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This week Miss Faye Nafziger, a pretty brunette, began piloting busses for the Bloomington-Normal City Lines Inc. She is the first woman on the local company's payroll.

Miss Nafziger, who lives at 1014 1/2 W. Washington St., is completing her familiarization with the five city routes. After this she will be placed on the "extra board" and could eventually move up into a regular run.

### May Hire Another

The local bus line also is contemplating hiring a second woman driver. Another National City Lines subsidiary, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has had a lady pilot since World War II.

"She has made quite a record for herself," Kenneth Wright, transportation superintendent for the Bloomington-Normal City Lines, said.

Mr. Wright got the idea that women might be the solution to his manpower problem after an advertisement in the paper for male drivers had gone unanswered for months. He finally changed the ad last week to read that women also could apply.

### Several Applicants

"Already I've had several female applicants," he said. At least one other woman is checking out on the preliminary phases of bus driving, besides Miss Nafziger.

The normal size of the local bus line driver pool has been about 30. This has been taxed to the limit by the loss of two men (a driver and maintenance man), when the National Guardsmen left, and the pensioning of several drivers, Mr. Wright said.

As the trail blazer for her sex, Miss Nafziger has found that most bus passengers have a friendly attitude toward a woman driver.

"Of course, some of the people get a little irritated when I'm behind schedule on a run," she said.

Besides the nervous strain of driving in traffic hour after hour, one of the reasons why women might find the routine hard is the early reporting time for the day shift.

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Regarding the historical significance of her new employment, veteran streetcar motormen believe she is the first lady operator in city transportation.

R. C. DeMange, Bloomington attorney, son of the man who owned a controlling interest in the trolley lines before Illinois Power & Light took over, shares this belief.

Mr. DeMange's memory goes all the way back to the 1890s, when mule cars were running between Bloomington and Normal.

"I don't think we ever had any woman streetcar operators," he said.

## Lt. Appenbrink Hurt in Korea

Marine 2nd Lt. David W. Appenbrink, whose wife lives at 304 N. Fell Ave., Normal, has been wounded in action in Korea, the Defense Department announced Saturday.

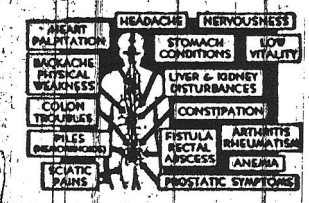
It was understood he has been transferred to a hospital in Japan. He suffered fractures in both legs when hit by shrapnel.

## To Judge Soap Carving

Dr. F. Louis Hoover, director of the Division of Art Education at Illinois State Normal University, will serve on the jury of awards for the National Soap Sculpture contest in New York City June 3 to 5.

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Two men who were charged by residents in the 1300 block of North Colton Avenue with maintaining a nuisance were placed under \$100 performance bond when they appeared Saturday before Police Magistrate Walter Reiner.

Neighbors declared that Fred Carlton, 1313 N. Colton Ave., and Neil Knapp, 1013 E. Washington St., had created a situation favorable to the breeding of rats.

The men had dug holes, apparently for basements, at 1309 and 1313, several years ago and then had allowed lumber and junk to accumulate in them, neighbors said. The two told Judge Reiner that they would clean the places up.

## Forfeit Traffic Bonds

Two men Saturday forfeited bonds they had posted in Normal police court for their appearance on traffic violations. Richard Wright, 21 Carlock, forfeited a \$10 bond he posted following his arrest Friday on a charge of running a stop sign. James G. White, Carlock, who was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving a car with improper license plates, forfeited a \$10 bond.

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