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Install Caissons by Unique Method on Wilson Project

A UNIQUE method for installing caissons is being used at CTA's Wilson station area where work is progressing on the first phase of construction of a four-track right-of-way for North-South rapid transit trains over the intersection of Broadway and Wilson avenue.

Because of the soil conditions at the location, 30-inch steel tubes are being driven at a slant into the ground for 55 feet. The steel shells remain in the ground, the earth within the shell is removed, and concrete is poured into the shells to form the foundation. Normally, a steel shell is not used as a permanent part of the caissons. Two of these caissons, in an inverted "V" formation, will support each of the 13 concrete columns on which the ballasted deck right-of-way will be constructed. This ballasted deck right-of-way will connect the railroad freight track, which crosses Broadway and Wilson avenue west of the present "L" tracks, with the existing outer southbound track. This connection will cover a distance of approximately 540 feet.

Construction of the caissons is being done by Spencer, White & Prentis, Inc., subcontractors for J. W. Snyder &

Company, who was awarded the contract for \$153,189 for the first phase of the \$1,800,000 program to construct the four-track right-of-way.

At the present time, North-South "L"-subway, Evanston Express and North Shore trains operate on a four-track right-of-way north of Chicago avenue, except for a distance of about 1,500 feet between 400 feet south of Wilson avenue and a point 300 feet north of Leland avenue. For this stretch, two tracks carry the trains through Wilson station and over Broadway before forking out into four tracks again for the balance of the route. The merging of train operations into a single track in each direction at the Wilson station area slows down through traffic.

The entire \$1,800,000 project will provide a four-track right-of-way through the Wilson station area for a continuous, smooth flow of traffic. When completed, the Evanston Express and North Shore trains will travel on the outside tracks and the North-South "L"-subway trains will operate on the inside tracks.

Trust Certificates Authorized For New Equipment

TO COMPLETE payment for 150 odorless propane buses and 100 rapid transit cars now being manufactured for CTA at a net initial contract price of \$8,479,350, Chicago Transit Board on November 6, authorized the sale of \$1,940,000 in Series 9 equipment trust certificates and the use of \$1,500,000 in depreciation reserve cash.

The equipment trust certificates, representing the unsold part of Series 9 issue of \$4,440,000 authorized May 1, 1958, were sold to John Nuveen and Company, investment bankers, of 135 S. LaSalle Street. Interest rate of the latest trust certificates to be sold averages 4.96 per cent, and maturity dates are spaced at six-month intervals from December 1, 1960, to June 1, 1966.

For the 150 buses, which are being manufactured by the Twin Coach Company of Kent, Ohio, and by the Flexible Company of Loudonville, Ohio, joint contractors, CTA is

paying approximately \$3,336,000. The 100 "L"-subway cars, being manufactured by The St. Louis Car Company of St. Louis, Missouri, are costing a total of \$5,143,350 at the net initial contract price. Ninety buses have been delivered; rapid transit car deliveries are to begin this month.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

Leo W. Armstrong—Transportation (Limits)
Carl G. Clay—Transportation (North Avenue)
Joseph J. Gingras—Steno-Duplicating (General Office)
Robert T. Mullin—Transportation (77th)
James L. Pruett, Jr.—Transportation (Limits)
David M. Sholl—Transportation (North Park)
Charles M. Taylor—Transportation (Archer)
Alvin Ward—Transportation (77th)



RECENTLY RETURNED

Francis J. Atlas—Transportation (Devon)
Kenneth Cross—Transportation (69th)
Curtis O. James—Transportation (North Avenue)
Donald Lee—Transportation (Kedzie)
Dan P. Schleiter—Engineering Department
Purvis P. Washington—Transportation (Lawndale)

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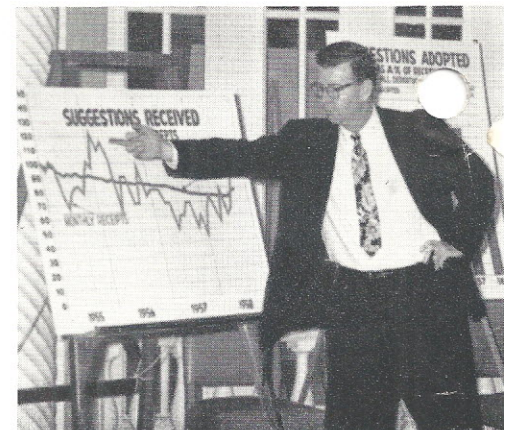
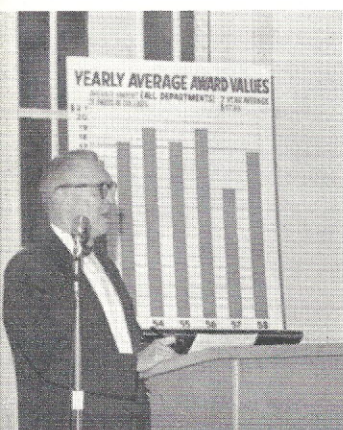
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CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR!
MAY THE SPIRIT
OF THIS SEASON
SHINE BRIGHT FOR
YOU AND YOURS
THE WHOLE YEAR THRU





TO HELP promote wider participation in the Employee Suggestion Plan, shop foremen from all over the system met for a luncheon and discussion period on November 12. *General Manager Walter J. McCarter*, pictured at left, made the opening remarks and stressed the benefits to employees and operations which had resulted from the Plan.

In the center photo, members of the suggestion committee are shown. They are, left to right: *Thomas P. Lyons*, committee secretary; *Charles E. Keiser*, superintendent of transporta-

tion; *H. L. Pollard*, director of public information; Mr. McCarter, committee chairman; *Eldon A. Imhoff*, committee vice-chairman; *Robert J. Ruppe*, superintendent of shops and equipment; *P. J. Meinardi*, comptroller; *S. D. Forsythe*, general superintendent of engineering, and *L. M. Traiser*, staff engineer.

In the picture at the right, Mr. Lyons uses a chart to illustrate the up and down course of suggestions received from employees over the past four years.

Shop Foremen Hear Suggestion Plan Discussion

THE FOREMAN'S role in the Employee Suggestion Plan was discussed at a luncheon meeting held November 12 at the Graemere hotel to help spark interest in the Plan during the coming year.

Some 80 Shops and Equipment Department foremen heard top CTA officials and members of the Suggestion Committee outline ways and means to stimulate employee participation in submitting ideas to improve and increase efficiency of operations.

Speakers at the luncheon were *General Manager Walter J. McCarter*, *Robert J. Ruppe*, superintendent of shops and equipment, and *Thomas P. Lyons*, secretary of the Suggestion Committee.

Eldon A. Imhoff, general superintendent of personnel and vice-chairman of the committee, was master of ceremonies.

In his talk, Mr. McCarter pointed out that the benefits of the Suggestion Plan included the establishment of operating economies resulting in improved operations. He said that based on a first year saving of an average of \$17,300 per year, the Plan had saved CTA a total of \$105,300 since October, 1952, when the Plan became system-wide.

He further stated that adopted suggestions have resulted in improved work methods, savings in time and material, vehicle modifications, and better and safer service to the public.

In an effort to stimulate wider employee participation, a mailing containing a letter from Mr. McCarter, a suggestion form, a business reply envelope and a copy of the revised suggestion plan book was sent to all employees recently. The latter gives a complete explanation of the Suggestion Plan and the opportunity it provides to all employees to improve operations and win cash awards for those who submit worthwhile ideas.

While Shop Department employees have carried off the major share of the awards, it was emphasized that employees of all departments could participate and were urged to do so.

RENOVATION PROJECT AT WILSON STATION

A NEW sparkle is evident at CTA's Wilson avenue station at Broadway and Wilson where repair, clean-up and paint-up work on the exterior of the station building at the northwest corner, amounting to approximately \$5,845.00, is being completed by CTA maintenance forces.

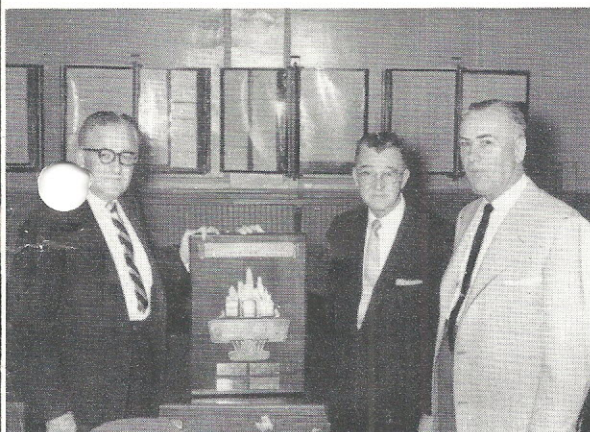
At this location, there are station buildings on both the north and south sides of Wilson avenue. The building

on the north side of Wilson avenue is leased to the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad until May, 1959.

Other work involved in the project included repairing and painting the drip pans over Broadway and over Wilson avenue, cleaning and painting the under side of sidewalk canopies on both sides of Wilson avenue and on Broadway and cleaning and painting the window frames of the station building.

In addition, the inside and outside of 18 doors were cleaned and painted and new kick plates on the exterior of doors installed. Also, six "L" columns in the vicinity of the station were cleaned and painted.

Except for the cleaning of the exterior of the station, which was let out on contract, all the work was done by CTA's Way and Structures personnel.



Safety Winners Receive Quarterly Achievement Awards

WINNERS OF Station Achievement Awards for the third quarter of the year received their plaques at recent presentations made at three operating stations.

Featuring the presentations was the fine record of safety performance rolled up by 52nd station, which for the third consecutive time won the surface system traffic award. In the picture at the left *William B. Hornkohl*, (left), day superintendent at 52nd, and *J. S. Farris*,

(right), night superintendent, are accepting the plaque award from *Thomas F. Moore*, superintendent of operating stations.

A close runner-up for continued effort in reducing accidents was Limits station, which won the passenger award for the second time in a row. In the center picture, *Day Superintendent Herman Erickson* (left), and *S. J. Bitel* (right) night superintendent, are flanked by

some of the members of the 52nd winning team of operators.

Loomis station was named the winner of the combined rapid transit traffic-passenger plaque. In the third picture, Mr. Moore is handing the award to *Assistant Day Superintendent A. G. Anderson*, (right front), while *R. F. Wenstrom*, (left, rear) day superintendent at 61st street, and *James R. Blaa*, night superintendent of the south section, rapid transit division, look on.

94.4% of CTA Employees Give Record Sum to Joint Appeal

A TOTAL of \$5,635 per month was pledged by CTA employees through authorization of payroll deductions to the 1958 Joint Appeal Fund of the Community Fund and Red Cross in the recent system-wide campaign. In addition, \$3,749.15 was received in individual cash gifts during the month of November, when the employees' solicitation drive was conducted.

Contributions were received from 12,958 employees, or 94.4 per cent of the active employee total. Only 885 employees, or 5.6 per cent, failed to participate in this year's campaign.

Projected over the year, the authorized monthly payroll deductions indicate a total contribution of \$67,627.56 to the Joint Appeal Fund during the year. To this total, the \$3,749.15 received in cash contributions should be added, making a grand overall total of \$71,376.71. This compares with \$70,413 contributed by CTA employees in last year's campaign.

Behind these figures are some interesting facts. For example: Two hundred employees increased their monthly payroll deductions; every one of the 322

Statement by *Walter J. McCarter* CTA General Manager

FOR OUR part in the 1958 Joint Appeal of the Community Fund and Red Cross, we, the employees of Chicago Transit Authority, have been honored by the presentation of a plaque. This is the second consecutive year that we have been so honored by the Joint Appeal. Ninety-four and four-tenths per cent of our employees are contributing, either through the monthly payroll deduction plan or by gifts of cash. I share with each of you the pleasure that comes from this recognition of our efforts in support of the community welfare activities of these two philanthropic organizations.

employees at Limits station is a contributor, either by payroll deduction or cash; all but one of the 203 employees at Keeler station is contributing by monthly payroll deduction; at Forest Glen station all but two of the 707 employees are contributing, either by the monthly payroll deduction plan or by

cash; at Lawndale station all but three of the 389 employees are contributing, either by monthly payroll deductions or by cash.

CTA RECEIVED its second consecutive Joint Appeal award plaque in honor of the fine record of participation in the 1958 campaign made by its employees. The award honored contributions to the Joint Appeal by 94.4 per cent of the active employee total. Receiving the plaque from Joint Appeal Kid *Raelynn Falkenthal* is *Peter J. Meinardi* (front center), comptroller, while members of CTA's volunteer solicitation team, which helped raise funds in the campaign organization's education group, look on. They are (second row, l to r): *C. W. Baxa*, team captain; *Benjamin Tuery*, *Harold Rowbottom* and *Edward Hess*. Back row: *Frank Maguire*, *Jack O'Connor*, *Robert Baxter* and *Edward Henry*. Two other members of the team—*William Limbachner* and *Robert Quetschke* — were not present when the picture was taken.



Christmas

Facts and Fancy

CHRISTMAS IS a joyous time full of ancient traditions and customs which have been willed to us, through the ages, by the peoples of many lands. From the ancient Druids of Britain and the tribes of Northern Europe to the medieval English and early American colonists, there has been an enduring bequest of lovely legends and gay traditions which make our own Christmas such a merry and enchanting occasion.

The popular custom of kissing under the mistletoe comes down to us from the mystic rites of the primitive Druids. In their faraway age, the mistletoe, which means "all heal," was believed to have magic qualities—the power to protect its possessor from witchcraft, heal disease, neutralize poisons, and bestow fertility on humans and animals. If a young couple sealed their betrothal with a kiss under the mistletoe, they would receive wonderful blessings and much good luck for the rest of their lives. This custom has lived for over 2,000 years and continues to live today with much merry conjecture as to who will get "caught" under the mistletoe at Christmas.

And what Yuletide celebration would be complete without the traditional

A FEATURE of Chicago's Yuletide season is the huge municipal Christmas tree that is set up each year in the Congress street plaza on the east side of Michigan avenue. Bedecked with glowing lights, it is an awe-inspiring symbol of the spirit of the holiday season gleaming brightly against a backdrop of towering sky-

scrapers along Chicago's famous lake front boulevard. Looking north from the plaza, one can see in the distance the large illuminated cross formed by lighted windows in the Prudential building, combining with the tree to make a truly spectacular display that dominates the darkness that has settled over the busy Loop.

Christmas tree. It is to the old Teutonic belief, that the trees of the forest were inhabited by god-like spirits, that we are indebted for this gay holiday decoration. In order to appease these "spirits" the Germans brought the trees into their homes to show them they were welcome at the Winter Solstice ceremonies.

The holiday season as we know it today consists mainly of Christmas and the

New Year and their respective eves. However, throughout the whole octave of the season, there exists a festive spirit which cannot be dispelled. This cheery atmosphere comes to us from the Medieval English who celebrated Christmas not just for four days, but for 12. These "Twelve Days of Christmas" were signalled by the lighting of the Yule



Log. As the log was drawn into the hall of the Lord, the people of the manor would gather round and sing joyful songs and carols. The log would then be lit and the fire kept burning for 12 days. At the end of the 12th day, it would be extinguished and a remnant of the fire kept for the following year when it would be used to kindle a new log. Thus, we find the true symbolism of the Yule Log and the reason why Christmas is often referred to as "Yuletide."

The sprightly carol "Deck the hall with boughs of holly . . .," today a must in any choral group repertoire, was also sung by the people of Medieval England as they gathered to salute the Yule Log. And the opening lines of the carol were literally true. The use of holly as a Christmas decoration in those days was quite popular and has remained a symbol of joy and merriment throughout the centuries. And, in days gone by, unmarried women fastened a sprig of holly to their beds at Christmas-time to protect them from the "evil one" during the coming year.

The English, however, are not the only ones to leave us enduring traditions. "Santa Claus" was given us by the Dutch whose "Santa Klass" was a contraction for St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children. The Dutch also began the charming custom of hanging children's stockings in anticipation of the jolly saint's annual visit.

But one of our most popular activities, and one few of us would miss, is the visiting of friends and relatives on New Year's Day. We owe this custom to the early Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam. On that day, a young Dutch maiden would wear her best jeweled cap and her most delicately pleated ruff, and, seated in the front room among her family treasures, await the coming of those youths socially eligible to become her husband. No doubt she served them refreshments and of course, there must have been much toasting to welcome in the New Year. Through the years, this quaint Dutch custom has been modified until today the suitors have all but disappeared, and, in their stead, friends and relatives assemble in warm celebration of the holiday festivities.

But, regardless of what age or in what land it was being observed, Christmas has always been a time of family reunion and feasting. In the time of Elizabeth I, a Christmas dinner often lasted as long as nine hours, with further snacks of oysters and pheasant served throughout the evening.

And what Christmas dinner would be complete in the merrie England of Good Queen Bess without plum pudding! The origins of this festive desert are lost in history but popular legend explains it this way: Once upon a time, an English king went hunting on Christmas Eve. He soon became lost, however, when a blizzard blocked the paths of

the forest. One of the hunters, the cook, very quickly found himself charged with the task of preparing Christmas dinner from whatever food he could find. So he literally threw everything into the pot—flour, a few dried plums, some eggs, ale, brandy, sugar and meat from some wild game. Soon, to his surprise, he had a delicious, hot "pudding" and, to this day, true plum puddings have all of these ingredients which our quick-witted hunter put into his cooking-pot.

Another favorite dinner treat with an interesting beginning is Mince Meat Pie. This tasty dish was originally devised by the Puritans as a religious offering and served with a tiny figure of the Christ child in its center. The earliest known recipe dates from the reign of James I in the early 17th century. At that time the pie was filled with beef tongue, chopped chicken, eggs, raisins, orange and lemon peelings, sugar and various spices.

Christmas today means many things for Americans. It is not only Santa Claus and mistletoe, plum pudding and "togetherness," but a whole heritage of festive traditions and age-old customs which have blended so well with the American scene. When we say "Merry Christmas," it is indeed so, because it is the true gift of friendship from many ages and lands.



SAFETY and FIRE PREVENTION

BACKED UP BY

"Good Housekeeping"

CTA's FIFTH annual fire and industrial safety inspection was conducted under the direction of the Insurance Department during the period of October 6 to October 13.

Inspection groups consisting of staff and departmental personnel inspected all CTA operating properties in conjunction with the observance of Fire Prevention Week.

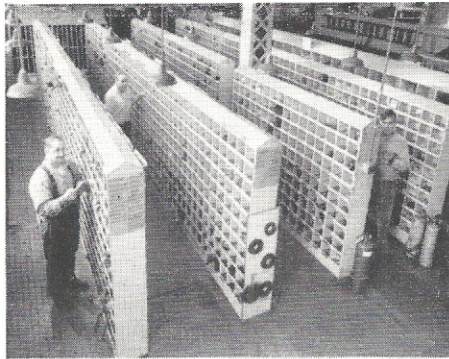
The inspection revealed decided improvement in housekeeping and general conditions relative to fire prevention and industrial safety throughout all CTA properties. This improvement is reflected in the small fire losses CTA has suffered since the fourth annual fire inspection held in 1957.

General Manager Walter J. McCarter congratulated department heads and all CTA personnel on the improvement in housekeeping practices, and on the gratifying progress in fire prevention, and the elimination of industrial accident hazards which the survey disclosed.

All employees contacted at the various locations during the inspection displayed genuine interest in the problems of industrial safety and fire prevention. The inspection groups noted that the recommendations made in last year's fire inspection tour were for the most part being carried out or were completed, further reducing the fire hazards on CTA properties.

While primarily concerned with inspecting the properties for fire hazards and recommending corrective measures or procedures, the committee also took note of housekeeping practices—important factors in the prevention of fires and accidents. Two notable examples of general efforts to clean-up working areas especially impressed committee members. These were at rapid transit inspection terminals at Wilson avenue and at Howard street.

The accompanying pictures and captions describe these examples of "good housekeeping" at these locations.

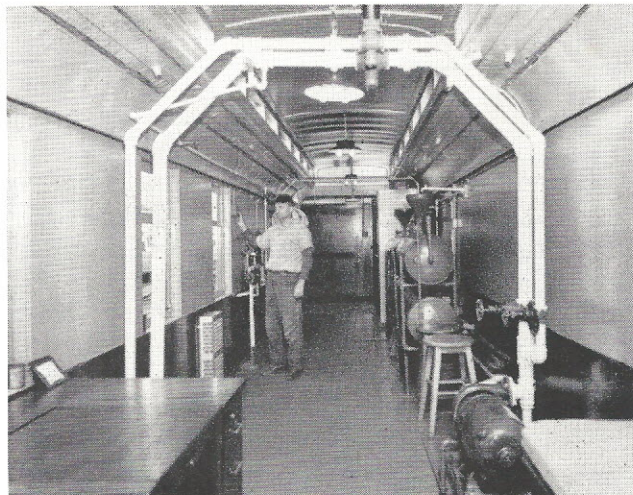


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AT WILSON avenue, shop storeroom and offices have been enlarged. Five rows of storage racks provide ample space for the many repair parts kept on hand for use as needed in the maintenance work on rapid transit cars which is done at this shop. The neat appearance of the area is clearly apparent in this photo. Selecting items from the bins are, left to right: Paul Czaja, general repair man; Clifford Vandervest, stock clerk, and Michael Felten, door repair man.

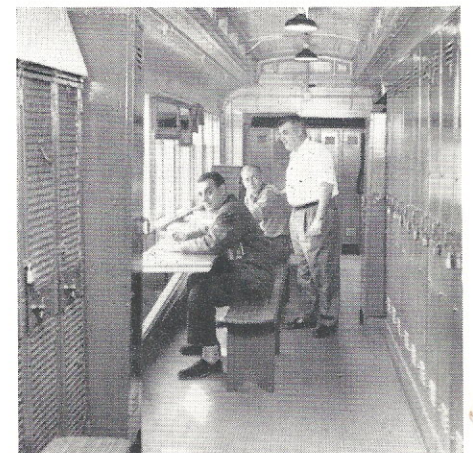


IMPROVED WORKING conditions have been provided at Wilson shop office, to which additional space has been allocated for the office and supervisory force. Shown in the picture are, from left: Walter Nowosielski, clerk; Paul Lorimer, foreman, and Art Kalvelage, assistant foreman.

FRESHLY PAINTED from ceiling to floor is the converted passenger car which houses the control equipment for the car washer in the Howard street yards. The washer averages 80 cars per day, hooked together in four-car units, which clear through the washer equipment in two minutes. Sides, windows and roof are washed during this operation. At the control system, which is completely automatic, is Joseph Mosiarz, washing machine operator.



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ANOTHER CONVERTED 200 series car serves as a locker and lunch room for shop employees assigned to Howard street shops. This, too, has the spick and span appearance of fresh paint recently applied. In the picture are (seated): Albert Schnell, front, and Harold Loomis, both repairmen "A", and standing, H. L. (Mike) Heil, foreman.



THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Auld Acquaintance Is Ne'er Forgot

ACCOUNTING—(Material and Supplies)—*Frances Georgouses* received a beautiful engagement ring from *Nicholas Bissias* of San Bernardino, California, recently. Frances and Nicholas, who formerly were schoolmates, started their romance last year when Nicholas visited Chicago and renewed his acquaintance with her. Their wedding is set tentatively for February 15.

(IBM)—*Alberta Kaczmarek* replaced *Polly Jessup*, who left CTA on October 20.

(General) — Your co-reporter, *Mable I. Potthast*, had "the very best" of vacations in California visiting relatives and friends in Long Beach and Los Angeles, traveling with them to many places of interest as well as shopping in Long Beach with *Lydia Haemker*, Material and Supplies, during *Lydia's* stay out there.

(Payroll) — *Naomi Bohlin*, who vacationed in Florida, enjoyed the scenery while traveling by automobile on the way down. After visiting friends and sightseeing in St. Petersburg, she flew home.

Visits Central America

(Revenue) — *Lois Jahnke* drove to Mexico City and Acapulco, Mexico, and then went by airplane to Panama City and the Canal Zone. Later, she traveled to Guatemala, where she visited native villages and markets and observed native religious ceremonies.

Beverly Kane and *Dolores Hurley*, who vacationed together in Miami Beach, stayed at the Casa Blanca hotel.

Esther Bragg, who left CTA recently, was presented with farewell gifts by her co-workers.

(Property Accounting) — *Cass Snow* and his family did some sightseeing in Washington, D. C., and New York City and Rochester, New York, during his vacation. They visited relatives in various other parts of upper New York state and in Cleveland.

—HELEN A. LOWE and
MABLE I. POTTHAST

Season's Greetings

from Your "Inside News" Reporters

Gertrude Anderson	Everett E. England	Marlene Neher
Gilbert E. Andrews	Joseph Feinendegen	Mary Ann Nykiel
Angelo Bianchini	David Gurwich	Charlene O'Connor
Leo J. Bien	John Hanning	Mable Potthast
William Bihlmayer	Joseph Hiebel	Julie Prinderville
Frank M. Black	Gordon Kelly	Joe Smith
John T. Burke	Frances Louward	C. P. Starr
Evelyn Clark	Helen A. Lowe	Edward F. Stenzel
Mary E. Clarke	Earl W. McLaughlin	Joseph Walinchius
Edith Edbrooke	Dagmar McNamara	George Williams
	Irving J. Metzger	

Credit Union To Elect New Officers

BEVERLY — The Credit Union will hold its annual election of officers at a meeting at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, January 17, at the Washington Heights Booster clubhouse, 101st street and Vincennes avenue. All members and their families are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Can you top this? *Jerry Gleason* lives at 9412 S. Elizabeth, Chicago. The same four digits, 9412, also make up his CTA badge number and are part of his telephone number and the number of his automobile license plates.

Jerry, who recently underwent surgery, must remain inactive for about three months.

Frank and *Edna Pierson* celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary November 11 with a big party.

Mr. and Mrs. John Metke made a 24-day air tour of Brussels, Belgium; Paris, France, and other European cities recently . . . *Mrs. Sarah Barber*, mother of Operator *John Barber* and mother-in-law of Operator *Charles Glines*, recently returned from a 5½ month visit to Scotland.

John, son of *Charles* and *Isabelle Glines*, presently is taking Marine boot training at Camp Pendleton, California.

Just three minutes after *Al Howard*, who operates a bus on the 93rd-95th street route, left the line's terminal in the Evergreen shopping plaza, the bank, in front of which he was parked, was robbed.

Gail, daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds*, was married recently to *Donald Campagonia* at the Morgan Park Methodist church. . . . *St. Kilian's* Roman Catholic church was the scene of the recent marriage of *Lillian Baylor* to *Richard Gournoe*, son of *Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Gournoe* . . . *Sarah J. Brown*, daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brown*, was married to *Donald Kulkowski* in a ceremony at St. Francis De Sales Roman Catholic church.

Roy and *Dorothy Goebig's* children number an even half dozen with the arrival of *Thomas John*. *Ray*, who was on a three week vacation at the time, said he was glad to be back at work to "rest up."

John and *Florence Shaw* became grandparents again with the arrival of *John Sawyer*.

Clerk *Tom McGuire* was elected president of the Evergreen Park Boys' club recently.

The piano a friend of *Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Connor* donated for the couples' fixed-up rumpus room simply couldn't be moved any further than the dining room because of a narrow stairway. However, *Walt* solved the problem by tear-

ing away about half of the back porch. Now there is music in the rumpus room and the porch has been repaired.

The *Hugo T. Rohlens* spent a late fall vacation at Miami Beach, Florida . . . The *Frank Smiths* went bear hunting in the Nicolette Forest region of Wisconsin . . . The *Herman Buddes*, on their return trip from Tampa, Florida, stopped off in the Smokies.

John and *Jackie Triyonis* visited Michigan and Indiana on a three-week vacation recently . . . The *Ed Sebeks* did some fishing at Hayward, Wisconsin . . . The *Ray Steinsultzes* vacationed in Noel, Missouri.

Art Ryan presently is recuperating at home after an operation . . . *Gabriel DeJonge* recently underwent surgery at Roseland hospital.

George Toms was recovering at home after a stay in the hospital, as we wrote this . . . *Lee C. Borrmann* presently is recuperating after an illness . . . *Pat Mullaney* and *Al Rehling* are back at work after a bout with the flu.

Foreman Marks Anniversary

Edward A. Adams, our new night repair foreman, previously served as an instructor at North Avenue, Archer and 77th. He and his wife, *Mildred*, celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on November 29. . . . *Mr. and Mrs. Irvin W. Porter* observed their 35th wedding anniversary on December 1.

Also celebrating wedding anniversaries were the *Joseph Thursbons*, their 17th on December 6 and the *Stewart McIntyres*, their 25th on December 19 . . . The *William Ammeralls* will mark their 27th anniversary on December 24, while the *George Tidds* will celebrate their 32nd on December 21. As we wrote this, *George* was still away from his job because of a broken arm.

Charles Dennis, formerly an operator here and now a rapid transit ticket agent, recently paid us a visit.

The mothers of *Joe Gertzen* and *Barney Zesch* died during November.

—FRANK M. BLACK

Howard Likes City, Claude Takes Suburb

CLAIM-LAW—Clerk Howard Smale moved back to Chicago after being a suburbanite. At the same time, Claude Worland, his assistant, recently bought a new home in Villa Park.

J. A. Mahoney, attorney-at-law, recently was presented by his daughter with a grandson, Brian. . . . Statementman Joe Koch became a grandfather for the first time, when a baby girl, Mary Esther, was born. Although the little girl was very ill at birth, Joe reported that, after an operation, she is doing fine.

E. F. Weingartner, chief adjuter, was a proud father when he gave the hand of his daughter, Judy, in marriage.

—CHARLENE O'CONNOR and
MARY ANN NYKIEL

New Girl and Boy Bring Added Joy

ELECTRICAL—William Staunton became a daddy again for the seventh time—when a little girl, Margaret Louise, arrived recently. This makes four boys and three girls for the Stauntons. . . . Howard Lodding of East 63rd substation is proud of his little son, Howard William, Jr., who arrived on October 31. The Loddings also have two daughters.

Cable Foreman Carl Jackson and his wife, who vacationed in St. Petersburg, Florida, visited the Harry Hutchins' and Walter Col-

MARKER STUDY



INSTRUCTOR JOE CARNEY (right) of Beverly garage is shown here familiarizing Operator George Schletz with the various types of CTA pavement markers and their uses. Picture was snapped by Operator Albert Cato.

Reported by Frank M. Black

TWO HOURS TO KANKAKEE



BACK IN the days when autos were few and far between, these smooth-riding interurban cars of the old Chicago and Southern Traction company raced across the prairies between 63rd and Halsted streets, Chicago, and Kankakee in two hours. However, today, all that remains of this line, which ceased operations in 1927, are the depot and ticket office building at 79th and Halsted streets and a few traces of track. This postcard picture was submitted by James Park, carpenter "A," West Shops.

lins, retired employee. Walt is looking forward to a visit from any who come via St. Petersburg. His address: 5851 45th avenue, north, St. Petersburg.

Chief Operator Albin Lund of Crawford substation underwent surgery November 14 in Resurrection hospital.

John Wegl, operator at Calvary substation, returned to work after recovering from an injury suffered on October 2.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

It's An Honor Well Worth Keeping

52ND—Our station recently was honored for the third time this year when we again won the Station Achievement Award for the best reduction in traffic type accidents. Just as in a football game, we have now three quarters behind us and we're on top. We also came through with a fine record in reduction on passenger type accidents. Let's hope that in this fourth quarter, which is almost over, we'll have an equally good record relative to both traffic and passenger type accidents.

Operator Benjamin L. Berry received a Scoutmaster fellowship from the Chicago Council of the Boy Scouts of America because of the extraordinary achievements of the Greater Roseland District's

Troop 730, of which he is leader.

Chief Clerk Joe O'Connor had an ideal two-week vacation down New Orleans way. He especially enjoyed the creole food.

Repairman Anthony Coyle transferred from 77th street station garage to 52nd street garage, and is now assigned to tune up engines.

Assistant Foreman Mike Kelley purchased a new "mansion" out in the wide open spaces. His old homestead was too crowded.

Clerk Thomas McCue of Repairs, who received a call from Uncle Sam, recently left for duty in the Army.

Operator Walter Moriarty has been confined in the hospital during the past month.

—JOSEPH W. WALINCHIUS

Break In New Car On Western Journey

GENERAL OFFICE—(Transportation)—Radio Dispatcher J. H. Nelson and his wife, Justine, really gave their new car a workout on their vacation. Leaving Chicago, they traveled via the northern route to the state of Washington, and then down to Los Angeles. They drove east on the southern route through Kentucky, and 6,000 miles after their start, arrived back home.

James R. Blaa terminated his services in this office to accept the appointment of night station su-

perintendent, South Section. He, his wife, Annie, and their two youngsters, Jimmie and Mary Beth, presently are visiting his folks in Pinellas Park, Florida. Jim's dad is Joe Blaa, a retired radio dispatcher. His mother, Florence, worked for many years at North Avenue surface line station, and at 54th Avenue on the Douglas Park rapid transit branch.

While Tony Curcia vacationed in Arizona, Tony Scardina, formerly of the Accounting department, took over his duties.

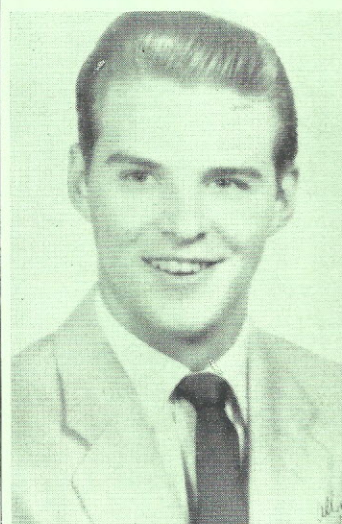
(Stenographic)—Don Burton recently returned to work after undergoing a tonsillectomy.

(Insurance)—Janice Bruhnke has left CTA for employment elsewhere. Her co-workers entertained her at a dinner and presented her with a going-away gift.

Before Janice left, she, Mary Flanagan and two other girls drove to St. Petersburg and Miami, Florida, and Washington, D. C., to visit friends.

Geraldine Falcone, who left the Training and Accident Prevention Department in June to further her study of music in Rome, is now back with CTA, in the Insurance Department.

CADET CAPTAIN



PICTURED IS Russell Warnstedt, Jr., son of Russell Warnstedt, Sr., of the Employees' Suggestions Committee. Young Russ recently was promoted from cadet first lieutenant to captain in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Roosevelt high school where he is a senior student.

Reported by Mary E. Clarke

A welcome visitor to the home of Doris Sullivan was her son, Robert Zacher, who was recently relieved of duties in the United States Army after serving 19 months in Karlsruhe, Germany.

To improve their driving, most of the girls in this department enrolled in a drivers' school. In a recent examination at that school, Marguerite Kuper missed only one of 50 questions.

Ralph and Jane Umstot were two very surprised people when they returned from a recent Sunday afternoon drive. To celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary, their daughters, Marcia and Susan, rounded up all their relatives and friends from Aurora, Elgin, Wheaton, Naperville and Chicago. They also rounded up all the delicacies which make for a festive board, and a gala afternoon and evening was had by all.

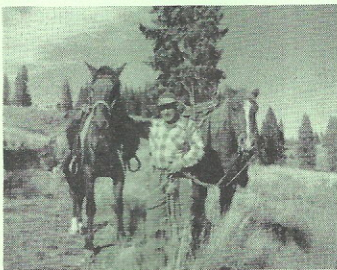
Ben Twery of the Pension Department is singing the praises of his second, newly-arrived, grandson, Scott Craig Twery. Scott has a brother, Michael J., age two. The family resides in University City, just outside St. Louis.

—JULIE PRINDERVILLE

An Early Bundle For Christmas

GENERAL OFFICE—(Employment)—Ray Ruzich and his wife, Lorraine, have adopted a second baby from

HUNTING IN WEST



THESE TWO horses with Carpenter John Provenza, South Shops, are loaded down with elk and deer he and three others bagged on a hunting trip out in Spring Creek Park, Colorado. John made the trip while he and his family were visiting relatives in Aguilar, Colorado, during an October vacation.

Reported by Evelyn Clark and Frances Louward

St. Vincent's orphanage. This baby is a little girl, Lynne Marie, who was one month old when she arrived at the Ruzich household three days before Thanksgiving. Their first adopted child, Carl, who is three years old, arrived three days before Christmas in 1955.

Charlene Nelson's husband, George, was discharged from the Army on December 8. (Traffic Engineering) — Draftsman James Toolis' father died recently.

(Building Engineering) — Dante Brunod and his family built a garage and visited points of interest in and around Chicago during his vacation . . . Also vacationing around home was John Blomberg.

Herman Smith and his family recently made a trip to Lake Como, Wisconsin . . . Charles Rusakiewicz, his wife and son, Rodney, went fishing at Conover, Wisconsin . . . Joseph Marzulek and his family traveled to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Springfield, Missouri. They also stopped at various small towns in the "Showme" state. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Link headed east, via the turnpikes, to Montreal, Canada; Lake Champlain, New York; Bar Harbor, Maine, and Boston, Massachusetts.

—MARY E. CLARKE

Hope He'll Be Back On His Feet Soon

KEDZIE—At this writing, Clerk John Wathier is recuperating from a recent operation.

Joseph Mathley suffered the loss of his wife recently.

Clerks Sam Girard and Vern Rage said they intended to spend their vacations down Florida way.

. . . However, Clerk Robert Healy planned to spend his Christmas vacation around Chicago.

Instructor Otto Bruebach filled in for vacationing Night Superintendent Myles Harrington.

Mrs. D. Williams, sister-in-law of Operator John Hayes, was awarded a freezer at a super market.

—C. P. STARR

Keep Up The Good Work

LIMITS—For the second time in a row, this station won the surface system Station Achievement Award for the greatest reduction in passenger-type accidents.

—IRVING J. METZGER

HERE ARE PENSIONERS CLUB MEMBERS

LISTED BELOW are members of the active and thriving CTA Pensioners club of St. Petersburg, Florida, which was formed on June 4, 1957, and whose meetings have been announced in CTA TRANSIT NEWS. Unless otherwise indicated, all persons live in St. Petersburg.

Ewald R. Anderson	766 43rd avenue, northeast
Edward Ahearn	7806 N. 45th street, Pinellas Park
Sid Brown	8302 40th place, north
Philip H. Barger	4520 10th avenue, south
Charles Barkley	3445 19th street north
J. P. Bass	1745 17th street south
A. D. Bond	316 137th avenue circle, Madeira Beach
Arthur Bowers	303 28th avenue north
Elihu Bozarth	3134 32nd avenue north
Mate Brkan	672 27th avenue south
Joseph R. Blaa	7631 48th street north, Pinellas Park
Walter J. Berg	642 14th avenue south
W. V. Carroll	2010 1st avenue south
Fred Christie	790 64th avenue, south, Bay Vista Park
W. L. Cotton	1827 27th avenue north
P. G. Croughan	7720 Evergreen street, Pinellas Park
W. M. Collins	5851 45th avenue north
Matthew Davie	5460 43rd avenue terrace north
Benjamin B. Day	4410 8th avenue north
W. Defler	1008 14th avenue south
Philip Dolan	216 16th avenue northeast
John D. Deyelick	674 16th avenue south
Pauline C. Dunne	4811 22nd avenue north
Timothy Dwyer	2331 26th street south
G. Doyle	630 Central avenue
W. P. Duffy	755 15th avenue south
S. B. Dolan	3736 Yardley avenue north
Charles J. Eggerstedt	3566 56th avenue north
Stephan Evanoff	P.O. Box 222, Station A.
Arthur Erickson	2514 13th avenue north
Preston A. Fortney	139 W. 128th avenue
Harry H. Gauer	3931 55th avenue north
Ralph T. Gersch	729 14th street north
Leona A. Hammer	1032 Granville court north
Bertha Hand	5511 Dartmouth avenue north
Mae A. Hayes	684 17th avenue south
Ed W. Huening	3624 Arbington south
Dick Hilton	10005 Bay Pines boulevard, Lot No. 1167
Lyman B. Herrin	1315 Tangerine avenue south
Walter S. Helmer	5201 34th avenue north
M. J. Hickey	6135 84th avenue north
M. E. Hickey	6135 84th avenue north
Earl H. Johnson	3732 Lealman avenue north
J. Fred Johnson	5603 59th street north
G. W. Jones	511 9th street north
Harvey Johnston	411 4th avenue northeast, P.O. Box 524, Largo

More names will appear in a future issue.

Visits Father, Then Calls On Daughter

LOOP — (Agents) — Porter Otis Buchanan stopped at Trenton, Tennessee, to see his father while on his way down to Jacksonville, Florida, where he visited his daughter.

Assignment Agent Margaret Queenan vacationed in Chicagoland . . . Katy Jackson visited her parents in Cairo, Illinois.

Mary Lyons, who was on the sick list last month, now is back at her job . . . However, Helen Lynch is off sick, at this writing.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

BECOMES NUN



PICTURED IS Sister Mary Brendana, daughter of **Instructor Al O'Shaughnessy**, North Park, who recently became a Dominican nun. Presently, she is taking instruction at Edgewood college, in Madison, Wisconsin, before going into teaching. To be 20 years old next February, she entered the Dominican order right after graduating from Trinity high school, River Forest, in 1956. Reported by **Edward F. Stenzel** and **Earl W. McLaughlin**

Can You Help Him With His Collection?

NORTH AVENUE—**Transfer Instructor William Kennedy** has many momentos and objects, collected during the years, which show progress and changes in our line of work. He has a very interesting collection of transfers which date back many years. Some transfers had a physical description of their owners. Bill also has a collection of union buttons dating back to 1923. However, to complete his collection, he needs buttons dating from 1903 to 1922.

We'd like to have some Christmas photographs of the decorated homes of CTA employees, particularly night views. All pictures will be returned in good shape.

We'd like to hear from you outdoor sportsmen about any interesting recent fishing or hunting trips. Don't forget to let us see the snapshots.

Ernie Bock who has been off from work due to a broken hip, presently is doing nicely.

Operator Sam Carlino, who has been suffering from a heart ailment, has transferred to the rapid transit system where he will take up his duties as ticket agent.

December 1 always is a joyous day at the home of **Jeff Mulvey** for

on this day 24 years ago Jeff said "I do." The Mulveys celebrated their wedding anniversary with an open house.

We modestly doff our chapeau to the officers of the North Avenue Credit Union. Its financial success can be attributed to the fine selection of officers who have served faithfully. If you need a loan, you be sure to come to our Credit Union where the rates are right. **Eddie Winters** or **Eddie Carroll** are ready to serve you.

—**JOE HIEBEL**

Hope They'll All Be Well For The Holidays

NORTH PARK—**Supervisor Adam Walker** is confined to Bethany hospital with an illness, at this writing . . . Presently several other operators are off sick.

Operator Tom Paravola returned to work recently after a serious illness.

The newest addition to the family of **Operator** and **Mrs. Stefan Rychtycky** is a son, **Nestor**, who was born November 1 . . . **Operator** and **Mrs. George Scharf** are the proud parents of **Robert Martin**, who checked in on November 14.

Operator Joe Lorenz recently became a rapid transit ticket agent.

Since news has been exceptionally scarce lately, we again request your assistance in keeping up this column.

—**EDWARD F. STENZEL** and **EARL W. McLAUGHLIN**

First A Wedding, Then A Trip Overseas

PURCHASING AND STORES—**Roberta**, daughter of **Stock Clerk** and **Mrs.**

Richard Hendrickx, was married to **Doyne Jackson** on November 26, at St. Peter's Catholic church, Skokie. After a wedding reception at home, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson left for Germany where they will make their home for the next year while Mr. Jackson completes his work as a radar technician in the Army.

Robert, son of **Clarence Pipowski**, stock clerk, south division, was promoted to the rank of captain in the ROTC at Kelly high school, where he is a senior.

Daniel Granucci, stock clerk, west division, joined the ranks of proud new home owners when he recently purchased a home in Hillside.

Several friends of **Stock Clerk Emil Derma**, west division, and his wife, **Caroline**, surprised them at home recently and helped them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

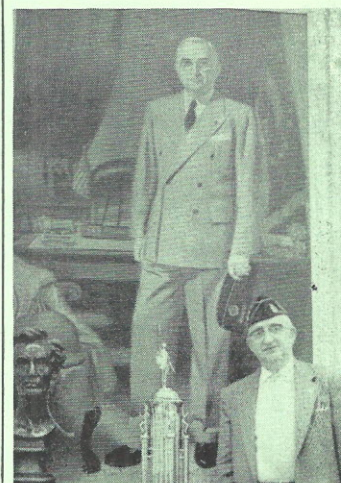
—**DAGMAR McNAMARA**

Stork Pays Third Visit To Joe's House

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC—**Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sabol** are the proud parents of their third child, **Daniel Kenneth**, who arrived recently. He has a sister, **Rena**, and a brother, **Alan**. . . **Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill** became grandparents for the third time when their daughter and son-in-law welcomed **Brian**, on November 10.

The **Jacob Sumner** family recently moved into their new home in Westchester, while the **Lawrence Vances** took possession of a new home in Stickney . . . The **Bernie**

TWO HARRYS?



WHO IS this fellow standing in front of a painting of Former President Harry Truman? Certainly looks like him, doesn't he? Actually, however, this man is **Conductor James Simsen**, North Section, who was in the trophy room of American Legion headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. **Jimmie**, a Navy veteran of World War I, was a charter member of the old Chicago Elevated Post No. 184. Also a charter member of the American Legion's North Shore Post No. 21, he is that group's historian.

Kincanons expected to be in their Oak Park home for Christmas.

Among the 12 persons who were awarded prizes of Thanksgiving turkeys from CTA Post No. 1216, American Legion, were **Walter Thomas** and **Richard Goldstein**.

—**GERTRUDE F. ANDERSON**

Maybe He Wanted A Busman's Vacation

77TH—**Clerk John Cook** came to work on the afternoon of Monday, November 3, as usual, even though his vacation had started the day before. He stayed quite some time before **Bill Murphy** asked him when he was going to start his vacation.

The first day in November was a field day for the barber across from the depot. **John**, **Bill** and **Tom Theis** went with their father, **Clerk John Theis**, to get haircuts.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL ACTIVE AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES

IN ORDER to revise and bring up to date our CTA TRANSIT NEWS mailing list, we are asking all employees who have moved recently or are not receiving copies regularly to provide us with their present home addresses.

Magazines mailed to an improper address are not forwarded.

In the future, the names on all misdirected magazines which are returned to this office, will be removed from our mailing list until a corrected address has been received.

Your cooperation in helping us clear up the discrepancies in our address list will be greatly appreciated and enable us to forward the magazine regularly to active and retired employees.

Corrected addresses should be sent to CTA TRANSIT NEWS, Room 742, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Illinois.

THE EDITOR

Jesse Lee Thomas, who was off for a long time because of an attack of Asiatic flu, is on his run again . . . Operator Victor Rizzato is back on the job again after an illness.

Operator John Curry's mother-in-law passed away recently . . . Steve Sommers suffered the loss of his mother.

Operator Garrett Vaught returned to work November 1 after a long siege of stomach trouble. He was in the hospital most of the time.

Chief Clerk Rudy Albrecht and his wife, Claudia, vacationed for a week in Milwaukee during the middle of November, and thus wound up their vacation time for the year. Rudy and Claudia toured the Southwest this last summer.

Emergency Relief Clerk Ray Kochmond treated the depot to part of a bag of sweet, juicy apples that his mother sent him from Michigan.

Ed Lee, vacation relief switch-board operator, took over the duties of Doorman Mike Lavin during Mike's vacation. Mike had an enjoyable time with his grandchildren.

Attend Football Game

Gerald Dalton, fare box repairman, Receiver John Wise and Clerk Bill Murphy attended the Notre Dame-Purdue football game at South Bend, Indiana, on the last Saturday of October. Later, at a party held on the Notre Dame campus, Bill was awarded a turkey.

Operator Charles Giltmeier and his wife, Genevieve, and their two younger children, Judith and Gerald, celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary with a dinner out and a show.

Operator Ed Dunn, treasurer of 77th station's Federal Credit Union, took his family on a tour of the southwest and western states. They stopped for an extended visit in California.

On their 23rd wedding anniversary November 2, Clerk Andy Birny and his wife, Vivian, were the guests of their friends, the Mike Finns of Maywood.

Receiver George Kynaston and Clerk Bill McCarthy celebrated their mutual birthday, on November 2, at the office with an ample supply of coffee and doughnuts.

—JOE SMITH

Re-lights Pilot, Has Close Call

SKOKIE SHOPS—Tractor Operator Peter Olszewski's son, Robert, recently was blinded temporarily by an explosion, which occurred when he tried to re-light the pilot of a hot water heater, but is now well on the road to recovery.

We're glad to see Truckman John Collins, who has completely recovered from a long illness, is back to work.

At this writing, Electrician Frank Kramer is still off sick . . . John J. Dwyer, fire and safety coordinator, who underwent surgery, is feeling better.

Carpenter Bruno Druke suffered the loss of his brother recently.

Joe Decker, motor line, and his wife once again are proud grandparents . . . Painter Charles Payton and his wife became the proud parents of a son, Kenneth Dean, on November 14.

Oliver Lang, paint foreman, enjoyed a vacation in Wisconsin and Michigan.

—DAVID GURWICH and
EVERETT E. ENGLAND

An Achievement To Be Proud Of

SOUTH SECTION—Arthur G. Anderson, assistant station superintendent, Loomis, accepted the third quarter combined rapid transit traffic-passenger Station Achievement Award from Thomas F. Moore, superintendent of operating stations, in a recent presentation. The eventful day was rounded out with refreshments and picture-taking.

Instructor Joseph Tyrdik, while on vacation, got his limit of pheasants. He also planned to go duck hunting.

Agent Michael J. O'Reilly spent his vacation driving to interesting points in Illinois.

Joseph Nonkovich, superintendent of agents and porters, completed 40 years of service December 6.

Conductor Carl Scheuermann collected \$20.00 when he submitted his Social Security number in a contest promoted by one of the metropolitan daily papers.

Porter James Strong, on a trip west, stopped off at St. Louis, his home town.

Instructor Don Murphy has been making frequent trips to the Hoosier State. His son, Bill, plays

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on the Indiana frosh football team and, from all indications, should be heard from next season.

Agent James Wivinis, on a fall vacation, traveled to Canada where, he said, the scenery was beyond description. On his return, he stopped to do some fishing around Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Motorman Bill McClanahan and Supervisor Tom Staples took their dogs pheasant hunting with them. Bill downed a bird and Tom's setter started out to retrieve it. The bird, which was only "winged," put up an argument and pecked the dog on the nose. When last seen, the dog was running for cover.

—LEO J. BIEN

Phoenix Popular With Shopmen

SOUTH SHOPS—Foreman Tom Pawley and his wife spent their vacation visiting his mother in sunny Phoenix, Arizona. Tom reported a wonderful time and said the weather was "just grand." Enroute to Phoenix, they stopped in Denver, Colorado, where they encountered some rain . . . Bill Waldmann, machine shop, and his wife also chose Phoenix for their vacation.

Florida was the choice vacation spot for Carpenter Oscar Klose, who visited relatives, and Carpenter John Slatinsky, who decided to tour the state.

Vern Howe, paint shop, served on jury in Circuit Court for two weeks during November.

Agnes Magee, print shop, recently became a grandmother for the first time . . . Bill Donaldson, print shop foreman, became the grandfather of a little girl named Beth.

Harvey Harders, car wiring foreman, and his wife, Blanche, are the proud grandparents of Harvey III, who was born on October 21. Little Harvey's sister, Loretta, celebrated her third birthday on the same day.

Carpenter Frank Bartos' mother passed away in Wisconsin recently.

On the sick list, at this writing, are Electricians Tony Koncel and Al Moline.

—EVELYN CLARK and
FRANCES LOUWARD

25 WEDDED YEARS



ELECTRICIAN JAMES M. MARRON, bus overhaul, South Shops, and his wife, Mary, cut into cake during a celebration of their silver wedding anniversary on October 25, during which they received a money tree and many other gifts. The surprise affair was planned by the couple's six children—four boys and two girls—of whom two boys and a girl are triplets.

Reported by Evelyn Clark and
Frances Louward

Stork Has Rendezvous At Repairman's Home

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS — (Logan)—The stork recently paid Repairman Ray Catanese a visit and left a baby girl.

(Kimball) — Repairman Bill Buerger, who had been sick, returned to work.

(Congress)—Repairman Joe Seritella, who was off because of an operation, is back on the job . . . However, Repairman Nick Suero still is off, because of an injured wrist, at this writing.

Even with the holiday season here, it seems news is scarce. This column is for the employees of all the rapid transit terminal shops, so how about sending us some news? Just address a note to your reporter at Wilson Avenue shops.

—JOE FEINENDEGEN

Alas, Her Sprain Was All In Vain!

WAY AND STRUCTURES—Steno Mary Pat Horn, building division, got so excited watching her two brothers, Bill and Jim Heavey, play in the DePaul-Fenwick play-off game of the Catholic Football League that she sprained her ankle. Alas for Mary Pat and her brothers, DePaul lost, 26-14!

Five employees, with a combined service record of 168 years, retired December 1. They were Trackman Paul Grzac, who had 29 years of service; Joseph Bozinovich, track gang foreman, who had 37 years; Laborer Peter Ariola, 39 years, and Trackman Vincent Cannova, 35 years, all of the track division; and Carpenter Edward McBride, rapid transit division, who rolled up 28 years in transit.

Welcome to Edwin Hess, formerly of the Real Estate Department, who has replaced Jack O'Reilly as senior clerk.

Louise Weissgerber, rapid transit division maintenance carpenter in the State Street subway, presently is in Lutheran Deaconess hospital with an injured back . . . Labor Foreman Mike Doljannin, building division, is confined to St. Bernard's hospital for observation, at this writing.

Laborer Pat McNicholas, building division, is back on the job after a four months' illness.

—MARLENE NEHER

COMING APART



TEMPORARY TRACKS of the old Garfield Park "L" route are shown being reduced to ties and lengths of rail as the City of Chicago's work of removal proceeds. Scene is looking west on Van Buren near Loomis.

Trains began operating on the temporary tracks, installed on Van Buren between Racine and California, beginning on September 20, 1953, because expanding construction of the Congress street expressway necessitated removal of portions of the "L" structure.

Goes North To Fish? No, To Wallpaper!

WEST SECTION (Agents) — Agent Jimmy George spent a delightful vacation at Sunset Hill, Wisconsin. Located near Williams Bay, it is well known for its hunting and fishing possibilities. However, Jimmy, who has a cottage there, spent much of his time hanging wallpaper in some of the rooms.

Agent Edward Segerson looked forward to a much needed rest during his vacation.

Edward Pevitts, a former gateman and now a member of the porter staff, and his wife drove down to Orlando, Florida, for a vacation during the latter part of November and the first part of December . . . Agent and Mrs. William Guerin spent part of their vacation in Memphis, Tennessee, visiting his sister.

Lucille Jursey, daughter of Agent Elizabeth West, recently presented her with a new granddaughter, Eileen Therese. The baby is Elizabeth's second grandchild.

Agent Veronica Nichols recently underwent minor surgery.

On vacation, at this writing, is Agent Victor Brown.

Agent Nancy Allison was the victim of a purse snatcher at Lake

and Pulaski. The purse contained a small amount of money, tag and a pair of glasses.

—GORDON KELLY

Assistant Foreman Dies Suddenly

WEST SHOPS—Frank Gans, assistant foreman, Electrical Department, died suddenly on November 22. Funeral services and burial, in Memory Gardens cemetery, were held November 25. Frank had over 41 years of transit service.

Joseph Swanson, carpenter shops, died recently.

Ed Reynolds, Victor Cholewa and James Holt, all of the tin shop, transferred to the radiator department at South Shops recently.

John McDonald and John Kullovitch, both of the carpenter shop, returned to work after recent illnesses.

Joan Harnett Ward and Mary Gibbons Corliss, both formerly of the office force, recently came in with their babies for a visit.

Walter Radke, brake department, and his wife are the proud parents of a new daughter, Therese Marie.

Your reporter became a grandfather for the eighth time on November 7 when Daniel David Ryan was born.

—JOHN T. BURKE

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For And About Our Pensioners

ACCOUNTING — *Carl L. Martinson* formerly of Revenue, really "saw the sights" on his first trip to New York City. While there, he visited the New York Stock Exchange, Empire State Building, Radio City Music Hall and Rockefeller Center, the United Nations, the Statue of Liberty and St. Patrick's cathedral. He also saw a performance of "La Boheme" at the Metropolitan Opera. Carl, who stopped in the offices here recently, told your reporters that, he would "take our Chicago any time" despite all he saw in New York.

—HELEN A. LOWE and
MABLE I. POTTHAST

BEVERLY—*Augie Saar*, former receiver, and his wife closed their summer home in northern Michigan and will spend the winter in Chicago.

Charlie Hoogstrall of 11121 E. Adoree, Norwalk, California, would be glad to have those CTA people who visit southern California pay him a visit.

Leslie Paine, former repairman, and his wife, *Emily*, vacationed in Florida and Cuba. After spending some time in Havana, they had a long visit in Fort Lauderdale. The Paines have traveled thousands of miles in all 48 states, and in Mexico and Canada.

Richard (Dick) Ball, former motorman, who now lives at 620½ E. 220th street, Torrence, California, corresponds with *Operator Charlie Lindemann*.

Frank Petraitis, retired repairman, has recovered from an illness. He is the father-in-law of *Repairman Tom Canning*.

Wilbur Jensen, former operator, presently is employed with his brother in the moving business.

—FRANK M. BLACK

KEDZIE—The week of November 17-21 was reunion week here as many pensioners came to have their photographs taken for new riding passes. We were glad to see these men again, many of whom we haven't seen for several years.

—C. P. STARR

LIMITS — Your reporter recently talked with *Barney Rooney*, a retired streetcar conductor. He said he wanted to be remembered to all his old friends and associates here.

—IRVING J. METZGER

LOOP—(Agents)—Here's how two agents, who retired on pension recently, plan to spend their retirement years: *Mary Molinari*, who began her transit career in July, 1939, intends to stay right in Chicagoland. *Elizabeth Doherty*, who started working in transit in April, 1943, plans to keep active doing the things she did not have time to do while working, and visiting friends.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

NORTH AVENUE—A clipping from the January 3, 1926, issue of the old Chicago Herald and Examiner, which was sent in by *Mrs. Marie Fennema*, widow of *Frank Fennema*, former supervisor at North Avenue, shows a picture of her father-in-law, *Motorman Fred Fennema*, piloting a horse car. Riding on the open-end platform with him were the late *C. H. Evenson*, then superintendent of transportation with the Chicago Surface Lines; *D. A. Robinson*, who was superintendent of CSL's Utilities Department, and *Alderman Thomas J. Bowler*, of the 41st Ward, who once was a streetcar conductor.

The occasion for that horse car trip of nearly 33 years ago, made on Cicero avenue, was the celebration of the extension of streetcar tracks on Cicero from Milwaukee-Irving Park to Melrose. Behind the horse car, according to the newspaper story, was one of the then-new two-car vestibule streetcar trains.

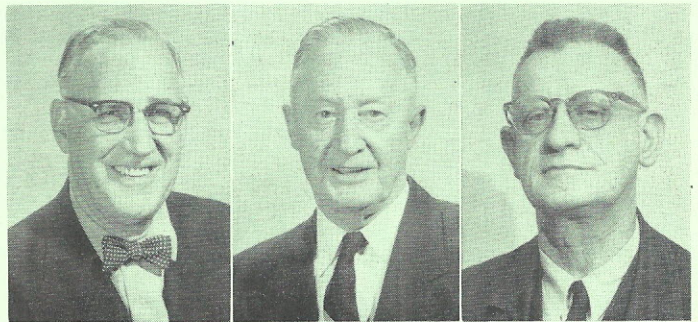
Fred, who began his career in April, 1880, always worked on the Grand avenue line and, during his early transit years, was "skipper" of a horse car. When he retired, he was one of the oldest motormen at North Avenue. He died in 1935. His son, Frank, died in 1942, four years after he left CSL.

Recent visitors to our station were *Otto Falk*, *John Kokoska*, *Jim Sprague*, *Pete Cunningham*, *Bill Sedgwick*, *Bill Reinke* and *George Brown*.

Jack Ensworth was doing nicely after surgery, as we wrote this.

Many fellows have asked about *Harry Dillon*. We can report that he is the same old Harry, fit as a

40-YEAR EMPLOYEES RECENTLY RETIRED



Thomas A. Stewart, conductor, South Section, Dec. 1, 41 years.

Ervin Kroske, motorman, North Section, December 1, 43 years.

Fred E. Beyer, conductor, North Section, December 1, 43 years.

New Pensioners

Joseph Barbaro, trackman, Way and Structures. Employed 5-21-26.

William Bonaguidi, conductor, West Section. Employed 5-4-17.

J. C. Brahos, motorman, North Section. Employed 11-1-22.

T. F. Coan, balance clerk, Internal Audit Department. Employed 6-19-12.

E. J. Crandall, agent, South Section. Employed 6-26-28.

J. J. Cunningham, conductor, Unassigned. Employed 11-23-22.

J. E. Daly, collector, 77th. Employed 10-14-19.

D. G. Davies, machinist, West Shops. Employed 10-30-28.

W. I. Davis, motorman, South Section. Employed 7-13-17.

Arthur Dixon, repairman, Electrical Department. Employed 4-3-24.

J. F. Finnegan, bus cleaner, North Park. Employed 4-29-26.

W. C. Fischer, janitor, Limits. Employed 1-29-18.

M. F. King, agent, West Section. Employed 5-10-40.

W. F. Koehler, conductor, North Section. Employed 5-8-23.

J. J. Madden, assistant superintendent of Maintenance, Way and Structures. Employed 1-12-12.

K. E. Maloney, agent, North Section. Employed 4-16-31.

M. A. Molinari, agent, West Section. Employed 7-3-39.

Daniel Murphy, laborer, Way and Structures. Employed 12-18-42.

E. A. Paysen, agent, West Section. Employed 9-7-18.

B. B. Perkowski, carpenter, Way and Structures. Employed 6-14-19.

A. W. Pogorzelski, conductor, West Section. Employed 6-9-20.

H. G. Reiff, motorman, Unassigned. Employed 10-18-27.

Charles Schlick, laborer, Way and Structures. Employed 4-9-34.

M. K. Schoos, agent, West Section. Employed 3-11-27.

Antonio Scimeca, laborer, Way and Structures. Employed 7-26-28.

G. W. Speers, repairman "B," Logan Square. Employed 5-29-23.

P. F. Sullivan, conductor, North Section. Employed 9-11-16.

N. R. Turner, agent, West Section. Employed 3-28-44.

J. F. Vargo, motorman, West Section. Employed 12-2-26.

John Zielinski, car cleaner, Wilson Shops. Employed 4-23-24.

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

F. J. Engeln, painter, Way and Structures. Employed 1-5-46.

W. A. Krueger, operator, Kedzie. Employed 2-3-43.

H. L. Manke, signal foreman, Electrical. Employed 9-30-20.

J. H. McNamara, carpenter "A," West Shops. Employed 11-19-45.

P. F. Mitchell, operator, Forest Glen. Employed 7-20-23.

J. J. Ponceigo, operator, 77th. Employed 9-3-42.

For And About Our Pensioners (Cont.)

fiddle and rarin' to go. Harry, who resides at 4843 N. Kedvale avenue, Chicago, sent his best regards to all his old buddies.

Eddie Durkin was reported doing nicely after his recent operation . . . At this writing, Jerry Hayes, who was a patient at St. Ann's hospital, is doing fine.

—JOE HIEBEL

77TH—James E. Brown, who presently is undergoing treatment for old ankle and leg injuries at Wadsworth hospital, Los Angeles, California, would appreciate hearing from his old friends and former co-workers. Those interested may write him in Ward D-3, Wadsworth hospital, care of Veterans Administration center, Wilshire and Sawtelle boulevards, Los Angeles 25.

—JOE SMITH

SKOKIE SHOPS — Sam Hamilton, who was on his way out to California for a visit, stopped in to visit with all his old friends and former co-workers.

—DAVID GURWICH and
EVERETT E. ENGLAND

REPAIRMAN RETIRES



PRESENTING WALLET and cash purse to Repairman George Speers (right, foreground), of Kimball shops is Harold Rose, foreman at Logan shops, as a group of George's co-workers look on. George, who retired on November 1, began his transit career on May 28, 1923.

Reported by Joe Feinendegen

PENSIONERS MEET

The CTA Pensioners club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, at Odd Fellows hall, 105 4th street, south, St. Petersburg. All CTA pensioners residing in that vicinity are invited to attend these meetings, held the first Tuesday of each month at the above address.

SOUTH SECTION—Retired Conductor David Lowrey recently dropped in to say hello. He looked hale and hearty . . . Retired Motorman Frank Kugler also stopped by recently.

Former Conductor Frank O. Anderson, during a trip west, spent some time in San Francisco, which, he said, is a nice city to live in.

Alfred L. Frank, former yard foreman, and his wife, Adeline, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 18 at a family party held at the Swedish club, Chicago. Following the celebration, the couple took the Golden State Limited to Phoenix, Arizona, where they planned to visit Joe Schumacher, former employe, and his wife, and other friends.

Alfred, who retired on November 1, 1949, had 42 years of service.

—LEO J. BIEN

SOUTH SHOPS—Joseph Hecht, retired paint shop foreman, celebrated his 73rd birthday by going pheasant hunting. Not, apparently, being in a mood to celebrate a birthday, the pheasants just weren't obliging. Joe, who is enjoying good health, wished to be remembered to all the boys.

—EVELYN CLARK and
FRANCES LOUWARD

WAY AND STRUCTURES—Carpenter Bruno (Barney) Perkowski, rapid transit division, who retired November 1 after 39 years of service, appreciated very much the gift various Loop agents thoughtfully presented to him.

Watchman Dan Murphy, building division, who took his pension November 1, is spending the first few months of his retirement in Ireland.

—MARLENE NEHER

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

JOHN ALEO, 70, retired watchman, Track. Died 10-23-58. Employed 5-8-22.

C. F. ARP, 77, retired flagman, Burnside. Died 10-18-58. Employed 3-21-16.

J. J. BARTKUS, 78, retired janitor, 69th. Died 11-3-58. Employed 1-13-19.

E. A. BATTLE, 85, retired motorman, North Section. Died 11-4-58. Employed 5-14-00.

J. J. BOISVERT, 76, retired engineer, Building Department. Died 10-24-58. Employed 1908.

J. B. CIPRIANI, 67, retired physician, Medical Department. Died 10-20-58. Employed 1-22-47.

H. L. COLLICOTT, 72, retired trainman, West Section. Died 10-31-58. Employed 5-10-07.

GIOVANNI CORRADO, 64, retired watchman, Way and Structures. Died 10-20-58. Employed 10-1-29.

C. E. DeBAERDEMAECKER, 85, retired conductor, West Section. Died 11-3-58. Employed 3-5-09.

ANTHONY DeROSA, 64, gateman, West Section. Died 10-22-58. Employed 5-3-43.

P. J. GOLDEN, 72, retired conductor, Kedzie. Died 11-2-58. Employed 3-19-12.

JOSEF GRYZKO, 72, retired repairman, Lincoln. Died 10-8-58. Employed 4-24-04.

E. J. HANLY, 79, retired conductor, Devon. Died 10-26-58. Employed 5-8-00.

P. J. HARRINGTON, 88, retired conductor, Lincoln. Died 10-31-58. Employed 5-4-04.

W. H. HIGHT, 90, retired motorman, 69th. Died 10-22-58. Employed 2-10-97.

FRANK J. JAMAR, 51, cleaner, South Section. Died 11-16-58. Employed 8-9-45.

CAZIMER JANIKAS, 66, retired repairman, 77th. Died 11-1-58. Employed 2-26-21.

WEST SHOPS—Joe Johnson, formerly of the West Shops' Electrical Department, and Stanley Walik, formerly of the carpenter shop here, recently dropped in for a visit with their former co-workers.

—JOHN T. BURKE

PETER LASKARIS, 81, retired laborer, Track. Died 10-14-58. Employed 5-17-22.

R. W. LINN, 71, retired maintainer, Electrical. Died 10-16-58. Employed 3-22-22.

EDWARD LYNCH, 78, retired conductor, 69th. Died 10-25-58. Employed 4-6-07.

HERMAN L. MANKE, 61, maintainer, Electrical. Died 10-29-58. Employed 9-3-20.

HENRY MARQUARDT, 80, retired motorman, 69th. Died 11-10-58. Employed 4-10-06.

D. M. McGARRY, 78, retired agent, North Section. Died 11-6-58. Employed 7-20-16.

MICHAEL McLAUGHLIN, 71, retired conductor, Kedzie. Died 11-2-58. Employed 7-25-13.

P. E. MURRAY, 77, retired engineer, Electrical. Died 11-3-58. Employed 9-1-11.

C. S. NELSON, 87, retired conductor, Kedzie. Died 10-28-58. Employed 5-28-17.

PATRICK O'FINN, 59, supervisor, District "B." Died 10-24-58. Employed 9-24-28.

ANDREW O'SHEA, 83, retired janitor, Burnside. Died 10-28-58. Employed 6-4-04.

J. A. RAUCH, 75, retired platform man, West Section. Died 10-12-58. Employed 9-5-17.

O. R. SCHAAR, 88, retired conductor, Lawndale. Died 11-2-58. Employed 2-11-03.

LEO SCHMIDT, 83, retired conductor, Lawndale. Died 10-15-58. Employed 7-26-97.

W. J. SENGSTOCK, 70, retired guard, West Section. Died 9-10-58. Employed 11-21-11.

STUART SIM, 58, supervisor, District "B." Died 11-5-58. Employed 2-15-27.

W. J. SUTHERLAND, 67, retired motorman, Archer. Died 10-16-58. Employed 2-18-20.

JOSEPH E. SWANSON, 58, carpenter, West Shops. Died 11-3-58. Employed 8-25-41.

F. A. TALLENT, 75, retired conductor, 69th. Died 10-16-58. Employed 6-22-09.

E. H. TRILK, 77, retired janitor, North Park. Died 10-31-58. Employed 5-4-44.

Cicero Avenue Bus Terminal Added

A NEW, off-the-street terminal for CTA buses at 64th street and Cicero avenue went into operation November 27.

Being built at a cost of \$19,495, the new terminal, located on the west side of Cicero avenue, 123 feet north of 64th street, will serve the Archer Express buses (No. 62A) and some of the runs of the 63rd (No. 63) surface route.

When the new terminal is completed, it will no longer be necessary for buses to make the loop around the block bounded by Cicero avenue, 64th street, La Crosse avenue and 63rd street. This will relieve traffic congestion on these thoroughfares and the terminal will also provide CTA buses with a reserved, off-the-street area for lay-overs.

The low-bid contract for \$19,495, covers the cost of surfacing the area with bituminous concrete, paving driveways and installing guard rails, wire mesh fencing and lighting equipment. The terminal area fronts 150 feet on Cicero avenue and extends 107 in depth.

NEW, RUSH-HOUR SERVICE ON 63RD

A NEW, rush-hour bus service along 63rd street, between Narragansett avenue and Harlem avenue, was authorized November 6 by Chicago Transit Board at its regular monthly meeting.

The new service became effective November 10, and is part of the 63rd-65th street (No. 63A) bus route. It operates Mondays through Fridays —

eastbound only during the morning rush period from 6:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and westbound only during the evening rush

This new arrangement provides mass period from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. transit service for the increased number of residents adjacent to 63rd street between Harlem avenue and Narragansett avenue. Buses at approximately 10 to 12-minute intervals, during morning rush hours, operate north in Harlem avenue from 65th street to 63rd street and then east in 63rd street to Narragansett avenue where convenient transfer can be made at an off-street terminal to 63rd street buses which operate to an eastern terminal at 63rd and Stony Island avenue.

During evening rush hours, 63rd-65th street buses operate westbound along 63rd street, between Narragansett and Harlem at about 10 to 12-minute intervals, then continue west to Argo terminal at Archer and 63rd. These buses then return eastbound to the terminal at 63rd and Narragansett via 63rd, Harlem, 65th and Narragansett.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS
MONTHS OF OCTOBER 1958 AND 1957, TEN MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1958 AND 1957 AND
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1958
(Revenues applied in order of precedence required by Trust Agreement)

	Month of October		Ten Months Ended October 31,		Twelve Months Ended Oct. 31, 1958
	1958	1957	1958	1957	
Revenues	\$11,217,637	\$11,332,848	\$105,094,339	\$102,825,151	\$126,742,124
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	9,310,471	9,540,074	89,904,454	88,414,359	108,251,497
Available for Debt Service	1,907,166	1,792,774	15,189,885	14,410,792	\$ 18,490,627
Debt Service Requirements:					
Interest Charges	378,801	388,745	3,839,370	3,950,854	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond					
Maturity Fund	166,667(1)	166,667	1,666,667	2,166,667	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Sinking Fund (2)	105,213	95,767	995,453	383,067	
Revenue Bond Reserves (3)	—	7,000	43,398	208,000	
	650,681	658,179	6,544,888	6,708,588	
Balance Available for Depreciation	1,256,485	1,134,595	8,644,997	7,702,204	
Transfer from Operating Expense Reserve to meet deficit in Debt Service Requirements (4)	—	—	—	313,588	
Balance Available for Depreciation	1,256,485	1,134,595	8,644,997	8,015,792	
Provision for Depreciation:					
Current Period	897,411	906,628	8,407,547	8,226,012	
Balance Available for Other Charges or Deficit in Depreciation Provision (5)	359,074	227,967	237,450	210,220	
Accumulated Deficit:					
To end of previous period	302,314	661,798	180,690	223,611	
At close of period	\$ 56,760	\$ 433,831	\$ 56,760	\$ 433,831	

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PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers	47,823,325	48,530,103	444,342,882	490,153,239	536,255,510
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STATUS OF EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM as at October 31, 1958

	Delivered to Date	Remaining to be Delivered	Total
1958 Orders:			
El-Subway Cars	—	100	100
Propane Buses	64	86	150
	64	186	250
Delivered under previous orders:			
Less - P.C.C. Streetcars to be converted to El-Subway Cars	100	3,464	3,364
			3,614

NOTES:

- (1) Equal monthly installments to retire \$2,000,000 principal amount of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing on July 1, 1959.
- (2) Equal monthly installments to retire Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing July 1, 1978 by purchase after invitation for tenders or in the open market.
- (3) Available to pay interest on any interest payment dates of Series of 1952 and Series of 1953 Revenue Bonds when amounts set aside for such purposes are insufficient therefor, or for accomplishing the final retirement or redemption of all outstanding Series of 1952 and 1953 Bonds.
- (4) Revenues for the month of January 1957 were not sufficient to make the deposits required in the Debt Service Funds. In accordance with the terms of the Revenue Bond Trust Agreement, such deficiency in revenues to meet the debt service requirements was made up by a transfer from the Operating Expense Reserve Fund. The requirements for these deposits, however, are cumulative, and any balances available for Depreciation must first be applied to cover prior period deficiencies which may exist in deposits to the Depreciation Reserve Fund. The Supplemental Trust Agreements covering Series of 1952 and 1953 Revenue Bonds provide for quarterly deposits of \$300,000 and \$167,135.00, respectively, (cumulative within any one year) to the "Revenue Bond Amortization Fund" to the extent that earnings are available therefor after making the required deposits to the Depreciation Reserve Fund; also that deposits of \$900,000 are to be made to the Operating Expense Reserve Fund in any calendar year that earnings are available therefor. Deposits to the Municipal Compensation Fund may be made only from earnings remaining in any one year after making all required deposits in the Depreciation Reserve, Revenue Bond Amortization and Operating Expense Reserve Funds.

Route Change

A PERMANENT change in routing of buses over a portion of CTA's Armitage (No. 73) trolley bus line became effective on October 28.

The change was required because the embankment being constructed for the Northwest Expressway at Armitage avenue will permanently dead-end Paulina street at that location.

Under the new arrangement, Armitage buses will operate north and south in Hermitage avenue (instead of Paulina street) between Armitage and Cortland. There is no change over the remainder of the line.

New Appointments

NEW APPOINTMENTS affecting rapid transit division supervisory personnel were announced recently.

Effective October 26, J. R. Blaa was named night superintendent of the south section, rapid transit division, and on November 1, Gerald A. Weiler was appointed assistant superintendent of maintenance, north-south sections, rapid transit division, replacing John J. Madden who retired on that date.

OUR

Public Speaks



THROUGHOUT THIS year, CTA employees have made great strides in winning customers by making ours an attractive, efficient service.

Now that 1958 is coming to a close, it might be well if each of us asked ourselves, "Did I contribute to making CTA service more desirable?"

Many of us have grown less conscientious in the performance of our jobs. Too often resolutions are made and broken within too short a time.

Let's get back on the job during the coming New Year, and resolve to do our part in furthering the efforts of those employees who have helped to make CTA a better transit system.

These letters of commendation, which were recently received in the Service Section of the Public Information Department, are reprinted below to better illustrate what efforts have and can be made by all CTA employees:

"Enjoyable Hour"

"Recently, I had more than an enjoyable lunch-hour because of the refreshingly efficient and courteous manner of Operator No. 5914 (*Michael Brasha-vetz, Limits*).

"It was during the noon rush-hour and he showed skill and courteousness of the highest order throughout the entire run.

"Many of the questions asked, such as whether his was the proper bus to take to a destination, or which other bus should be taken, were foolish inquiries, to say the least. This gentleman showed unfailing courtesy, while operating the bus very competently with an exhibition of efficiency and friendliness.

"May CTA continue to attract men of this calibre as employees. It makes even an adult believe, although it is a little early for Christmas, that there is a real Christian spirit surviving in this fine city of Chicago."

"Unforgettable Event"

"Last Sunday, I drove to the 54th street station on the Douglas Park line in Cicero, so my 74-year-old mother, who has had arthritis for years, would be able to board the train without having to climb too many stairs . . . I was taking her for an "L" ride so that she might see the new cars and the subway for the first time.

"We boarded the train about 2:00 p.m., and rode from one end to the other and back again. The courtesy shown us by both the conductor (*Walter Gauger*) and the motorman (*Oscar Bieseman*) was most commendable.

"They were wonderful in answering our many questions, suggesting where mother should sit to have a good view of the subway and assisting her to make our trip a most pleasant one.

"Mother was pleased and enjoyed the trip so much, especially the courtesy shown her, that I am sure it shall be an unforgettable event in her life."

"A Good Man"

"When anyone in public service is discourteous or rude, I don't hesitate to protest vigorously. Likewise, when anyone I come in contact with is industrious, courteous and honest, I take time to let the man and his superiors know that I appreciate a good man doing his job well.

"Such is the case of Driver No. 12174 (*Alfred Hyland, 77th*). Today, I boarded his bus and bought tokens. I deposited one in the fare box, took a transfer and sat down. After a few blocks, the driver called me forward and explained that he thought he made a mistake in the change he gave me. After both of us checked and rechecked, he was right. With an apology, he gave me 45 cents, the amount he was sure he shorted me.

"Now that's what I call a first class driver: honest, sincere and courteous. I feel proud and safe to have ridden with a man like him."

"Courteous Method"

"I wish to commend Operator No. 677 (*Oswald Stanpley, North Park*) on his courteous method of operation with regard to the following:

1. He made excellent turns. 2. Did not over-run the curb. 3. Stopped at all stop-zones. 4. Called all stops clearly. 5. Drove exceedingly well under severe pressure of congested traffic."

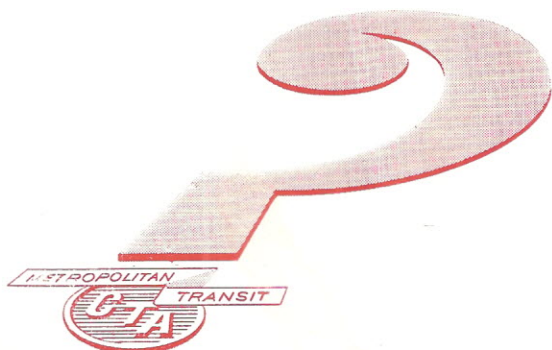
SHOWN HERE is a comparison of complaints and commendations recently received by Chicago Transit Authority for November, 1958; October, 1958, and November, 1957:

	Nov. 1958	Oct. 1958	Nov. 1957
Complaints	917	1186	924
Commendations	79	110	74

ALMER SAYLE, "A" Troubleman: "Small cars may be all right on the narrow roads that are so common in many foreign countries, but I don't think that they belong on our new, fast superhighways."



ARTHUR FOURNIER, Repairman "A," Truck Shop: "In my opinion, the small foreign cars are not modern looking in comparison with those put out by the progressive American auto industry. Body styles of foreign cars go back to a former era, and passengers are cramped. Gasoline mileage is good, but think of the big repair bills."



INQUIRING REPORTER: Joe Feinendegen

LOCATION: Terminal Inspection Shops
(Lake Street shops)

What is your opinion of small foreign cars?

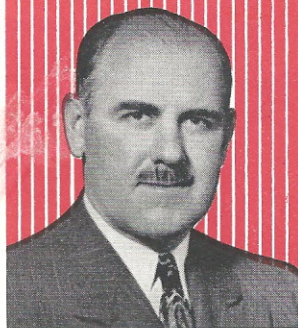


JOHN NASH, Repairman "A," Inspection: "I think that the imported small cars have their good points and their bad points. I like them because of their good gas mileage and because it's easy to park them in small places. But I don't think that having these small cars come into this country is helping American industry or the working man."

ELMO GREER, Cleaner: "Small foreign cars are inadequate for American families. If they should become popular in this country, our economy would be hurt by unemployment in the automobile industry."



JAMES DURR, Terminal Clerk (at left): "Small foreign cars may be all right as a fad or as a means of cheap transportation, but I don't think that the American housewife would be satisfied with one if her neighbor had a beautiful new streamlined American car."



By Dr. George H. Irwin

CTA Medical Director

ACUTE APPENDICITIS

ACUTE APPENDICITIS is the most common surgical emergency of the abdomen. This subject was chosen because I feel that many people during their lifetime, are involved with problems of appendicitis. If you do not become a victim of this disorder, some member of your family or a friend usually does. Therefore, it is important to have some knowledge and understanding of appendicitis. To illustrate the importance of this disease and also the progress or improvement in the care of appendicitis, the following statistics are cited.

In 1930, approximately 18,000 deaths from appendicitis were recorded in the United States. In 1955, a few less than 5,000 were reported. When one considers the increase in population of the United States during these 25 years between reports, it would indicate that the death rate from appendicitis has decreased sixfold.

The appendix is a finger-like tube extending from the large bowel, near the junction of the small and large bowels. The appendix is a useless organ which failed to develop with the cecum. The exact position of the appendix may vary and that is one reason why appendicitis may be confused with diseases of some other abdominal organs. Any inflammation of the appendix is known as appendicitis.

Appendicitis is most common between the ages of 10 and 30. It does occur in the very young and elderly age groups but less frequently. Both sexes are about equally affected.

The characteristic symptoms and signs of acute appendicitis are abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, mild fever, tenderness over lower right quadrant and increased blood count. Unfortunately, not all of these symptoms are present in every case. Pain and localized tenderness over the inflamed appendix are the most reliable. It should be mentioned that typically the pain of appendicitis is over the pit of the stomach at the onset. Several hours later the pain is, as a rule, over the lower right quadrant. Nausea and vomiting and increased blood count are usually present in the majority of cases. In other words, one may have appendicitis in the absence of nausea and vomiting and even with a normal blood count. Neither constipation or diarrhea are constant findings in appendicitis.

In my opinion, appendicitis is one of the most treacherous and deceptive diseases known. This can be partially explained by the abnormal positions of the appendix plus the fact that appendicitis mimics or acts so much like so many other abdominal disorders. Among these are: acute ordinary indigestion, stomach ulcer, diseases of the bowels, gall-bladder, kidneys (especially stones) and in the female, diseases of the uterus, tubes or ovaries.

The following case illustrates how tricky or treacherous acute appendicitis can be. John Jones awakens with the stomach ache. Naturally, he blames it on something unusual he ate the day before. He further reasons that he has had similar attacks before from which he recovered without medical assistance. So he takes a "shot of pluto water or magnesia" or an enema. Some relief follows and he feels he is on the road to recovery. But in the next day or so the "misery" comes back. The doctor is called and the diagnosis of acute appendicitis, possibly ruptured, is made and John is taken to the hospital.

Treatment of acute appendicitis is fairly well agreed upon by medical authorities. Early surgery is the answer. Once the diagnosis is fairly clearly established no time should be lost in getting the appendix out. The results are extremely satisfactory in the early operations but not when delayed.

Do not take laxatives if appendicitis is suspected.

The use of penicillin and other antibiotics post-operative has been of tremendous value in reducing the death rate. However, they should never be used as substitute for surgery.

The safe plan to follow in cases of abdominal pain lasting more than a few hours is to call your family doctor. Call him the first day and do not wait until the second, third or fourth day.

Program Reviews Supervisors Duties

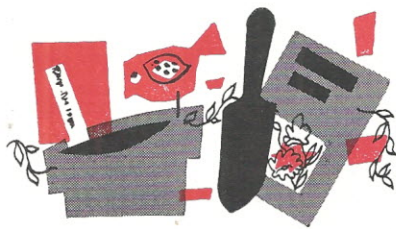
MORE THAN 200 surface and rapid transit supervisors attended the most recent of a continuing series of supervisor refresher programs. The programs included a motion picture film on communication skills and a review of snow-fighting procedures.

Surface supervisors also viewed a sound-slide review of the training given to bus operator trainees. Special emphasis was placed on the importance of close coordination between supervisors and instructors during the bus operator's training period as well as after his qualification. Rapid transit supervisors received instruction on wiring circuits used on Series 6000 rapid transit cars to aid them in their trouble-shooting duties.

A total of eight sessions was held over a four-day period at 77th and Archer Stations and at the CTA Training Center, 2660 N. Clark street. *Thomas Shanahan*, relief district superintendent, conducted the surface system instruction and *James Roche*, night district superintendent, was in charge of the rapid transit instruction.



Garden Helps



MANY OF us will receive flowering plants as Christmas gifts and will want to keep these in bloom as long as possible. A few pointers to guide you may help.

A lovely amaryllis always makes a bright spot in the home. In order to preserve the flowers keep the plant in a relatively cool and humid location. The plant does not need bright light, but it does need good watering each time the soil becomes dry.

An azalea is always a strikingly beautiful plant when in flower. It wants a cool location, however, and it will help if you turn off the heat in the room where your azalea remains, or put it in a cool place like the attic or basement overnight. Take care in the basement, however, that the plant is not injured by gas heating. Even a trifling amount in the air will injure the flowers, if not the plant itself. If the plant has some buds that have not yet opened, place it where it will receive bright light but not direct sunlight.

Perhaps you will get one of the beautiful begonia plants in bloom as a Christmas gift. These like bright light. The begonia likes a humid atmosphere, too, so it is well to keep a pan of water near it to provide moisture. Remove the plant to a cool room each night.

A good plant to give holiday atmosphere to the living room is the Christmas pepper. It is used at Christmas time with the fruit on it, but does not bear flowers at that time.

Keep the plant in a good strong light, but not sunlight and as cool as possible.

The Jerusalem cherry is another excellent plant for the holiday season because of its bright red and yellow fruit. It enjoys even cooler temperatures than those suggested for the Christmas pepper, but it wants bright light, too. If there is any gas in the air or if the plant wilts for lack of water, the fruit will fall off very rapidly.

Nowadays the florists have learned to produce flowering chrysanthemum plants for any time of the year. That is why many of these plants are given as Christmas gifts. It is smart to buy a plant that has the buds not yet fully opened, so that you will have color on the flowers and a longer blooming period. Do not permit potted chrysanthemums to dry out. Check very often to see if they need watering. In this case, the plant can well be placed in a sunny window, yet it should be kept cool, particularly at night.

The cineraria is another beautiful flowering plant for Christmas time. It needs as bright a light as possible but not direct sunlight. Cool temperatures apply just as with other plants. Water the plant thoroughly and often. Just be sure the water can drain out so that the roots are not drowned.

The cyclamen is a delicate and beautiful Christmas plant when in flower. In order to get the buds to develop and mature, keep the plant cool. If it is more than 65 degrees Fahrenheit during the day the buds are not apt to open. At night the plant can be as cool as 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Usually it should be kept in an unshaded north or east window. The cyclamen wants lots of moisture. To provide this, fill a large shallow pan with water and set a plate in it upside down. Place the pot on top of this plate without submerging it in the water. When watering, be careful not to wet the crown where the stems protrude from a common center. If your buds do not open or if the leaves become yellow it is because the atmosphere is too dry, the plant hasn't had enough water, or it is not receiving sufficient light.

NEW BASIC WAGE RATES IN EFFECT

EFFECTIVE WITH the first payroll period in December, the 11 cents per hour cost-of-living allowance paid to approximately 13,000 CTA employees was reduced to 10½ cents as a result of a drop in the cost of living index in Chicago for October, 1958.

However, on December 1 the basic hourly wage increased five and one-half cents per hour in accordance with contract provisions.

The net increase in payroll costs, resulting from the increase in hourly basic wage rates and the one-half cent decrease in the cost-of-living allowance will be an increase in payroll costs of approximately \$138,000 per month.

The new basic wage rates are \$2.42 for one-man operators, \$2.286 for rapid transit conductors, and \$2.331 for rapid transit motormen, to which the new cost-of-living allowance of 10½ cents per hour is added.

The cost-of-living allowance for CTA employees is adjusted quarterly. The adjustment, either up or down, but not below the basic wage rates, is determined by the percentage of change in the cost-of-living index for Chicago, as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, since April, 1957. The percentage of change is then applied to the base wage rate of one-man operators to establish the cents per hour change in the cost-of-living allowance.



PERFECTION IN HOLIDAY SERVING

CHRISTMAS COMES but once a year, and when it does, be prepared—the easy way. This is one time when you can go all out in entertaining. Yet, with the onslaught of the holidays, it's just not necessary to go to much fuss and bother . . . if you have the winning formula. The formula? It's nothing more than forethought and planning and we have obtained the following recipes, for simplicity's sake, that are bound to be merry surprises for your family and friends.

FROSTED HOLIDAY EGGNOG

- 16-20 servings
- 8 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 quarts milk
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat the eggs well with a rotary or electric beater. Add the sugar and salt and blend well. Add the milk and mix thoroughly. Chill before serving unless the milk is very cold. Just before serving, top with mounds of the whipped cream to which the vanilla has been added.

CHRISTMAS SPRITZ

- 6 dozen cookies
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- ¾ cup sugar
- 3 egg yolks
- 10 almonds, chopped very fine
- ¼ teaspoon almond extract
- 2½ cups sifted flour

Cream the butter and add the sugar. Mix well. Blend in the egg yolks, the almonds, and the almond flavoring. Add the flour and mix. Put through a cookie press and bake on an ungreased baking sheet for 8-10 minutes in a preheated 400° oven. Decorate with colored sugar or red dots either before baking or afterwards. The dough may also be colored red or green before it is put through the cookie press.

CHOCOLATE CHRISTMAS SPRITZ

- 7 dozen cookies
- 2 squares baking chocolate
- ¾ cup (1½ sticks) butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg

- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon milk
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 2½ cups sifted flour

Melt chocolate and cool. Cream butter. Add sugar and mix well. Beat in egg, then salt, chocolate, milk and vanilla. Gradually blend in flour. Put in cookie press and form into desired shapes on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a 375° preheated oven for 8-10 minutes. Cool on cake racks. If desired, frost with a mint frosting when cool and top with chopped nuts.

FINALLY, BUT not least, is a Swedish delicacy—Pepparkors (pronounced Pep-o-cock-ka). These pronounce fine hospitality, and are a combination of the spiciest of spices, which, when rolled paper thin, are crisp and delicious.

PEPPARKOKAR

- 10-12 dozen cookies
- 3 cups sifted flour
- 3 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons ginger
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 2 teaspoons soda
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon dark corn syrup
- 1 tablespoon warm water
- 1 egg

BLANCHED ALMONDS

Sift flour, spices and soda together. Cream butter. Add sugar and mix well. Beat in the corn syrup, warm water and egg. Gradually add sifted dry ingredients and mix well. Chill dough for 3-4 hours. Roll out very thin on a lightly floured board or pastry cloth. Cut into shapes with cookie cutters. Place on lightly buttered cookie sheet and put a small piece of blanchd almond in the center of each cookie. Bake in a 400° preheated oven for 6-8 minutes. Remove from cookie sheet and cool on cake racks.

AN EGGNOG Holiday party lends itself to simplicity in preparation, and yet makes the most elegant of buffets. When Christmas comes this year, your family and friends will really know it's here.



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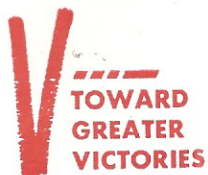
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