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CHICAGO NORTH SHORE AND MILWAUKEE RAILWAY

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1954

Public Service Substation No. 35, at Laurel Avenue, down from 7:00 A.M. to 9:40 A.M., equipment failure.

Electroliner Units 801-802 taken out of service for wheel changes; standard equipment used on Trains Nos. 800-803-804-807-808.

Car 413 changed up at Highwood Yard, Train No. 526, broken glass in bulkhead door; delayed 3 mins.

Snow starting in early afternoon with strong winds starting in mid evening; snow reported to have accumulated to about 12 inches in Chicago with practically no snow north of Zion; sleet scrapers ordered down on CTA at 4:15 P.M. Interlocking Plant at Howard frozen up caused following delays: 578 - 5 mins. also 5 mins. Clark & Roscoe, plant frozen; 733 - 35 mins., 437 - 30 mins. also on 3/3/54 - #509 - 8 mins.

Train No. 543 delayed 2 mins. Highwood Yard, adding car to head end and cutting off rear car 727, no heat.

11:50 P.M., Extra 453 South, Mot. Gibson, Cond. Senn, Brakemen Hardy, Cairns and Hooper, switching on east track at Hough's, Libertyville, hand brake failed to work on oil car KPX-825, car striking bumping post and derailed but car available for unloading; west track of siding rails spread.

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UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1954

Train No. 523 delayed 5 mins. Highwood Yard, transferring psgrs. and cut off head car 179, hot journal.

8:20 A.M., CTA train at Belmont delayed 9 mins. broken draw bar; at same time at Quincy & Wells a CTA train delayed 6 mins. a/c fire extinguisher fell on woman's head and waiting for ambulance; these two CTA delays caused some delay to southbound North Shore Line trains.

*Train No. 426, cars 774-776-750, Mot. Allen, Cond. Horbinski, Coll. Glasen delayed 4 mins. Granville, third rail switch tongue failed to come loose on car 750 and switch burned off, requiring car to be dragged to Roos. Road; Coll. Glasen, in charge of car 750, scorched one leg of his trousers; CTA reported one of their motormen burned his hand.

9:50 P.M., Mot. S. Tomczak, taking car 254 from Harrison St. to Terminal, coming out of curve at So. 6th & Scott Streets, was struck at rear steps by a northbound 1948 Buick convertible, license No. A-67861 Wis. '54, driven by Robert Meldner, R.R.#3, Campbellcourt, Wis. accompanied by Shirley Arezdzon and Clara Mitchell, both of 737 So. 32nd St., Milwaukee, and Mary Goetz, 4772 S. Packard Avenue, Cudahy, Wis. No report of any personal injuries. Right door, right front fender, and bumper damaged on auto; rear steps damaged on car 254.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1954

Mot. F. Brown, operating Train No. 517, broke trip #50 at south entrance to Howard St. station; no delay to train.

Train No. 420, cars 747-738-769 delayed 6 mins. Kenosha-Ed. Ct., car 738 dropping out.

6:30 P.M., car cleaner's shanty at Roos. Road on fire; fire extinguished by Chicago Fire Department; no delay to trains.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 1954

8:48 A.M., C&NW #285 East, pulled drawbar in K.O. Interlocking Plant blocking both main line tracks and causing delays to following North Shore trains: 705 - 71 mins., 801 - 60 mins.; 409 - 10 mins. and 800 - 12 mins. operating via Shore Line; trains Nos. 310 and 313 annulled between Lake Bluff and Mundelein; train No. 802 left Milw. 6 mins. late due to late arrival of #801.

Crew on Train No. 804 reported B.O. gate at So. Kenosha; maintainer notified and O.K. at 3:37 P.M.

Train No. 430, cars 767-735-184-732 delayed 21 mins. NCJct.-So. Upton Tower, B.O. jumper between cars 735-184.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1954

Train No. 701, car 708, operated on two points Loop-Howard; at Howard car 150 cut off of Train No. 515 and added to Train No. 701; #701 delayed 17 mins.; #515 delayed 6 mins. Howard St.

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UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1954

Public Service Substation No. 44, at Beach Road, down from 3:00 P.M., Saturday, 3/6/54 to 12:00 M.N., 3/8/54, equipment failure.

Crew on Train No. 427 reported red Block Signal No. 215, located 3600 Feet North of Dundee Road, automatic gates at County Line and Clavey Roads also reported down, maintainer notified and O.K. at 10:10 P.M.; #729 delayed 2 mins.

Train No. 427 delayed 9 mins. Edison Court, Erwin Rendell, 32nd & Ezekiel Streets, Zion, became ill while on train; taken to Jane Dowst Emergency Hospital.

9:46 P.M., Train No. 570, cars 161-251, Mot. Crabb, Cond. Giefer, Colls. Agrella and Ropes, at Central Avenue, Highland Park, collided with a westbound Buick sedan, license No. 2274-639 Ill., '54, driven by Mrs. I. Meyers, 9752 W. Grand Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois, unaccompanied. Right rear fender pushed in against wheel; draw bar chain broken on train. No report of any personal injuries. Driver traveling too fast failed to notice train and drove on to tracks directly in front of it. Train inspected at Roos. Road by Conley.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1954

6:15 A.M., Extra 458 South, Mot. Gibson, Cond. Senn, Brakemen Hardy, Cairns, Hooper, backing in at Six Mile Road siding, trolley dewatered, breaking line pole causing trolley wire to hang low; #402 delayed 17 mins.

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UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1954

Crews on Extra 166 North and Train No. 517 reported Block Signal No. 188 out at Elm St., Winnetka, and red Block Signal No. 194 at Hubbard Woods; 606 delayed 3 mins., 518 - 2 mins., and 522 - 2 mins.

Sleet over entire system starting in at about 4:00 P.M. becoming extremely heavy at about 8:30 P.M. CTA Tracks Nos. 1 and 4 taken out of service due to weather conditions at 7:45 P.M. and returned to service at 6:30 A.M., 3/13/54, with CTA sleet scrapers ordered up at 3:30 A.M., 3/13/54. Train No. 809 lost his rights at Ed. Ct. and operated as an extra from Edison Court to Milwaukee. All blocks out from Racine to Harrison Street caused additional delays to Trains Nos. 425 and 427. Crew on Train No. 424 reported Wisconsin Electric Power Co. had from five to eight poles down between Pipers and Klinkerts, one pole blocking Northbound track and single track operated using southbound track between Sorenson and Pipers until track cleared at 9:35 P.M.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1954

Crew on Train No. 5 reported a hanger off about 4,000 feet North of Birch Road crossover.

Extra 761 South, sleet train, cars 761-771, Mot. Hardcastle, Cond. Debeh, heading in at Valley Junction, ran thru rigid switch at crossover.

Train No. 210, cars 174-157-154 delayed 4 mins. North of Chicago Avenue, Chicago, burned off air hose, car 154, caused by draw bar not hooked up.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1954

9:08 A.M., Train No. 801, units 802-801, Mot. Wylie, Cond. Pearson, Coll. A. Wilson, at Holdridge Road, was struck by an eastbound 1947 Dodge, license No. 1284-367 Ill. '54, driven by John W. Hill, age about 65 years, McArthur Drive, Waukegan, unaccompanied. No personal injuries. Front end of auto badly damaged; L-1 third rail beam damaged on unit 801. Auto driven into rear end of rear unit. Train delayed 27 mins., inspected at Milw. by Bauer.

Crew on Train No. 415 reported wigwags B.O. at Nechuta and Six Mile Road.

Dispatch 'phone out at Ryan from 12:40 P.M. to 2:35 P.M.

7:10 P.M., 1st part of Train No. 428, car 760, Mot. Keller, Cond. Hickey, at Chase Ave., Milw., was struck by a sobd. 1949 Plymouth Sedan, license No. J-54725 Wis. '54, driven by Walter Nelson, 2600 W. Lincoln Ave., Milw., unaccompanied. No personal injuries. Left front and rear fenders slightly damaged on auto. Driver attempted to stop but slid on icy pavement.

Substations at Harrison St., College Ave., Carrollville, Four Mile Road, and Racine, down from 10:51 P.M. to 10:55 P.M. due to overload; train No. 434 delayed 13 mins. Grange Avenue.

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* Mrs. E. Walbaum, age 71, 164 E. Pearson St., Chicago, 'phone Michigan 2-5625 stopped in at Adams & Wabash Station and reported to Mr. R. L. Mercer that when she boarded car 744, Train No. 430, collector in charge of car dropped the trap door on her left hand, injuring her middle finger. Train consisted of cars 738-762-763-744-742, Mot. Brynn, Cond. Sesterhenn, Colls. Crestani and Stanley, the latter man working car 744.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1954

8:40 A.M., a C&NW northbound freight train broke in two in plant at K.O. Tower, cleared at 10:43 A.M. Trains delayed: 800 - 35 mins., 210 - 34 mins., 801 - 53 mins., 707 - 36 mins., 409 - 14 mins. operating via Shore Line.

11:20 P.M., Extra 455, Mot. Fuller, Cond. Wintz, Brakemen Kolar, F.O. Robinson, Barkau, shoving cars into Moffett #1, U.S. Naval Training Center, failed to secure west gate No. 1511, damaging it.

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UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1954

Train No. 526 delayed 2 mins. Highwood Yard, changing up car 179, B.O. lavatory.

Train No. 551, cars 170-197-719 delayed 23 mins. Loop-Highwood, B.O. car 170; delayed 11 mins. Highwood, changing up car 170. Booster sent out from Highwood for Train No. 551 and Train No. 554 left 10th St. 6 mins. late due to late arrival of booster; train No. 325 left Lake Bluff 6 mins. late, for connection with #554.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1954

9:44 A.M., Train No. 603, car 172, Mot. Palmer, Cond. Barr, at Park Avenue, Glencoe, Mrs. G. McKeon, 555 Hull Terrace, Winnetka, alighting from car, lost balance but was prevented from falling by Conductor. Car inspected at Highwood by Hickey.

3:18 P.M., Train No. 551, cars 177-184-168 Mot. Russell, Cond. Reimers, Colls. Grabo and Monroe, at Randolph & Wabash, Diane Bleeker, 2044 W. Gates, Chicago, Illinois, boarding car 184, misjudged step from platform to car platform and slipped, falling to knees. Refused offer of medical attention from Coll. Grabo, in charge of car, and continued to her destination.

Crew on Train No. 422 reported West gate B.O. at 75th St., Kenosha; maintainer notified.

Train No. 425 delayed 4 mins. Ed.Ct., cut car, also change retriever, car 763.

Crew on Train No. 432 reported an auto ran thru and broke gate at 13th St., Racine.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1954

* 9:41 A.M., Train No. 801, units 802-801, Mot. Wylie, Cond. Pearson, Coll. A. Wilson, at Grange Avenue, Milwaukee, struck and instantly killed Joseph Blowat, age 72 years, 5661 So. 6th Street, Milwaukee. Man walking east walked under gates and was struck by northeast corner of unit 802. Crossing protected by automatic gates equipped with flashers, all in perfect working order at time of accident. Train delayed 58 mins.

Train No. 437, cars 763-720-776-752 delayed 3 mins. Kenosha-Ryan, car 720 dropping out.

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UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1954

3:31 P.M., Train No. 420, cars 757-764-173 Mot. Chubb, Cond. Forby, Coll. Jacobs, at Kinzie Avenue, Racine, collided with an eastbound 1947 Frazier Sedan, license No. L-3097 Wis. '54, driven by Ray Moungey, 1518 Kentucky Avenue, Racine, accompanied by his wife. Driver and his wife got out of auto before it was hit but Mrs. Moungey, suffering from shock, was taken to St. Marys Hospital. Auto completely demolished. All cars in train damaged, later brought to Highwood. Train annulled Racine to Chicago, boosted from Ed. Ct. Auto stalled on tracks, right front corner of train striking left front end of auto throwing it into gate structure breaking gates. Auto burst into flames spraying gasoline on front trucks of head car. Crossing protected by automatic gates equipped with flashers, in perfect working order.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1954

Train No. 519 left Roos. Road 11 mins. late, motorman missed.

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UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1954

Public Service Substation No. 34, at Old Mill Road, down from 4:10 A.M. further notice, equipment failure due to flashover caused by lightning.

D. M. Rick, 133 Linden Avenue, Wilmette, became ill while a passenger in car 191, Train No. 602, in charge of Coll. G. Robinson; taken off train at Roos. Road and sent to hospital in ambulance.

Train No. 601, cars 176-184-185-151 delayed 3 mins. Howard, cut out motors, car 151. Train No. 429, cars 251-741-164 delayed 15 mins. Skokie-Milw., high winds and motor 741 on two machines a/c #4 hot motor bearing. Train No. 575, cars 715-733-176-704 delayed 5 mins. Roos. Road-Highwood, dragging dead car 704.

Strong winds started blowing at about 10:45 A.M. continuing thru entire day reaching a velocity, at times, of 84 MPH. A number of trains delayed a/c trolley dewirements. Crew on Train No. 803 reported telephone booth blown over at Birch. A pole broken off south of 10th St. Milw. Dispatch wire B.O. between Kenosha and Racine from 12:20 P.M. to 5:10 P.M.

Train No. 816, units 803-804, Mot. F. Brown, Cond. Allen, Coll. E.C. Anderson crossing bridge in Milwaukee when Greyhound bus passed and in so doing cut in front of train, tearing off cab door and grab handle on unit 803 and breaking several windows in bus. No report of any personal injuries.

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UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1954

Substation at Four Mile Road down from 2:50 P.M. to 8:10 P.M., equipment failure.

B.O. switch at Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, following trains delayed:
613 - 13 mins., 719 - 11 mins.

Train No. 554 delayed 4 mins. Highwood Yard, changing up car 772, hot journal; delayed 13 mins. Howard St., trolley cable shorted on #2 end, car 711, causing fire on roof of car.

* Train No. 809, units 802-801, Mot. Conder, Cond. Glascock, Coll. Hanson, on So. 5th at Grant Streets, Milwaukee, collided with a westbound 1946 Chrysler sedan, license No. B-65374 Wis. '54, driven by Charline Blake, 814 Lincoln Ave., Milwaukee, accompanied by Jane Shiller, 2246 S. Aldrich St., Milwaukee. Driver of auto and passenger slightly injured, taken to South Side Emergency Hospital. Left side of auto badly damaged. Driver drove on to tracks directly in front of train, motorman applied emergency but was unable to stop in time to avoid collision. Train delayed 18 mins.

Crew on Train Extra 453 South reported gate broken at Libertyville; maintainer notified.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1954

* 6:59 P.M., Train No. 729, cars 712-710 Mot. Calvert, Cond. Lujanac, Coll. R. Johnson, at Cook and Lake County Road, collided with a westbound 1949 Cadillac club coupe, license No. 1093-576 Ill. '54, driven by Paul Linn, 338 Laurel Avenue, Libertyville, accompanied by his wife and son. No personal injuries. Auto badly damaged. Step bent, resistance bar knocked off, air pipes damaged and wheel guard, pilot and reverser broken on car 712. Auto stalled on tracks before gates went down, driver unable to get car started and he and his passengers got out before auto struck by train. Train delayed 42 mins. operated from 2nd car to destination.

Crew on Train No. 434 reported B.O. trolley wire at Dugdale Rd., Waukegan; lineman found mast arm bent and wire hanging loose but in clear.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1954

Train No. 551, cars 154-168 Mot. G.W. Smith, Cond. Quinn, Coll. Hiebel, near Main St., Evanston, boys threw a rock thru and broke window in car 168. No report of any personal injuries. Evanston police notified and apprehended boys.

Train No. 731, car 708, delayed 5 mins. Wilson Ave.-Mundelein, B.O. motor and operating on two motors Howard-Mundelein.

Train No. 432, cars 726-720-747-755-774 delayed 9 mins. Harrison St., changing B.O. retriever, car 755.

9:40 P.M., towerman reported an auto had run thru and broken gates at Ryan; maintainer notified.

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UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1954

Light snow started falling at Ryan at about 11:30 P.M., 3/28/54 and getting heavy at about 1:00 A.M., 3/29/54, over entire system; snow continued falling until about 5:30 P.M. at which time 7.7" had fallen in Chicago area. Highland Park Street Dept. reported one of their snow plows had broken a gate at Berkeley Road (Skokie Valley Div.).

Train No. 402 delayed 3 mins. Randolph & Wells, B.O. reset, car 739.

Train No. 601 left Roos. Road 7 mins. late, Motorman missed.

9:43 A.M., Train No. 522, cars 184-167-157 Mot. Keane, Cond. Sutter, Colls. Sullivan, Leis, and Samuels, on St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, was struck by an eastbound 1951 Studebaker convertible, license No. 434-589 Ill. '54, driven by Mrs. Lore Joseph, 130 Lakeside Pl., Highland Park, accompanied by two small children. No personal injuries. Left side of auto damaged. Auto coming out of C&NW driveway slid on snow covered driveway skidding into front steps of car 184. Train delayed 18 mins. inspected at R.Rd. by Lagogiannis.

Kenosha Substation down from 9:30 A.M. to 1:05 P.M., D C flashover caused by B.O. motors, units 802-801, operating on Train No. 801.

Train No. 411 delayed 7 mins. So. Upton-Milw., car 251 on two motors.

Train No. 802, units 801-802, left Milw. 5 mins. late, shopmen working on #1 and #4 motors; delayed 18 mins. Harrison St., changing up with standard equipment, also used on Train No. 805, with units 801-802 returned to service on Train No. 816. Train No. 534 delayed 7 mins. NCJct. for conn. with #802.

Train No. 429 delayed 6 mins. Ed.Ct.-Milw., B.O. motor, car 742.

Train No. 433 delayed 6 mins. Loop-Howard, B.O. jumper between cars 774-770.

Train No. 435, cars 746-768-157-167-184 delayed 10 mins. Skokie-Ed.Ct., B.O. train; delayed 3 mins. Ed.Ct. cut off three rear cars and testing train; found B.O. jumper between cars 768-157.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1954

Car 725 changed up on Train No. 514 at Highwood Yard, B.O. controller.

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UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1954

Train No. 619, cars 704-193-706 left Roos. Road 6 mins. late, B.O. lights, car 193.

Train No. 562, car 169, delayed 25 mins. Lake Bluff-Highwood, B.O. compressor, pushed to Highwood by Extra 410 South.

Train No. 432, cars 752-252 delayed 15 mins. Bryn Mawr-Roos. Road, B.O. train, both cars dead. Train No. 724 delayed 11 mins. Harrison St., B.O. train pulling into Congress St. stub; train No. 733 left Roos. Road 7 mins. late, late arrival of #724.

11:50 P.M., Extra 456 South, Mot. L. D. Fuller, ran thru main line rigid switch at Economy siding, Waukegan, breaking bottom of switch stand; switch point spiked shut.

Thursday, April 1, 1954

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