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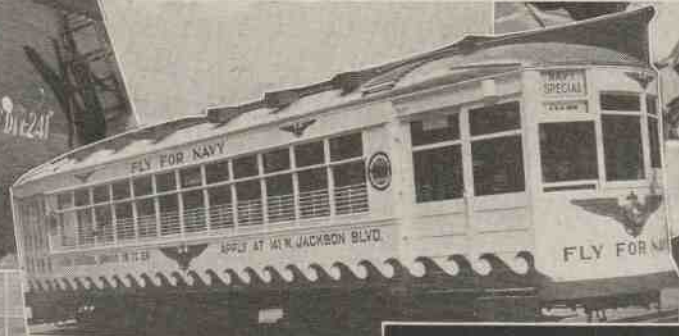
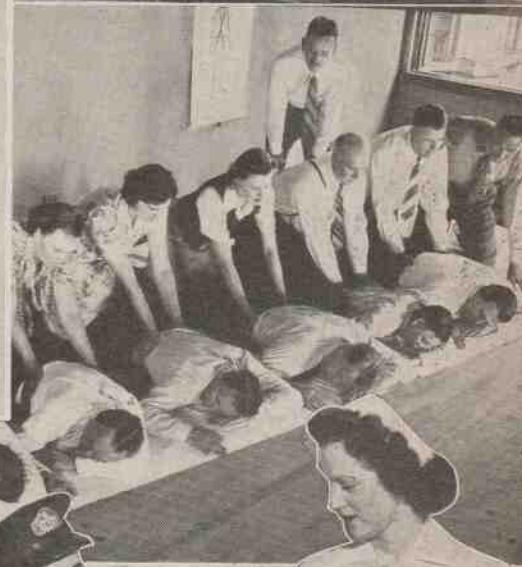
For Distinguished Service
 rendered in behalf of the Sixth Service Command
 this Citation is awarded to

Chicago Surface Lines

Given under my hand and seal at Chicago, Ill. May 19, 1944



H. Howard
 Commanding General



Surface Service

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We Can Be Proud —

ALL Chicago can be proud of the part this area performed in the war which culminated with the formal declaration of V-J Day early this month.

- We can be proud of the great war output that flowed from the hundreds of plants and factories which were converted to military production. We can be proud of the records established in war bond sales, blood donations, scrap collections and other war drives. And, of course, we can be most proud of the gallant men and women from this area who have served with the armed forces.
- The Chicago Surface Lines family had an important role to play in this greatest of war mobilizations. Despite the extreme handicaps resulting from the war, Surface Lines cars and buses were kept going to transport the hundreds of thousands of war workers to and from their jobs. This was possible only because of the continuous effort and cooperation of the whole Surface Lines family.
- Before we turn all our thoughts and efforts to the problems of reconversion and peace-time activities, the management wishes to commend the employes in all departments for the teamwork and cooperation that was displayed throughout the war period.

JOHN E. SULLIVAN, *Chairman*
Joint Board of Management and Operation



FRONT COVER: Employe and company activities backed up the men at the front.



Transportation Praised On Handling V-J Crowds

TRY TO IMAGINE two or three New Year's Eve crowds rolled into one, and you have some conception of the crowd which mobbed Chicago's Loop the evening of August 14, after the announcement of Japan's surrender. The congestion started late in the afternoon, and by 7:00 P. M., State and Dearborn Streets had been closed to all traffic, while thousands of people celebrated in the street.

Loop-bound streetcar traffic was 35 per cent over the normal, in spite of neighborhood celebrations blocking portions of the

main lines. However, supervisors were stationed at strategic points over the city, and, in accordance with pre-arranged plans, re-routed lines as occasion required. Traffic was not reinstated on State Street until 2:30 Wednesday morning.

Superintendent of Transportation W. A. Hall stated, "The smooth cooperation of all Transportation Department employees during this day and night of excitement enabled us to maintain service with no serious delays and with little or no personal injuries or damage to company property. A special thanks should also go to the police department for its outstanding job of preserving order in trouble spots."



Awarded Air Medal After 26 Missions in Pacific

STAFF SGT. EDWARD M. STANTON (Accounting) has received the air medal for having participated in 26 operation flight missions in the Pacific area. Stanton is a B-24 tail gunner and participated in missions against enemy air-dromes and naval and cargo vessels. He is at present stationed on Okinawa.

Sergeant Stanton was cited by Gen. George C. Kenny, commander of the Far East air forces, for meritorious achievement while taking part in aerial flights in the Pacific area from March 10 to May 19.

Twenty-one years of age, Stanton came with the Surface Lines in May, 1942. Just a year later he was inducted. He is the son of Conductor Joseph J. Stanton, 77th, who has been with CSL since April, 1914.

Conductor Raymond Klein Missing in Action

WORD HAS BEEN received that Raymond Klein, S. 1/c (conductor, Division), has been reported missing in action, as of July 30. Klein was aboard the heavy cruiser *Indianapolis* when it was sunk by enemy action in the Philippine sea.

Klein had been aboard the *Indianapolis*, which was the flagship of the 5th fleet, for two years. He participated in eight major engagements in the Pacific area, including Tarawa, Saipan, Peleliu Islands, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa.

With the Surface Lines since March, 1934, Klein entered military service in May, 1943. He was home on leave in June.

Pfc. Bill Lohse (conductor, Devon) is responsible for this picture of a Leicester streetcar. Those in Edinborough and London are similar, and in spite of their appearance provide a smooth ride. London uses no overhead trolley, but an underground conduit, and most switches are hand jobs.

Track Man Receives Bronze Star Medal

FOR MERITORIOUS service and achievement in connection with military operations on Northern Luzon, First Sergeant Jake Barbera (Track, western division) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

The citation read in part: "Sgt. Barbera's ability to command and maintain discipline over his men enabled the several displacements of his battery to be carried out in a most efficient manner. On numerous occasions, due to the absence of officers, he was required to perform duties and make decisions beyond his rank and assignment. Sgt. Barbera's devotion to duty, ability and leadership reflect credit upon himself and the military service."

Barbera was a member of the Illinois National Guard and went to Camp Forrest, Tenn., with the 33rd Division when it was activated in March, 1941. He has completed two years of overseas duty.

Conductor Serpe Reported Missing

WORD has been received that Conductor Joe Serpe (Lawndale) has been listed as missing from the aircraft carrier *Benjamin Franklin*.

Everyone knows of the gallant battle for survival waged by the *Franklin*, how she fought enemy ships and planes while at the same time fighting against destruction by her own internal explosions. Joe, who is 28 years old, came with CSL in April, 1943. Almost a year to the day later he was inducted. At home are his wife and little boy, still waiting and hoping for his return.



Joe Serpe

PICTURES OF THE MONTH →

Chalk up another five-star father: Mortorman George Bagnall (Kedzie), here shown waiting for his sons to safely return from the "four corners of the earth." At the top of the star is Cpl. Al Bagnall, the youngest of the boys, a cook at Ft. Knox, Ky. Clockwise around the star: Cpl. John, now in a rest camp in the South Pacific; Yeoman Eugene, who has been in the Navy four years, two of which were in Sicily; Cpl. Patrick, attached to Medical Headquarters in Germany; Sgt. Frank, Ann Arbor, Michigan.



As Others See Us

STRAPHANGERS' LAMENT . . . We made a rule never to crusade, or preach, but we've just had a ride on a Madison Street trolley. We've seen sedate matrons taken with the blind staggers, small children torn willy-nilly from their mothers, and strong men skid up to the conductor on their stomachs, clutching the 8 cents

they must pay for this torture. What a ride—at Riverview it's fun, but on streetcars it's fearsome. A sailor, who grabbed a guide rail and hung on for his life, described it . . . "Well, what do you know," he gasped, "jet propulsion!"

—Carl Guldager, *Chicago Daily News*.



It's Motormen's Month To Receive Letters of Praise

BECAUSE THEY have more direct dealings with the public, the conductors are more popular subject matter for commendation letters than are the motormen. However, the last month seemed to have more favorable aspects for the pilots.

Mrs. M. Malinowski, 3745 W. 26th, had her daughter write in to praise *Motorman Guy DiMeo* (Blue Island)—not only for his attitude toward the passengers but his excellent job as trainman. "Never in all my years have I seen a kinder, more courteous motorman than No. 12679," she wrote. "He always has a sweet, kind smile for all and he operates his car super. When I ride on his car I relax and feel like I'm riding on air."

Florian Ciesiolkiewicz (69th) also was commended by a steady rider, *Patrician P. Wellman* (no address), for the ease of his stops and starts. "He also seemed very courteous about giving directions and helping older people out of the car."

Motorman Edward J. McWilliams (Kedzie) remained cool in an emergency, and *May Evans*, 1027 N. Austin, reports that "if it were not for that I don't know what would have happened, as the car was crowded."

Practically the ideal motorman was the classification in which one rider placed *Patrick Pendergast* (Devon).

WITH SCHOOL DAYS upon us, the young riders can often prove trying to the tempers of tired trainmen. Mrs. *Hilda Horeni*, 2132 S. Springfield, was apparently very aware of this when she called to our attention the actions of *Conductor Martin Fahey* (Lawndale). "We noticed the patience he showed to two very young passengers he had on his car, and the polite attitude with which he gave information to an aged passenger. I was so impressed that I couldn't resist writing in."

What greater praise could a trainman ask for than that which *Dr. Dave Belinoff*, 563 Diversey Parkway, gave to *Conductor John L. Nicolae* (Devon): "If I had an employe who, while in contact with my customers stimulated the good will, friendliness and courtesy I have just encoun-

tered, I would exploit his capabilities to the utmost. . . . I was only one of 40-odd passengers who commented among themselves concerning the extreme courtesy and care with which this man helped people board and alight from his car." That's a real feather for a fellow's hat.

WE GET SORT OF USED to Lawrence garage cropping up in courtesy columns. This month *Operator Joseph Loftus* receives praise for consideration given to Mrs. J. A. Stephens, 2024 Arthur, as she attempted to make his bus while burdened by a suitcase and her two-year-old child.

It was the honesty of *Operators Joseph Klein* and *Edward Gron* (Lawrence) which won them letters.

And speaking of honesty—*Harold J. Gordon*, 123 So. LaSalle, one morning discovered that he had accidentally paid the fare of a strange young woman who boarded the streetcar when he did. He "did not notice the change he gave me until I had moved to the front platform of the crowded car. He had taken out two fares. . . . Because of my carelessness and the small amount involved, I dismissed the incident. A few blocks farther on, when No. 4598 had a chance, he took the trouble of searching for me in the car and presenting me with the eight cents he had overcharged me."

As Mrs. *Rolla Boggs*, 5629 N. Wayne, wrote, "Of course, I know people are supposed to be honest, but it does not always turn out that way, as we all know." And that's the reason *Conductor Tom Craven* (Cottage Grove) and *Conductor Walter Padgham* (Burnside) were praised for having returned purses to their owners.



There's a paper shortage you know, and you're supposed to share your magazine

CSL Serviceman Says German Prison Life Was "Pretty Boring"

BEING A GERMAN PRISONER was no exciting adventure, according to *Cpl. Bernard Kincanon* (Schedule). Rather, "It was pretty boring. Each day was so like the one before that you almost lost count." Which was not quite the story that Bernie's fellow-workers expected when he visited them last month. Kincanon was home on furlough from Fort Custer, where he has been stationed since his return to the States following his liberation from a German prison camp.

He explained: "We'd wake up in the morning, drag ourselves out for roll call, then go back to bed and wait for soup. After we had eaten we'd go back to bed and wait until it was time for evening roll call!" It was not a fondness for bed that prompted this routine, but the winter weather and the crowded condition of the camp. Bernie's quarters consisted of a floorless tent, with only straw on the ground for a bed and two blankets for covers!

The facilities of the camp did not include a heating system. There were two water taps for 3,000 men. If anyone wanted a drink he had to hike a half-mile through freezing weather and stand in line. Hot water was unheard of. During his four months as a prisoner, Kincanon remembers vaguely that he had about four showers. "When we got out, were we lousy!" he grinned—and he meant it.

Food consisted of scraps of bread, weak, watery soup and the always-looked-for Red Cross packages. Bernie says he never will forget the Red Cross, because their packages were really life savers, containing canned meat, powdered milk and coffee, and the most welcome cigarettes. The camp made no provision for any sort of recreation, although they had a hidden radio which enabled them to follow the progress of world news after a fashion.

Captured on December 12, 1944, during the battle of the Bulge, Kincanon spent a few days in an evacuation prison camp, from which he was sent to Stalag 4B. This camp was better equipped than the average, and it was from here that Bernie was permitted to write his family.

His wife received the letter on April 14 (SURFACE SERVICE, May, 1945). Everyone felt that this was cause for a celebration, because the papers had just announced that Stalag 4B had been liberated two days before.

However, in the meantime, he had been transferred to Camp 3-B, which was ac-



Bernard, Junior, and The Mrs.
He got: captured, bored, and lousy.

complished by loading the prisoners into freight cars, without food, water or any conveniences. During this trip they were accidentally bombed and strafed by the British forces. Bernie and his carload of fellow sufferers broke out and tried to protect themselves as best they could. However, one of Bernie's buddies was killed during this raid.

The next transfer was to Camp 3-A. The real tough life of a PW started with the 100-mile transfer, which was made on foot. Travel was exceptionally bad because of the cold weather and a meager food supply. All his letters detailing this move had apparently been tossed out by the censors!

After four months and twenty days of prison life, Bernie was liberated by the Russians. By this time he had a bad infection in his foot from the lice that were ever present in the straw that floored their sleeping quarters. However, a loss of 30 pounds in weight and the foot infection were not enough to keep him and a buddy from going AWOL and joining the American Forces on the other side of the Elbe River. From then on it was a trip to a hospital in Rheims, where the infection was cured, and then the boat ride back to the Good Old U.S.A. He was sent immediately to Fort Custer and was granted a 30-day furlough, which he spent with his family in Oak Park—making the acquaintance of his four-month-old son.

Kincanon came with CSL in May, 1942. He held the position of traffic checker in the Schedule Department and was inducted in March, 1943. He went overseas last October as part of the 106th Division—the same division as another CSL employee, Pfc. George Peterson, who was also made a German prisoner (SURFACE SERVICE, August, 1945).

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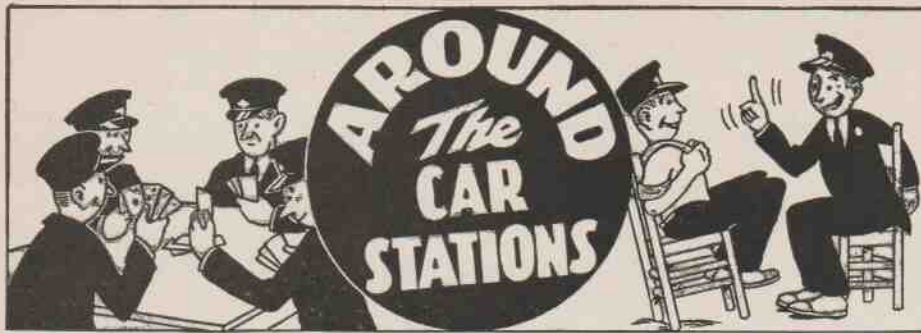
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Armitage

By Ted Shumon

V-DAY, here at last. We at Armitage were all glad to hear the good news, on August 14th, that the Nips were down on their honorable Japa-knees and asking for peace. Boy, O boy, did we celebrate! The next day your scribe arose at the crack of dawn, then stuffed up the crack and went back to bed.

It is with deep regret that we announce the sudden death of *Conductor Albert Schub*. Al came to work at Armitage, October 16, 1924, and passed away on Sunday, August 26th. He had been confined to a hospital only a few days. Besides his immediate family, he leaves a host of friends at Armitage depot. We all extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

Leonard Bloniarz has been wearing a very large smile for some time now. It took us quite awhile to discover the whyfor, but it has finally leaked out. Leonard became the Daddy of a fine eight and one-half pound baby girl on July 15. Mother and daughter are coming along fine, and Leonard has fully recovered. Congratulations to all three.

Howard Puetzke was home on a 34-day re-assignment furlough, and although your scribe failed to contact him, they do say he was looking swell. Howard had been in England for about three years or more.

George Demco, who was on the sick list for nine months, is back on the job again, and are we glad to see him! George really had a tough time of it and wants to thank the several men at Armitage for their many kindnesses during his long illness. Congratulations, George, we are all for you.

Headlines: 153-point Vet comes home. This was the headline recently, in one of the daily papers. This vet was *Cpl. John D. Smith*, son of *Motorman Eddie Smith*, "champion" checker player of Armitage depot. Cpl. Smith earned his 153 points with six and one-half years of service in Uncle Sam's Army, winning also the Purple Heart with cluster, and the Presidential Citation. He also had 31 parachute jumps to his credit. As he was coming down on his 21st jump, in Nijmegen, Holland, German snipers shot him in the legs and head. He is now fully recovered.

Motorman Pedersen raises some very fine beagle hounds, as almost everyone at Armitage knows. In order to transport his dogs to and from the

various field trials, he has built a large trunk-like box which is attached to the rear of his automobile. The box is made to close tight, but has three trap doors which open to admit air while in transit. These traps are protected by half-inch wire screening. The bottom is removable for cleaning purposes. All in all, it is the work of a first class cabinet maker, and his dogs will really travel in style. We all hope you carry off the dough.

Hank Dulin was home on a short furlough and expects to be discharged in the very near future. We hope so, too. Hank, we sure need "bellboys."

Frank Gries has been discharged and returned home. He has been in the barn a couple of times and expects to return to work in the very near future. Frank was in the Navy and did his stuff in the Pacific Area. Glad to see you back, Frank.

"*Slat*" Miller was on his way home for a re-assignment furlough when the Japs hollered uncle. He hopes that Uncle Sam changes his mind and discharges him while he is here. We hope so, too, Slat. However, we will have to change his name from Slat to Pudgy, for he has taken on considerable weight while making his tour of Europe.

Conductor Glonke is saving 25-cent pieces. He puts them into his mattress and calls it his sleeping quarters.

Since last writing, your scribe has received letters from *George Thompson*, *Barney Walsh*, *Ed Plocinski*, and last, but not least, a long-looked-for letter from *Leonard Hayes*. George is now in France again, or at least was, at last writing. Says he is having a swell time, since the Krauts have been tamed.

Plocinski says it is not bad out on the Pacific island where he is now located, as they have movies, ice cream and plenty to eat, but most of all they have water—water as far as one can see. He also says that someone will have a chance to buy a perfectly good uniform when he returns, as his will no longer fit him.

Barney Walsh is in Manila and sends a list of prices, which are as follows: Shoes \$90.00 per pair, pants \$50.00 per pair, cigarettes \$10.00 per carton, beer \$25.00 per case and watches from \$200.00 to \$300.00. Roll film is \$3.00 per roll. Speaking of film, Barney says he would like to have a roll or two of 616 or 620. Your scribe has been unable to find this size, can anyone help? Barney says that he has seen several children whom the Japs had cut off an arm or a hand,

and some older ones whom the Japs had blinded. Barney also says that all the streetcars are at the ends of the lines and won't be running any more, as the Japs destroyed all of them.

Hayes said he saw between 15 and 20 thousand paratroopers land on Saipan and Corregidor. He also said that his ship carried *MacArthur* to Borneo, which was a pushover. Said *MacArthur* was dressed like he was going to a dance, when he went ashore at Borneo. Before *MacArthur* left the ship for Manila he gave each man aboard an autographed photo.

That's all for now. Tune in again next month.

Devon

By Charles Saklem

CONDUCTOR V. LA SALLE is back at work after serving with the Navy in the Pacific for over three years. LaSalle came through many narrow squeaks. One time he had been transferred to another ship and three weeks later his old ship was sunk with the loss of many of his buddies. Guess his luck was with him all the way.

Devon lost three men in this war: *Ray Corrigan*, *Frank L. Reed* and *Anthony G. Peters*. They gave their lives so we can enjoy peace.

Retired Peter D. Thompson passed away August 10. *Retired Conductor Lewis Larson's* wife passed away last month. The Larsons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. *Conductor Art Muir's* father passed away August 23. To these families we at Devon extend our deepest sympathies.

Motorman Jake Lischko still has his back in a cast. After three and a half months in a cast he will have to spend two weeks at St. Joseph's hospital. We are all thinking of you and hope you will soon be up and around and strong as ever.

In case some of you boys didn't get your Sunday paper on August 4, blame it on *Ed Baden*. He tried awfully hard to push the delivery truck under the front end of his car at Belden and Clark Streets. Sure glad Ed got out of it with just a few scratches. Guess we'll have to call you "Lucky" Baden from now on.

Division

By Fred Shippy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Ruth Ann Warnstedt*, 7; *Dianne Schulske*, 7; *Patty Zakrzewski*, 5; *Michael Brost*, 3; *James Clark*, 11, and *Dale Smith*, 3. Congratulations and make pop, pop with the ice cream and candy.

Anniversary congratulations to: *Conductor and Mrs. V. Weinert* on their seventh. May you celebrate many more.

Welcome home to *Whitey Szymelfinik* and *Tommy Thompson*, who have returned from serving Uncle Sam.

Matt Purchla's boy, *Matheu*, is home on furlough and is coming along. Keep it up, Matt. As the fellow says, "It won't be long now."

May we offer our deepest sympathy to the families of two of our retired old-timers: *Claude*

Boos and Walter Hahn. Also to Elijah Bates, whose father passed away at the ripe old age of 94.

Now is the time to keep on buying bonds even if the Japs are licked. Don't forget our boys have to get home, and buying bonds assures them of the necessary transportation to come home to us. Also, it helps us to save for that rainy day that is coming.

By the way, Ted, one of our men went up to Benton Harbor to get ready for the next ball game. His name is Otto Kaeseberg, and is he a catcher, and also offered to run bases for Ray Larson. (Watch the Cubs play ball.) Ask Johnny Bowe what he did with the policeman's teeth. Also, he has an extra cap for sale.



U. S. Coast Guard Photo

Coast Guardsman Merton John Daley, chief boatswain's mate, takes a bearing aboard the Coast Guard-manned Army repair ship on which he is serving somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. Before entering military service in October, 1942, Daley was a motorman at Elston. He's been with CSL since 1936.

Johnny Gilmore is putting up a new building. Do a good job on it, Sarg. Art Bishop has onions that grow upside down. He says they are not onionsets. Snap out of it, Art. You can't tell that to the farmers and get away with it.

Did you ever hear of Red Lowery and his Southern Comfort? Nuff said.

Kedzie

By Joe Smith

ON AUGUST 5, George Sullivan was conscientiously minding his business on the back end of his streetcar, when there occurred a ringing in his ears. It nettled George that he wasn't touching his half-fare register and yet that ringing was identical to the ring of the register.

George looked at his register and the bell continued to ring, but now it came from inside the car. George stepped inside, and there, sitting in one of the rear seats were two boys, one of whom was tallying the pedestrians on the street with a half-fare register!

Asked where they procured the register, the boys answered they had traded flashlight batteries and a pocket knife for it. George turned the boys over to John McCarthy and Supervisor Loftgarden as he passed the depot. When the boys were questioned and the number checked, it was found that the register was one taken from Conductor Dan Lyons when four young holdup men relieved him of his money and changer at Douglas Blvd. and Kedzie on April 2.

All four of the young Jesse Jimmies were apprehended through the initial quick thinking of our own George (Bubble-nose) Sullivan.

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Recent shooting of the Lincoln Park Zoo's beserk bear has resulted in Will Miles (resident of Brookfield, and a Kedzie Avenue pilot) buying the bear and selling bear steaks without points. Take heed, Jack Stack No. 2, and all you bachelors who have only one ration book.

*Where is my wandering hat tonight,
And my badge I wish, would return;
As I quenched my thirst it wandered away;
Oh, helmet, for you I yearn.*

This is the song Motorman Sam (Cincinnati) Cinquegrani was singing for two or three days after he stopped for a drink at a fountain and later missed his hat!

Conductor Ken Gillespie is now busy taking his mother-in-law's place in helping his wife. He hastily snatched at an apartment with a "FOR RENT" sign.

Bill Staunton, the younger (he insists it's not Junior), spent a week in the hospital after having an operation on what he presumed was a grandpappy hicky, but came out as a tumor. Bill's OK now and back at the controls.

Pete Nitaek also had a bit of surgical diversion when he had to have a swollen finger lanced. 'Twas the prettiest color of cerise you ever did see before it was lanced.

That industrious fellow, John Naughton, had to find time to visit his brother, Motorman Tommy Naughton, who spent the last month in St. Anne's hospital after an operation for the Burger disease. Tommy says it has nothing to do with hamburgers, but comes from an infection of a nerve in the hip that stops circulation in the feet. (Figure that one out.)

Since when has Conductor Pat Scanlon been using leg makeup? Incidentally, Pat, have you heard from that new bulwark of the Navy, Motorman Sal Gallo?

Sam Roland suggests that Bud Herrick put some of the time he uses making cracks about the Roland limousine into polishing effort. Sam also wishes surcease to Herrick's quaint alms-seeking in asking Mrs. Roland to have sandwiches (meat preferred) prepared so Herrick may pick them up on his fall-back trip. Sam doesn't mind the gastronomical gift, but he insists that Herrick bring his own red points.

We often wondered why Conductor Jim McCann always worked on Harrison Street. Here's the story: He was practicing for his new profession in Montana. When you read this Jim will be well on his way to being a cow-puncher. Best of luck, Jim, drop us a sirloin now and then.

Paul Rosenstrater and Tim Heffernan have relieved Rudy Schultz and Marty Huska on the Credit Union run. So don't go back there and say: "I'm going to save mine until Rudy and Marty get back from lunch."

Motorman Ed (Red) Szudarski had his ear examined and the doc found it necessary to lance an abscess that had grown into triplets. Red wasn't saying his prayers when the doc got him on the floor to lance the third one.

That Kongenial Keeper of the Koins, Mike Callahan, was being sought after and not present. That worthy gets a vacation just as you and you. He's back now and wishes he had a vacation to rest up from his vacation.

Motorman John Thomas is back from his Rhinelander vacation and says he didn't raise a fish-hook, just sat back and let the other fellows tell about the one that got away.



Motorman Vince La-Montagna (Kedzie) has been meandering around Germany and managed to get himself wounded in the hand. Like a lot of other CSL men in military service, Vince has a six-month-old son he's never seen.

Joe (Papa) Pochman is spending his vacation at Bear Lake, Wisconsin, and expects to catch quite a few of the outsize finners.

Motorman Bob Orsi, bedecked with his ribbons and T/S chevrons, visited the depot on August 8. He's in for a 30-day furlough and says that he'd be back on the job but the military authorities found out he could cook and placed him in charge of the culinary art at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

Motorman P. Lenehan's son received his sailing orders a few days before V-J Day, after being in the Navy for three and a half years.

With the completion of 23 missions recently, the Junior Herbert, Bill Herbert's son, has better than 345 hours of actual flying combat duty to his credit over the hottest part of Japanese territory.

From that far-off vacationland where there is an Indian tepee and a waterfall with a manufacturing establishment for background at Diversey and Pulaski Road, Art Dressler reports that the repair men of this station have received a card in care of Stan Kajpust from Steve Jarecki, who, to all appearances, is spending his vacation in the tepee.

We extend our deepest sympathy to: Maurice King (retired) of this station, whose son, John

School Daze - DEAR OLD GOLDEN RULE DAYS...

RULE 1 ... HAVE PATIENCE - REMEMBER - YOU WERE YOUNG ONCE... RAH! RAH! RAH! SIZZ-BOOM-BAH!



RULE 2 ... GET THEIR CO-OPERATION..



RULE 3... BE ALERT!

I'M ALL EYES



RULE 4... MAKE SURE THERE'S NO ONE ON THE STEPS ...



RULE 5... KEEP YOUR TEMPER SWEET...



RULE 6 ... BE FRIENDLY...



But Seriously...

When handling school crowds, observing the "Golden Rule" isn't such a bad idea. It enables you to put yourself in their place—and if you get their respect, their cooperation will follow. Establishing good will between trainmen and students can sometimes prevent personal injuries or damage to company property.

Ferd Himme

the fellas pick runs is always a lot of fun. To a non-interested observer it would sound something like this: "Say, are you going to pick that run, Joe?" "Yes, why, is there something wrong with it?" "I'll say there is, you get so many school kids you'll think you are back in school again." . . . "Jim, you had this run last year. How is it?" "It's alright, except this trip here. Boy, do you get 'em! If you're not careful they'll take your seat away!" . . . "I'd like to pick this run, but my wife won't let me." . . . "Say, who are we waiting for? Who's holding up the picking? Muszynski! What again?" . . . "I don't know why I picked this run. I could have gotten something better. Oh, well, it will be a short pick." . . . "This run would be alright if you didn't have that guy for a leader. He doesn't let any grass grow under his wheels." . . . "I'm glad you're in back of me instead of in front of me this time." . . . I could go on writing pages of stuff about picking, but I think I'm getting the editor confused. In fact, he may not even print this at all.

Operator *George Wickman* of the U. S. Navy paid us a visit recently. George looks well and happy. I suppose the boss asked you when you were going to shed that navy blue for a CSL blue uniform. Boy, we sure could use you. Yes, and a lot more, too.

Our sympathy is extended to Operator *Frank Allen* in the loss of his brother-in-law; also to *Al Baker* in the loss of his mother-in-law.

You know, fellas, it's quite a task to keep this column alive and interesting without help. I mean in the form of news items. You know, each day I look into our news box, hoping to find something—only to turn away with a heavy heart, saying, "There's no news today." And believe me, in *this* case that's not good news. If you hear or see anything of interest around the garage, jot it down on a piece of paper and drop it in the news box. I assure you I'll be forever grateful. Be seeing you next month.

Noble

By Ewald Gallas

CONDUCTOR JAMES SULLIVAN has returned from military service, after receiving his honorable discharge.

Operator *Don Lane* became the proud father of a 10-pound baby girl.

Believe it or not, *John Olszewski*, the little motorman of Noble depot, became a daddy, and it's a boy. How about it, John, are you going to break him in young and teach him the ropes?

Noble depot challenges North Avenue depot in its claim to the shortest motorman. We have *John Olszewski*, who is five feet tall.

Harold "Betty" Griebel was elected secretary of the North Side Surface Lines Bowling League.

On the morning of Tuesday, August 28, all eyes in the trainroom were focused on *Conductor Joe Rohr*, who was busily engaged in filling out his trip sheet for the morning half of a run, after working his night car.

We extend our sympathy to *Motorman L. Seeman* in the loss of his wife; to *Motorman J. Schultz No. 1*, whose father passed away.

We wish to announce the death of *Herman Gunther*, a retired employee of CSL.

North Avenue

By Florence Blaa

IN MILLIONS of American homes the true happiness of victory will not be realized until our men are back. Until the day when that most-important-one comes striding up to the front door to stay home for good, the war has not really ended for those who have waited. Keep on buying those VICTORY BONDS to bring GI Joe home!

The Community Fund campaign, for war-related and home-front relief, begins October 1. Participating agencies aiding men in service will receive 29 per cent of the funds raised in Chicago, among which is the Veterans' Information Center.

Conductor *Bill Vlasak's* daughter, *Shirley*, SKD 1/c, USN, while home on leave, was married to *Lt. (jg) George Baltz*, USN, a pilot who has seen active duty in the South Pacific. They have returned to their respective stations, the bride to New York and the groom to the West Coast. *Motorman C. Kimmel* and *Conductor C. Gustafson*, with their families who were present,

and all of us, wish the happy couple a long, joyous married life.

We understand that *Motorman Leo Pluskowski*, on military leave, was wounded the last day of the war in Europe. We sincerely hope that he makes a speedy recovery.

Operator *Tom Barry* has returned to us, after extensive duty with the Navy for three years. The father of three children, he is having a time getting acquainted all over again, especially with his six-month-old daughter.

Our deepest sympathy to the wife of *Motorman Henry Craig*, "a grand guy" who recently passed away; also to his brothers—*Bob* here at North and *John* and *Joe* of Kedzie depot. We shall all miss a fine pal and brother.

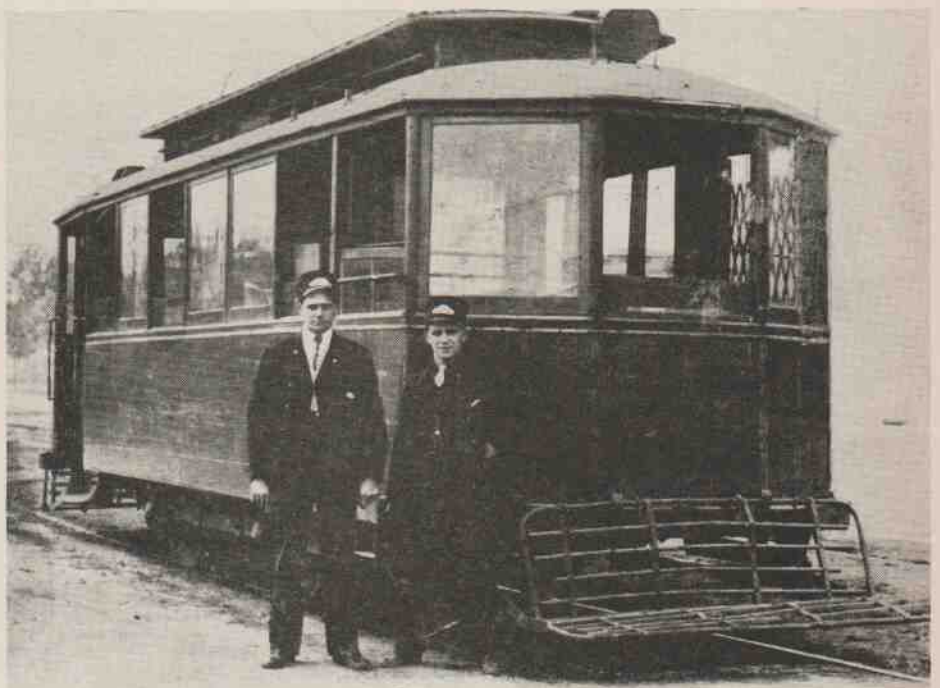
Operator *Spear's* son, *First Lt. Roy, Jr.*, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and three air medals, a pilot in the AAF with 47 missions and whose co-pilot, navigator and waist gunner were wounded in action, is awaiting his discharge at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Operator *Zahlman* and family were seen collecting bottles at a picnic, helping to defray expenses.

For information on free meals, see the Red Seal lucky twins, *Fred* and *Jim*.

Remember *Jimmie Talent*? He stopped in to say hello one day last month.

Operator *Emil Miller's* son, *T5/c Wilbert E.*, a conductor on military leave from Armitage depot, formerly with Patton's 3rd Army, wearer



Back in 1906 when equipment was really equipment, this single truck dinkie was the last word on the 22nd street line. Everyone got on and off at the one door in the rear, and in summer the body was removed from the truck and it was converted to an open

summer car. This picture was taken in 1906 of *Motorman Edward Lafferty (Archer)*, and *Conductor August Hurt*, who is retiring this month, at Pulaski and 22nd, with *Car-mody's picnic grove* in the background.

of five battle stars on the European front, visited us while home on leave, looking great.

Other welcome visitors were Clerk *Eddie Dawson* of Uncle Sam's Navy and Operator *Larry Casey*, wearer of eight battle stars, who has participated in the invasion of Okinawa.

An entry in the Garfield Park beauty contest and water ballet, held last month, was the daughter of *Motorman Stone*, pretty *Dolores Stone*, who was one of two chosen as ladies-in-waiting to the queen. We're very proud of you, Dolores!

Something missing this summer is the usual "tall" stories of the fish who got away. Can't something be done about it?

Accounting

By Tom Coan

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to *Mrs. Mable Potthast* in the loss of her father, who passed away Wednesday, August 15, 1945.

We extend sincere welcome and best wishes for success to *Kathryn Krstulovich*, *Mable Amsler*, *Stella Ciezadlo* and *Helen Kossowan*.

Congratulations for a long life of happiness and contentment are extended to *Arline Towler* and *Jacob Sumner* of the Schedule department, who were married on Saturday, September 8, at the LaGrange Baptist Church. Both have brothers in service home on furloughs to act as ushers. Gladys Kusch served as one of the bridesmaids. Her office associates presented her with a useful wedding gift.

Word received from *William Malmberg*, Washington, D. C., who is assigned to the European section of Naval Intelligence, assisting at the Swedish desk, extends greetings to all and says he will be here for awhile.

"Many happy returns of the day" were extended to *Lillian Oesterreich*, *Evelyn Leu*, *Lillian Huard*, *Charlotte Carstensen*, *Dolores Gibbons*, *Marge Dorgan*, *Emily Coyne*, *Lorraine Falk* and *Josephine Govedarica*.

A dinner party was given in honor of *Valerie Losiniecki* at Martins Restaurant. She was married to *Corporal John Ryan* at St. Peter and Paul Church. Her co-workers presented her with a lovely gift. Congratulations!

We are glad to note the return to work of *Betty DuBois* after an absence due to illness.

Car and Bus Repair

FRED WOLF (77th), car repairman, retired on September 1 after 49 years and 8 months of service. He had been employed since January 1, 1896. He intends to spend the remainder of his days fishing in the North Woods in Wisconsin and an occasional round of golf. Good luck to you, Fred.

D. O'Brien, car repairman, became the father of an eight-pound baby girl on August 11. Both mother and daughter are doing fine. Best wishes to you!

We wish *I. Hopkins* and *T. McDonald* speedy recoveries from their injuries, and *M. Greaney*, who is convalescing in the South Shore hospital, from his illness.

E. J. Sigwalt Dies After Prolonged Illness

ON AUGUST 14, Elmer J. Sigwalt, general storekeeper of the Material and Supplies department, died following a heart attack, at his home at 3810 No. Ridgway. Mr. Sigwalt had been seriously ill since October, 1944.

Starting as assistant chief clerk of the Shops and Equipment department at West Shops, Mr. Sigwalt came with the Surface Lines in September, 1912. Later he was made chief clerk in the same department. In July, 1929, he was promoted to the position of General Storekeeper in Material and Supplies.

He is survived by his wife and daughter.

James Faklis is happy because two of his four boys in the service have been released. Those released are *T/5 John*, who participated in over 50 bombing missions in the European Theater, and *Ph.M. 2/c George*.

We extend our sympathy to *A. Alexander*, whose mother passed away on August 11, and to *Lou Hermann*, who lost his father on August 14.

Joe Gamen spent his vacation fishing at Bemidji, Minnesota, where the fish were plentiful. *Lou Hermann* took a trip to the North Woods of Michigan.

Seaman Vic Cristofaro visited us recently. Vic, who is home on furlough, was assigned to an oil tanker in the Atlantic and then transferred to an LST.

Kazimer Kuncz, who has been on our sick list for the past year, visited us and we were sure glad to see him. Kazimer is looking fine and it won't be long before he'll be released from the Veterans' Hospital at Wood, Wisconsin, and be back with us.

Electrical

By Billy Schenck

ACARD was received from *Gilbert Andrews* while on an extended vacation trip to St. Joe, Michigan. Andy writes that he enjoyed his boat trip and the chicken dinner.

Leo Purcell spent his vacation visiting his son at Leavenworth, Kansas. While there he paid a visit to the place with the stone walls around the various buildings.

H. Richter, *William C. Becker*, and *John Michnick* spent their vacations in and about Chicago. Gas rationing was the reason. Chicago is a wonderful place to spend a vacation.

General Office

By Brenda and Cobina

VACATIONS are still the chief topic of conversation here on the 14th floor. Now that gasoline is off the ration list, the main question is, "Are the tires good enough to make the trip?" . . . Lake Geneva seemed to be a popular place. *Ruth Soutter* (Transportation) took advantage of the gasoline and motored up there. *Eleanore Mozeris* and *Bernice Masla* (Insurance) went up there together. . . . *Jane Mitchell* (Executive), *Emily Howe* (Switchboard), *Frank Thompson* (Transportation) and *Charles "Stevie" Stephenson* "Chicagoed" for their two weeks. Frank went on a movie marathon of Loop theaters one day. Were they all V-J (Van Johnson) movies, Frank? Stevie took that much-looked-forward-to boat trip to Michigan, but has a bone to pick with Jupiter Pluvius for spoiling the last few hours of it. We won't ask Emily for an explanation for any "wrong numbers." . . . *Kenneth "Willie" Williams* (Dispatcher) is looking for a good used Amtrack for any future vacations in Peoria. He claims that the mud down there is devilishly hard to get out of when you're stuck. . . . *Kathryn Murphy* (Legal) cut her Wisconsin vacation short so she could celebrate V-J night here in Chi. . . . *Mrs. Lardner* (Insurance) was so engrossed in telling us about her newly acquired son-in-law that she didn't mention what else happened during her vacation. . . . *Joyce Losiniecki* (Executive) spent a week with her husband, who expects his discharge shortly from the Navy.

Maybe it isn't "reconversion," but there are some changes going on in the CSL family. . . . *Ray Solberg* (Transportation) is leaving us to pursue another line of endeavor. None of Ray's friends have been willing to give him any business. . . . *Jerry Kelly* and *Johnny Zarem* (Executive) are leaving to go back to school. . . . *Emily Waldruff Smith* (Purchasing) is leaving to join her husband, who has just returned from ETO and is receiving his honorable discharge from the Army. Em was given her send-off with a dinner by 34 friends at Martin's. The girls and Emily's co-workers presented her with matched luggage as a going away gift.

The war must be over, judging from the visitors we had this month. *Pfc. Phil Waechter*, who has been recuperating in a Kansas hospital, was able to make the trip home. His friends here were more than happy to see him. . . . *Lt. Col. Horning* surprised us with a visit on his 30-day furlough from the ETO. Mmmmmmm, girls, he sure looks good!

Further proof that the war is over: We now have a "mail male." In case you are wondering, girls, his name is *Gene Lee*.

"Tain't" the rum and coke part of Trinidad that gives *Blanche Kriz* (Real Estate) that wonderful look of ecstasy. It took lots of "Yankee Dollahs" for her fiance to call her from Trinidad, but they both agree that it was worth it.

We slipped up on two birthdays last month, so belated wishes go to *Charline Smerz* (Executive) and *Mrs. Callahan* (Purchasing). Best wishes are

also extended to *Lila Kiesig* (Insurance), *LaVerne Neubaum* (Executive) and *Emily Howe* (Switch-board) on their birthdays.

EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT: At the present writing *Louise Skermont* is away on vacation in Wisconsin—so far as we know. Don't think she isn't envied! Even though we've all had ours, we still could use another one.

Away also is *James Connors*, whiling away his time in the country.

Ann Zahumensky has just returned from her vacation and it seems she spent a good deal of that two weeks at Great Lakes. Let us in on the secret, Ann, who is the Navy boy?

Wonder why *Mary Harper* is going around these days singing, "I'm beginning to see the light?"

We're also wondering why four of our little girls were eagerly looking forward to Labor Day week-end, namely, *Georgia Callesis*, *Ida Fischbach*, *Helen Doherty* and *Frances Scarpelli*?

That's just about all for now—

BY ELLA M. BARTLETT.

Material and Supplies

By Lois Marsh

THE POPULATION of West Shops has increased quite a bit in the last few months. First it was the four kittens, and now Mitzie has had six puppies. Next thing we know they'll have Brookfield Zoo beat.

August seems to be quite a popular month for birthdays. From South Shops we have: *C. Collins*, *J. Page*, *K. Apcelauskas*, *S. Jalliteh*, *R. Walker*. From West Shops: *A. Carlson*, *P. Gasser*, *E. Horn*.



To answer those inquiries from M&S as to what happened to Charles Collins' (divisional storekeeper, South Shops) red plaid shirt and blue denims, Mrs. Collins has forwarded this photo on the sly. It shows Charlie working down on the farm.

Rose Marie Meisner, South Shops, seems to be quite a night owl these days and she says that he's "just a friend." "It Seems to Me I've Heard That Song Before."

Word has been received from *Chuck Jung* that he is always anxious to receive the magazine. Chuck is down in New Caledonia, where he has spent the last 14 months in a Harbor Craft Co. and enjoys the work very much, as it is the same type of work that he did in SR-51.

Mr. E. Jensen is the official rat exterminator out at West Shops. But Eng, you do it the hard way. You don't have to use the flat car, you know!

We are sorry to hear that *P. Pugliese*, West Shops, is ill in the hospital. Here's hopin' for a speedy recovery, Phyllis.

D. Chapleau seems to have no fear of doctors. In fact she is wearing *Dr. J. McMahon's* fraternity pin. Ahhh—doctor!

The office at West Shops has been very quiet lately because *R. Buckley* is on his vacation. Such peace and quiet!

We welcome to our South Shops the following men and hope they will enjoy working with us: *John Gubbins*, *H. Black*, *Hugo DeHeer*, *C. J. Pipowski*, *Fred Cuttle*.

Eldora Freeberg, West Shops, returned from her vacation a very tired but happy girl. It seems as though a certain "Gob" is now minus a school ring.

We have often wondered why *Jerry Page*, SR-53, signs his name *L. J. Page*. Our society reporter tells us that *Mrs. Page* calls him *Lowell*. Another mystery solved.

A card has been received from *Sgt. B. Unwin*, who is stationed in France. Bill said that "France isn't what it's cracked up to be," and that he would rather be in good old Chicago.

E. Donahue will be singing "An Irish Lullaby" to little *Robert Edward* soon. Congratulations, Ed, and we're glad to hear that "Mom" and "Red" are coming along fine.

Stella Wandrocke joined our downtown office force this month as typist. We hope you will like it here with us, Stella.

A farewell party was given in honor of *Grace Rohner*, who left us to attend Wheaton College. Grace was presented with a corsage of cream gladioli and a Parker fountain pen. We'll miss you, Grace, but don't forget to drop us a line now and then.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to *Mrs. Sigwalt* and daughter, *Adaline*, in the recent loss of their husband and father. *Mr. E. J. Sigwalt* was General Storekeeper of the Material and Supplies department and has been with the company since 1912.

Schedule and Traffic

By L. C. Dutton

UNCLE SAM'S recruiting department reached in and took *Bruce Davie* and *Eugene Jania* during the last month.

One day recently *Mike Korosy* had some snapshots, and with our usual curiosity we found that they were taken in Germany when Mike's son, *Captain Fred Korosy*, Air Corps, was being awarded a Bronze Medal by the Commanding General.

Vacation Notes: *Claire McElligott* in Wisconsin, *Rose Crowley* fishing in Minnesota, *Joe De Grazia* fishing in Fox Lake, while *Andy DeGrazia* cast his bait in Wisconsin. *Ted Cowgill* inspected his ranch in Oregon, *Frank Irvine* stayed close to Chicago because his Marine daughter, *Pat*, was on furlough. *Art Langohr* visited several lakes near Chicago. *George Bryan* tried fishing and eating in Michigan. *John Franzen* used his Ford around Chicago, but had to replace the clutch. *John Bernborn* has been catching the big ones. *George Fisher* looked the situation over in Pennsylvania. The rest of the gang stuck close to Chicago, where they all claim they had a delightful time with short trips here and there. Maybe next year we

will all be out letting the wheels roll under us and really go places.

Letters from servicemen include those from *Al Pisors*, *Joe Karel*, *Eddie Thompson*, *Bill Kendall* and *George Fahrow*.

South Shops

By Justine Mazeikis

ASALUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES. Another evil chapter in world history is closed. All organized hostilities are ended in the Pacific Area. V-J Day is a reality!

The price that our boys paid in slimy foxholes, on battleships, in the din and turmoil of shelling and bombing, dodging enemy fire was enormous. The men and women in the services absorbed soul-branding lessons. They saw evil; touched it; all but drowned in it.

When we behold our country's flag—let the red stripes remind us of the price of victory paid by our boys in the field—sacred American blood, and the white stripes remind us of the price of victory at home. May we Americans deserve VICTORY. God bless America through us—the American people.

Proudly we announce that *T/Sgt. Alphonse Grinis* won the Bronze Star Medal for combat achievements on Luzon.

Pvt. E. Muloney paid his former co-workers in the Paint Shop a surprise visit the other day just before quitting time.

Main topic of discussion among our fair young ladies these days is bowling. All necessary arrangements have been made. If you're not doing anything some Tuesday evening, drop around to the Park Manor Bowling Alleys and see some fancy bowling.

If this rainy weather is getting you down, then this service is strictly for you. Move out to Roseland. *Matilda Misunas* tells us it never rains there, they just have a heavy dew.

Speak of hidden talent—*Charlie Buzu* would've succeeded in writing the song hit of the year if it hadn't been for *Owen Clark's* interruptions. Next time you start on a song, Charlie, post a sign, "Genius at Work—Do Not Disturb." You can then be sure no one will bother you.

It pays not to lie about your age, or at least it did in *Vernon Howe's* case. When he went to his draft board he escaped induction by a few years.

Believe it or not, while on vacation *Dick Bulak* caught a 24-pound pike. Poor *Jim Workman*, who just loves to fish, but wasn't able to do any this year, had to sit by and listen to Dick give the details.

Please, *Mr. Miller*, tell us how you got the lovely sun-tan in your basement.

Other vacationists this month were: *Jim Canavan*, *Ted Wahlberg*, *Charlie Maslauskis*, *Ed Rooks*, *Mrs. Stoffle*, *Max Kuchan*, *John Sake*, and *Frank DeWitt*.

Our scribe, *Justine*, just returned from her vacation and spent one week sightseeing our fair city and the other week was spent in good old Wisconsin. Cards were received by all and by the looks of things she certainly had one grand and glorious time.—Anne Yercich.



Soon back among us should be S/Sgt. Alfred R. Deering (conductor, Lawndale). A veteran of 18 months in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy with the 15th Army Air Corps, serving as a bombsight technician, he rolled up a total of 107 points. He has 10 battle stars and two Presidential citations.

We knew some of them by voice only, and now meeting the face is really fun. And to *Esther O'Brien*, who is filling, only temporarily (we hope that means for always), the job of secretary to R. J. Ruppe, we say, "It's so nice to have you here." For *Kay Finlay*, too, we have laid the welcome mat, and she certainly has the mail going through.

The office had a surprise visit from *James Maher*, who was home on furlough after some two and a half years at sea. Believe you me, when all these boys get back to their old places at the Shops 'twill be a long while before they have finished swapping tales. Jim saw action in Africa and Italy; he was stationed in England for awhile. The office had a letter from *Eddie Hess*, who is in the Army of Occupation in Europe, saying, "As long as the Army can put up with me, I can put up with the Army!" Of course he added that the minute the command was given to get ready for home he was going to be the first in line. *Earl Larsen*, who is busy in the Navy Disbursing Office somewhere on the West Coast, dropped the gang a card. Earl, if disbursing has anything to do with writing discharges, why don't you "fix" up an extra one?

Again we have to say good-bye, and each time we do, that choked-up feeling gets worse and worse. *Gus Hill*, Armature Room "old faithful," has retired now to spend the rest of his life just being lazy. He's been with the company for nigh onto 27 years and he is deserving of this permanent vacation. We had to say "so-long" to *Mildred Habeger Johnston*. For her we were so happy because hers is the life now of a sweet little wife; for us, we're unhappy because there's no more "Mickey."

While this month has brought its abundance of happy days, it has brought, too, days of real sorrow. *August Schniggenfittig* passed away on July 29 after a two-week period of illness. The Machine Shop seems empty now without his being there; he was such a grand old fellow. On August 27 word was received of the death of *Mrs. B. Phillips*, wife of *General Carhouse Foreman Ben Phillips*. She had been seriously ill only a few days and the sad news was hard to take.

Way and Structures

By Betty Lhotak

BUILDING DIVISION: *Frank Spangmacher* went fishing and horseback riding at Fox Lake. He caught nothing and, as usual, the local fish dealer had one more customer.

Isabelle McGinnis vacationed in Illinois, and *Helen Regis* toured up to Milwaukee to see what made it famous.

Joe H. Birney, south side plumber foreman

for the Building Division of the Department of Way and Structures, retired on September 1 after 49 years of service with the Company and its predecessors. Mr. Birney was first employed as a helper on May 11, 1896, by the Chicago City Railway Company in the general repair shop, then located at 21st and Dearborn Streets. His work, up to the present time, has covered all the phases of plumbing on our system—including repairs, reconstruction work and new installations. For many years Mr. Birney has been the company's licensed master plumber. He leaves a host of friends and fellow workers, who wish him a happy and well-earned rest.

UTILITY DIVISION: *Casey Deboer* made good his promise this year and brought the boys back a nice catch of pike from Northern Minnesota.

William Bingham is back on the job after a short siege of illness in Edward Hines Hospital.

TRACK DIVISION: We are happy to welcome back *Thomas F. Hyland*, *Carl Rinaldi*, and *James Vicek*, who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces.

Alden Carpenter spent his vacation in his home state, Minnesota. Besides visiting the Twin Cities—St. Paul and Minneapolis—he caught pike and bass in Lake Mille Lacs. When V-J was announced he did his celebrating in the wilderness of the North Woods.

It was a surprise to have *Joseph Fisher*, who is in the Navy, visit us on his first leave in two years. He has been with Admiral Halsey's Fleet in the Pacific and has seen plenty of action and excitement.

We extend our sympathy to the families of *Thomas Hannigan* and *John Prkut*, who passed away recently.

News has it that *Clarence Kelly* played a pretty good game of his favorite sport—golf—during his vacation. Playing 23 holes in one beautiful afternoon resulted in his attaining a sun-tan, not to forget to mention a sufficiency of aches.

Happy birthday greetings are in order to *Roy L. Johnson* and *Alden Carpenter*.

Mr. Alexander is very pleased that the war is over for more reasons than one. There will be more meat on the market from now on and that no doubt will cause the price of fish to go down—which he is very fond of!

William MacFarlane is spending his vacation at LaCrosse, Indiana, doing plenty of fishing in the Kankakee River. *Joe Ruzich* is especially interested in how much fish Bill is catching because he is expecting to get some of them. (He hopes!)

Mr. J. Wolfe had a pleasant surprise when his son, *Lt. Jonathan Wolfe*, was able to stop home for a few days while en route to Florida from Texas. Previously he had over a year of patrol duty along the South American coast in a Navy PBM flying boat, and for the past year has been instructing at Corpus Christi, Texas. We were very glad that he stopped in to see us again.

BACK COVER—One of the series of ads appearing currently in Chicago papers.

West Shops

By Betty Beesley

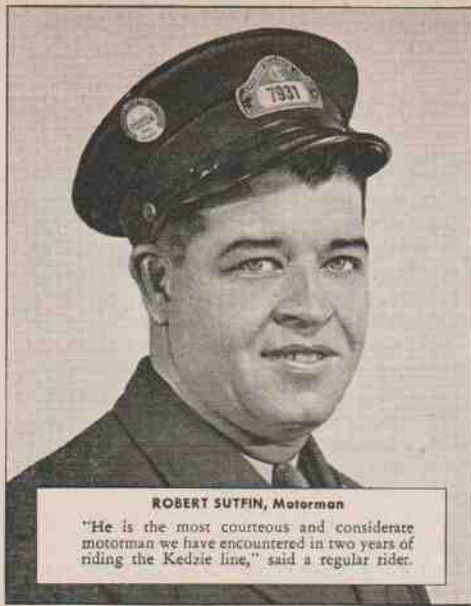
HULLO, KIDS! See what that *Dan Riordan* is doing—every time he turns around it "Hullo, kid," and now he's got us saying it, too. Sounds good, though, don't you think?

Tra-la! We told you it would happen, and it did. Everyone around the West Shops is wearing blinkers, that's for sure! The gal of the month with the glittering finger is *Alyce Wirth*. She has consented to "love, honor, and obey" none other than *Eddie May*, one of the best in the Armature Room. They will stand side by side and say "I do" on Saturday, September 22. Golly, we're just doubly happy for them both, because it's all in the family. Now that we mention it, do you suppose *Joe Johnson* could have given Cupid a few hints as to where to point those arrows?

There are a few folks more around here now who are "rested up" (at least they're supposed to be) for awhile anyway. Back from their vacations are *George Calos*, *Alyce Wirth*, *Carl Gerlach*, *Betty Wirth*, *George Sheu*, *Peggy McCarthy* and *Caroline Johnson*.

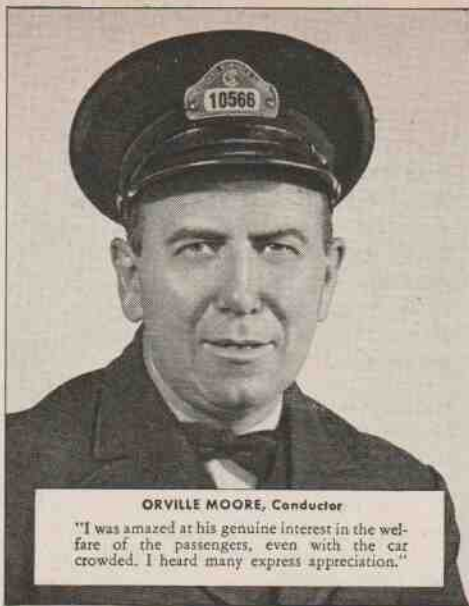
L. G. Anderson spent two weeks with his family in Manitowoc, Indiana. Then, so "mama" could rest, too, "Papa" Anderson hired a cook to get all the meals. Don't you think that was nice—we wish we could have a man like that! *Tennis Champion S. D. Forsythe* finally met his Waterloo when he took on a match with his son while they were vacationing near Traverse City, Michigan, and to pour salt on his already burning wounds, he and *Mrs. Forsythe* went fishing. Guess who caught all the fish—not the Mister! Then, too, some people don't even manage to catch the right train when returning from "God's Country" way up there in Hancock, Michigan, do they *Mr. Ruppe*? Nevertheless, it's been said since that he wished he were back there—wonder why? *

We've said a lot of "hello's" during these summer months, and it's about time we're extending the formal hand of welcome. Really, these are nice people, and are we proud they belong to us! First of all, a warm and friendly handshake to the men in the Bus Garage who have been transferred here from the outlying stations.



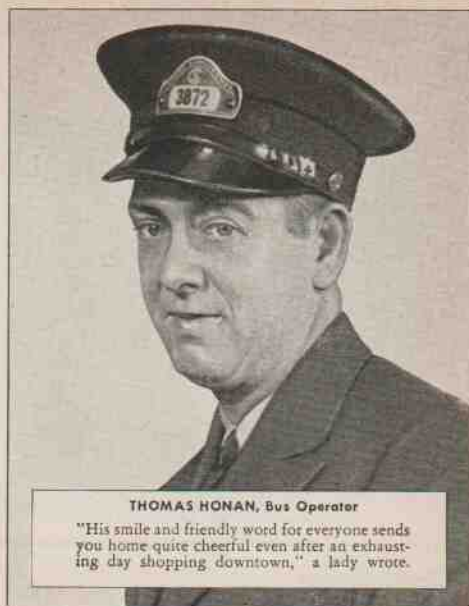
ROBERT SUTFIN, Motorman

"He is the most courteous and considerate motorman we have encountered in two years of riding the Kedzie line," said a regular rider.



ORVILLE MOORE, Conductor

"I was amazed at his genuine interest in the welfare of the passengers, even with the car crowded. I heard many express appreciation."



THOMAS HONAN, Bus Operator

"His smile and friendly word for everyone sends you home quite cheerful even after an exhausting day shopping downtown," a lady wrote.



ERNEST FIFER, Motorman

"My entire savings were in the purse he found and returned to me. I am a stranger in Chicago and my husband a student at the Navy School, so the loss would have been serious."



SAMUEL RASMUSSEN, Conductor

"In 30 odd years of riding on street cars, I know I have met the most polite and friendly conductor. Crowd or no crowd, he is always cheerful," a man declared.



THOMAS GEARY, Motorman

"Returning home when not feeling well, I was especially grateful for the smooth, easy stops and starts of this man's car," a lady said in her complimentary letter to CSL Headquarters.

It was nice of you TO PRAISE THESE MEN OF OURS

Here are six of the many men in CSL uniforms that our good friends, the public, have written nice things about. Depend upon it, when anyone takes the time to write us about our employees the letter receives prompt and complete attention. If complimentary, the letter is passed on to the employee mentioned and an appropriate notation is made on his service record. If a complaint is reported, it is investigated at once and whatever action the circumstances suggest is quickly taken.

During these difficult times it isn't always possible to keep service up to the high standard these neighbors of yours

in CSL have set for themselves. But no stone is left unturned in the effort to do so. Many of them have been working extra hours, giving up days of rest and vacations, to meet the needs of war workers and others for safe, sure transportation. For your kind understanding of our problem, we thank you.

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