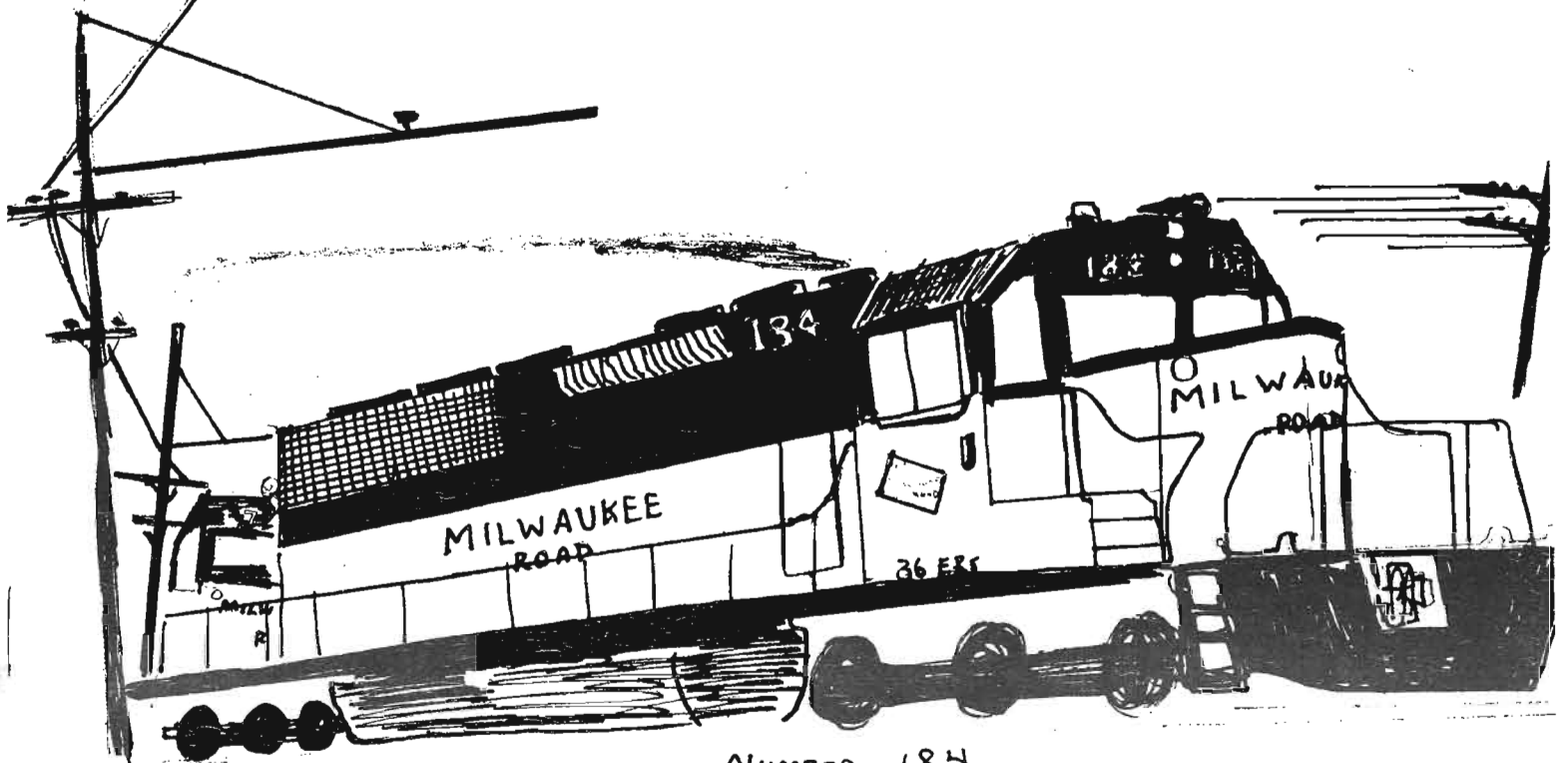


# Southern Division Newsletter



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KANSAS CITY NEWS:

Congratulations to CHRIS AND DEBBIE FERGUSON on the birth of their son CHRISTOPHER LEE. Chris was born April 7, 1982 at 1:57 P.M. and weighed in at 7 lbs. 15 ozs. CHRISTOPHERS Grandpa is SAM SOULIS, Road Brakeman out of Kansas City, Missouri on the Southern Division. CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES!!!

R. D. Salmon Jr.  
Christophers Uncle and  
sometimes CLERK at  
Kansas City.

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SAVANNA AREA NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS!! to MARTY MORFEY, son of Assistant Foreman LARRY AND MRS. MORFEY, who took SECOND place at State, in the 185 lb. Class Wrestling Tournament.

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GET WELL WISHES go out to J. C. McCaw, Clerk, Nahant who fell injuring his back - Hope to see you back on the job soon "JC"

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OUR CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF:

ROBERT KEHL, Chief Clerk - Davenport Freight on the loss of his Father, J. Frank Kehl of Savanna on March 31, 1982.

LESTER CROUSE, retired switchman, Nahant, who died March 5, 1982 at age 75. Mr. Crouse retired in 1971 after 48 years of service with the Milwaukee.

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It's a small coincidence that the Milwaukee Road could have two men, perfect strangers, be hired out on the same day, and retire on the same day, off the same assignment. But coincidence or not it has happened!!!!!!

Mr. David G. "Dip" Dippel and M. C. "Babe" Hansen-Conductors, hired out on the Milwaukee both on July 10, 1941. Both men PULLED THE PIN on March 31, 1982 after 40 years 8 months of service with the Milwaukee. It just so happened that both men were on the same Clinton - Savanna job as their last assignment. BEST WISHES TO BOTH ON A LONG, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS RETIREMENT. !!!!!!

(Couldn't do it again if we tried !!!!!!!)

C. E. Ross - Operator  
Savanna

## Services for Clyde Hamilton Held Tuesday



Funeral services for Clyde W. Hamilton, 84, were held Tuesday, April 6, at the United Methodist Church in Canton with the Rev. Rodney Gist and the Rev. Wayne Rager officiating. Mr. Hamilton died on April 3.

The soloist was Carol Childress with Edna Hansen as organist.

Pallbearers were Tom Ulrickson, Ray Hilt, Leo Konietzko, E.T. Reilly, Robert Graen, and Richard Irons. Interment was at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Clyde W. Hamilton was born June 18, 1897 at Lanark, Illinois, the sixth son of Albert Hamilton and his wife, Anna Puterbaugh. While he was still a small boy the family moved to a farm northwest of Milbank, South Dakota where Clyde attended school and grew to manhood.

He began to work for the Milwaukee Railroad in the Communications Department in 1918 building and maintaining telegraph and telephone lines. He lived and worked during the passing years at Perry, Iowa, Webster and Aberdeen, South Dakota, and New Lisbon, Wisconsin before coming to Canton as Division Lineman in February, 1938. He retired in 1963 after 45 years of service.

Clyse married Helen Lowthian at Watertown June 8, 1939. He was a member of the Canton Methodist Church, Silver Star Lodge No. 4, A.F. & A.M. where he was honored as a fifty-year member in 1980 and the international Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, who also recognized him as a fifty-year member.

Clyde is survived by his wife, Helen; daughters, Mrs. Marion Jackson of South Bend, Indiana, Dorothy Jean Hamilton, Seattle Washington, and Mrs. Ronald Beck, Sioux Falls; an only sister, Mrs. Pauline Johnson, Spokane, Washington; three grandchildren, Susan Jackson, Ronald and Charles Beck, and many nieces and nephews.

### MUSCATINE NEWS!!!!

Our Condolences and Sympathy go out to the families of:

Clerk, EMMA WHISLER, Muscatine, on the loss of her husband CHARLES on April 15, 1982.

Switch Foreman, Muscatine, DONALD HOLLIDAY on the loss of his Mother on April 14, 1982.

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Betty, Muscatine  
Clerk

### UNION NEWS:

We have a new Assistant Local Chairman for the BLE DIV.538 at Muscatine, Iowa, he is L. G. LYNCH-CONGRATULATIONS ! !

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### MARQUETTE AREA

The Southern Division has a new Roadmaster for the Dubuque Line which will have its headquarters at Marquette, Iowa, he is Mr. J. T. Scott - CONGRATULATIONS ! ! !

CHILLICOTHE AREA NEWS:

Section Laborer, J. R. (JIM) RALLS, Chillicothe, Missouri has accepted the position of Extra Gang Foreman for Extra Gang 5123 at Washington, Iowa. JIM has been an Extra Gang Foreman for the past few years, and he has been doing a Great Job for us. GOOD LUCK this year JIM. !!!!!!!

Section Foreman, W. L. (LYLE) JOHNSON, Braymer, Missouri has accepted the position of Extra Gang Foreman for Extra Gang 5126 at Washington, Iowa. LYLE was a foreman on the surfacing gang last year. GOOD LUCK THIS YEAR LYLE.!!!!!!!!!!!!

WELCOME BACK! V. E. Robinson, Extra Gang Foreman, Washington, Iowa on Gang 5124, GOOD LUCK this year VERGIL '!!!!

We would like to WELCOME BACK all the rest of the Milwaukee Road Employees in the Maintenance of Way Department who have been layed off this past winter and are coming back again. WELCOME BACK !!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. LESTER L. MALLORY, Agent at Chillicothe Missouri on their 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY which they celebrated on April 5, 1982 GOOD LUCK AND MANY MORE HAPPY YEARS !!!!!!!

Glad to see that C. J. (CLIFF) KLINE, operator at Chillicothe is back. CLIFF was off with the flu bug for a week.

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MISSOURI VOTERS turned down Proposition A (The big truck bill) in Missouri. This week, a thanks to all of our employees who voted and helped defeat this bill that would take a bite out of our business. But I, myself look for this bill to be on the ballet again next year.

TO ALL MILWAUKEE ROAD EMPLOYEES- IN MISSOURI, If you have not written to your Congressman and Senators about the Railroad Retirement Act, please do so. We need your support. One who doesn't voice his or her opinion has nothing to yell about. Below is a list of names and addresses of Missouri Congressman for the 6th District and Senators:

U. S. CONGRESSMAN THOMAS COLEMAN  
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U. S. SENATOR THOMAS F EAGLETON  
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U. S. SENATOR JOHN DANFORTH  
RUSSELL BUILDING  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

TO ALL OUR EMPLOYEES IN SOUTHERN IOWA AND MISSOURI!! ACCOUNT OF SNOW AND RAIN - CHEER UP!!! I am sure spring will be here by the LAST THURSDAY IN AUGUST!!!!!!

Ron Atwell  
Operator - Chillicothe

OTTUMWA AREA NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS to Trainmaster VERN GRAHAM and wife ANN on the arrival of their daughter NICOLE LYNN who was born on March 30, 1982. Nicole weighed in at 7 lbs. 10 ozs. CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FROM ALL !!!!!

A little birdie has told me that we will be expecting another new arrival out of the Trainmasters office in Ottumwa around June or July. The happy expectant parents are Howard and Elaine Neff. CONGRATULATIONS !!! Let us know what the little birdie will bring !!!!!

INFORMATION CENTER

DON't FORGET ----- It's - - MOTHERS DAY -- May 9th -- a special day set aside for all those little ladies who have been blessed as MOTHERS! Best Wishes for a happy MOTHERS DAY!!!!

HOLIDAY!!!

We can't forget the MANY VETERANS who have served this Country over the many, many years. So we will observe MEMORIAL DAY MAY 31, 1982. Let's all have a safe and happy MEMORIAL DAY!!!!

It would take a lot of typing and hours of work to list all the employees on the Railroad who have had or will be having a BIRTHDAY this year. So starting now and from now on each month we will be putting in a little note!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL AND MAY . BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND PROSPEROUS YEAR AHEAD.

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to all employees, Happy Birthday to you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The next three pages are responses that Local Chairman Eugene VonEssen received in response to his letter concerning the defederalizing of Railroad Retirement. Mr. VonEssen received several responses but these two were considered as the most influential, considering that Mr. Dan Rostenkowski is the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and Mr. Tom Corcoran House Representative is a staunch supporter of the Reagan Budget. Also there is a letter from Mr. Corcoran to the President urging him to reconsider this proposal.

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April 2, 1982

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Mr. Eugene Von Essen  
Legislative Representative  
Local Lodge 1258  
United Transportation Union  
727 Prospect  
Elgin, Illinois 60120

Dear Mr. Von Essen:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your concern and that of Local Lodge 1258 of the United Transportation Union over the President's 1983 Budget recommendation to defederalize railroad retirement, to cover current railroad workers under social security, and to pay a portion of current railroad retirement benefits through the Social Security Administration.

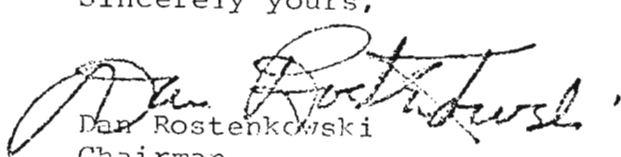
The idea is not new with this Administration, but it is not clear to me what we would gain at this time since it would have no real effect on the budget. It is estimated that this proposal would result in a savings of \$248 million in FY 1983 which does not make a significant contribution to reducing our estimated \$95 billion deficit. Nor is it clear to me how pension benefits would be protected when the industry portion of the system is "defederalized" since the Administration is also proposing a significant exemption from requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

In addition to the consideration which the Committee on Ways and Means would have to give to this proposal, the Committee on Energy and Commerce also has jurisdiction in this area. Since it appears that the Committee on Energy and Commerce doesn't intend to consider this item, it is unlikely that we will consider this proposal in the near future.

I appreciate your views and will certainly keep them in mind should the status of this proposal change.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Dan Rostenkowski  
Chairman

TOM CORCORAN  
18TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

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Mr. Eugene Von Essen  
Legislative Representative  
United Transportation Union  
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Dear Mr. Von Essen:

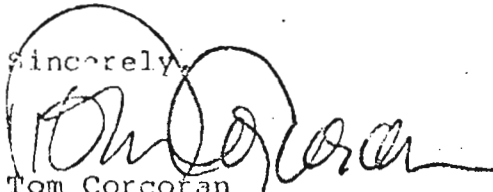
Thank you for your recent letter concerning President Reagan's proposal to return railroad retirement to the private sector and remove the federal government from any role in the funding of railroad retirement.

The Administration has proposed treating rail employees the same as all other private sector employees, providing social insurance through Social Security and restoring the rail industry's pensions to the private sector. According to the Administration, retirees' benefits and employees' rights would be unchanged due to the reorganization, but I feel we have meddled with railroad retirement enough at this point. The time has come to fund the windfall benefits adequately and leave well enough alone. Although I intend to support the President in his overall budget initiative, of which this is a part, I will work to have this particular proposal eliminated from the Administration's budget.

I have written a letter to the President urging him to reconsider this proposal, and I am enclosing a copy of my letter for your information. I hope that this proposal will not be contained in the final budget legislation which will be considered by Congress later this year.

Thank you for writing, and please let me know if I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Corcoran  
Representative in Congress

Enclosure

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February 26, 1982

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Although I intend to support your budget initiatives and your continuing efforts to bring the federal budget under control, I must protest the proposed reorganization of the railroad retirement system. I can appreciate the desire to dissociate the federal government from further involvement in railroad retirement matters, but I do not support your proposal to restore the rail industry's pensions to the private sector.

Although the budget states that retirees' benefits and employees' rights would be unchanged due to the reorganization, I am particularly concerned about the future of the windfall benefit, which was underfunded last year as part of our budget control efforts. How will this be funded in the absence of federal involvement in railroad retirement? I feel that we have meddled with railroad retirement enough at this point, and the time has come to fund the windfall benefits adequately and give our railroad retirees some peace of mind concerning their retirement benefits. We must not continue to seek reduced budgets by reducing retirees' benefits, and I urge you to withdraw your proposal for reorganizing railroad retirement.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely Yours,



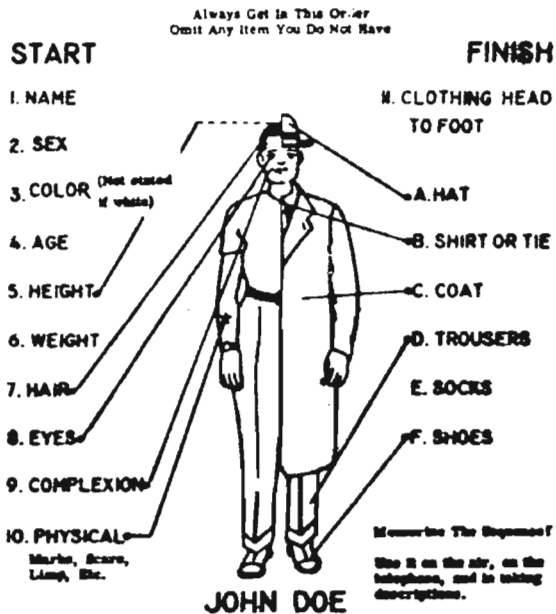
Tom Corcoran  
Representative in Congress



GUIDE TO A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF A PERSON  
STANDARD DESCRIPTION OF CARS AND  
PHONETIC ALPHABET



**Standard Description of Person**



Always obtain information in the manner shown at the left, omit any item you do not have.

Memorizing the sequence and using it when transmitting on the air, by telephone or in taking descriptions will help in describing persons.

PHONETIC ALPHABET

A Adam	K Kling	U Union
B Boy	L Lincoln	V Victor
C Charles	M Mary	W William
D David	N Nora	X Xray
E Edward	O Ocean	Y Young
F Frank	P Paul	Z Zebra
G George	Q Queen	
H Henry	R Robert	
I Ida	S Sam	
J John	T Tom	

STANDARD DESCRIPTION OF CARS

Remember the work "CYMBAL" when describing a car. Start at the top and move down:

- C. Color \_\_\_\_\_
- Y. Year \_\_\_\_\_
- M. Make \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Body \_\_\_\_\_
- A. And \_\_\_\_\_
- L. License \_\_\_\_\_

Break frequently on long descriptions.

Don't talk to fast, remember the other party is taking it down.

If you observe a crime against the Railroad, Please try to obtain all the possible information and notify the Company Police by calling our 24 hour number (312) 648-3911.

FROM: OFFICE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT - CHICAGO UNION STATION

CHICAGO TERMINAL NEWS - BENSENVILLE - CHICAGO

LMAG MEETINGS: Effective April 27, 1982 and from there on, on every 4th TUESDAY OF THE MONTH there will be an LMAG MEETING.

These meetings will be conducted for all those employees in the Bensenville and Chicago Area, such as Clerks, Trainmen, Car Department and Roundhouse Employees and their families at VFW-TIOGA POST , 25 North YORK ROAD, Bensenville, Illinois at 7:30 P.M.

All employees, Local Chairman and their families are invited to attend.

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CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES ON THEIR APPOINTMENTS TO NEW POSITIONS IN THE MATERIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Gary M. Stojek who has been appointed to the position of Assistant Division Material Manager - Southern Division, with headquarters at Nahant, Iowa. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Mr. Stojek will be responsible for assisting Mr. M. D. Urfer, Division Material Manager - Southern Division at Bensenville; with primary responsibility of material control at Nahant, Iowa and Ottumwa, Iowa.

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Mr. R. D. Ray is appointed to the position of Storekeeper with headquarters at Ottumwa, Iowa CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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Mr. S. D. Brkljack is appointed to the position of Storekeeper, with headquarters at Nahant, Iowa CONGRATULATIONS !!!

Linda Verdak  
Chief Clerk  
Material Dept. Bville

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We would like to take this space to CONGRATULATE two employees in the Regional Accounting Department , Room 343 in Chicago who were awarded Diplomas for TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT earned in the College of Advanced Traffic.

Ms. MARTHA URBAN and MR. MARK RISTING were among those who were honored in the graduation exercises conducted on April 12, 1982.

Surely employees with initiative of this caliber which continues into proper application of facts learned will be an asset to put the Milwaukee Road over the top.

Ann Jobe  
Regional Accounting Dept.

CHICAGO  
SUBURBAN  
DIVISION  
NEWS



Fox Lake  
Franklin Park  
Elgin  
Morton Grove Healy Bartlett  
Libertyville Itasca Mars  
MontClare  
Northbrook Glenview Rondout  
Deerfield Bensenville  
Mannheim Golf Edgebrook Galewood  
Elmwood Park Zenda

Cragin



Open House/LMAG Meetings were held at Elgin, Illinois on April 6th and at Fox Lake, Illinois on April 7th. The meetings, which were conducted by Passenger Superintendent, S. J. Barry and Bud McCanna of LMAG were well attended. Vice President Larry Harrington was also present to participate in the discussions. The meeting provided a meaningful exchange of views and news about the Railroad.

A question was raised regarding the July 1, 1981 75% fare increase as it concerned Trustee Ogilvie's comment that the Railroad could loose as much as 40% in ridership and still be in a better position than prior to the fare increase.

What was meant by this statement was that because the RTA purchase of service agreement had expired on June 30, 1981 and the RTA was no longer providing subsidy payments to offset losses, that the revenue produced from the 75% increase, even with a loss of ridership up to 40%, would not put the Railroad in a worse financial position.

S. J. Barry - Superintendent Passenger  
Operations

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CHICAGO UNION STATION NEWSFLASH!!!

We have a little birdie that has informed us that MR. and MRS. WAYNE ERBE of the Communications Department will soon be expecting #5 in a few months. CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!!!

Wedding Bells will be ringing May 8th for Bob Gilly of the Engineering Department at Bensenville. Again CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HAPPY NEWLYWEDS!

Also we have a wedding announcement: Tom Tancula, of the Labor Relations Department and Ms. Judy Lahaye of the Claim Department have announced that they will be wed on JULY 24, 1982. CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to the Happy Couple.

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TIMETABLES:: We have a new timetable NO. 2 which was put into effect on Sunday April 25, 1982. If employees need timetable No. 2 they can make their requests through the Superintendent's Office.

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DON'T FORGET OUT SLOGANS - We would like to have some input from the field. Think hard !!!!!  
Slogans can be submitted to the Newsletter Editor , Sandy M. at 232 S. Canal, Chicago, IL c/o Superintendent's office.

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Thanks to all of those employees who have submitted articles for this months Newsletter. It really makes it worth reading when we have news from the field as well as the Superintendent's Office.

Thanks Again,  
Sandy Modrzejewski  
Editor

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DON'T FORGET MOTHERS DAY - May 9th.  
MEMORIAL DAY - May 31st.

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### Timely Words

How LONG does it take to put on a pair of safety glasses—two seconds? How long for a hard hat—say, five seconds? It doesn't take any longer to lace on safety shoes than soft shoes. And it takes only about ten seconds to tie down loose sleeves or pant legs.

If you consider the other side of the ledger, how long does it take to fully recover from an eye injury—a few days, a week, a month, or perhaps the rest of your life? How long to recover from a head injury? How long does it take to become proficient in the use of an artificial hand, foot, leg or arm?

If we neglect the seconds it takes for these few safe practices, we're gambling on hours, weeks, months or perhaps a lifetime of recovery. Is it worth it? Think about it for a second.