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## CARNEGIES MEDALS FOR N. W. EMPLOYES



### Two Railroad Men of Northwestern Rewarded for Heroic Rescues

Carnegie hero medals have just been awarded to two employees of the Chicago & Northwestern railway for saving the lives of two people endangered by moving trains, C. A. Cairns, passenger traffic manager of the railway learned in a letter from Taylor Allderice, manager of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. The men are Charles Henry Murphy, 129 Fifteenth street Fond du Lac, Wis., and Oliver Diehl, 203 South Orange street, Morrison, Ill.

Both men were awarded bronze medals and given the sum of one thousand dollars to be paid as needed for a worthy purpose to be approved by the executive committee of the fund association.

Mr. Murphy, who is a conductor on the Lake Shore division of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, and is 58 years old, saved Mrs. Fred Fraser from being killed by a train at Appleton, Wis., on May 14, 1930. Mr. Murphy had stationed himself at what is known as Division Street crossing, Mrs. Fraser apparently did not see the wig-wag signals and walked on to the track in front of the approaching train. Mr. Murphy saw her and did not want to frighten her by yelling but jumped on to the track and caught her from in front of the train just before the train crossed the spot where she had been standing. Mr. Murphy has been employed by the Chicago & Northwestern for 36 years.

Oliver Diehl, a station baggage and freight handler at Morrison, Ill., for the Chicago & Northwestern, saved the life of Henry Elmen-dorf at Cherry street, in Morrison on December 9, 1929. Mr. Elmen-dorf walked on to the main line track as the Overland limited, moving at a speed of between 50 and 60 miles per hour, was approaching and near the crossing.

### Mosquito Abatement Districts in Report

Trustees of the North Shore Mosquito Abatement district last week made their first complete report of work accomplished during the spring and summer months.

About 70 per cent of all money expended in the mosquito abatement campaign went for permanent mosquito control work. In the north shore district, 130,376 feet of new ditches were dug and 158,781 of old ditches were maintained. Supervisors in the campaign took particular precaution to promptly drain off all accumulated waters, so that mosquitoes could not breed. The major portion of abatement work was carried on near the Evanston west boundary, in Glenview, Morton Grove, and Lake Forest.

**CAROLING**  
The Girl Scouts and Brownies of Highland Park and Ravinia have been asked to carol under the community Christmas tree on Central avenue. They will carol first in front of the library at 5:30 on Wednesday, Dec. 23, and will go from there directly to the community Christmas tree. Afterwards the troops individually will carol in other parts of the city for people who are ill or who would like to have carols sung for them.

There will be no regular meetings of the Girl Scout Troops during the Christmas holidays. The troops this week are busy making up Christmas baskets for needy families and putting the finishing touches on dolls and scrap books for little children.

May God bless, all friends here  
With a merry merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year.

**SWIMMING**  
There will be no swimming next Saturday morning at the high school owing to the fact that the tank will be cleaned and drained but there will be swimming on the morning after New Year's Day, January 2, at the regular time, 10:30 until 11:15.

Some of our Girl Scouts are completing work on their horse-womans' badges during the Christmas vacation. The girls have been taking lessons the past few weeks under the personal supervision of Mr. Chalmers at the Glencoe Riding School on the County Line road.

### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Mrs. Frederick Edey  
National President of Girl Scouts  
Whatever our enforced economies, and who is not being economical these days, we can afford to be cheerful and spread abroad the happy Christmas spirit. After all the event which gives significance to the festival took place in a humble stable at Bethlehem, and the Child who was born lay in a stone manger, warmed only by the breath of the cattle about Him.  
This is to me essentially a season of homely family gatherings, or rejoicing over what is received, however small, and of giving without stint of time and trouble. We can all give good humor, and there are not so many of us who cannot afford some little thing in what might otherwise be a limpstocking. Let us try to see that no child's stocking hangs empty by the fireplace on this Christmas morning. Indeed I know none will, if the Girl Scouts can help it. I am awfully proud of the generous and practical way in which they are preparing to make others happy, well-fed and warm this holiday time. But, even if there are some who cannot take part in these preparations, there is no one who cannot be gay. So let us all join in the games and happy gatherings about the Christmas trees. Let us sing our carols, and help fulfill the wish that I send to everyone of you. I shall send it in the form of a little verse, not my own:  
"May the giver of gifts give unto you  
That which is good and that which is true  
The will to help and the courage to do  
And a heart that sings the whole day through."

With 157 families given aid since December 1, the Waukegan unemployed and relief committee up to last week has provided for a total of 718 unemployed families and needy since November 1, when the relief organization commenced functioning.

### Dairy Horse Caught in Track Killed by Train at Waukegan

A dairy horse with one hoof caught in a rail was forced to await death one morning last week at the South avenue crossing of the Chicago and Northwestern railway in Waukegan.

The horse, driven by Frank Gantor, 1037 Adams street, North Chicago, was pulling a milk wagon of the North Chicago Dairy owned by Anton Stritar. As Gantor drove across the crossing at South avenue one of the horse's hoofs became lodged between a rail and a plank of the crossing.

The horse fell and when it was unable to get up Gantor unhitched the wagon and pushed it from the crossing.

Gantor and James Housman, gate-man, worked frantically to release the animal. Their efforts proved futile and Housman ran up the tracks and attempted to flag a southbound limited train which was approaching from the north. He was too late and the horse was killed. The train in charge of L. C. Phineas, conductor, and W. Gibson, engineer, stopped after hitting the horse and the engineer said that he was unable to stop after he had noticed Housman flagging the train.

### Automatic Gates to Be Installed at Crossing; State Board Approves

Permission to install automatic gates at the Stanley avenue crossing in the city of North Chicago, Lake county, has been granted to the Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee railroad by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

These gates are to be in substitution for the present part time watchman protection at the crossing. Gates will give 24-hour protection to highway traffic.

### Carleton Smith to Lecture at Field's

Carleton Smith, widely known musicologist, will again be the lecturer when the popular series of musical teas, which have attracted music lovers to the Walnut Grill at Marshall Field & Co., are resumed in January. The next lecture will be on Jan. 13 with Beniamine Gighi, noted tenor of the Metropolitan Opera company as the guest of honor.

### Motor Club Outlines Winter Tour Route to Southwest; California

With the prospect of winter weather in the offing, the Chicago Motor club cites, for the benefit of those who plan a tour to the sunny southwest, the preferred route to California.

It is US-66 from Chicago to Oklahoma City; US-77 to Denton, Tex.; Tex-10 to Forth Worth; US-80 to El Centro, California, and US-99 to Los Angeles. The distance is approximately 2,699 miles. Included in this mileage are approximately 2,478 miles of pavement (including concrete, asphalt, oiled gravel and macadam) and some 220 miles only of all-weather gravel. Not only are the road surfaces better on this route but hotel accommodations in general will be found to be superior to those on others, the Motor club added.

Due to the unusually high temperatures which have prevailed this fall, the annual late fall exodus to warmer climes has been delayed, the club declared. In spite of this situation, the traffic to California at this writing was 3 per cent over the traffic to the same destination one year ago. These figures presage a large increase in California-bound tourists before the end of the year, inasmuch as the traffic to that state at this time last year was exceedingly heavy.

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