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THE POPULARITY of CTA's Park-"N"-Ride facilities at rapid transit terminals is shown in this overall photo of the lot at Desplaines avenue, at the western end of the Congress street route. This parking area has free parking spaces for 375 automobiles and on weekdays always is filled to capacity as car-owners residing in the west suburban communities seeking to avoid the heavy rush-hour traffic to and from the Loop,

leave their cars at the parking lot and use the fast service provided by the Congress branch to their downtown destinations. An auxiliary pay-lot nearby accommodates an additional 67 autos. Other Park-"N"-Ride facilities at Kimball avenue on the Ravenswood route, 54th avenue on the Douglas route, Linden avenue on the Evanston route in Wilmette, and Laverne avenue on the Congress route.

LAKE TRACK ELEVATION PROJECT GETS UNDER WAY

LAKE STREET trains recently began operating eastbound over tracks placed on a temporary trestle in Lake street west of Laramie avenue as a preliminary step in the project to connect CTA's elevated tracks to a new right-of-way on the North Western Railway embankment.

The trestle, extending 420 feet between Laramie and Lockwood avenues, was erected over almost half of Lake street to the south of the present elevated structure. CTA trains will operate over the trestle and tracks while work on a permanent bridge begins to the north.

The first step was the pouring of concrete pads on which the wooden trestle rests. The permanent track structure will

be a retaining wall and fill for about 150 feet and steel structure for about 230 feet.

When completed, CTA trains will run in a right-of-way on the south side of the embankment, while the railroad uses the north part of the right-of-way, including a new third track being installed in the center of the elevation.

Elevated rapid transit stations with street-level entrances are to be constructed at Central-Parkside, Austin-Mason, Oak Park-Euclid and at Harlem avenue. Plans also call for a single entrance station at Ridgeland avenue in Oak Park.

The cover photo shows an eastbound train clearing the trestle as it approaches the Laramie avenue station.

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RECENT CTA ADDITION TO THE ARMED FORCES

Stephen J. Rigney, "B" Helper, Electrical Department.

RECENTLY RETURNED

Henry D. Martin, Bus Operator, North Park.

Television is a truly remarkable invention. The same set that puts you and your wife to sleep keeps the neighbors awake.



Harold S. Anthon

H. S. Anthon Named to New Engineering Post

ANNOUNCEMENT WAS made recently of the appointment of *Harold S. Anthon*, to the post of superintendent of construction and maintenance, effective July 30.

Mr. Anthon, who has been engineer of buildings and structures since 1950, will be in charge of both the buildings and structures and the way and structures divisions in his new position. As head of the way and structures division, he succeeds *Charles R. Potter*, who is taking a leave of absence to accept engineering assignments with the National Capital Transportation Agency in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Anthon joined CTA in 1948 as assistant engineer of buildings and structures. He came to CTA from the

California Institute of Technology where he received his master of science degree in civil engineering and was a graduate teaching assistant in civil engineering.

From 1940 to 1946, he served in the armed forces, during which time he attended the University of Chicago Institute of Meteorology and the U. S. Air Force Flying school. In the U. S. Air Force, he held the rank of major. Prior to his service career, he was graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

Mr. Anthon is active in national transit affairs as chairman of the plant and engineering division of the American Transit Association.

Fare Structure Revised: 5c Transfer Charge

A FARE structure revision for CTA riders went into effect July 23 at the direction of Chicago Transit Board.

Under the new regulations a charge of five cents for a transfer was established, payable at the point of trip origin when the 25c basic fare is collected.

The transfer charge applies to adult, child and student riders who interchange between buses, or between bus and rapid transit in accordance with transfer regulations. There is no additional charge for transferring as often as required to complete a continuing one way trip.

A leaflet distributed to CTA patrons at the time the revised fare structure

went into effect gave the full details of the new rates.

Briefly summarized, these are the important points of the new rate schedule:

The basic adult cash fare of 25c (Middle Zone) which has been in effect since July 4, 1957, is unchanged.

The basic adult intra-zone fare in the North and West Zones remains unchanged. However, there is an additional charge of 5c for travel between Skokie and Evanston because a transfer is required. For Westchester, Bellwood, Maywood and Skokie passengers traveling inter-zone there is an additional charge of 5c because a transfer is necessary to complete a trip to or into the Middle

Zone (East of Desplaines Avenue, Forest Park, and south of Howard Street).

Child and Student Fare Reduced

Reduced to 12c cash from 15c or 12½c token, is the basic child and/or student fare (Middle Zone). The child rate applies to a child 7 through 11 years of age. The student rate applies to a full-time student, 12 to 20 years of age, in daytime attendance at a public, parochial or private elementary or high school for travel between home and school only.

\$1.00 Student Identification Card

A student identification card, costing \$1.00 per semester, is required to obtain the student rate.

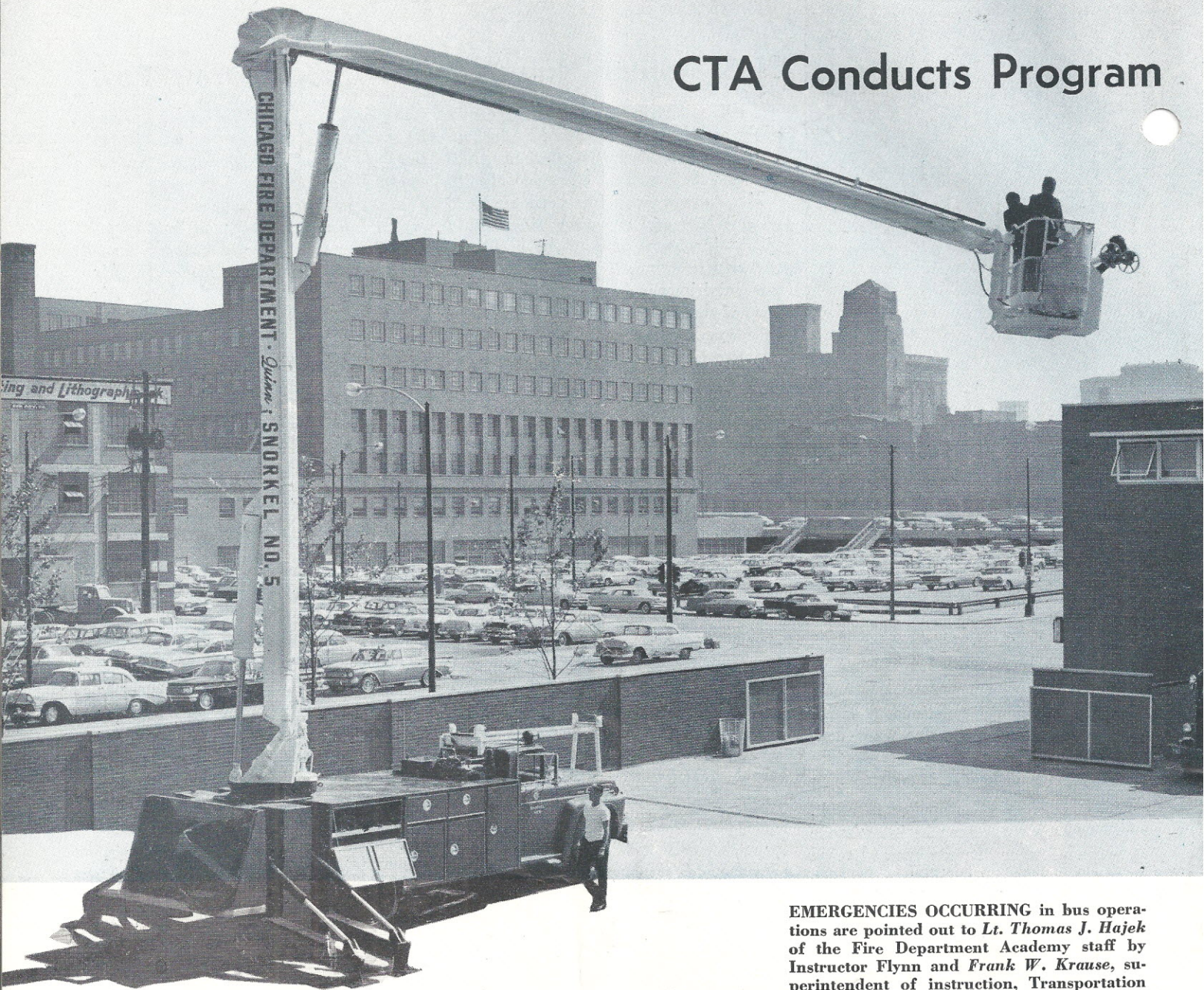
IN CONNECTION with the revision of the fare structure, *CTA General Manager Walter J. McCarter* addressed the following letter to all operating employees:

"The recent fare adjustment was necessary to offset the deficit in the CTA depreciation fund. CTA is obligated by law to charge rates of fare sufficient to pay all of its costs. Several attempts have been made recently to secure financial assistance from sources other than our riders. To date, these attempts have been unsuccessful. There was no alternative to a fare adjustment.

"Any adjustment creates problems for the riding public and for you. The increased cost of riding and the necessary changes in procedures irritate many of our riders and the job of maintaining good passenger relations becomes more difficult.

"I appreciate the outstanding job you are doing to minimize the irritation and confusion of this fare adjustment. Your patience and courtesy, which have been a source of pride and satisfaction to me, have also been recognized by our riders. We need their continued satisfaction and support. Let's continue to give them the safe, courteous and efficient service they expect and deserve."

CTA Conducts Program



A SPECTACULAR new addition to the city's fire-fighting equipment in recent years is the snorkel. A test of one of these units in the Academy drill yard provided this picture.



IN ANOTHER demonstration, Instructor Flynn explains the operation of a subway emergency alarm box to, left to right, Lt. Joseph L. Mullaney, Chief William Kappel and Chief Frank Rauscher of the Chicago Fire Department.

EMERGENCIES OCCURRING in bus operations are pointed out to Lt. Thomas J. Hajek of the Fire Department Academy staff by Instructor Flynn and Frank W. Krause, superintendent of instruction, Transportation Department.



For City Firemen

MEMBERS of the Chicago Fire Department officer personnel are receiving an indoctrination course in CTA emergency procedures in a program designed to acquaint city firemen with CTA's methods for handling service emergencies.

The purpose of the program is to promote better understanding between the Fire Department and CTA so that whenever emergencies occur requiring collaborative action, efforts will be more closely coordinated.

The course comprises a series of two-hour sessions being held every Wednesday morning at the new Fire Department Academy, 558 W. De Koven street. Some 1,100 officers will complete the lecture course under a schedule which runs well into next fall. Some 25 to 40 officers attend each of the weekly sessions.

The CTA instructor in his discussion covers a wide range of subjects pertinent to the 'round-the-clock vigilance maintained by CTA emergency services. These include the activities of the operations control office, power supervisors, line supervisors, emergency crews and equipment, fire training for personnel and other phases of the system-wide emergency organization.

Procedures for fighting fires on both the rapid transit and surface systems are outlined for the officer groups. Locations of fire hydrants, extinguishers, hoses and similar protective equipment are described, and precautionary safety measures to be taken when hazards,

such as the third rail and other electrical installations are involved were emphasized.

The officers attending the sessions are assured of full cooperation of CTA personnel in all instances in which CTA property is endangered and are urged to use CTA fire-fighting facilities and resources to whatever extent necessary in line of duty. It is pointed out that CTA's two-way radio communications system, which is directly connected with both Fire Department and Police Department systems, is one of the most valuable transmission mediums in securing quick action in emergencies.

Officers who have attended the sessions held thus far have displayed extreme interest in the program and have asked many questions relating to the subjects being discussed.

Material used in the Fire Department program was developed by the Training and Accident Prevention Department and was presented under the direction of the Transportation Department. *Instructor John Flynn* was specifically assigned to conduct the weekly sessions.

In a similar program to acquaint CTA personnel who may be sent to the scene of an emergency in the subway, a series of subway tours was conducted recently. The groups included rapid transit station superintendents and district supervisors, central district surface supervisors, line supervisors, radiotelephone operators, superintendents of agents and porters and CTA police.

SOME 1,100 high-ranking Fire Department officers, consisting of battalion chiefs, captains and lieutenants, are taking part in the weekly sessions to discuss handling of emergencies. Each group numbers from 25 to 40 members. In this photo, CTA Instructor John Flynn is discussing a flip-chart diagram as part of the visual demonstration.



CHICAGO'S NEW Fire Department Academy was built on the site once occupied by the old *O'Leary* home, where the family cow allegedly sparked the great conflagration of 1871 by kicking over a lamp. This building on De Koven street now houses the most modern and complete training center for fire-fighting personnel in the nation.

New Transportation Department Appointments

SEVERAL APPOINTMENTS and assignments affecting Transportation Department supervisory personnel were announced effective July 30. These follow:

J. J. O'Connor, appointed station superintendent, Beverly; *T. F. Screen*, assigned station superintendent, 69th street; *J. J. O'Connor*, assigned assistant station superintendent, 52nd street, and *J. S. Farris*, assigned assistant station superintendent, Beverly.

District appointments and assignments announced were: *E. R. O'Connell*, appointed assistant district superintendent, District "B"; *M. L. VanHal*, appointed relief district superintendent, Districts "C"- "D"; *Joseph Coleman*, appointed district supervisor, District "B," and *J. A. Kelly*, assigned district superintendent, District "A."

Bulletins announcing the appointments were signed by *D. M. Flynn*, superintendent of transportation, and *T. B. O'Connor*, general superintendent of transportation and shops and equipment, and were approved by *General Manager W. J. McCarter*.



PRESENTATION OF Interstation Safety Contest awards for the second quarter of the year were made early in August at the two winning stations. In the above picture, T. B. O'Connor (right) general superintendent of transportation and shops and equipment, hands the plaque to W. G. Murbach, assistant superintendent at Desplaines station, which established the best rate on the rapid transit system with a 37 per cent improvement over its average rate for the second quarters of the three previous years. In the picture at the right, R. J. Bailey, superintendent at Forest Glen station, receives the surface system quarterly award symbol from David M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation. Forest Glen was in first place in the contest during all three months of the second quarter because of a 47 per cent improvement in their current traffic accident frequency rate and a 24 per cent improvement in their current passenger accident frequency rate as compared with the same period during the past three years.

ISC Winners For Second Quarter

RESTING AT the top of the Totem Pole in their respective classifications in the Interstation Safety Contest for the second quarter of the year are Desplaines on the rapid transit system and Forest Glen on the surface system.

They won the honorary position by contributing most to CTA's continuing campaign against traffic and passenger accidents during the April through June period of competition.

The awards pointed up the fact that CTA's public accident record for the first six months of 1961 was better than for the same period in 1960 . . . and 1960 was a record-breaking year



Complete Signalling of Congress Route

ANOTHER IMPORTANT safety improvement was completed recently when CTA's Congress-Milwaukee branch of the West-Northwest "L"-subway route became the first line on the rapid transit system to be equipped and operating with a complete block signal and automatic brake trip system for its entire length.

The final section of the Congress-Milwaukee branch to be equipped with the modern protective system is at the west end of the line, extending from Laramie avenue, Chicago, to Desplaines avenue, Forest Park, a distance of about three and one-half miles in the depressed strip of the Congress expressway.

The Congress-Milwaukee line operates a distance of 15.41 miles between terminals at Desplaines avenue, Forest Park, and Logan Square, Chicago, via the West Side subway in the median strip of the Congress Expressway, the Dearborn street-Milwaukee avenue subway through the Loop and the Milwaukee branch elevated.

The first modern signalling and safety facilities on this line were an integral part of the Dearborn-Milwaukee sub-

way which began operating in February, 1951, from a point near Damen and Milwaukee avenues southeastward under Milwaukee to Lake street, east under Lake to Dearborn, south to Congress and west under Congress to a downtown terminal at LaSalle street.

Between Laramie avenue and the Loop, in the West Side subway, block signal and automatic train control facilities have been operating since October, 1958, four months after opening of the West Side subway. Installation of similar equipment between Logan Square terminal and Damen avenue on the Milwaukee branch of the West-Northwest "L"-Subway route was finished in November, 1960, completing the section from Logan Square to the Loop.

The overall cost of this signalling on the west end of the line amounted to \$888,492. This was shared by Cook County and the State of Illinois, with the latter being reimbursed \$185,029 by the Federal Government. Cook County was responsible for the section between Laramie and Austin, and the State the section between Austin and Desplaines, Forest Park.

"Litter-Getter"

NEW CLEAN-UP AID

"TIDY," A LITTER-GETTER, is now working for CTA.

To clarify: "Tidy" is a portable, engine-powered vacuum-type suction unit being used to clean up debris on the right-of-way adjacent to station platforms on rapid transit routes.

This cleaner really does a job, too, sucking up paper, rags, small objects, wood chips, even empty cans and bottles, and other items which litter the tracks. It not only draws them up through a long, tunnel-like hose attachment but it also grinds them up into bits and deposits them into litter bags for disposal elsewhere.

The unit consists of a four-cylinder, air-cooled gasoline engine mounted on a welded steel base. The whole mechanical ensemble is housed on a single unit equipped with rubber-tired wheels and can be pulled by hand from place to place along the station platform by means of a heavy duty tow bar.

The suction base, which is ten inches in diameter, is coupled to the power unit when in use and uncoupled when necessary for shipment to other locations on the system.

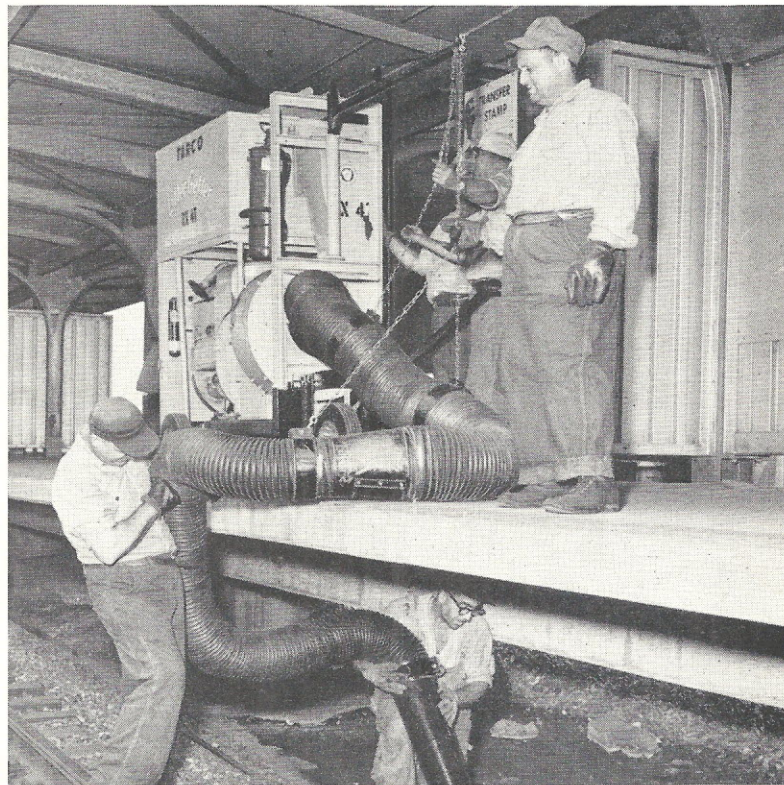
The litter receiver consists of a metal compartment mounted directly over the engine. It has hinged and sealed doors to enable the operator to install or remove new or full litter bags.

A crew of four trackmen operate the litter-getter—two handling the bulky suction-hose at a time. Under-platform areas as well as tracks are given the vacuum treatment.

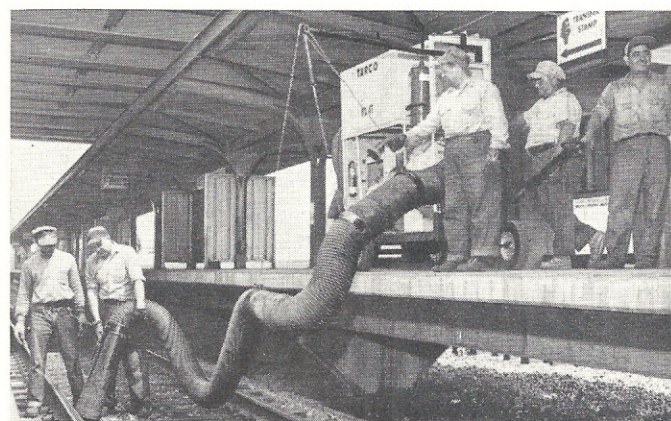
The unit itself is seven-feet, six inches long, has an over-all width of 40 inches, and an over all height of 78 inches. It weighs approximately 1,800 pounds.

The entire unit, when moving from location to location, is loaded on a flat car attached to a work train. On arrival at the designated station, the litter-getter is unloaded at the platform. As the job is completed at each station, the unit is again moved by flat car to the next location.

The same type of cleaner is used for litter collection by other railroads, industrial warehouses, loading docks, yards and similar installations. It is a product of Tarrant Manufacturing Company, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.



FLEXIBILITY IS a feature of the vacuum-type unit. Here it is being applied to under-platform areas to pick up any litter which may have lodged there.



CTA TRACKMEN track down every bit of litter which accumulates on the right-of-way adjacent to subway stations with the new litter-getting unit. The suction hose is lifted to the platform to provide clearance whenever trains pass through the station.



PARTIALLY DISASSEMBLED, the unit is moved from station to station on a flat car pulled by a work train. The suction hose has been detached and workmen are fastening down the steel case securely with ropes and wheel chocks.

OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

THE FOLLOWING letter recently appeared in the Chicago Daily Tribune:

"During my stay in Chicago, as a visitor from England, I have traveled extensively by CTA. In reply to occasional criticisms of the CTA in your paper, may I say that I think the service is an extremely efficient one, particularly as regards frequency.

"Criticism has concerned high fares and the unmannerliness of some drivers as well as the frequency of buses. By your standards, bus fares in England are probably low. But they are subsidized by the local authority to which they belong. In addition, there is no transfer system at all; if you travel on two buses in the course of a journey, you pay two separate fares. Finally, an American may earn three times as much as his English counterpart, and this makes your fares seem low.

"Personally, I have encountered un-failing courtesy from CTA drivers. Drivers who have noticed me trying to catch the bus have waited for me. I have no ax to grind and am in no way connected with the transport business in England; but in the face of criticism of the CTA, I felt it my duty to acquaint you with my views on the subject."

MANY LETTERS of commendation are written by our patrons, who appreciated the kind of service they received. Reprinted here are a couple of letters recently received citing examples of how our employees have made friends for CTA:

"I feel good this morning. I just alighted from a Sheridan road bus that was driven by Operator Number 11886 (*Leroy J. Carr*, North Park). I was delightfully surprised with a pleasant 'good morning' greeting as I boarded the bus. After I sat down, I watched this driver as he greeted every person who got on with the same cheerful phrase. He certainly has a bright personality. You might even say it's contagious because everyone became so very friendly after his greeting. Of course, it also should be known that he



Leroy J. Carr

is a very competent bus operator and most concise in giving patrons helpful information."



Michael O'Neal

"The people of Chicago should appreciate CTA and its bus drivers. We seem to give them no consideration at all. These fellows have a real job on their hands, and I would like to compliment all of them.

"However, there is one operator with whom I rode this morning that I feel deserves particular attention. His badge number is 1320 (*Michael O'Neal*, 52nd Street). I boarded his bus and asked how I could get to the Michael Reese hospital. Not only was he very helpful

and courteous, but made me feel free to ask directions about other places that I would like to travel to. I am not the only person who asked questions. Several other persons also asked for information and received the same exactness and courtesy."

OFTENTIMES A patron writes to express a dissatisfaction, not with CTA service in general, but with a particular CTA employee, who, the patron believed, was not performing his duties in a conscientious manner. Reprinted here is a recently received letter that exemplifies why a patron may have such feelings:

"I boarded a Roosevelt road bus, paid for a transfer and rode as far as Halsted street. When I alighted, I immediately boarded a northbound Halsted bus. The driver, who obviously was mad at the world, took the transfer, looked at it and handed it back to me saying it was no good. Naturally, I asked him why and, rather than answer my question, he told me to pay another fare or get off the bus. I paid the fare, but up to this point I still didn't know why my transfer was not accepted."

COMMENT: Fortunately, the patron telephoned CTA and was advised to send the transfer and letter to the Service Section, through which the patron learned that the operator who issued the transfer mispunched the time. The patron's fare was refunded. However, the belligerent attitude of the second operator was not justified. This fact was noted in his personal record. The first operator was instructed to be more careful in the future.

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

	July 1961	June 1961	July 1960
Complaints	1,365	886	767
Commendations	112	154	84

THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY



40-YEAR EMPLOYES RECENTLY RETIRED

Nicholas J. Dop, operator, Beverly, August 1, 42 years.

J. F. Werner, checker, Schedule-Traffic, August 1, 40 years.

Henry Workman, operator, 77th Street, August 1, 44 years.

Alois Sikora, motorman, North Section, August 1, 42 years.

Severt Hanson, operator, Forest Glen, August 1, 42 years.

Edward J. Henry, janitor, 77th Street, August 1, 41 years.

Speaking Of Too Close For Comfort

ACCOUNTING — (*Real Estate*) — George J. Seiler, supervisor, and his wife drove to Kenora, Ontario, where they spent a week at a fishing camp. They reported good fishing and hot, dry weather. However, within 60 miles of the camp was an area of forest fires and one evening the bay was completely covered with smoke because of the north wind.

Assistant Supervisor William T. Roser's son, Thomas, who formerly worked in Accounting, was honorably discharged from the U. S. Army on July 7.

(*M and S*)—Helen Franson attended her high school class reunion at Port Wing, Wisconsin, during her vacation. She also visited with friends and relatives in Duluth, Minnesota, and Bayfield, Wisconsin.

New Faces

(*General*) — Ronald Gancarczyk transferred to Stores, and Jerry Dalton replaced him. Charles Vrba, a new clerk, replaced Jerry.

(*Revenue*)—Dolores Hurley was married to John Halpin on July 8 at St. Peters church. She had been given a lovely pre-nuptial party by nine of her friends and associates at George Diamond's restaurant.

Marge Garrity, her mother, and a sister drove to Miami and Daytona Beach, Florida.

Rita Deakin and her mother enjoyed a week-end trip to Nauvoo, Illinois, and Hannibal, Missouri. They went through the Mark Twain Cave and saw the Mark Twain home and museum.

(*IBM*)—Through the fine coaching of Emil Rusinak, the Mart Motors Baseball team had attained a record of five wins and three losses, as we went to press.

Kay McAlister vacationed in Wisconsin and reported she enjoyed it to the utmost.

Florence Parrott and her family drove to Kansas city and toured in and around the beautiful countryside at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Rod Heffernan and his family drove to Bemidji, Minnesota, where they enjoyed fishing and sightseeing.

(*Budget*) — W. S. Comstock, budget director, made his annual trek to the north woods of Wisconsin, where he enjoyed fishing, swimming and relaxation.

(*Payroll*) — Charles Krug, who formerly worked for Art Johnson and transferred to Skokie Shops, passed away on June 28.

MARIE E. HAVLIK and
EILEEN NEURAUTER

This Hollywood Has Sand and Sunshine

BEVERLY—Operator John Buergermeir and his wife, Ethel, spent their vacation in Hollywood, Florida, where they enjoyed basking in the sun.

Operator George Strupe, who took the entire month of July for his vacation, retired on pension August 1.

Operator Roy Anderson also chose the month of July for his vacation. He and his wife, Dorothy, enjoyed a relaxing time at Devil's lake, Wisconsin.

Operator Clyde Eaton and his wife, Eva, vacationed at Little Falls, New York, where they participated in the Sesquicentennial celebration.

Operator Willard Beaman and his wife, Marguerite, vacationed in Virginia and West Virginia, via the skyline drive. Enroute home, they traveled to Dayton, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Indiana, and were accompanied by their daughter, Sheldy, and granddaughter, Sharon.

Operator Art Neff recently was married to Lualla Steitzer at the Calvary Evangelical United Brethren church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The honeymooners traveled to the Black Hills of South Dakota and then went on to Duluth, Minnesota.

Operator Virgil Trimmer is recovering nicely from bursitis in his left hip.

Operator Ed Lagerstrom's parents, who reside in Long Lake, Illinois, recently celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary.

Operator Fred Hagen's son, Fred, Jr., was married to Jean Rutz at the Goltha Lutheran church.

Boardmember Peter Flaherty's sister-in-law, Helen Heck, recently passed away.

Operator Bill Alyea and his wife, Carol, and their two daughters, Lori and Jeanine, recently made a trip to Crown Point, Indiana.

Operator Ed Maloney and his wife, Clara, went to Upper Conover, Wisconsin, for two weeks of fishing.

Operator Roy Anderson's daughter, Virginia, was graduated from Morgan Park high school. Virginia will attend Northern State college in the fall, where she plans to prepare for teaching.

Operator Frank Romburg and his wife, Loretta, recently spent a few days at a cottage in Indiana.

Supervisor Martin Durkin and his wife, Mary, celebrated 25 years of marriage on August 15. Mary was confined in Mercy hospital, but now is in a convalescent home.

Operator Leo Simmons, who also is a preacher, and his wife, Sara, traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, for a revival meeting.

ATTEND CONGRESS



COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, was the location for the recent 34th Congress of the International Union of Public Transport. Attending the congress were **Ralph F. Gross**, (right) transit and traffic engineer, Chicago City Council, Committee on Local Transportation, and (left) **James Northcutt**, CTA graduate trainee, Comptroller's office.

Operator George Kristoff and his wife spent their vacation in and around the midwest area.

Operator Harold Bradshaw and his wife, **Mary**, spent two weeks in Tucson, Arizona.

Operator John McMullen and his wife, **Florence**, spent their vacation at Colorado Springs.

Operator Frank Black and his wife, **Ruth**, will attend their 35th school reunion in Paris, Illinois.

Operator Bernie Zesch and his wife, **Frances**, spent their vacation at Lake Alice in Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

Supervisor Mike Stenson, former operator, has been in the Orthopedic clinic for two weeks, and reports he is feeling better.

Double the Work

Clerk Bill Murphy spent his vacation scraping paint off his house. He put on two coats of paint recently and it started to peel.

Operator Joe King and his wife, **Sophie**, and their two daughters, **Susan** and **Linda**, vacationed in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Operator Clovis Bailey and his wife, **Rosalie**, spent two weeks in Atlanta, Georgia, visiting with his parents.

Operator Walter O'Connor, his wife, **Kathleen**, and a brother, **Jim**, spent a week at the Wisconsin Dells.

Operator Kenneth Rice, of 77th, soon will become a repairman.

Operator John Lerner and his wife, **Elda**, and their daughter, **Velia**, presently are touring the state of Colorado.

Operator Joe Coleman presently is confined to St. George hospital.

Operator Leon Jones is back on the job after recuperating from an extended illness.

Operator Nick Dop retired on pension August 1.

Anniversaries

Wedding anniversaries being celebrated this month are: **Operator Alfred Howard** and his wife, **Vivian**, their 15th on August 1; **Operator Joe** and **Margaret Koch**, their 31st on August 2; **Operator George** and **Rosemary Hamper**, their 15th on August 3; **Operator Frank** and **Helen Chard**, their 28th on August 3; **Supervisor Leonard** and **Alice Brezek**, their 22nd on August 11; **Operator George** and **Grace Kristoff**, their 20th on August 12; **Supervisor Martin** and **Mary Durkin**, their 25th on August 15; **Operator John** and **Florence McMullen**, their 28th on August 17; **Operator Ray** and **Delores Tonn**, their 37th on August 20; **Operator Frank** and **Loretta Rhomberg**, their 23rd on August 20; **Operator Frank** and **Ruth Black**, their 33rd on August 21; **Operator Roy** and **Dorothy Anderson**, their 23rd on August 24; **Instructor Joe** and **Gertrude Carney**, their 33rd on August 24; **Instructor Jesse** and **June Rodriguez**, their 17th on August 25, and **Operator Robert** and **Irma Lavin**, their 21st on August 31.

—WALTER C. STONE

Vacationers Enjoy Trip Abroad

CLAIMS—**Jeanne Ludmann** and her husband, **Oscar**, presently are enjoying a vacation abroad in France.

Court Assistants John Davis, **John DuPere** and **Hank Stretch** are working in the office during the summer.

John Williams, supervisor of adjusters, sadly reported the death of his father.

Tom Dunn, vault clerk, had a sad vacation . . . first he had an infection in his ear and then his motorcycle was stolen.

Bing Apitz, vault clerk, recently announced the birth of his first daughter, **Marjorie**.

Inside Adjuster Elmer Schieble's mother, who recently underwent surgery for a fractured hip, is recuperating at home.

Edward Weingartner, **Edward O'Connell**, **Norman Whitley**, **Leo Treff**, **Leon Berry**, **Frank McDermott**, **Art Phillips**, **Joe Lubway**, **Mark Gier**, **Mary Traxler**, **Jim Hickey**, **Ben Tausch**, **Mary Ann Josephson**, **Elmer Schieble**, **Al Giddins**, **Jim McVea**, **Vern Thornton**, **Tony Scardina**, **Ron Kramer**, **Carl Midland**, **Frank Lefebvre**, **Ed Co-man**, **Fred Martin**, **Harold Spitz**, **Gerard McSwain** and **Arnold Olson** all reported they had wonderful vacations traveling throughout the good old United States.

—FRANK SEPANSKI

New Pensioner Receives Wristwatch

ELECTRICAL — **Harvey H. Weber**, chief operator, State substation, who retired on pension July 1, was presented with a wristwatch from his co-workers. He and his wife, **Grace**, are planning to live in Florida.

Herbert Storey, "B" foreman, and his wife, **Lillian**, traveled to Dawson Creek, British Columbia, Mile Zero of the Alaska Hiway. They reported that they had an interesting trip.

Heinrich Laurich, laborer, suffered the loss of his mother on July 16.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

Operator Joins Married Ranks

FOREST GLEN—Wedding bells rang out recently for **Operator John Stevens** and **Andrea Solomon**.

Operator John Kernan and his family enjoyed a June vacation in the Catskill mountains in New York state.

Valerie Ann is the name of the latest addition to the **Gertz** household.

Operator Walter Mie'a suffered the loss of his wife on June 30.

Operator Bruno Bonk passed away on June 27.

Operator Willard Rankin died on July 11, and **Operator Joseph Origer** passed away on July 12.

—EARL W. McLAUGHLIN

California, Via Desert Heat

GENERAL OFFICE—(*Transportation*) —**Line Supervisor Edgar Ferguson** recently traveled to San Diego, California, to visit with his sister, **Mrs. W. Gallagher**, who recently moved out there. His trip also included a trip to Mexico. **Fergie** reports that the trip was wonderful, except when the temperature reached 128 degrees while crossing the desert.

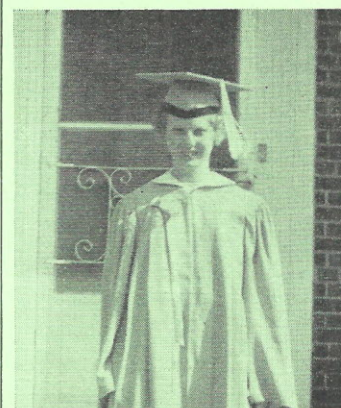
Radio Dispatcher Frank Adams and his wife, **Avis**, vacationed in Montgomery, Alabama, where they visited with their son, **Lieutenant Robert**, and his wife. **Robert** is stationed at the Maxwell Air Force Base Officers' Training school.

(*Insurance*) — **Mary Flanagan**, brown as a berry, and her mother returned from a recent automobile trip to California, where they visited friends and enjoyed west coast surroundings.

Marge O'Connell was presented with a Sunbeam hand mixer and an orchid corsage from her co-workers as a wedding gift. She promptly sent a thank you note, written with a Parker Jotter pen, which **Marge** received from the Employees' Suggestion Plan for submitting an acceptable suggestion.

Carol Schmidt recently received her driver's license and a 1960 Impala hard-top both within the same week.

GRADUATE



GRADUATING WITH honors from St. Simeon grammar school, Bellwood, was **Patricia Margaret Hayes**, daughter of **Operator John Hayes**, **Kedzie**. **Pat** will attend Immaculate Heart of Mary high school in Westchester.

Reported by **C. P. Starr**

Marguerite Kuper is busily landscaping her home. She's in need of some plants and flowers, so any donations will gladly be accepted.

(Public Information)—Pat Freitag was married to Ron Sabor on July 22. Among Pat's co-workers who enjoyed a wedding reception at Club Marovia were: Pat McStay and his wife; Karen Nullmeyer; Bob Heinlein and his wife; Jack Harrington; Bill Baxa; Mary Stomner; Richard Koprowski; Kay Killeen and Ellen Miller. The honeymooners enjoyed a motor trip to South Carolina and Daytona Beach, Florida.

Unfortunately, Rose Marie Costello and her husband, Sam, were involved in an auto accident while enroute to the Sabors' reception.

(Treasury)—Esther Lassen, who retired on pension August 1, suffered the loss of her mother, Josephine Knudson, who died on July 20.

—JULIE PRINDERVILLE

Surprised Guests Receive Gift

GENERAL OFFICE — (Employment)—During the wedding reception of Geri Howe, Job Classification, and Donald Deering, who were married on July 8, personnel from Employment surprised Art Stahl, superintendent, and his wife, Audrey, with an anniversary gift. The Stahls celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 11.

Ed Bole and his family enjoyed a fishing vacation at Minocqua, Wisconsin.

Marianne Walsh's vacation was spent touring the east coast and visiting points of interest in Canada with friends.

Retired Superintendent Dies After An Extended Illness

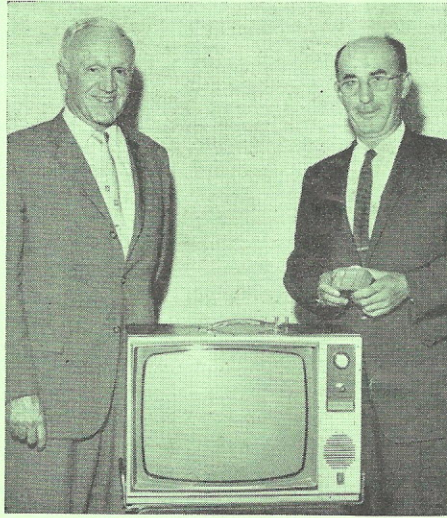
FUNERAL SERVICES for Fred Joseph Sirr, 74, retired district superintendent of North-South rapid transit operations, were held on July 22. Interment was at Town of Maine cemetery, Park Ridge.

Mr. Sirr died on July 17 at Harrison, Arkansas, after an extended illness.

He started his transit career with the former Chicago Rapid Transit company as an extra guard on December 2, 1908. He became a motorman on January 19, 1911, and then trainmaster on October 1, 1937. He was promoted to superintendent of rapid transit North section on November 1, 1945, and served in that capacity until June 24, 1951, when he was appointed district superintendent of North-South rapid transit operation, the post he held when he retired on May 1, 1952.

Mr. Sirr is survived by his wife, Rose Ruger Sirr, a son, Fred J., Jr., of Santa Clara, California, and a stepson, Robert B. Ruger, of Detroit, Michigan.

LUNCHEON FOR SUPERINTENDENT



DURING A recent farewell luncheon at the Como Inn, (left) Superintendent C. R. Potter, Way and Structures, who took a leave of absence from CTA to accept engineering assignments with the National Capital Transportation Agency, was presented with a portable television set. Making the presentation is John L. Ruzich, superintendent of construction.

Joan Solomon and Geraldine Arini recently joined our staff.

(Training and Accident Prevention)—Co-workers were shocked by the sudden death of Henry (Hank) Boldt, statistical clerk, on July 19. Hank put in a full day at the office and went home, where, late in the evening, he suffered a fatal heart attack.

Hank, who started his transit career as a conductor at the Chicago Surface Lines' Limits station 27 years ago, is survived by his wife, Selma, a son, Brent, and a married daughter, Lois Northern.

(Specifications) — Jack Larkin and his family enjoyed their vacation at Orlando and St. Augustine, Florida.

Lee De Sutter spent her vacation out west, visiting Las Vegas, or, as Lee calls it, "lost wages." She also visited Hollywood, California,

where she called on former CTAs, John and Helen Burgman, and their two children.

Sandy Pfund vacationed at her folks' summer home in Momence, Illinois.

(Job Classification) — Our new employe is Paul Sundblad, whose father is Operator Charles Sundblad, Beverly.

Fran Knautz, superintendent, attended and participated in the 1961 Shriners' Convention in Miami Beach, Florida, as a member of the Medinah Temple's Million Dollar Brass Band. Fran and his family resided in a penthouse apartment at the Fountainbleau hotel.

After leaving Miami, the Knautz family leisurely motored up the west coast of Florida, and along the Gulf of Mexico, where they visited such historic spots as New Orleans, the Civil War battleground of Vicksburg, Hot Springs and other cities along the way.

—MARY E. CLARKE

Operator's Daughter Walks Bridal Path

KEDZIE—Sally Monteleone, daughter of Operator and Dorothy Monteleone, recently was married to Kenneth Nelson, of Randolph, Massachusetts, at Mary Queen of Angels church, Chicago. A reception was held at the bride's home.

Operator Michael Lew was married on July 8.

Brother Robert Steven Fiorita, son of Assistant Shop Foreman Joseph Fiorita, now is teaching summer school at De LaSalle high

school. Brother Robert entered the Christian Brothers' novitiate three years ago. After the summer class he will return to St. Mary's college in Winona, Minnesota, to complete his fourth year of college for his B.A. degree.

—C. P. STARR

Four Marines In One Family

LIMITS—Roy C. Meyer, former supervisor, now working at La Salle street, was presented with a fine Father's Day gift when his son, Roy, Jr., received his masters degree in Science from Northwestern university. A younger son, Fred, is in his third year at North Park college and Donald, the middle son, is with the Evanston Police department.

Roy, Sr., a veteran of thirty four months in the South Pacific, had all three of his sons serve enlistments in the Marine Corps, following their graduation from Lane Tech high school. Father and sons are members of the LaSalle hotel Post No. 359 of the American Legion.

The daughter of Operator Amedeo was married on June 17 to Thomas Kelly.

A son, Edward, Jr., was born to Operator Edward and Mrs. Jackson on June 30.

A son, Dwayne, also recently was born to Clerk Roy and Mrs. Jackson at Mercy hospital.

—IRVING J. METZGER

GOLDEN WEDDING



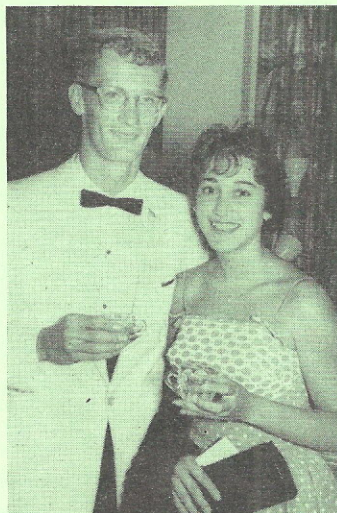
CELEBRATING THEIR 50th wedding anniversary on June 18 were Retired Paymaster James Norton, Treasury, and his wife, Theresa. Jim retired on pension May 1, 1957, after 54 years of service.

Vacation Offers Plenty Of Rest

Loop (Agents) — *Agnes Sullivan* just got sunburned and lazy during her vacation at Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin. Agnes reports that even the fish were too lazy to strike for her daughter, *Marie*, and son-in-law, *William*. However, her two granddaughters enjoyed splashing about in the water.

Margaret Wenstrom and her sister, *May*, visited with May's daughter, *Dorothy*, and son-in-law, who is working at the Missile Base in Fresno, California. They also made a side trip to San Francisco, which they enjoyed very much.

ALL-STAR



A BASKETBALL star of All-American calibre is *William Haig, Jr.*, son of *Conductor William Haig*, Howard terminal, who was graduated from De Paul University in June after a scintillating record as a member of DePaul's "Blue Demons" cagers. A six foot, one-inch guard, he won many citations for his outstanding play, including All-American rating. He culminated his collegiate career by playing with a nationally-selected all-star team at Madison Square Garden. In the picture he is shown with his fiancée, *Josetta Candella*, to whom he was married on August 16 in nuptial ceremonies at Holy Name Cathedral. At the time of his graduation he was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserves.

Reported by *Angelo Bianchini*

Julia Curry retired on pension July 1, after 20 years and eight months of service. Co-workers presented her with a check enclosed in a red wallet. Among the guests who attended Julia's party in the Terrance Room of the Seneca hotel were: *Mable Magnuson*, supervisor, Accounting, and Pensioners *Margaret Queenan*, *Lila Hodges*, *Della Byrne*, *Marie McAndrews* and former agents *Marie Cortopassi*, *Ellen Logan*, *Winifred Joyce* and *Dolores Bero*.

Another new pensioner is *Lillian Scott*, who retired on pension July 1, after 17 years of service. She was unable to attend the party at the Seneca because she was visiting with her brother, *Tom*, at Prairie du Chein, Wisconsin. Lill plans to divide her time between her daughters, *Louise*, of Garden Grove, California, and *Bernadine*, of Long Beach, California.

CTA Wedding

Kathy Jackson was married to *William Dunn*, Electrical, on June 24, at Resurrection church. Following the ceremony, a breakfast was held at Chanteclair hall. The newlyweds honeymooned in Florida.

Theresa Jarvis' brother, *Peter*, recently passed away.

Elsie Kilroy has returned to work, following her recent illness.

Viola Bordegan spent her vacation right in her own back yard.

Kathleen McKenny visited her sister, *Eileen*, who has a cottage at Lake Villa, Wisconsin.

Mary Avallone presently is hospitalized.

Towerman James Loftus vacationed in and around Chicago.

Sylvester and *Leona Stuber* made a 3,210-mile round-trip to Florida, stopping at Hollywood, Miami, Sarasota and St. Petersburg.

Magdalen Burggraf's brother passed away on July 17.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

Atlas Is Well Used

NORTH AVENUE—It's that time of the year again when road maps are spread out in anticipation of wonderful trips . . . *Mike O'Connor* has pleasant memories of his recent trip to Ireland.

Jim Kinnahan and *Connie O'Shea* had their bags packed a month ahead of time. They presently are enjoying themselves in Ireland.

Val Kreisel spent a nice quiet vacation at Cameron, Wisconsin, where he enjoyed basking in the sun . . . while *Ed Reilly* was living it up in Florida. Ed said he and his family really enjoyed the scenery along the way.

Steve Sara found fishing good at Bass Lake, Indiana.

Bill Miedema spent part of his vacation at Hayward, Wisconsin, and then drove over to Michigan for some trout and muskie fishing.

Tony Costa drove through Michigan and Canada and wound up in New York.

John Wolf enjoyed his vacation by making short trips.

Joe Ward reports a fine trip to Reading, Pennsylvania.

James Wilson spent a pleasant vacation at Dore County, Wisconsin . . . while *John Carmody* led the life of ease at Lake Delevan, Wisconsin.

Len Carlyon visited his son at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Tom Slattery spent his vacation at 35th and Shields and Addison and Sheffield—the homes of the Sox and Cubs baseball teams.

Phil Smith made short trips in his new car.

Too late for the last edition was the news of the wedding of *Helen Rennhack* and *Al Tyminski*. Helen is the daughter of *Harold Rennhack*. They honeymooned in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Celebrants

Wedding anniversaries being celebrated this month are: the *Jim Kienans*, their 22nd on August 5; the *Hank Richters*, their 32nd on August 7; the *Joe Hiebels*, their 32nd on August 6; the *George Baehrs*, their 38th on August 8; the *Eddie Wehmeyers*, their 37th on August 9; the *Bill Miedemas*, their 24th on August 14; the *Tom Kays*, their 34th on August 20; the *John Wolfs*, their 20th on August 30, and the *Carl Christensens* will celebrate their 27th on September 1.

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE—Two-grave lot in Memorial Estates, Wolf rd. and Fullerton avenue, Melrose Park. Reasonably priced. For information, write *E. R. Anderson*, 766 - 43rd avenue, N. E., St. Petersburg, Florida.

NEWLYWEDS



THE FORMER *Dolores Hurley*, Revenue Accounting, who was married to *John Halpin* at St. Peter's church on July 8, happily leaves the church with her new bridegroom. The honeymooners enjoyed two wonderful weeks in Miami Beach, Florida.

Reported by *Marie E. Havlik* and *Eileen Neurauter*

Clerk Curtis E. Crossley, who has been a member of the Illinois Army National Guard for the past 10 years, spent two weeks of training at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, as Lieutenant Crossley.

Also, *Clerk Russ Gunderson*, who is in the Army Reserve, spent two weeks of training at Camp Ripley, Minnesota, as Sergeant Gunderson.

—JOE HIEBEL

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

C. A. Branick, conductor, Douglas. Employed 1-24-22.

John Goslovich, laborer, Way and Structures. Employed 11-16-23.

Clarence Jennings, night foreman, Shops and Equipment. Employed 1-22-24.

A. H. Koehler, operator, Lawndale. Employed 1-14-26.

C. M. Kouri, motorman, West Section. Employed 9-2-24.

John Maloney, bus cleaner, Forest Glen. Employed 8-23-26.

S. A. McElwee, bus cleaner, 77th street. Employed 1-11-29.

PRE-NUPTIAL LUNCHEON



PRIOR TO their recent weddings, **Marge O'Connell** and **Carroll Behrens**, Insurance department, were feted with a luncheon by their co-workers. Seated left to right, are: **Pat Farnham**, **Lela Lyons**, **Anne Golding**, **Marge O'Connell**, **Carroll Behrens**, **Mary Flanagan**, **Marge Kuper**, **Carol Schmidt** and **Pat Fiorita**.

Reported by **Julie Prinderville**

Agent Is Surprised With Cool Weather

NORTH SECTION (Agents)—**Emma Rennhack** recently returned from a week's vacation in South Haven, Michigan, where she said she almost froze. She spent the rest of her vacation visiting with her mother, who is recuperating from illness in Bethany home.

Ralph Gallimore spent a week of his vacation visiting with his daughter, who lives in Lima, Ohio. The rest of his leisure time was spent in his garden, from which he's looking forward to a bumper crop of tomatoes, corn and beans.

Thomas O'Neill is back on the job after recuperating from his recent seige of illness.

Ed Plath spent most of his vacation time on the golf course. One day he coaxed **Bill Campbell** to join him on the greens, and after 36 holes, Bill said he needed someone to massage his feet.

Austra Pudzis spent her vacation in and around Chicago, acquiring a suntan while picking berries.

Stanley Lezak and his wife, **Ivy**, their two foster children and the family dog took a camping trip up to Canada, where they visited with relatives and friends in Winnipeg. They also went to Kenora, Ontario, and set up camp at Provincial Park on the Rushing River, where they enjoyed swimming and hiking. On their return trip home, they stopped at Duluth, Minnesota.

—**ELIZABETH HAWKINS**

Fish Do Bite In Lake Michigan

NORTH PARK—**Les Neland's** wife, **Peggy**, caught a prize jumbo perch, 18½ ounces, at Montrose harbor.

Joseph Ranallo enjoyed his vacation at Miami Beach, Florida.

Gene Adams went to Washington, D. C., to attend his sister's graduation at Howard university.

Henry Prange went fishing at Manitawah, Wisconsin.

Leroy Carr traveled to Camp Napawan, Wild Rose, Wisconsin, as an assistant scout master.

Al Paradies traveled to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Charles Kerr, station superintendent, spent his vacation with his grandchildren on the beaches in Chicago.

Instructor George Relstab became a proud grandpa for the first time when he recently was presented with a granddaughter.

Sam DeSalvo became a Grandpappy for the 10th time on July 13.

Charles Knight and his wife became the proud parents of a baby girl, who was born on June 23.

—**ELMER RIEDEL**

Canadian Sunset Lures Fisherman

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC—**William Worcester**, schedule clerk, and his family recently drove to northern Minnesota and then up to Canada to try their luck at fishing.

William Dentamaro went to Winchester, Wisconsin, to do a little fishing.

Kay Batina, typist, and **Marge Rosich**, typist, vacationed in and around Chicago.

Patrick Lenihan, traffic checker, recently vacationed in Florida and Nassau.

Chester Urban, traffic checker, drove east to New York, Washington, D. C. and Maryland. Enroute Chester purchased a new Chevrolet Belaire.

Robert Buckley, traffic checker, vacationed in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Harold Andrews, traffic checker, flew to Kansas City, Missouri, to attend his son's wedding.

Charles Jakale and **Jay Kelly**, traffic checkers, vacationed in Wisconsin.

Ray Primeau, supervisor of schedule clerks, who recently underwent surgery, is getting along fine.

John Bennis, traffic clerk, is planning to do some fishing at Bimidi, Minnesota.

—**GERTRUDE F. ANDERSON**

Grandfather Welcomes Another Male Heir

SKOKIE SHOPS—**George Kimmske**, carpenter, became a grandfather again when **Jeffrey Russell Hall** was born at the Illinois Masonic hospital on June 12.

Charles Krug, timekeeper, passed away on June 28.

Cards are arriving regularly from our Skokie vacationers: **Joe Decker**, electrical worker, is vacationing in California; **Mel Johnson**, upholsterer foreman, is vacationing in Mitchell, South Dakota;

Tom Hoey, electrical worker, is in Florida; **Ollie Lang**, paint shop foreman, is fishing in the upper peninsula of Michigan, and **Peter Dombiski**, painter, is at a dude ranch in Colorado.

Catherine Anne Harnett, typist, is making an extensive tour of the west with some of the main sights being the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Disneyland, a tour of Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego, California, and then on to Mexico.

—**DAVE GURWICH** and **EVERETT E. ENGLAND**

Anniversaries Abound At Sixty-Ninth

69TH—Operator **John E. Lane** and his wife celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on July 3. More than 50 relatives and friends gathered at their son's home for the celebration. Incidentally, Operator Lane has been on the sick list for sometime.

Operator **Ray Hammerschmidt** and his wife celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary on August 23.

Operator **Edward Young** and his wife celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary on August 10.

Operator **Richard Williams, Sr.**, and his wife enjoyed their first vacation together in 24 years. They went to Staten Island, New York.

Collector **Jim Geary's** wife, **Marge**, was given a farewell party on July 22, when she retired from the Illinois Bell Telephone company after 40 years of service.

Dolores Dwyer, daughter of Operator **Herman James**, will be married to Operator **William Powers** on August 26 at Saint Rita church.

FAMILY WEDDING PORTRAIT

FOLLOWING HER marriage on June 24 to **Victor Balauskas**, **Delores Martinek** happily posed with her parents, **Chief Clerk Jim Martinek**, South Section, and **Mrs. Martinek**, in front of Immaculate Conception church, where the ceremony took place.

Reported by **Verna Hartney**



JULY PENSIONER



MORE THAN 47 years of transit service came to a close when (right) **Repairman Tony Rudes**, Archer, retired on pension July 1. Presenting Tony with a U. S. Savings Bond on behalf of his co-workers is **Assistant Day Foreman John Joyce** (left).

A reception will be held at the Polish Highlanders hall.

Operator **George Mateljan** and his daughter enjoyed their vacation at Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Operator **Wilbert Jolly** is sporting a 17-foot Owens boat with a 40-horse-power motor. He now is going to take up water skiing and Operator **Mike Kelly** will be his captain.

Operator **George Jaros** and his wife enjoyed their vacation at Wisconsin Flowage.

Operator **Edward Kall** retired on pension August 1, after 37 years of service.

Operator **Gus Melander** and his wife enjoyed their trip to Denver, Colorado.

Operator **Ed Tierney** and his wife became proud grandparents for the fourth time on June 20 when their daughter, **Mrs. William Ross**, gave birth to a baby girl.

Operator **Walter Harrison** and his wife enjoyed their vacation at Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Clerk **Barney Becker** and his wife enjoyed their vacation at Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin. They traveled 1,300 miles in their new Rambler.

Superintendent **Ernest Tocci** entered Little Company of Mary hospital, where he underwent surgery on August 1.

(Repairs)—**John Barry** reports he enjoyed every minute of his three-week vacation.

V. Ausmus and **S. Lakamiak** have been on the sick list for some time.

Leo Uspel is going to do some deep sea fishing during his vacation.

—THOMAS S. ELPHICK

Fishermen Head For The Streams

SOUTH SECTION — Instructor **Joe Tordik** and his family traveled to San Francisco, California, where they caught their share of bass and salmon during a fishing trip.

Porter **Frank DeBarry** did his fishing at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where he caught catfish.

Porter **Christ Lampros** fished right here in Lake Michigan for perch.

Recently receiving letters of commendation from passengers for their courtesy were: **Conductor Denis Sullivan** and **Agent Mae Murgatroyd**.

Towerman Mechell Boynes announced the birth of a baby girl, **Angelique Lavette**, who was born on June 23.

Conductor and **Mrs. Ed Reidy** also enjoyed vacationing in Florida.

Switchman Joe Herold is recuperating at home, after undergoing recent surgery.

Assistant Station Superintendent Arthur Anderson and his family sailed on the Swedish liner, **Kungsholm**, and will visit Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, and France.

Our new trainmen are: **Richard Brooks**, **Ervin Harmon**, **Earl Winter**, **Ralph Vernon**, **Carl White**, and **Michael McNicholas**.

Motorman Charles Southard went up to the north woods of Canada hoping to catch some lake trout and northern pike.

Supervisor Walter Hill watched the Cubs play ball during his vacation.

Assignment Agents Gerry Venzens and **Lillian Cullinan**, and **Agent Esther McDermott** recently made a motor tour of the New England states.

Clerk **Bob Schorn**, who presently is on the sick list, was most thankful for the many cards that were sent to him by co-workers.

Clerk **Roland Hartney** and his wife, **Verna**, your reporter, recently returned from a motor trip to Kentucky lake, and also a tour of southern Illinois.

—VERNA HARTNEY

New Pensioners

Samuel Abrams, watchman, Way and Structures. Employed 12-16-43.

H. E. Budoff, supervisor, District "B." Employed 11-26-18.

T. D. Callahan, chief operator, Electrical department. Employed 6-4-16.

O. O. Campbell, operator, 77th Street. Employed 4-27-25.

J. J. Cihlar, gateman, West Section. Employed 1-29-31.

Leonard Coduti, laborer, West Shops. Employed 7-10-42.

D. B. DeWaine, operator, Kedzie. Employed 9-11-21.

D. A. Diorio, shopman III, Skokie. Employed 3-18-24.

N. J. Dop, operator, Beverly. Employed 2-27-19.

S. D. Forsythe, general superintendent of Engineering, Executive department. Employed 2-12-24.

Marion Franciskovich, track gang foreman, Way and Structures. Employed 6-12-28.

R. H. Franz, clerk, 61st Street. Employed 1-24-37.

Severt Hanson, operator, Forest Glen. Employed 12-4-18.

E. J. Henry, janitor, 77th Street. Employed 6-3-20.

James Hester, collector, North Avenue. Employed 2-27-28.

J. L. Hughes, operator, North Park. Employed 1-31-29.

Martin Johnston, janitor, Archer. Employed 12-31-23.

E. A. Kall, operator, 69th Street. Employed 5-13-24.

Joseph Kecker, carpenter "A," West Shops. Employed 8-25-42.

Hans Kroeger, carpenter, Way and Structures. Employed 2-11-41.

E. M. Lassen, typist II, Treasury department. Employed 12-1-42.

T. C. McCluskey, operator, Lawndale. Employed 10-15-43.

W. H. Messer, signal maintenance, Electrical department. Employed 12-21-21.

J. A. Nugent, conductor, North Section. Employed 11-2-45.

Gaetano Orlando, laborer, Way and Structures. Employed 6-6-36.

E. T. Severson, conductor, North Section. Employed 7-31-24.

A. F. Sikora, motorman, North Section. Employed 9-16-18.

W. J. Stender, ticket agent, North Section. Employed 11-28-28.

M. E. Stricklin, yard foreman, West Section. Employed 6-7-26.

G. H. Strupe, operator, Beverly. Employed 6-23-24.

T. E. Thacker, carpenter leader, South Shops. Employed 2-17-36.

Henry Thrumbel, bus repairman "A," Lawndale. Employed 10-25-29.

E. C. Tocci, superintendent, 69th Street. Employed 10-4-26.

John Veltri, conductor, Desplaines. Employed 6-20-28.

William Weber, watchman, Way and Structures. Employed 4-25-23.

J. F. Werner, traffic checker, Schedule-Traffic department. Employed 4-15-21.

Henry Workman, operator, 77th Street. Employed 4-18-17.

Feast Follows Golf Tourney

WAY AND STRUCTURES—The Building Division had a golf tournament on June 24 at Golden Acres country club. **Bob Quagidiano**, laborer, won the low net, and **Ed Foreman**, steamfitter, won the low gross. After the tournament, the group went to Ed Foreman's home for refreshments, where **Carl Caccioppo**, steamfitter apprentice, fixed a meal fit for a king.

Guy Farrell, trackman, rapid transit, retired on pension July 1.

SILVER WEDDING



RECENTLY CELEBRATING their 25th wedding anniversary were **Operator Herman James**, 69th, and his wife. Their daughter, **Dolores**, and her fiancé, **Operator William Powers**, 69th, surprised the Jameses with a gala reception for their many relatives and friends.

Reported by **Thomas S. Elphick**

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

Samuel Abrams, watchman, *Marion Franciscovich*, track gang foreman, *Gaetano Orlando*, laborer, all of the track division, and *Hans Kroeger*, carpenter, rapid transit division, retired on pension August 1 with a combined total of 95 years of service.

Your reporter was feted with a surprise bridal shower on July 16 at the home of *Annette Hefter*. Other CTAers present at the gala event were *Elsie Smith* and *Aileen Ward* of the Executive Department, *Lee DeSutter* and *Zita Gyuricza*, Specifications, *Kay Corcoran*, Employees Suggestion, and *Mary Berry*, Claims.

Steamfitter William Haskins' wife, *Cecelia*, passed away on July 18.

Laborer Joseph DiVarco, rapid transit, died on July 19.

—MARLENE NEHER

Receives Reward After Three Years

WEST SECTION—(*Douglas Park*)—Conductor *George Hageman* received a \$15 reward and a letter of commendation from a passenger for turning in a purse he found about three years ago.

Car Cleaner Mario Lena and his wife recently announced the birth of a granddaughter, *Teresa Paul Smetana*. Incidentally, the Lenas

recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Extra Guard Billy Windham, a recent newcomer to our Section, announced the birth of a new daughter, *Robeka Lynn*.

(*Lake Street*)—Conductor *James Neely* recently became a father of a baby girl, *Pamela Denise*.

Gateman A. Joyce, who was on the sick list for almost a year, returned to work.

Relief Gateman A. Scharp presently is vacationing in Canada.

Our new gatemen are: *F. Papaleo*, *A. Bazzone*, *T. Looney*, *J. Larkin* and *J. Nolan*.

(*Desplaines*) — Conductor *William* and *Mrs. Conley* celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary recently.

Extra Guard Richard Provenzano recently announced the birth of a baby boy, *Anthony Francis*.

Motorman R. Cucinella recently announced his engagement to *Marlene Cegrelski*.

Former Clerk *James Logan* now is working with an insurance company.

Our newcomers are *Extra Guards P. Goetz* and *T. Kelly*, Logan Square; *C. Gustafson* and *T. McDonagh*, Lake Street; *D. DeMaria*, Douglas Park, and *R. Doubeck*, Desplaines.

—JOHN M. HANNING

REMEMBERING THE OLD DAYS



WAY BACK in 1915, when this photo was taken, (left) Conductor *William Balling* and (right) Motorman *Mike Toolis*, 77th, worked as a team on the "old reds." Today, Bill, who retired on pension May 1, 1955, after 41 years of service, is enjoying his retirement in Wheatfield, Indiana, where he recently was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace. Unfortunately, Mike, who retired on pension July 1, 1950, after 40 years of service, passed away on November 9, 1958.

HOLMER ALSEN, 64, towerman, South Section. Died 7-7-61. Employed 6-3-19.

T. W. ARNOLD, 81, retired laborer, North Section. Died 7-7-61. Employed 3-15-26.

W. C. BAILEY, 83, retired conductor, South Section. Died 6-18-61. Employed 6-6-02.

S. C. BALDERMANN, 70, retired flagman, Beverly. Died 6-25-61. Employed 8-29-12.

ARTHUR F. BARTELHEIM, 47, supervisor, District A. Died 7-5-61. Employed 8-17-36.

ALBERT BEHLAND, 46, ticket agent, South Section. Died 7-4-61. Employed 1-9-43.

BRUNO BONK, 46, operator, Forest Glen. Died 6-27-61. Employed 12-19-57.

PATRICK BRESLIN, 83, retired car cleaner, Shops and Equipment department. Died 6-26-61. Employed 12-28-22.

H. C. BUGGERT, 70, retired motorman, North Avenue. Died 6-16-61. Employed 6-13-19.

ANTHONY BURZAK, 70, retired painter helper, West Shops. Died 6-3-61. Employed 2-8-26.

JOHN DUDAS, 81, retired truck repairman, West Shops. Died 6-21-61. Employed 11-1-11.

R. M. DWYER, 69, retired superintendent of construction, Electrical department. Died 7-6-61. Employed 3-2-14.

STANLEY FIETKO, 44, operator, Archer. Died 7-9-61. Employed 10-17-42.

C. F. FREI, JR., 71, retired conductor, Wilson Avenue. Died 7-6-61. Employed 1-19-15.

J. H. GILLIAN, 66, retired carpenter "A," West Shops. Died 6-22-61. Employed 2-19-34.

E. C. GRAF, 67, retired operator supervisor, North Avenue. Died 7-7-61. Employed 9-15-20.

JAMES HART, 77, retired conductor, Lake Street. Died 6-26-61. Employed 8-19-14.

A. F. HEINE, 69, retired yard foreman, Laramie. Died 6-12-61. Employed 1-24-28.

F. P. HOPPE, 79, retired motorman, Division. Died 7-3-61. Employed 1-6-20.

EDWARD JAKUES, 69, retired janitor, Transportation. Died 7-1-61. Employed 9-27-56.

A. C. JOHNSON, 87, retired motorman, Devon. Died 6-16-61. Employed 12-2-07.

H. E. JOHNSON, 89, retired armature winder "A," South Shops. Died 6-15-61. Employed 3-26-98.

J. F. KILGALLON, 75, retired motorman, 77th Street. Died 6-22-61. Employed 10-19-16.

CHARLES KRUG, 53, shop clerk, Skokie. Died 6-28-61. Employed 9-11-45.

JOSEPH MAJKSZAK, 66, retired bus repairman, Kedzie. Died 6-13-61. Employed 11-5-23.

CHARLES MAMPA, 85, retired motorman, Grand and Leavitt. Died 7-9-61. Employed 5-15-14.

E. J. MEYER, 85, retired conductor, Armitage. Died 7-1-61. Employed 5-25-97.

JOSEPH ORIGER, 50, operator, North Park. Died 7-12-61. Employed 9-20-43.

CHARLES OSWALD, 86, retired conductor, Lincoln Carhouse. Died 6-9-61. Employed 6-14-00.

F. J. PAVEK, 74, retired conductor, Lawndale. Died 6-17-61. Employed 9-28-22.

S. A. PETERS, 68, retired motorman, 77th Street. Died 6-16-61. Employed 8-14-17.

JOHN J. PLOPLIS, 45, operator, 69th Street. Died 6-30-61. Employed 7-8-46.

WILLARD RANKIN, 50, operator, Forest Glen. Died 7-11-61. Employed 3-3-42.

F. J. ROGOZ, 67, retired carpenter "A," West Shops. Died 6-18-61. Employed 9-7-22.

PETER J. SANDERS, 61, operator, North Avenue. Died 7-1-61. Employed 3-23-25.

J. E. SHIRE, 66, retired motorman, West Section. Died 6-28-61. Employed 7-7-20.

VICTOR VARLEY, 89, retired motorman, Kedzie. Died 6-19-61. Employed 8-8-99.

L. G. WALKER, 58, retired operator, Forest Glen. Died 7-3-61. Employed 6-7-23.

J. J. WONOGAS, 81, retired car repairman, Lawndale. Died 6-24-61. Employed 5-8-09.

RECENT RETIREE



AFTER 36 years of transit service at Archer station, **Repairman Simon Julian** (center) retired on pension June 1. Presenting him with a U.S. Savings Bond are (left) **Assistant Day Foreman John Joyce** and **Day Foreman Arthur Ormord** (right).

Agent Jets To Ireland

WEST SECTION (Agents) — **Agent Mary Nolan**, accompanied by her sister, **Betty**, left for Ireland on July 15, via jet. They plan a visit to Lourdes, France; Fatima, Portugal, a tour through Spain, and then end it with a visit to the Isle of Capri.

Agent Mary Doyle is spending a few weeks at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Porter William Ravizee and his family enjoyed their vacation motoring through Canada, Detroit and Cleveland.

Porter Dave Johnson spent part of his vacation around town with a side trip to Cleveland, Ohio.

Porter Austin Young presently is on vacation with no particular destination in mind.

Back from their vacations are: **Porters Maurice Powe**, who spent

part of his time in Cassopolis, Michigan, and **Joseph Lee**, who spent his in and around the city.

Agent Thomas O'Shaughnessy spent his vacation by reacquainting himself with his daughter, **Helen**, who recently returned from Iran, where she lived for two and one-half years.

Agent Ed Bensen, who celebrated his 31st wedding anniversary on June 28, is making his annual fishing expedition to Cushing, Minnesota, accompanied by his wife and their son, **Private Richard Bensen**, who is stationed at Fort Devens Army Hospital, Massachusetts.

Agent Ed Durkin and his wife enjoyed a short trip to Detroit, visiting with relatives.

Agents Vic Brown and **George Pechous** presently are on vacation with no definite plans in mind.

Agent Julia Brousek is looking forward to visiting with her sister, who resides in Wisconsin, during her vacation.

Agent Emil Klipp enjoyed a well-earned vacation in and around the Wisconsin Dells.

Agent and Mrs. Frank Zima were hosts to **Mrs. Lorraine Lakospik** and her two daughters, **Marilyn** and **Georgene**, during a recent motor trip to Michigan. **Mrs. Lakospik** is the daughter of **Henry Schefjus**, retired motorman, and **Mrs. Zima's** brother.

Agent Elizabeth West, who has been on the sick list for the past five months, has returned to work.

Agent Louise Drews was saddened by the death of her mother, **Mrs. John Meyers**, of Minnesota.

—GORDON KELLY

PENSIONERS MEET

THE CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 5, 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, September 21, 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.

FOR AND ABOUT OUR PENSIONERS

BEVERLY—**Michael Duffy** recently was violinist for the **Mae Kennedy Kane Irish Dancing Group** of Chicago when they were in a nation wide contest at Constitution Hall, Washington, D. C.

Alfred Vandermeche, of 6209 Monlaco Road, Long Beach 8, California, presently is ill and would welcome mail. Al, you may remember, was known as "Smokey Joe."

George Grassel returned to Chicago from Hot Springs, Arkansas, and now is residing at the Florence hotel at 111th and Cottage.

Michael J. Hanley, of Boynton Beach, Florida, is planning a visit to Ireland soon with his wife, **Brigid**.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Anderson, who live in Hollywood, California, will travel by auto to Vancouver, Canada, to visit with a son.

Carl Thorkelson and his wife, **Edith**, left New York City on the S. S. Kungsholm bound for Sweden and a four month honeymoon.

Pat Browne now is vacationing in Westport, County Mayo, Ireland.

Phil Vrillancourt of Tampa, Florida, recently visited with his daughter, **Antoinette Blissett**, in Chicago Heights, Illinois.

John Clarke, of Boynton Beach, Florida, is visiting with his daughter in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Tom Grennan, of Lake North, Florida, is feeling great and will celebrate his 89th birthday on Thanksgiving Day.

Martin Godvin, who was living in Glendale, now has moved back to Long Beach, California.

—WALTER C. STONE

ELECTRICAL—**Carl Hoffman**, retired chief operator, Franklin substation, sold his home and moved to Fullerton, California. He sent word that he was having a grand time visiting with relatives and friends.

Retired Chief Operator Leo Behrendt, 20th substation, attended the Shriners' convention in Florida, and then boarded the S.S. Bahama, bound for Nassau.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

NORTH AVENUE—**William G. Echols** and **Paul Simon** were recent visitors to Chicago. Paul lives in Minnesota in the summer and Arizona in the winter. Bill lives in Higbee, Missouri.

—JOE HIEBEL

KEDZIE — **Retired Janitor George Wilson**, who lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, recently came to Chicago to attend a golden wedding anniversary party.

Retired Motorman William O'Connor, who is the father of **Clerk Cornelius O'Connor**, died recently.

—C. P. STARR

NORTH PARK—**Pensioner Art Lietz** recently stopped in at our station to visit with the boys. His address is Route 2, Box 47, Fairhope, Alabama, South River Park.

—ELMER RIEDEL

SKOKIE SHOPS—**John J. Dwyer**, retired fire and safety coordinator, recently announced the death of his brother.

Recent visitors to Skokie Shops were: **Henry Hitterman**, **August Feinendegen**, **Walter Leonard** and **Gus Hyde**.

—DAVE GURWICH and
EVERETT E. ENGLAND

SOUTH SECTION — **Retired Motorman George Semeniuk** recently made a visit to 61st street, where he talked over old times.

Retiring on pension July 1 were: **Motorman Myles Sheridan** and **Porter Garry Kuick**.

—VERNA HARTNEY

FIFTIETH YEAR



RECENTLY CELEBRATING their 50th wedding anniversary on June 17 were **Retired Conductor Jacob Sheridan**, 69th, and his wife, who now live in New Buffalo, Michigan. A party was given for them by their sons, **Elmer** and **Irvin**, in Oak Lawn. Mr. Sheridan retired on pension September 1, 1951, after 41 years of service.

The Old Timer



"When you inspect the food instead of the waitress, you're getting old."

Contract Awarded For 63rd - Loomis Station Project

A CONTRACT totaling \$204,980 was awarded recently to Abbott Construction Company by the Chicago Transit Board for the construction of a steel elevated structure for two additional storage tracks at 63rd-Loomis terminal of CTA's Englewood branch of the rapid transit system. The Board also awarded two smaller contracts—one for a new substation building and one for substation equipment.

The project consists of a structure to accommodate two 1,100-foot storage tracks for storing rapid transit cars during the non-rush periods. The structure will be to the south of the present storage yard at this location. It will extend from the east side of Loomis boulevard to the west side of Racine avenue, providing storage space for 40 additional cars.

CTA also is working on plans for a second phase of the project calling for an extension of the present station facilities at the 63rd-Loomis station. This contemplates extension of the present station platform across Loomis boulevard with additional entrance facilities on the west side of Loomis and includes the building of a new stairway from street level and possibly the installation of a new speed ramp.

Another contract awarded by the Chicago Transit Board was to the William E. Burger Company, 7500 S. Ashland avenue, low bidder at \$70,900, for the construction of a new substation building at 63rd and Princeton avenues. This will replace the substation at 63rd and Wentworth avenue which will be removed to clear the way for the new south expressway.

The third award made by the board was a contract for furnishing supervisory control and telemeter equipment for the new substation. This was awarded to the Westinghouse Electric Company at \$21,790.

The initial contract on the substation project, for rectifier and switch equipment, was awarded March 8 to Westinghouse Electric Company at a cost of \$417,750.

The entire cost of the substation replacement program is being borne by highway agencies.

AUGUST, 1961



TEN EMPLOYEES of the rapid transit system satisfactorily completed the Transportation Department supervisors' training program recently and qualified for assignment to supervisory duties as future vacancies occur in this classification. Members of the group shown here are, left to right, seated: *William McClanahan, Rudolph Dillon, Robert Suta, Worthy Maddox, James Golden and James Quinn*. Standing: *Frank Krause*, superintendent of instruction; *George Krambles*, superintendent of planning and operations; *Edward Valenta, Merrill Anthony, Joseph Koval, Charles Southard, John Higgins*, superintendent of rapid transit operations, and *David M. Flynn*, superintendent of transportation.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS
MONTHS OF JUNE 1961 AND 1960, SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1961 AND 1960 AND
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1961

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

	Month of June		Six Months Ended		Twelve
	1961	1960	June 30, 1961	1960	Months Ended June 30, 1961
Revenues	\$10,814,370	\$11,187,367	\$63,766,197	\$66,993,612	\$128,865,501
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	9,253,798	9,383,689	57,122,266	57,491,921	113,180,538
Available for Debt Service	1,560,572	1,603,678	6,643,931	9,501,691	\$15,684,963
Debt Service Requirements:					
Interest Charges	349,847	362,698	2,107,750	2,186,014	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond Maturity Fund	166,667(1)	166,667	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Deposits to Sinking Funds -					
Series of 1947 (2)	125,060	115,007	750,360	690,040	
Series of 1952 (2)	29,583	28,750	177,500	172,500	
Series of 1953 (3)	-	8,750	-	52,500	
	671,157	681,872	4,035,610	4,101,054	
Balance Available for Depreciation	889,415	921,806	2,608,321	5,400,637	
Provision for Depreciation	865,150	894,389	5,101,295	5,359,489	
Balance Available for Other Charges or Deficit in Depreciation Provision (4)	24,265	26,817	2,497,026	41,148	
Accumulated Deficit in Depreciation or Balance Available for Other Charges To End of Previous Period	2,770,793 ^r	14,331	253,554 ^r	-	
Deficit in Depreciation Provision or Balance Available for Other Charges	\$2,746,528 ^r	\$41,148	\$2,746,528 ^r	\$41,148	

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PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers	43,399,105	44,783,373	258,726,791	272,361,616	521,121,811
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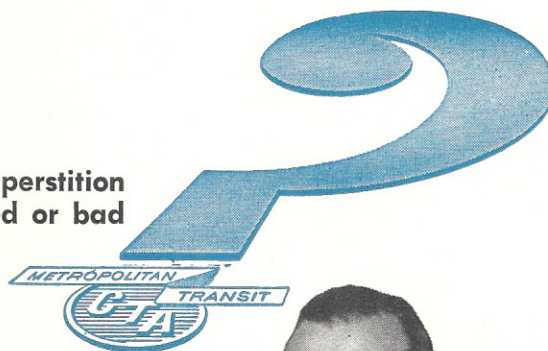
- (1) Equal monthly installments to retire \$2,000,000 principal amount of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing on July 1, 1961.
- (2) Equal monthly installments to currently retire Series of 1947 and 1952 Revenue Bonds by purchase in the open market or after invitation for tenders. Deposits to Series 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 June 30, 1961 there is a deficiency of \$71,524 in this fund as earnings to make these deposits were not available for the months of November 1960 through June 1961.
- (3) 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.



INQUIRING REPORTER:
Walter C. Stone

LOCATION: Beverly

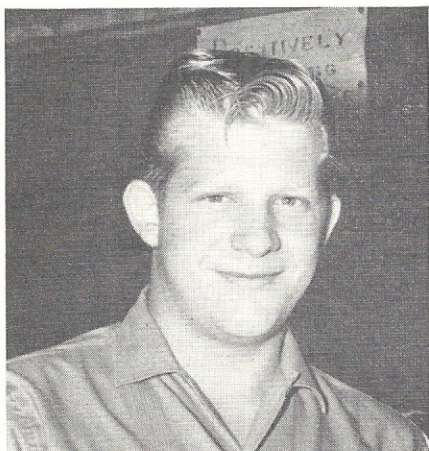
Do you believe that superstition can bring someone good or bad luck?



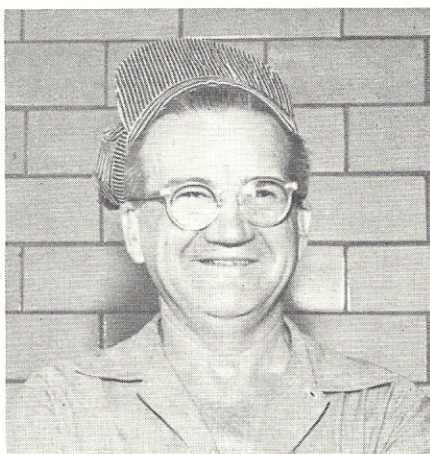
CHARLES SUNDBLAD, Operator: "Everytime somebody brings up superstition, I think of *Hack Wilson*, an outfielder with the Chicago Cubs in the 1920's. Whenever Hack came in from the outfield, he touched the corner of second base. It got so worn that people referred to the path as 'Wilson Avenue.' I don't know if it brought him luck, but he was one of the best hitters on the team."



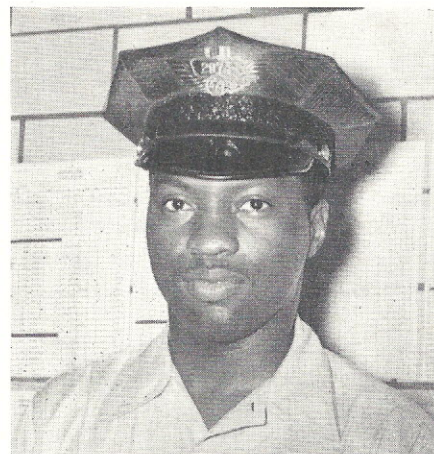
RUDY ALBRECHT, (right) Receiver (with Reporter Walter C. Stone): "That depends on the individual. Some people, for instance, think that if a black cat crosses their path, it's bad luck. I don't believe in superstitions, but I know some people who do, and when they have a change in luck, the first thing they think of is some form of superstition."



GENE SOWINSKI, Bus Cleaner: "No, I can't say I think superstitions will bring somebody good or bad luck. I pet black cats and walk under ladders with no ill effects. However, when, according to common superstitious beliefs, everything is supposed to look good in my favor, I've had some pretty bad luck. This only goes to prove that if something is going to happen, good or bad, look out!"



RUDY KOPROWITZ, Janitor: "I do not believe in superstitions. But, on one hand, I can understand how a person who is easily frightened can be swayed by the thought of black magic and fear any part of it; whereas another person who is optimistic may very well turn to good luck charms to further boost his morale."



HERMAN BRYAN, Operator: "Since I look at everything from a religious viewpoint, I most naturally do not believe in superstition. Anyone with a little common sense knows that there has to be a balance of good and bad luck, or should I say times. I believe in the Almighty and that everything that happens to us is written in His book."

Superintendent E. C. Tocci Retires

A SERVICE record of 34 years with Chicago transit properties ended with the retirement on August 1 of *Ernest C. Tocci*, superintendent of CTA's 69th street station.

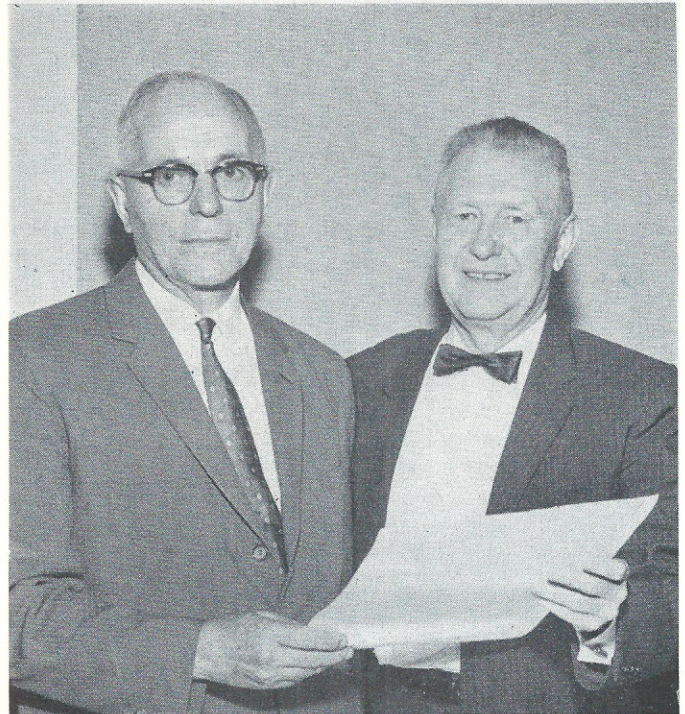
Mr. Tocci, who was first employed by the former Chicago Surface Lines as a conductor at 77th street station on October 24, 1926, served in several capacities in the nearly three and one-half decades since he joined the surface lines organization.

He became a temporary starter at 77th in October, 1933, and was appointed supervisor in March, 1935. He was advanced to assistant station superintendent in April, 1945, and later that year was named night station superintendent.

His first appointment as day station superintendent came in June, 1950, when he was placed in charge of Cottage Grove station. A few months later he took over at Kedzie station, and in January, 1954, was appointed to the post of superintendent at 69th, where he served until his retirement.

Prior to entering the employ of the Chicago Surface Lines, Mr. Tocci worked for the old Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago Railway Company from 1920 to 1926, giving him a total of 40 years in transit service.

Mr. Tocci, who was born in Italy and educated in Rome, speaks five languages and for many years has coached Latin students in his home, helping many of them to obtain college degrees. In recent years he has been very active in the retreat movement at Notre Dame University, and in 1959, a shrine was dedicated on the campus in the memory of the families of Mr. and Mrs. Tocci. He annually has led groups of CTA employees to Notre Dame for special retreats.



SHORTLY BEFORE his retirement on August 1 after 34 years of service with the former Chicago Surface Lines and CTA, *Ernest C. Tocci*, superintendent, 69th station, was honored by his associates of the Transportation Department and friends, at a luncheon at the Bismarck hotel. He is shown here (left) being presented with a valediction, signed by some 90 of his co-workers, by *General Manager Walter J. McCarter*.

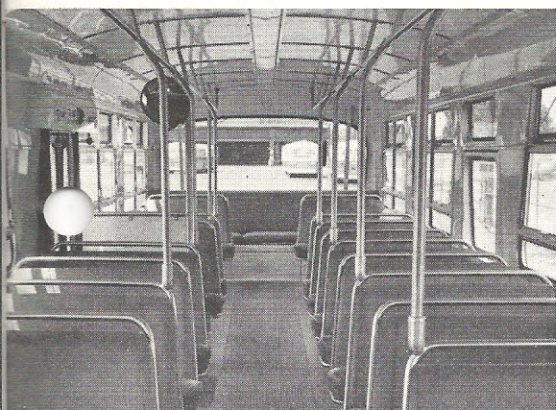
More "New Look" Buses For Diesel Fleet

CTA'S DIESEL fleet is being further modernized with the arrival of an increasing number of the 150 "New Look" buses ordered last December from the Flxible Twin-Coach Company of Loudonville, Ohio, as part of a contract award for 300 diesel-powered, 50-passenger units purchased at a cost of \$7,884,273 from two manufacturers.

At press time, 50 Flxible Twin-Coach buses had been delivered to CTA, with the remainder of the order scheduled to be received by the end of the year. The other 150 buses of a similar type were manufactured by the Truck and Coach Division of General Motors at Pontiac, Michigan. All of these have been received and are now in service on CTA routes.

The new units, which will replace an equal number of over-age diesel and gasoline buses, incorporate new features to improve passenger comfort and provide better visibility for operators.

The accompanying photos show (right) eight "New Look" buses manufactured by Flxible Twin-Coach Company all lined up at Loudonville, Ohio, ready to start the trip to Chicago for delivery to CTA. (Left) An interior view of the new buses looking from front to rear. Notice the large picture-type windows and wider seats provided for increased passenger comfort.



Service Adjusted on Four Surface Routes

SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS on four CTA surface lines—Elston Supplementary, Elston-Clybourn, Lake and Ogden-Downtown—went into effect July 30.

The changes are as follows:

Elston Supplementary (No. 13)—Discontinuance of mid-day shuttle service on Elston Supplementary No. 13, which operated between Chicago-Milwaukee and California-Roscoe from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Service on Elston avenue south of Belmont avenue operating during weekday rush hours to Chicago-State is retained.

Elston-Clybourn (No. 41)—Discontinuance of "owl" service on weekdays and Saturdays and all service on Sundays and holidays.

Lake (No. 16)—Service east of Ashland avenue on Sundays and holidays was discontinued. Throughout its length, the Lake motor bus route parallels the Lake rapid transit route. For continuation of rides into the Loop, passengers can transfer to the Madison bus route at Madison Street and Ashland Avenue. Alternate service is available via the Lake Street elevated at the Ashland "L" station.

Ogden-Downtown (No. 58)—Abandonment of service on Sundays and holidays and during the "owl" period all days of the week on the part of the route between Ogden-Madison and State-Lake. Seven "owl" trips on weekdays and Saturdays and all service on Sundays and holidays will operate between 25th-Laramie and Ogden-Madison. The service changes will not affect the operation of the Ogden bus route (No. 58A) on Ogden avenue from the Medical Center to the near north side at Ogden and Clark.



MIDSUMMER IS the time of year when the flower-gardeners' dreams reach fruition and the plants they have tended through earlier days are in full bloom. Whether it be a backyard plot or a window box, there is a feeling of pride and satisfaction when brightly-colored floricultural specimens—meaning ornamental flowering plants—brighten the premises. All of which is an introductory lead into the two pictures. Above is a serene scene in the backyard patio at the home of Operator L. R. Myrman, North Park, at 1818 W. Fletcher street. Mrs. Myrman is enjoying the view from a restful chair at rear center. At the right is a window box that decorates the ledge outside the office of Dennis Barrett, car repair foreman at Forest Glen station. While Dennis is on vacation it is being given loving care by Eldon McGee, clerk, at the right, and James Ward, assistant foreman.



AUGUST IS SANDWICH MONTH



FREE INSTRUCTION LEAFLET

MAKE 'EM, wrap 'em and freeze 'em. It's as easy as, well, you know. By making up sandwiches in quantity and freezing them, you'll save time and effort in meal plans and give yourself more leisure.

We have prepared a leaflet which explains the whys and why nots of freezing certain foods, especially sandwich fillings. Write to Women's Page Editor, CTA TRANSIT NEWS, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago 54, Illinois, for a free "Sandwich Freezing Instruction" leaflet.

You'll be glad to have sandwiches already prepared and wrapped when the shout for a picnic arises or the rush before school just doesn't leave time for sandwich making. Pack the picnic or school lunches right from the freezer, and the sandwiches will thaw by lunchtime. If you're party planning, too, you'll enjoy the party much more when your little sandwiches have been prepared the week before, frozen, and then thawed in time for serving.

Save an afternoon for sandwich making. Make up a number of your family's favorite fillings, using the sandwich freezing instruction leaflet as a guide, and use a variety of different breads for the sandwiches.

Let the phrase, "Make 'em, wrap 'em and freeze 'em," become your motto for all sandwich making during the summer picnic and cookout months and the winter school-lunch months, as well.

LUNCH FOR your hungry sportsmen, young or old, can be extra-good for them and easy on your budget when you serve scrumptious Apple Frankwiches.

WHAT'S IN a picnic besides good fun and good weather? Lots of good food, of course. These three ingredients, especially the latter present in great abundance, insure a good time for all.

Speaking of good foods, here's a deliciously different recipe for Apple Frankwiches, which is a new tasty frankfurter sandwich both the kids and grown-ups will be enthusiastic about. It's bound to become a "Mom-favorite," too, because it's easy to prepare.

Apple Frankwiches

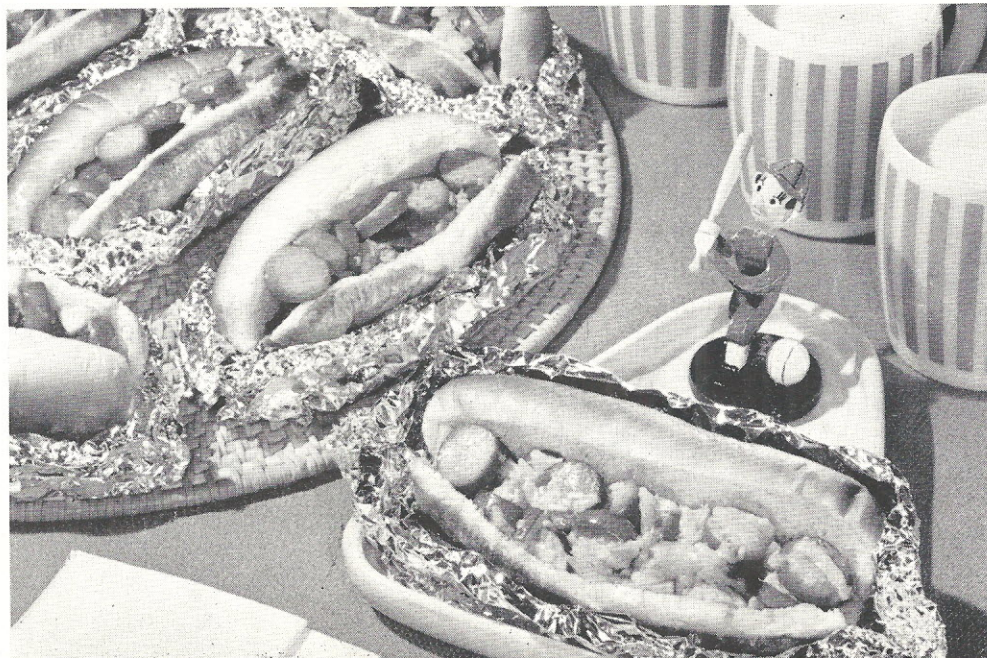
- 4 frankfurters
- 1 medium unpeeled apple, chopped (about 1 cup)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shredded sharp process cheese
- 2 tablespoons prepared mustard
- 2 teaspoons instant minced onion
- 8 frankfurter buns
- Butter or margarine, softened

Cut frankfurters crosswise into $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch slices. Combine frankfurters, apple, cheese, mustard and onion. Spread insides of buns with butter or margarine. Fill buns with frankfurter mixture, and wrap in aluminum foil. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) for 20 minutes, until cheese is melted and filling is heated through, or heat over charcoal grill.

If you're taking Apple Frankwiches on your picnic outing, prepare the filling and carry it in a plastic or glass container. Then, when you're ready to eat, fill the buns, wrap them in foil, and place them around the fire. Serve the sandwiches immediately with potato chips, sliced cucumbers and tomato salad and your favorite beverage.

Apple Frankwiches are terrific sandwiches to highlight your menus during August, National Sandwich Month, and throughout the rest of the year, too.

Begin, during this month of sandwiches, to gather your collection of good sandwich ideas and recipes to be used for all occasions.





Medically Speaking

By Dr. George H. Irwin
CTA Medical Director

SUN BATHING

SUNBATHING AT this time of the year is a form of health building and recreation indulged in by many people, young and old, throughout the world. The sun, a gigantic fireball, is estimated by scientists to be one million times the size of our earth. Should the sun ever permanently vanish from the skies every living thing, plant life and human life, would soon die. Thus we see how important the sun is to our existence.

Millions of Americans spend millions of dollars every year trying to look like lifeguards. Their way to get sun-tan is by using various sun-tanning lotions. A sun-tan produced by the chemical (DHA) in these lotions is far different from the natural tan produced by the action of the ultra-violet rays from the sun. The main advantage of sun-tan lotions and ointments is that they permit the person to remain in the sun for a longer time without burning.

What does proper exposure to the sun do? Briefly, it causes an increase in the pigment (melanin granules) in the deeper layers of the skin. It also produces an outward migration of the pigmented cells to the outer surface of the skin. A proper sun-tan forms a protective coat for the entire body.

There are definite benefits to be derived from proper exposure to sun. It aids in the prevention and cure of rickets by the production of Vitamin "D" in the skin. It is also claimed that sunlight aids our general resistance and thus is a factor in preventing colds and healing infections. Proper exposure to the sun often brings about a feeling of well-being, relaxation, warmth and improved circulation. In this regard, it is interesting to note how animals make use of sunshine in a graduated manner to heal wounds.

Harmful effects of over-exposure, of course, result from sunburns. These can be mild or severe. Every office or

industrial plant manager knows that many days of lost time are accountable to severe sunburns. Sun strokes still occur and consequently cause suffering and loss of time. In the tropics and southern climes, malignancies or skin cancer are fairly frequent. Excessive sun is supposed to make one's hair dry and brittle. Oft times the skin of persons continually exposed to extremes of the sun and weather tends to become dry, wrinkled and leathery. In other words, the skin becomes prematurely old.

Here are a few common-sense rules for sun-bathers to follow when absorbing sunshine:

1. Tan slowly and sensibly by gradually increasing exposure. Start with a 10-minute exposure and increase 10 minutes each successive day. With this method no sun-tan preparation is needed.

2. If your sun-bathing is irregular, sun-tan lotions may be of some help. Apply lotion several times a day and especially after each swim.

3. Sun-tan pills supposedly provide protection for "easy burners." They are restricted to prescription sale and should only be taken under the direction of a physician.

4. Protect your eyes and hair as they are more sensitive than the cells of your skin.

5. Lubricate the skin to prevent excessive drying effects of the skin.

6. Remember that a person who is out of doors daily, even in street clothes, probably gets enough of sun rays for good health.

Treatment of sunburn may be classified as prophylactic and active. The prophylactic, or preventative, calls for sensible and graduated exposure to the sun rays. Once the sunburn has occurred, application of simple, cool, wet dressings of boric acid or vinegar often suffices. In the case of blisters, sterile vaseline dressings are beneficial. Severe burns due to sun exposure may require the attention of your physician.

Putting it Briefly

THERE'S A bus driver in Abilene, Texas, by the name of Early N. Lait.

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If your wife wants to learn to drive, don't stand in her way.

CHANGES IN YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is based on information supplied by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Social Security Administration District Office. It clarifies the new benefits now available under the Social Security program.

CHANGES IN the social security law signed by President Kennedy on June 30, 1961, directly affect about 4,400,000 persons aged 62 or older, giving them social security benefits for the first time or increasing benefits already payable to them.

The new law makes the following changes:

1. Men now have an option of retiring at age 62 with lower benefits or of waiting until age 65 and collecting higher benefits.
2. Widows' benefits are increased by about 10 percent.
3. Minimum benefits are raised.
4. The amount of work under social security needed to get benefits is lowered.
5. People who receive only part of their benefits for a year because they earn over \$1500.00 will have a smaller amount deducted.
6. Social security taxes go up slightly beginning January 1, 1962.

Under the new provisions, men can begin collecting benefits at age 62 if they choose, just as women have been able to do since 1956. But workers who decide to take benefits before they are 65 will get less per month than they would if they waited until age 65.

New Benefits Available

The sooner a worker takes his benefits after age 62, the greater the reduction in his benefits will be. However, the reductions are figured so that on the average people may expect to receive about the same amount if they get reduced benefits beginning before age 65, or wait until they reach 65 and collect higher monthly amounts.

Dependent husbands benefits, if taken before age 65, will also be reduced, but dependent widowers and fathers can receive full benefits at age 62.

The new amendments raise the aged widow's benefits from the present 75 percent of the husband's retirement benefit to 82½ percent, a 10 percent increase in individual benefits, beginning with the monthly social security check received in September.

The same increase will be made in the benefits of aged dependent widowers and those of aged parents if there is only one dependent parent surviving.

An increase of up to \$7.00 in the minimum old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits is due beginning with the benefit check for the month of September 1961. The present minimum is \$33.00; the new minimum payment will be \$40.00.

Another change lowers the amount of work credit required for old-age and survivors benefits. The new law makes payments possible for a person who has work credit for one calendar quarter for each year after 1950 and up to the year he reached 65 (62 for a woman).

This means that a man who reached 65 or a woman who reached 62 before 1958 will need credit for only a year and a half of work under social security to qualify for retirement benefits. Survivors of workers who died in 1958 or later and who were not eligible for benefits before this change may now be eligible. These people should inquire at their social security office soon.

Another change in the law makes it possible for people eligible for social security benefits to earn up to \$1700.00 and receive more in total earnings and benefits than under the old law.

Under both the old and the new law, a beneficiary can earn \$1200.00 a year and receive all of his monthly social security benefits. The old law, though, required \$1 in benefits to be withheld for each \$2 earned from \$1200 to \$1500, and \$1 for each \$1 earned over \$1500.00.

Under the new law, \$1 is withheld for each \$2 earned from \$1200 to \$1700, and then \$1 for each \$1 earned over \$1700. Thus, under the new law only \$250 in benefits is deducted when the beneficiary earns \$1700 during the year. Under the old law \$350 would have been withheld.

New Tax in Effect January 1

To help finance the changes, the amendments call for an increase in social security taxes beginning January 1, 1962. Employees and employers will each pay an additional one-eighth of one percent on earnings up to \$4,800 a year—a total of three and one-eighth percent in social security taxes.

Self-employed persons will pay 4.7 percent on net earnings up to \$4,800 a year, instead of the former 4.5 percent rate.

The disability insurance program remains unchanged, except that workers with long-standing disabilities are given another year, until June 30, 1962, to file claims for benefits.

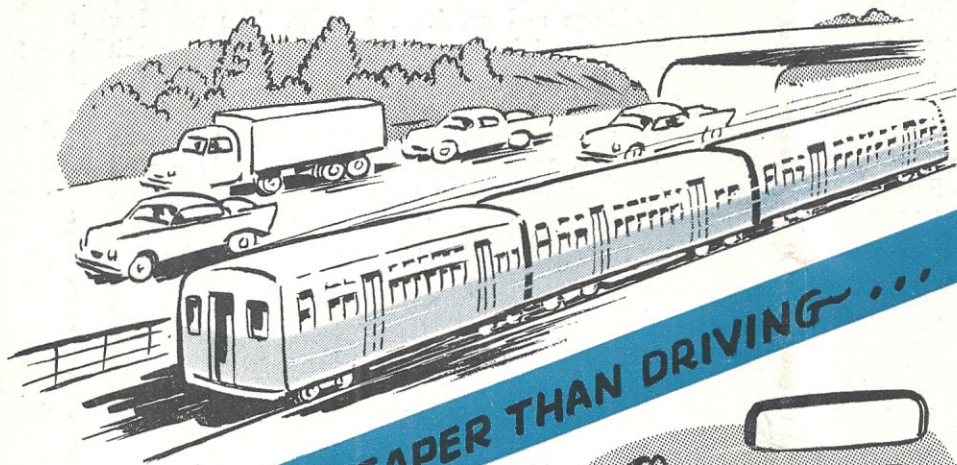
Increases in benefits for widows and for those getting minimum benefits will be made automatically before the August checks are mailed early in September. It will not be necessary for these people to contact the social security office.

Some other people affected by the amendments to the law must apply before their benefits can be started. Among them are older workers who formerly did not have enough credit for work under social security to receive benefits, workers between 62 and 65 who wish to retire now with reduced benefits, and dependent widowers or fathers.

These people should get in touch with their local social security office. For the office nearest you, look in the telephone book under, "U.S. Government," Department of Health, Education & Welfare, Social Security Administration.

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