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Grand Chef de Gare Clark E. Williams Presented with Official Grand Voiture Car



Shown above, left to right, are Past Grand Cheminot Edward M. Newcomb, Voyageur and Canton Dodge dealer Norman Zuercher, Grand Chef de Gare Clark E. Williams and Grand Avocat Joseph Toohill.

The second largest Grand Voiture in the world, Grand Voiture d'Illinois was presented with an official car to be used by the Grand Chef de Gare Clark E. Williams for his extensive travels while in office.

The first official car was made possible when James Livingstone, Grand Correspondant suggested the idea to Grand Cheminot Edward M. Newcomb at the 1951 Grand Promenade in Chicago in September. Cheminot Newcomb explored the possibilities within the following months and contacted the Canton, Illinois Plymouth and Dodge Dealer, Voyageur Norman Zuercher. Voyageur Zuercher agreed that the Grand Voiture and the Grand Chef de Gare should have an official car and through his generous effort presented Grand Chef Williams with the keys for the car at the last Grand Cheminot meeting held in Canton, Ill.

Grand Avocat Joseph Toohill took care of all the connected legal details.

The car, a French blue four door Dodge sedan carries the name "Official Car-Grand Voiture d'Illinois" in silver lettering.

Photographed by Sous Grand Photographer Jack O. Burns.

1241's Rosenthal Enjoys Hospital

We had heard that Voyageur Harry Rosenthal landed in Hines Hospital one day last month, but didn't know what sent him there. So we dispatched a get-well card on which it was stated that a laxative would cure him. And on the last page an opening with the legend, "You will feel a whole lot better."

Well, Harry had two heart attacks, but, being an obstinate joker, refused to surrender, like the little 80-year-old lady who said that when the angels came to take her to the distant shore, she was going to give them a fight. The Legion representative at Hines reports

that he is doing well and is a very cheerful patient. Harry may have worries in the back of his mind; but he certainly keeps them well hidden.

Frank Rydzewski and his cohort Ray Petersen take a lot of kidding about the locomotive. Frank is chairman of the engine committee. The voiture, however, is lucky to have a man like Frank guiding the destiny of the temperamental little lady, for she is a costly luxury and might send us into bankruptcy. The little old snorting replica of the French idea of the iron horse is holed up for the winter; but it will not be long before she'll be throwing consternation into Chicago's peaceful citizens.

Our wreck and annual banquet occur between the deadline and the arrival of the February LE CHAPEAU BLEU. So, no news. But we hope you will be enjoying the memories.

And now for a new headache for Stanley B. Josephs on ways and means. The lad is capable; but he will need a lot of enthusiasm from the members. Let's not fail him.

Michael Sullivan.
Publiciste 1241.

COMING EVENTS

February 2nd—V. 1241, Annual Banquet, Chicago.

February 7th—V. 378, Past Chef's Banquet, Ottawa.

February 9th—V. 926, Wreck. East St. Louis.

February 12th—18th Annual American Legion Pilgrimage to Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield.

February 17th—V. 604, Wreck, Waukegan.

February 17th—V. 592, Wreck, Batavia Legion Post.

February 23rd—V. 529, Stag, Peoria.

March 2nd—V. 255, Wreck, Quincy.

March 22nd—V. 263, Wreck, Wheaton.

April 5-6th—American Legion Executive Committee Meeting.

April 19-20th—Spring Grand Cheminot Meeting, Springfield.

April 24th—V. 529, Past Chef's Night, Peoria.

April 26th—V. 220, Wreck, Chicago.

May 3-4th—Eighth District Spring Wreck, Murphysboro.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT GRANDE VOITURE D'ILLINOIS

JAN. 25, 1952

	Total 1951	Total Today	Total yr. ago	High Year	Meets		
District No. 1—Grand Cheminot Mangan							
CHARLES EDSON, L'Editeur	159	Stephenson.....	107	62	68	107	Second Wednesday
112 S. Fletcher Ave.	264	Whiteside.....	36	30	14	36	Last Thursday
Mt. Morris, Ill.	375	LaSalle.....	249	172	183	249	First Thursday
<i>Sous Editeurs</i>							
Ray Gantz, 1st District	406	Ogle.....	32	21	12	39	First Thursday
Rockford	405	Winnebago.....	243	165	169	243	Last Thursday
Michael Sullivan, 2nd District	409	Lee.....	91	39	61	91	Second Thursday
Chicago	638	Bureau.....	60	16	22	60	First Thursday
District No. 2—Grand Cheminot Blundell							
C. M. Stromquist, 3rd District	207	DeKalb.....	60	41	46	60	First Wednesday
Galesburg	220	Cook.....	1734	1343	1236	1734	Monthly
John T. Lyons, 4th District	263	DuPage.....	242	97	134	244	Fourth Thursday
Fairbury	578	McHenry.....	54	22	31	67	First Wednesday
Frank C. Baum, 5th District	592	Kane-Kendall.....	237	112	64	237	Third Thursday
Quincy	604	Lake.....	229	119	91	252	Last Friday
Jos. W. Berggrath, 6th District	796	Will.....	144	51	79	159	Second Monday
Madison	1234	Chicago.....	537	421	374	537	Monthly
Gariand Gupton, 7th District	1241	Windy City.....	220	159	138	220	Second Wednesday
Middletown	1348	South Cook Co.....	130	106	91	130	Second Thursday
Charles F. Ruth, 8th District	District No. 3—Grand Cheminot Firth						
Mt. Carmel	237	Rock Island.....	165	49	71	177	Second Wednesday
District No. 4—Grand Cheminot Jackson							
LE CHAPEAU BLEU COMMISSION	433	Henry.....	193	149	85	209	Third Thursday
Ralph B. Johnson, Chairman	529	Peoria.....	331	174	207	331	Fourth Thursday
Myrl Hoag	606	Knox.....	128	62	61	130	Second Wednesday
Clark Williams	1106	Warren Henderson.....	62	47	48	62	Second Tuesday
James B. Livingstone	1170	Tazewell.....	120	60	69	123	Third Monday
District No. 5—Grand Cheminot Williams							
SUBSCRIPTION RATES	24	McLean.....	188	115	62	206	Third Wednesday
Twenty-five Cents Per Year	238	Champaign.....	109	78	97	109	Third Wednesday
Included in your membership dues	473	Kankakee.....	190	113	103	259	First Wednesday
Single copies five cents	539	Vermilion.....	118	93	68	126	Last Monday
Send all items of news for publication to the editor at the above address by the 25th of month.	594	Edgar.....	54	40	46	54	Third Tuesday
Entered as second class matter June 20, 1947, at the Post Office at Mount Morris, Illinois, under the act of March 3, 1897. Sec. 320 P. L. & R.	818	Livingston.....	155	169	123	160*	Second Monday
	1195	Grundy.....	43	17	17	50	First Wednesday
	1364	DeWitt.....	30	.....	10	42	First Friday
	255	District No. 6—Grand Cheminot Pitkin					
	812	Adams-Don Best.....	171	65	135	191	Fourth Monday
	913	Fulton.....	141	107	104	141	Third Wednesday
	1100	McDonough.....	43	30	34	43	Third Monday
	391	Schuyler.....	22	.....	.....	21	.....
	860	District No. 7—Grand Cheminot Stoltz					
	869	Madison.....	152	68	69	162	Third Friday
	926	Macoupon-Montgomery.....	109	91	82	109	Second Tuesday
	186	Jersey-Calhoun.....	120	103	48	120	Fourth Thursday
	287	St. Clair-Monroe.....	239	137	108	239	Third Thursday
	344	District No. 8—Grand Cheminot Lipey					
	513	Egyptian.....	41	13	23	128	Monthly
	985	Marion.....	125	106	108	130	Third Wednesday
	1247	Coles.....	130	71	48	130	Third Wednesday
	1008	Saline.....	19	24	19	25*	First Saturday
	1069	Wabash.....	92	37	43	99	First Wednesday
	1222	Wayne-Clay-Edwards.....	35	16	21	61	First Wednesday
	1284	Fayette.....	84	19	60	84	First Thursday
	1299	Lawrence.....	39	45	28	39**	First Tuesday
	1325	Jackson.....	25	30	.....	25**	Fourth Monday
	1369	Richland.....	41	18	21	40	First Friday
	1397	Hamilton.....	36	20	25	36	Third Thursday
	1398	Williamson.....	21	8	5	21	2nd and 4th Monday
	Totals.....						
		White.....	43	15	20	43	Fourth Tuesday
		Totals.....	\$561	5518	5246		

JAMES B. LIVINGSTONE, Grand Correspondant.
Court House, Sycamore, Ill.

*100 Per Cent
†High Year



It is my sincere desire that the United States of America be one Country, with one Language, and One Flag, and if necessary I will fight for that principle.

TAPS

- John DeWein, Peoria V. 529.
- Frank H. Lester, Cook V. 220.
- Joseph J. Lucas, Cook V. 220.
- John P. Ryan, Cook V. 220.
- Fred V. Wilsan, Knox V. 606.

News from Blackhawk Voiture 408

Voiture 408 held its December 20 meeting at the Rockford Elks Club. A ham dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. to about 65 Voyageurs. And of course that good old milk was served, too!

The Promenade was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Chef de Gare Fred Leach. The feather party was voted down for this year, with the hope of

having a much bigger and better one next year.

Sick call found Tom Johnson sick at home, Ralph James at home, William Pratt, Belvidere, at home, Robert Nash at home. Since the promenade, Robert Nash and Ralph James have passed away. All voyageurs have been asked to call on all sick voyageurs as much as possible. So come, fellows, let's get on the ball.

The Voiture, under the chairmanship of Jim Enright, gave a very nice Christ-

mas to the children of Rosencranes Home, by buying shoes for all the children, and all the goodies that go to make Christmas for kids. Keep up the good work. "Santa Jim."

A committee is to be named to work out plans for the Voiture to put girls in nurses training. Something the Voiture has been looking forward to for a long time. So look for Voiture 408 to be on top this year in Voiture activities.

Ray W. Gantz,
Sous L'Ed., 1st Dist.

592 Confers First Degree On 10 P.G.'s

The January promenade of the Kane-Kendall Voiture 592, Forty et Eight, held at the Batavia Legion Post, was the occasion for bestowing the first degree on ten Poor Goofs. Grand Chef de Gare Passe Leonard Appiequist, acting as installing officer, and Grand Chef de Gare Passe Jerry Doherty, obligating the P.G.'s, put on an impressive ceremony. The ten P.G.'s seeking admission to the Voiture are as follows: Robert E. Dolph, Earl H. Woods, Arthur Vest, Arthur L. Carlson, George Maier, Stuart Wallace Volk, Ernest Volk, Jr., Robert W. Ackerman, Melvin A. Holtreter, Kenneth A. Olson.

The second and third degrees will be conferred at the winter wreck to be held in the Batavia Legion Post on Sunday, Feb. 17, 1952. All voyageurs are once again cordially invited.

Other business before the voiture concerned our fire truck, and the committee appointed to find storage space for the same unanimously recommended that it be sold since it had been put to so little use in connection with 592 activities. This recommendation may not meet with the approval of the Voiture, for the old wagon has been a proud possession; however, our voyageurs could find solace in the fact that its services to the Forty et Eight might be continued with another Voiture. Any voitures interested might contact Chef de Gare Roydon C. Gregor at 55 Park Row, Elgin, Illinois.

The fourth Saturday in the month of February is the day set aside for the annual Block of Dimes drive for polio funds. This activity is one most strongly supported by our voiture.

The Sunshine Fund was increased to the tune of \$3.75 when a notion, duly offered and carried, that all voyageurs not wearing chapeaux and tabs be assessed the sum of twenty-five cents, was promptly put into effect.

The correspondant, Chef de Gare passe, James A. Powers, reported that 142 voyageurs had paid their 1952 dues to date. This figure represents a good percentage of our standing membership.

Warren E. Carbarry,
Publiciste 592.

DuPage County Voiture 263

The January Cheminot meeting was held at the home of Ed Soukup in Wheaton. Of all the things that Ed does well, the Cheminot meeting that he puts on is one of the best, and they are always well attended. Most of the business transacted was relative to the Winter Wreck to be held March 22 at the VFW Hall north of Wheaton. From all indications this will be an outstanding wreck. Tommy Lanagan as Conducteur has promised something different. As you all know Itchy Schatz has been confined for some months pretty close to home on account of his ticker. Itchy has for years handled the Graft Board and we will all miss him.

Bob Irvine has promised to take over and if Itchy is able to come out at the time everyone will be glad to see him and more than glad to accept whatever help he can give.

Now that the holidays are over we can concentrate on the Wreck and money raising activity. Wheaton is way ahead on returns to date and everyone knows Harold is largely responsible for this. Harold has done a wonderful job for the Voiture on several occasions and this one will be no exception. In the remaining time let us all do our bit and put this thing over. If you don't have any tickets see your Cheminot, he has them for your town. If you have tickets push them.

We have several Voyageurs laid up and we know they would appreciate a word or a visit from some of you. Longy Schatz is back in Hines, E. 211 North. Everyone that knows Longy, and who doesn't, knows he would be tickled to pieces to see any of you any time. We had a letter from Ed Schatz, who as we mentioned before has been confined for some months. He gets around some but not far and he too would be pleased to see some of the 40 & 8. Anyone that was as faithful an attendant as Ed would miss the 40 & 8 and appreciate a visit. Jim Wright, Jr. was also out of circulation for a while but we understand he is OK again.

At the December Promenade it was voted to hold the regular Promenades for another year at the Lombard Legion Hall. Don't forget every 4th Thursday.

G. W. McCollum,
Publiciste 263.

Morgan County V513 Distributes Groceries



Above is shown members of Morgan County Voiture 513 delivering groceries and toys to the under privileged children and their families. We had tag day on December 20, took in three hundred dollars, and spent all of it for treats for the children. In the picture are Chef de Gare Robert French, L. W. Fernandes, M. L. Mansfield, G. L. Cook, and Harold Myers. The following men are not in the picture but helped with making the basket orders up. Thomas Brennan, Eddie Brennan, Art Benson, Earl Meline.

L. W. Fernandes,
Publiciste 513.

Madison County Voiture No. 391

Regular Promenade of Voiture 391 was held at the American Legion Home, Jan. 18, 1952, in Alton, Illinois. Thirty members were present, reporting another 113 Legionnaires secured by 40 & 8ers. Membership of the Voiture to date is 67.

Chef de Gare Pitkin formed a new committee to be known as the activities committee, and appointed Andrew Osborne as chairman. The first activity of the committee is to promote a banquet, date to be announced later; banquet to be in honor of all past Chefs de Gare. All Chefs de Gare passe of this Voiture please send your name and address to D. L. Pitkin Jr., 1404 Rodgers Ave., Alton, Ill.

A prize was won by Elbert Hohl, and Half and Half club by Fred Bonville.

The next Promenade of the Voiture will be held at Glen Carbon, Ill., Feb. 15, 1952.

After Promenade adjourned, food chairman Paul Herren served oyster stew, which was enjoyed by all those present.

Hugh W. Martin,
Publiciste 391.

Official News of Voiture No. 220 Cook County, Ill.

The next regular meeting of the Voiture will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1952, in the south ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel over on Boul. Mich. And by the way if you care to mark your calendar now for March 28, and the April Wreck on the 26th, go right ahead and jot it down for those are the official dates ahead. We understand that the June meeting will be a honey, can't give you all the particulars just now as the Cheminot haven't gotten around to the details as yet. But hold on to your hats, there's a big time coming.

The January dinner-dance was a huge success, a full house and everybody seemed satisfied. We were honored by the presence of the Chef de Cheminot de Fer, George Boland of Omaha, Harold Haines, Correspondant Nationale John Newberry, Sous Chef de Cheminot de Fer from Jefferson City, Mo., Kay Camel. Grand Chef de Train from Omaha, and Max Berenberg, Grand Correspondant of Omaha. And last but not least, Ralph Blundell, Grand Cheminot from the 2nd District.

Chef de Gare Walter Farrow led the parade of the Past Chefs which included Schlupp, Bender, Harper, Cress, Klein, Heavey, Small, Woodson, Healy, and Jack Cusack.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the life membership card by Past Department Commander Jim Ringley to our own Bill Schlupp who has done so much for the disabled Veterans in Cook County, over a period of twenty-five years, as superintendent of Veterans Relief and the 40 & 8 Convalescent Center out in Orland Park.

Ill. Bill has always taken the lead in 40 & 8 affairs in Voiture No. 220 especially in arranging our very successful dinner-dances and wrecks, gaining weight with each affair without the fan-fare of the proverbial brass band.

We have received word that Joseph J. Lucas Sr., our official photographer, passed away at his home on Sunday, January 20. Anyone who ordered photographs at the dinner-dance may have same by contacting his wife at 8514 S. Rhodes Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Gene Early,
Publiciste No. 220.

LaSalle Voiture 378 to Purchase Box Car

The January monthly meeting of the LaSalle County Voiture No. 378 was held Thursday evening, January 3rd at the Seneca War Homes Recreation Building with Chef de Gare Clarence E. Hartford of Marseilles presiding.

The voiture voted \$25.00 to the county March of Dimes National Polio Foundation to assist in the relief of county polio victims.

The committee on Ways and Means to purchase a voiture box car and locomotive appointed by Chef Hartford at the Marseilles meeting December 6th composed of Frank Cavanaugh of Marseilles, chairman, R. L. McAllister of LaSalle, Fred Daggett of Marseilles, John Herbert of Seneca, Thomas Flescher of Streator, Barney Zelinski of Peru, Emil G. Hassley of Ottawa, Ed. Kerwin of Ransom, Ed. Fedash of Streator and George Hunter of Oglesby, was augmented by John C. Kehm of Mendota, Louis Schrecengost of Earlville, Harold Baer of Rutland, Dean King of Tonica, Howard Fitzgerald of Utica, Kenneth Hanson of Leland and Allan J. Brown of Sheridan, to give the committee a full scope of the county. The Voiture approved the committee's plan to ask each voiture member to give \$10.00 or more to finance this activity. Thomas Flescher was named treasurer, and reported the response from the members present was very encouraging. It was pointed out that this was the first real effort the Voiture had made in this direction, and the committee is hopeful of the members falling in line one hundred percent.

Robert A. Gerding of Ottawa was obligated as a new member by Past Chef Emil G. Hassley, and will receive the rest of "The Works" at a future Wreck.

The annual Ladies Night to be held in March was discussed at the meeting and final plans will be made at the next regular meeting which will be held in Ottawa February 7th when the Voiture will celebrate annual Past Chef's Night.

Following the meeting lunch and refreshments were served by the Seneca committee.

Emil G. Hassley,
Publiciste 378.

Child Welfare Program

Having recently returned from the American Legion's Area "D" Conference we are thoroughly convinced that our child welfare program is in most capable hands. This coordinated effort to guide and improve the child welfare program deserves the full support of all and we recommend actual cooperation and participation at Voiture level.

No drastic changes or additions to the 1951-52 child welfare program, so ably presented to the conference by Randel Shake, national director of child welfare, and his associate, C. W. ("Pat") Geile, were recommended. The conference did concur in actions by the Miami convention. Concerted action was recommended on the 15 point ANTI-NARCOTICS program and, considering "EFFECT OF WORLD CRISIS ON AMERICAN CHILDREN" it was resolved that we urge:

Legion encouragement of church attendance by parents and children, and encouragement of youth panel discussion and youth leadership training institutes.

The 40/8, as were all groups participating, was given full recognition and participation in all phases of the conference. Chef de Chemin de Fer George Boland gave a most impressive resume of La Societe's part in child welfare since the 3rd Promenade National voted 50 cents per member, annual, into the child welfare fund. Since then substantially \$50,000 have been contributed annually by La Societe to the American Legion child welfare program, an aggregate of \$667,000.00 to include 1950-51. George Huish, our capable child welfare directeur national, presented the individual grande voiture chairmen present.

We learned that the Grande Voiture d' Illinois contributed \$71,000.00 to child welfare during the past Legion year and "SPEAKING FOR YOU" we assured all concerned that Illinois would assume its just position among the leaders. Not only in action but also in reporting.

OLUF T. JENSEN, Child Welfare
Directeur,
Grande Voiture d' Illinois.

Christmas Gifts To Yanks Who Gave

Our Eighth Annual "Christmas Gifts to Yanks Who Gave" program has been concluded with the success we anticipated because of the splendid cooperation received from all concerned.

Our objective was to provide some 15,000 hospitalized war veterans in 43 Illinois hospitals, such as Veterans Administration, State and County Hospitals as well as sanitariums, with a gift on Christmas day.

The 40 & 8 Voitures and the 8 & 40 Salons in Illinois gave excellent service and of their physical efforts to be of assistance to the details essential to a successful program.

We convey our expression of gratitude to the members of your organiza-

tion for answering our call, that brought smiles to the sick and disabled on Christmas day.

EDWARD CLAMAGE,
State Chairman,
CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO YANKS
WHO GAVE COMMITTEE.

From Lee County Voiture 409—Forty and Eight

A fitting prelude to the Christmas season was the Past Chefs' party and reception held by Lee County Voiture 409 on Sunday evening, December 2.

Chef De Gare Earl Pierce did an outstanding job in planning and arranging the event. One hundred and fifty voyageurs, wives and friends started arriving at 4:30. Inasmuch as dinner was not served until 7 p.m. we gainfully used the intervening period in reviving old friendships and making new acquaintances.

Following the dinner Grand Avocat Passe Jerry Jones presided at a short reception for the past chefs present, of which he is one. Each Past Chef was called upon for remarks but previous to this the "Brass" present was recognized.

Earl Maxwell of 189, Grand Chef De Train, was called upon first and acquitted himself as only he can. Claud Mangan of 264, Grand Cheminot for the First district, came forth with a story of sorts and not to be outdone, Carl Fisher, Chef De Gare of 189, arose and made some polite remarks for which he is noted.

But the crowning event of the evening was when Jack Griswold of 189 was able to muster the necessary strength to stand and for fifteen minutes spread healing balm on the troubled waters. How Jack does it we do not know, but he never misses a Forty and Eight meeting of any sort. He takes them all in turn, whether in Freeport or Cairo.

By the time the guests of honor had been recognized the orchestra appeared and the rest of the evening was devoted to dancing. Present were many young voyageurs with their wives and friends, who really showed the rest of us how modern dancing is done.

As for the old-timers, we just tuned the music to our fancy and waltzed. Notable among the old-timers who still believe they can do the modern steps were Peter J. Phalen and H. F. Walder. They put on an exhibition—we believe in giving credit where it is due and these two boys did allright for themselves. The rest of us looked on with envious eyes.

At 12 o'clock the orchestra, probably being worn out from watching our antics, packed up and left. The rest of us soon departed to await another similar event, a year hence. The wives of all deceased voyageurs were invited and we are proud and happy to state that most of them were able to attend.

Theodore R. Mason,
Publiciste 409.

Gleanings from the Gem City

Once more here is the report of the monthly Promenade of Voiture No. 255. The regular business was transacted along with a few choice extras.

Again our meeting was handicapped with bad weather. Though many of the hearty voyagers faced the rain and sleet to attend the meeting, the attendance was not up to par.

The voyagers who failed to attend missed out on the movie highlights of the 1951 world series baseball games. The game that all America enjoys— young and old alike; the young to excel in the sport, and the old to sit on the sidelines and do their grandstand man-aging.

The report of the Cheminots pointed out that the voiture will have a "wreck" on March 2, 1952. There is hope of having plenty of material (P.G.'s) to work on. The result of this wreck should be good, because of everyone's promise to do their part in making Voiture No. 255 recognized by all voitures and voyagers as being among the greatest of voitures and wrecking teams and for their lasting and sincere hospitality. If other voitures reading the gossip column have any P.G.'s ready for a wreck, Voiture 255 will be ready to wreck them.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, a few of the members proceeded to the kitchen to help out and were amazed to find no one but the old "Kitchen Kat," Art Brown, with his sleeves rolled up and elbow deep in dish water. "His Majesty the Dishwashing King."

Checking the list of committeemen for the Golden Glove tournament, I find that all are members of the 40/8 with the exception of one man. This makes the voiture look good because of the support given by them to the Legion.

Don't forget, voyagers and voitures, the coming big wreck to be held in March. Send in those P.G.'s and we'll make good voyagers of them.

Walt Lugerling,
Publiciste.

Voiture 529 Plans Stag

Peoria County Voiture No. 529, Forty and Eight is making plans for a stag to be held Saturday, February 23, 1952, at the Labor Temple, 400 No. Jefferson Ave., in Peoria. A fish fry will start things going at 6:30 p.m. Two big stage shows will be held with a short intermission in between. Price is \$2.50 per plate for fish, entertainment free.

Peoria Post No. 2, American Legion was honored on January 17 by the presence of National Commander Donald Wilson. A capacity crowd attended the dinner-meeting in order to hear him talk. A great number of local, county, and state officials of the Legion and 40/8 attended.

The 529 locomotive, under the guidance of Bob Piedeman, helped out Post No. 2 in its annual "Gifts to the Yanks" drive. They delivered a great

number of Christmas baskets to sick veterans in hospitals in Peoria and surrounding territory. Nice work, Bob.

Plans are being made for the annual Past Chef's dinner to be held at the Peoria Legion hall on April 24, 1952. Chef de Chemin de fer George B. Boland will be guest of honor. He is from Omaha, Nebraska. Also expected to attend is Harold V. Haines, Correspondent Nationale.

The February Cheminot will be held at Pabst Brewing Company in their "33" room. Pabst is located in Peoria Heights, Illinois. The date is February 14. Voyageurs from other Voitures are welcome. A Cheminot meeting is being planned at Hiram Walker on April 10, 1952. Further details will be given later.

Mel Thurm is again issuing a call to all 40/8er's who are interested in playing in the 529 Clown band, of which he is commander. Rehearsals started in January. Mel Thurm can be contacted at the Peoria Post No. 2 home. Quite a few turnouts are on tap and Mel can use personnel, so if you're interested, check with Mel. Mel has done a grand job in the past and is doing it now, but he needs help.

Voiture 529 lost one of its formerly active members on January 17 with the death of John DeWein. John was a past chef de gare of this Voiture and also a charter member. He was Peoria Post Commander in 1925 and was the only Post 2 adjutant to serve under five commanders. He was also a charter member of Post No. 2. Voiture 529 extends its heartfelt sympathy to John's family. He will be missed greatly by both the Legion and the Forty and Eight.

Membership is still a little slow, Chef de train Les Brunnenmeyer reports, so let's get those dues in.

Donald Nicholas,
Publiciste 529.

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Macoupin-Montgomery Voiture 860

The January promenade of Macoupin-Montgomery Voiture 860 was held Jan. 8, 1952, in Benld, with the old faithful 8 & 40 furnishing more than we could eat.

On sick call were Voyageurs Claude Carnahan and V. Fernand (Budwizeer) Guyot, Sr., and sick cards were signed by all present to be sent to the ailing Voyageurs.

It was voted that the Voiture would pay dues for all Voyageurs who were recalled to service.

No communication was received from Voyageur Droste, and it is now believed that he has been separated from the men and has become one of the boys.

The amount of fines collected was smaller than usual, due to the fact that the court, realizing that income tax payments were just around the corner, was just a trifle more lenient on the Voyageurs. Of course, the fact that Voyageur Rinaker was absent might have had something to do with the smaller amount of fines.

R. H. Shirley,
Publiciste, 860.

1-2-3-4 Notes:

Several items of interest were transacted at the last Promenade of Chicago Voiture 1-2-3-4 held on Thursday evening, January 17.

It was decided to have a Spring Wreck in April with a change in the Dinner Fare, i.e. to Ham and Beans. The Correspondant of Voiture 496, Louisville, Kentucky was a visitor at the Promenade.

Another free party for the Voyageurs and their wives, similar to the one previously held in the Morrison Hotel will be held in the near future. Watch for the date.

Membership is now over the 400 mark and we expect to hit the 100% goal in the near future.

Chef de Gare Passe John C. Middleton was honored by a party given by Forges Post No. 196, The American Legion, on Saturday evening, January 26, 1952. "Jack" is a Past Commander of this Post. Along these same lines, another member of 1-2-3-4 was honored with the presentation of a Gold Life Membership Card in the American Legion. He is our Chef de Train Herbert Porter and he was honored by his Post, Cuneo Post No. 517 of which he is a Past Commander.

Isadore "Izzy" (Murphy) Levinson is shaking the dust and snow of Chicago and is now making his home in Tucson, Arizona. For those who may be inter-

ested, his address is 1742 West Speedway. Looks like we'll have a branch 1-2-3-4 down there, with "Dusty" Springston, Nick Traficanti and now Izzy Levinson.

We have been notified that the Chef de Chemin de Fer, George Boland, will be the guest of Chicago Voiture, 1-2-3-4 on Thursday evening, April 17, 1952. More on this later.

Here is the first call for our Annual Installation Party to be held on Saturday evening, September 13, 1952 in the Terrace Casino of the Morrison Hotel. You better mark your calendars right now.

Our next Promenade will be held on Friday evening, February 15, 1952 at the Morrison Hotel. All Voyageurs who may be in Chicago at that time are most welcome.

Carl G. Schwabe,
Publiciste, 1-2-3-4

Egan's Gang Will Wreck 'Em for St. Clair-Monroe V926

"THE GOAT IS IN THE STABLE, FULL OF OATS AND RARING TO GO" so stated conducteur Jim Egan following the election of eleven "Poor Goofs" to become members of voiture 926. Those who know our grande voiture conducteur passe will know what is in store for candidates and voyageurs alike.

The wreck is to be held at 7:30, Saturday, February 9, at the East St. Louis Legion Home, 418 Collinsville Avenue.

Other business transacted at the January promenade of Voiture 926, held at the Legion Home, Lebanon, included the membership report by chef de train Arthur Pfingsten who announced that 52% had been exceeded. Activities chairman John Murphy announced a net \$1918.74 take on our annual money raising event and that a steak dinner would be given those who brought home most of the bacon. Oluf Jensen, child welfare directeur, reported on the Area "D" child welfare conference held at Des Moines, Iowa and O. P. Harcourt was appointed Aumonier, replacing Technical Sergeant Charles Ashton who now is somewhere in the Pacific area. O. H. Robinson, grande voiture Legion membership chairman, who because of a severe cold missed the first meeting for years, lost out on the attendance prize.

The Lebanon voyageurs provided succulent roast beef and the Freeburg voyageurs said they would do as well at their new Legion Home, Thursday, February 21.

OLUF T. JENSEN,
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