffle. Insert leg through center of ruffle using seven pom-poms for each leg. Two pom-poms are used for the tail, and seven pom-poms for the head. Ribbon covers the neck. A small bow is placed in center of ruffle on head.

For the last touch, place sequins on the tail, head and legs with glue. Any little bouquets of flowers and little bows will make the dog that much more elaborate.

NOW THAT the head is completely finished, and the legs are attached to the styrofoam body, as shown in the photo, attach the neck (completely covered with thin ribbon) into the body with a short piece of pipe cleaner. When cutting the neck from the styrofoam candle, cut on a slant to make its fitting to body more realistic. Then take another piece of pipe cleaner and attach the head to the neck.





## TRAVELING WITH BABY

DO YOU dread the thought of a family vacation this year just because your family now includes a member of the diaper set? Well, don't! Thousands of babies go traveling every year. They go by all kinds of transportation. They vacation in all kinds of resort areas.

There is nothing new about traveling babies. The pioneers who crossed the continent by covered wagon took babies along. What is new, however, is the convenience parents can enjoy while indulging in the great American pastime—seeking a change of scenery.

Babies, according to a leading professor of Pediatrics, make excellent travelers. But, parents must plan to anticipate the baby's needs while traveling.

The first step, of course, is to consult your baby's physician. He is the best judge of whether or not your baby can travel comfortably. Your doctor can help you get your baby ready for the trip and advise you what to do in the event medical attention is necessary.

Your doctor will tell you that it is always advisable to make your vacation plans with baby's health and welfare in mind. Three basic needs to consider are feeding, clothing and diapers.



### Feeding

Prepare each day's feeding in advance. If you're going by car, an ice-pack picnic food container will keep the feedings sufficiently refrigerated until ready for use. Refrigeration facilities are available on trains and planes.

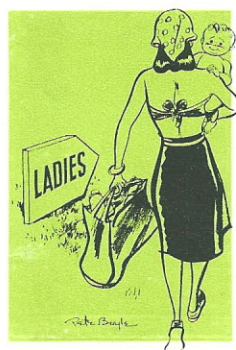
When it's time to feed the baby and you're traveling by car, a handy item to have along is a bottle warmer that plugs into the cigarette lighter socket. Or, you may stop at a roadside restaurant and ask the counterman to warm the bottle for you. If you're traveling by train or plane, the dining car steward or the flight hostess will warm baby's bottle.

Bring along baby's favorite foods. Traveling is no time to start baby on something new. Babies and young children will sometimes react to strange supplies of water.



### Clothing

Be prepared for changes in temperature. The weather in the places you plan to visit may have extremes you're not aware of. A long trip may take you into a completely differ-



ent climate. Remember too that open car windows cause drafts which should be avoided.

Dress baby as comfortably as possible. If the weather turns hot, do not expose baby to a cool breeze. If the weather turns suddenly cold, do not overdress the baby. Instead, keep a blanket handy so the baby can be warmly wrapped while being carried in and out.

### Diapers

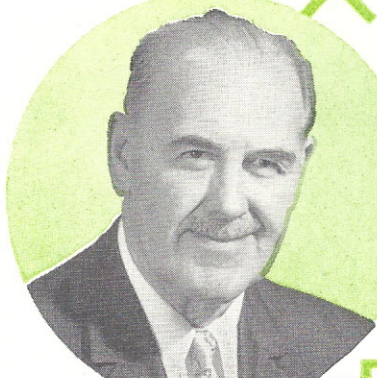
If you use diaper service at home, there is no need to give up this safeguard for baby's health and convenience to mother while on vacation. Your diaper service firm can refer you to a reliable source of supply in the area you plan to visit.

If you do your own diapers at home, you will have to make sure that the place you stay on vacation has facilities for washing and boiling.

Carry a plastic bag or container with a tight-fitting cover to hold the soiled and wet diapers. If you're going by train or plane, you'll be able to rinse these diapers immediately on removal. If you're going by car, you'll have to wait until you stop enroute or for the night. Ask your diaper service or druggist about an antiseptic solution to prevent the diapers from developing a strong ammonia odor.

Chances are that you will find baby will sleep through most of your trip. There is something about the motion of travel that lulls babies into slumberland. When awake, baby will probably prove a more philosophical traveler than you are. He is not at all concerned with the petty annoyances that keep you upset—detours, crowded eating places, missed connections, the monotony of scenery, delays that frustrate your plans.





## Medically Speaking

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### LABORATORY TESTS (Their Value and Importance)

LABORATORY TESTS play a tremendously important part in the diagnosis of disease. Many people do not realize that early and correct diagnosis must be made before proper and successful treatment can be instituted. Medical skill and knowledge of the doctors is very important, but proper use and evaluation of laboratory procedures also is helpful. The physician must not depend entirely on the laboratory alone but he can, with the help of reliable laboratory information, do much good for the patient and possibly save many lives.

The microscope is, of course, the basic tool for laboratory diagnosis. Without this instrument examination of the blood and diseased tissues could not be made. For example, most all diseases of the blood, can be discovered by a simple blood count, blood smear examinations, etc. In this category, anemias and leukemias are common conditions. Bacterial and parasitic diseases are often found in this way also.

While on the subject of blood examinations, it is well to mention blood chemistry. This is important because it tells whether or not certain organs are functioning properly. In this connection, a few of the more common applications are blood sugar, cholesterol, urea, nitrogen and other types of blood chemistry. For example, early detection in any of the above conditions may help to prevent the development of diabetes, hardening of the arteries and kidney disease. It is impossible to mention all the blood chemistry tests but you may be sure they are very helpful in differentiating the normal and abnormal functions. In blood examinations the serology test for venereal disease should not be omitted because it has done much to stamp out this disease.

A urinalysis is a simple, inexpensive and a very necessary test. It is the most common and frequent method used to diagnose diabetes and kidney trouble. A physical examination, no matter how simple, is not complete without a urine examination.

The sputum test, of course, is well known to all. When you realize how tuberculosis has been controlled you can appreciate the importance of this procedure. Likewise, the microscopic examination and staining of all secretions from the respiratory, gastrointestinal and genito-urinary tracts is being done more and more. In this way the presence of disease, including cancer, may be detected.

The X-ray is perhaps in very close competition with the microscope in the evaluation of the benefits from laboratory diagnostic procedures.

The fluoroscope, combined with the use of opaque material (barium) is of inestimable value in the discovery of disease in the human body. This technique gives an early diagnosis of ulcers and cancer in the gastrointestinal tract. Ordinary x-rays are of great importance in the field of orthopedics. What miniature chest X-ray has done to discover early cases of tuberculosis should not be overlooked.

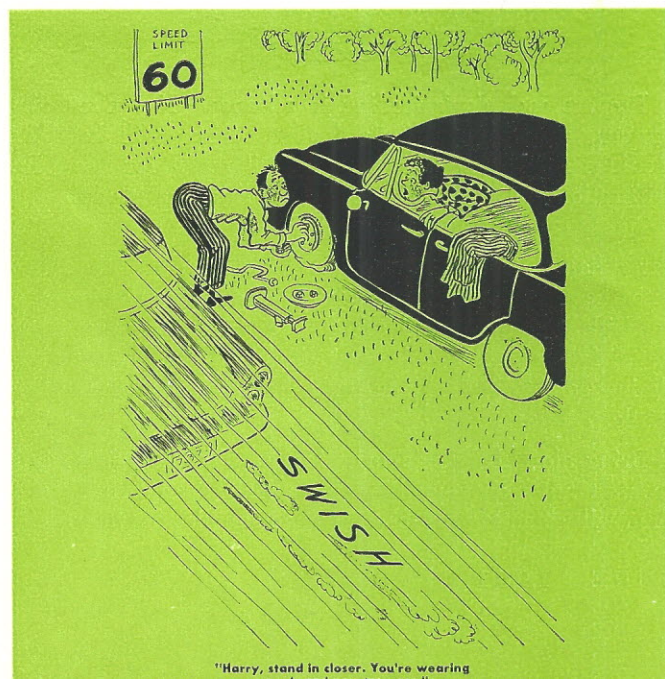
In the specialty of heart disease, the EKG (electrocardiogram) has been a great aid in the diagnosis of certain types of heart trouble. Also in the field of brain disease, tumors and epilepsy, the electroencephalogram gives valuable tracings which are helpful in the diagnosis of these conditions.

Thyroid disease (goiter) is frequently confirmed either by a basal metabolism, protein bound-iodine or radioactive uptake even in the absence of external signs.

The bronchoscope, gastroscope, cystoscope and proctoscope are diagnostic aids in disease of the lungs, stomach, bladder and rectum.

One of the latest laboratory aids is the radioisotope. It has been used successfully in connection with scanning the liver. The finding of liver disease by this method seems to be of some practical value.

In conclusion, let me emphasize that many laboratory tests—but not all—may show early signs of disease. The evidence thus obtained is frequently available before the clinical picture or the symptoms are apparent. As you know, early diagnosis and treatment can save many lives. We can be sure that as medical science advances laboratory procedures will continue to play a very important role.





# Mariner? Railroader? Aviator?

## Be Them All Through Hobbies

AMERICANS ARE the most hobby-happy people in the world, spending over \$400,000,000 annually on leisure time handicrafts, model railroading, boating and aviation!

When Papa worked the six to six shift and Mama spent every waking hour at the stove or sink, there was little time for the family to get together with a hobby. In those days, hobbies were for a select group lucky enough to have "time on their hands."

Today, it's a far different story. Most people have hobby hours to call their own.

Remember the time when the first warm spring day saw the neighborhood boys sloshing around the park pond, chasing pollywogs? Now, a young boy's fancy turns to thoughts of his model schooner skimming across the water. We all can't enjoy the pleasure of a full-sized craft of our own . . . but anyone can be a Sunday afternoon mariner.

Boys and girls and their dad and mother proudly carry a lovingly constructed sailboat or speed boat to the park pond. Racing is the big event of the day. If you've never joined Sunday sailors, you've missed a great time!

In addition to the pleasure they bring, hobbies are learning tools. Take those smoke-blowing, mile-eating, real-as-life model railroads. This is a hobby that has become as dear to dads as to youngsters. It's a hobby that's become a focal point of conversation among folks from business execs to sport stars. And model railroads are a medium for learning of America's most colorful mode of transportation.

Youngsters and oldsters across the country enjoy assembling elaborate rail lines, sending locomotives and cattle cars and milk trains and cabooses careening around sharp living-room turns and climbing home-made mountains.

All the while, the realistic railroads will bring back the days the cross-country line was built . . . the days of *John Henry* and *Casey Jones*.

Why do the switches switch? What makes the locomotives puff smoke? Why does the whistle blow? Ask a model railroader. He'll explain the principles of electricity and construction that his trains have taught him!

But elaborate model railroads are not the only striking things in living-rooms and hobby-happy households. Wall paintings, decorated toleware, mosaic tile tables, ceramic ashtrays, jewelry, basketry, leatherwork, and arresting artificial flower arrangements . . . these are the province of the handicraft hobbyist. The women of the house usually take on handicrafts, and work painstakingly on projects for decorating or gifting. But the men point with pride; "Mom made that herself" . . . "My little daughter dreamed up that arrangement."

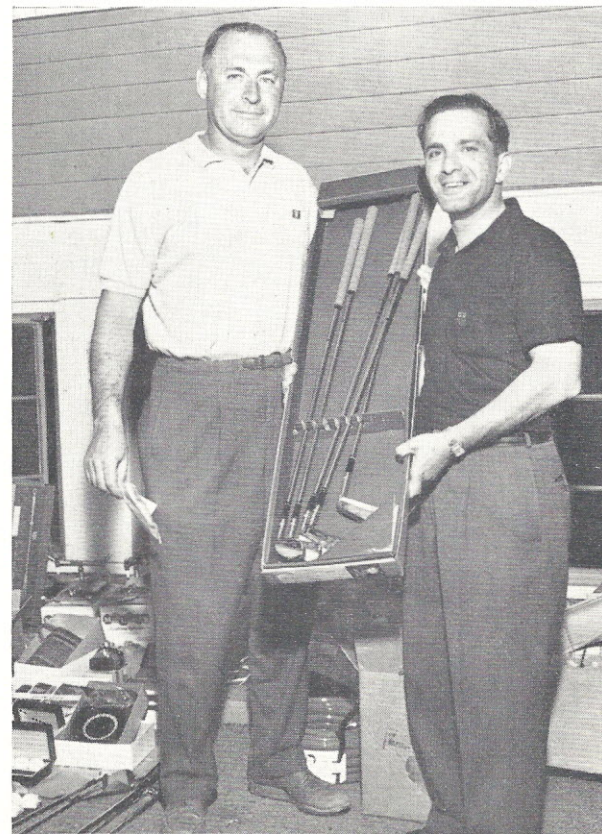
If you've walked into such a household lately and envied your neighbors for each lovely new item in their home, why not take your cue from them? You'll probably discover an interest that will make your leisure hours happy hours for a long time to come.

Of course, the happiest hobbyist is the one who uses his zeal in a variety of ways. Young boys have an overwhelming abundance of energy and between railroading and sailing, they'll probably find lots of time for model aviation.

When a youngster first listens with eyes wide to the story of Peter Pan, the desire to fly in the sky grows within him. Model airplanes are the next best thing to glitter dust. A wholesome pastime and one that gets youngsters outdoors, model flying also teaches the fundamentals of aviation.

What's your hobby? Keep in step with leisure time in America—the most hobby-happy land in the world!

ON ONE of the few warm days of Chicago's spring this year a group from CTA's general offices took their golf clubs out of winter storage and journeyed out to White Pines Country Club for their annual spring tournament. The date was Saturday, May 13, and there were some 35 who teed off for the event. Just before play began and the players organized into foursomes, they lined up for this photo with *Vince Donohue*, traffic engineering, demonstrating the form for a long drive shot. In the picture at the right, when it was all over, the happy winner of the low net score, *Dan Martorelli*, Claims, received his prize of a set of matched clubs from *Harold F. Brown*, supervisor of methods and procedures, who was co-chairman of the committee in charge with Donohue.





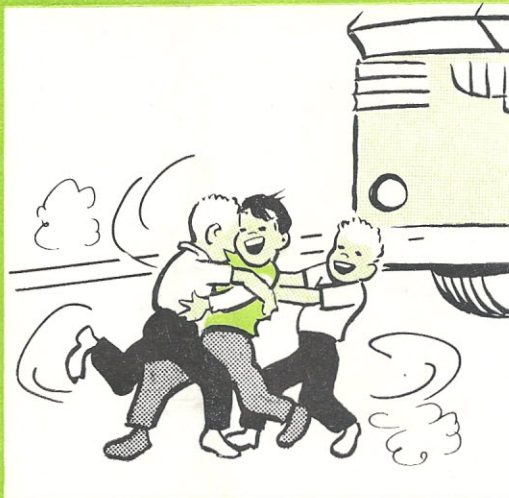
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