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Authorize Study of Improvements at 63rd - Loomis

PREPARATION OF engineering studies and detailed plans for enlarging the terminal, expanding passenger control facilities, and increasing the car storage capacity of the yard at CTA's 63rd and Loomis rapid transit station was authorized November 5 by Chicago Transit Board.

Under the program, both tracks will be extended to the alley west of Loomis boulevard, the platform in this area will be widened to accommodate trains on

either side, the new platform will be canopied, the passenger control facilities at street level will be expanded, and the car storage capacity of Loomis yard will be increased about 50 per cent.

The construction program, costing an estimated \$400,000, will substantially improve passenger facilities to accommodate the rapidly expanding passenger volume at the station, will also improve service on the North-South main line,

and will eliminate over \$50,000 a year in operating costs.

At 63rd and Loomis station the number of originating passengers has jumped from 4,100 per weekday in 1949, when the alternate stop plan of operation was inaugurated on the North-South rapid transit route, to approximately 10,800 per day. This is an increase of 165 per cent. There has also been a marked increase in the transfer volume at the station. Loomis station is the west terminal of the Englewood branch of the North-South route.



PRESENTATION OF quarterly Station Achievement Awards which record improved operating safety records in the three-month period ending September 30 was made recently at the three winning stations. The surface traffic award went to 77th, and in the picture at the left supervisory personnel are shown with General Manager Walter J. McCarter,

(holding plaque). Left to right are: John J. Theis, day superintendent; J. A. Knerr, night superintendent, and George J. Dorgan, day superintendent. (Center picture) Thomas B. O'Connor, general superintendent of transportation and shops and equipment, (left) presents the surface passenger award to Edward Loughran, superintendent, Keeler. Winner for

the fifth consecutive quarter in a row in rapid transit competition was Kimball. In the picture at the right, Raymond W. Sanford, assistant day superintendent, accepts the award plaque on behalf of the men of the station from Charles E. Keiser, superintendent of transportation. Kimball also won the annual award in this category for the year 1958.

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RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

Hugh Flowers, Jr.—Transportation (52nd)

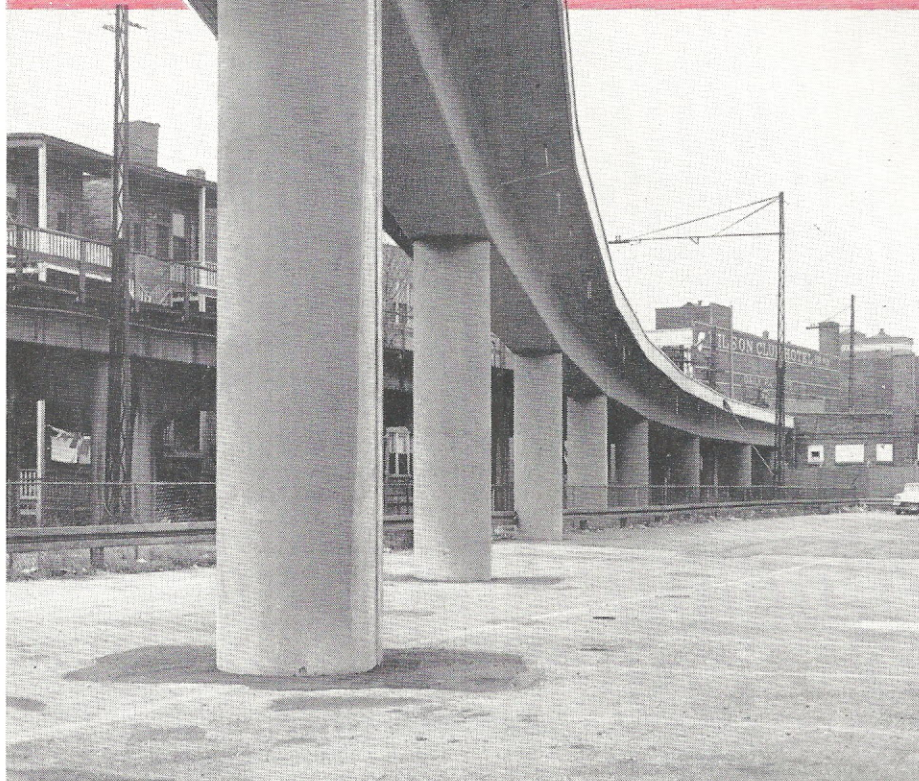
David C. Gordon—Transportation (69th)

Terrance L. Hughley—Transportation (Limits)

"It's not only the cost and the upkeep of a car that worries you, but also the possible turnover."



Complete First Stage of Wilson Avenue Track Project



THE NEW southbound track and platform facilities, the first stage of CTA's \$1,800,000 program to improve train operations through the Wilson avenue rapid transit station area, was placed in use November 30. Noteworthy for its modern design, the structure consists of a concrete, ballasted deck supported by a single row of circular, re-inforced columns, instead of the double row of steel columns common to the conventional type of elevated railroad structure. This is a view of the structure looking north.

COMPLETION OF the first stage of CTA's \$1,800,000 program to improve train operation through Wilson avenue rapid transit station was marked November 30 when new southbound track and platform facilities were placed in service.

Operation over the new track, located west of the station proper and connected with the main line by a new section of elevated structure, is the primary step in providing a four-track right-of-way through the station. Heretofore, train movements in the station area have been confined to two tracks.

Initially, the new track is being used by southbound Evanston express and North Shore Line trains. Southbound "L"-subway trains continue to operate over track No. 2. Northbound, all trains, Evanston express, North Shore Line and Howard street "L"-subway trains, operate over the present easternmost track.

Objective of the overall project is to eliminate an operating bottleneck at the station where train operations are confined to two tracks.

The new southbound track is noteworthy for its modern design. Its concrete, ballasted deck is supported by a

single row of circular re-inforced concrete columns, instead of the double row of steel columns common to the conventional type of elevated railroad structures.

One of the major advantages of the single column structure is that a maximum of light and air is assured for the area under the ballasted deck.

The new section of elevated structure extends for a distance of approximately 540 feet, from a point opposite the south end of the island platform, through the Wilson avenue station yard area.

For the new westernmost track, a new platform, 420 feet long and five feet wide, has been constructed. Its full-length windbreak is fashioned from sky blue corrugated fiber glass. So is the passageway that connects the new platform with the mezzanine level of the Wilson avenue station building. Corrugated metal, coated with maroon-colored fiber, forms the roof of the passageway and the platform canopy. Fluorescent lighting provides illumination for the platform and the passageway.

The next stage in the \$1,800,000 project is realignment of tracks to form new through tracks Nos. 2 and 3. This will require construction of a new section of track No. 2 across Broadway, including structure changes and installation of automatic train trips and signals.

In the meantime, the present easternmost platform will have been revised and temporarily extended to accommodate eight-car trains.

The final stage will be realignment of the north end of new through track No. 4.

When completed, there will be four through tracks in the station area, eliminating the existing bottleneck, and Evanston Express and North Shore trains will operate only on tracks Nos. 1 and 4, and all "L"-subway trains will operate only on tracks Nos. 2 and 3.



IN FURTHER support of the Crusade of Mercy campaign, a nine-man team of CTA employees participated in solicitation of business concerns as part of the overall campaign organization. Members of the team are shown here. They are (left to right) standing: *Harold R. Hirsch*, Schedule-Traffic; *Frank J. Maguire*, Specifications, and *Henry F. Boldt*, Training and Accident Prevention. Seated: *Harold J. Rowbottom*, Traffic Engineering; *Edward A. Hess*, Way & Structures; *C. W. Baxa*, team captain, Public Information, *James E. McCoy*, Real Estate, and *Benjamin I. Twery*, Payroll Accounting. Pictured in inset: *Dan D. Schleiter*, Electrical.

94.6% of Employees Respond To "Mercy Crusade" Appeal

A TOTAL of \$5,911.20 per month was pledged by CTA employees through authorization of payroll deductions to the 1959 "Crusade of Mercy" Joint Appeal Fund of the Community Fund and Red Cross in the recent system-wide campaign. In addition, \$4,797.45 was received in individual cash gifts during the month of October, when the employees' solicitation drive was conducted.

Contributions were received from 12,672 employees, or 94.6 per cent of the active employee total. Only 715 employees, or 5.4 per cent, failed to participate in this year's campaign.

Projected over the year, the authorized monthly payroll deductions indicate a total contribution of \$70,934.40 to the charity drive during the year if all payroll deductions remain in effect for 12 months. To this total, the \$4,797.45 re-

ceived in cash contributions should be added, making a grand overall total of \$75,731.85 for the year. This compares with \$63,451.01 contributed by CTA employees in last year's campaign.

The new indicated yearly total, if all pledges remain in effect for the entire year, is an indicated increase of 19 per cent over last year's results.

As of November 1, a total of 9,610 employees had authorized monthly payroll deductions, including 544 employees who authorized increased monthly deductions. A total of 945 employees signed new payroll deduction authorizations.

Some interesting facts are behind these figures: Two Transportation Department operating stations, Limits and Forest Glen, recorded 100 per cent participation by employees. Limits, with a personnel of 318, came through with 305

payroll deduction pledges and 13 cash contributions. Of the 305 who pledged monthly contributions, 174 increased the amount of their pledges over last year. Forest Glen, with 676 employees, had 646 payroll deduction pledges and 30 cash gifts. The payroll deduction pledges amounted to an increase of 73 over last year.

Another fine record was established by Kedzie station, which increased its payroll deduction pledges from 543 to 598, and of the latter figure, 188 were for higher amounts than last year. The overall participation percentage at this station was 97.7.

Other high percentages recorded were: Keeler, 99.0; 52nd, 98.0; Beverly, 97.0; Lawndale, 98.8; 69th, 97.1 and North Park, 97.2. All stations showed a better than 90.0 per cent participation.

Special "Delivery"—By Bus!

A MORNING trip from the western terminal of the Skokie bus route on November 11 started out in much the usual manner for *Operator C. M. Quist* (North Park). He made the usual stops to pick up passengers on the way. It was a usual routine run that he made every day.

That is, it was usual until he arrived at the Howard-Hermitage terminal.

As the bus emptied, a lady passenger who was getting off came up to him and said: "There's a sick lady in the back of the bus." Quist went to investigate and found that there was indeed a "sick lady." She was about to deliver a child.

He asked the lady informant to notify a policeman who was on duty at the intersection. The policeman, *Officer Donald Nelson*, called the Rogers Park station requesting a police car with a

stretcher, and hurried over to the waiting bus. He arrived just in time to help *Operator Quist* deliver the child.

When the police car arrived a few minutes later, it was decided not to move the mother from the bus but to take her and the new born baby to the closest hospital, St. Francis, Evanston. So, with a police escort clearing the way, Quist and the bus arrived at the hospital in record time to permit medical personnel to give the mother the necessary care.

It is only necessary to add that the mother, *Mrs. Ruby Eiland* of 5606 S. Normal boulevard, and child—a seven-pound, four-ounce girl—came through in fine style.

Quist, 62, who has been a bus operator for seven years, has been in transit



Operator C. M. Quist

service for 32 years, having started as a surface lines employe on September 26, 1927. Before becoming a bus operator he was a conductor on the Broadway-Clark streetcar line.

It was his first experience of assisting at a birth—for, after all, babies are not born on buses every day.

Contract Awarded for Two-Way Train Phones

NEW, TWO-WAY train phones, the first of this type ever used on a transit system, will soon be a fixture on CTA's north-south subway route.

This was assured when the Chicago Transit Board at a meeting on November 25 awarded a contract for \$54,920, covering the purchase of 70 fully-transistorized, portable train telephones to Femco, Inc., Irwin, Pennsylvania.

The new train-phones will permit central control and dispatching personnel in CTA's Merchandise Mart offices to talk with motormen and also directly to passengers on trains in service.

This will be very helpful in cases such as illness of a passenger, equipment failure, disturbances, or other situations which cause gaps and delays in service. Central dispatching will be able immediately to arrange for necessary assistance and to issue instructions for corrective, emergency action.

The first delivery of this phone equipment is scheduled for December of this year, with the order being completed by March 1, 1960. CTA is now installing the necessary electrical connections in cars and brackets on motormen's doors onto which the transmitter-receiver sets will be hooked when in use.

Each set is a frequency-modulated power carrier, about 17" x 12" x 6" in size, weighing about 15 pounds, designed to transmit and receive a speaker's voice over telephone wires in combination with direct current power distribution systems. In transmission, a motorman's voice, for example, is converted to an FM radio signal and carried through the third rail power distribution system. At intervals of approximately one mile, the FM signal is "tapped-off"

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS
MONTHS OF OCTOBER 1959 AND 1958, TEN MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1959 AND 1958 AND
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1959
(Revenues applied in order of precedence required by Trust Agreement)

	Month of October		Ten Months Ended October 31, 1958		Twelve Months Ended Oct. 31, 1959
	1959	1958	1959	1958	
Revenues	\$11,147,306	\$11,217,637	\$107,598,341	\$105,094,339	\$128,622,730
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	9,434,240	9,310,471	92,084,142	89,904,434	110,783,893
Available for Debt Service	1,713,066	1,907,166	15,514,199	15,189,885	\$17,838,837
Debt Service Requirements:					
Interest Charges	368,064	378,801	3,733,939	3,839,370	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond					
Maturity Fund	166,667(1)	166,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Sinking Fund(2)	115,006	105,213	1,091,366	995,453	
Revenue Bond Reserves (3)	—	—	—	43,398	
	649,737	650,681	6,491,912	6,544,888	
Balance Available for Depreciation or					
Deficit in Meeting Debt Service Requirements	1,063,329	1,256,485	9,022,287	8,644,997	
Transfer from Operating Expense Reserve to					
meet deficit in Debt Service Requirements(4)	—	—	309,577	—	
Balance Available for Depreciation	1,063,329	1,256,485	9,331,864	8,644,997	
Provision for Depreciation	891,784	897,411	8,607,867	8,407,547	
Balance Available for Other Charges or					
Deficit in Depreciation Provision (5)	171,545	359,074	723,997	237,450	
Accumulated Deficit in Depreciation Provision	48,179 r	302,314 r	600,631 r	180,690 r	
Balance Available for Other Charges	\$123,366	\$56,760	\$123,366	\$56,760	

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PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers	47,403,817	47,823,325	454,016,187	444,342,882	542,967,348
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STATUS OF EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

as at October 31, 1959

	Delivered to Date	Remaining to be Delivered	Total
1958-1959 Orders:			
El-Subway Cars	96	4	100
Propane Buses	249	1	250
	345	5	350
Delivered under previous orders		3,464	
Less - P.C.C. Streetcars to be converted to El-Subway Cars		100	3,364
			3,714

NOTES:

- (1) Equal monthly installments to retire \$2,000,000 principal amount of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing on July 1, 1960.
- (2) Equal monthly installments to retire Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing July 1, 1978 by purchase in the open market or after invitation for tenders.
- (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 1959 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.
- (5) Deposits may be made in the Depreciation Reserve Fund only to the extent that earnings are available therefor. 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 \$16,713.50, 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.

and fed into a telephone cable connecting a series of wayside fixed transmitter-receiver stations where the FM signal is again converted to voice impulses and fed into CTA's own telephone lines leading to the dispatcher's office. The reverse of this procedure occurs when the line supervisor is transmitting.

When a line supervisor wishes to talk to a particular motorman, he picks up the hand-set in his office, presses a button in the handle and calls the motorman by his train run number. When a motorman on a train wishes to contact

the line supervisor, he lifts his hand-set, operates the button and talks.

This communications system is intended to supplement CTA's central supervisory control system which was introduced to the transit world by CTA back in 1951 and now is in use on all seven of CTA's rapid transit lines. Ultimately, it is planned to equip all seven of these routes with the new communications system.

The overall cost of providing the North-South route with this new system, including the cost of equipment and installations, is estimated at \$123,000.

Wages, Fares Adjusted Effective December 1

APPROVING NEW three-year wage contracts with approximately 12,250 operating union employees, Chicago Transit Board at a special meeting on November 25 also adjusted fares to offset the added operating costs, effective December 1.

Unchanged at 25 cents is the principal fare, the adult cash rate in Chicago and those parts of the western suburbs lying east of Desplaines avenue, Forest Park, an area designated as the Middle Zone of CTA operations.

The child and student rate in this area, formerly 13 cents cash and $11\frac{1}{4}$ cents token, was advanced to 15 cents, cash, and $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents token. Child and student tokens were sold on and after December 1, 1959, at four for 50 cents.

The shuttle bus rate, formerly 13 cents, cash, or $11\frac{1}{4}$ cents, token, was advanced to 15 cents cash. The shuttle token rate was eliminated.

The new rates in the North Zone (Evanston, Wilmette and Skokie) and in the West Zone (part of Forest Park and all of Maywood, Bellwood and Westchester) are: adult, 40 cents, an increase of two cents in the former cash rate. The adult token rate of $33\frac{3}{4}$ cents was abolished. The child or student rate is 30 cents, cash, or 25 cents, token. These new adult, child and student rates also apply for travel between the West or North Zones and the Middle Zone.

Sales of Adult Tokens Abolished

Sale of adult tokens was abolished, effective November 26. Unused adult tokens may be redeemed at CTA operating depots and at the CTA cashier's office, Room 7-160, in the Merchandise Mart.

Under the law, *Chairman V. E. Gunlock* of Chicago Transit Board explained, CTA is required to charge rates of fare sufficient to meet all operating costs, including debt service and depreciation. It is estimated that the first year of the new wage rates applied to all employees will increase CTA operating costs approximately \$2,100,000, which will be offset by the adjusted rates of fare.

Mr. Gunlock emphasized that the adjustment in fares is not an across-the-board increase since the adult cash rate remains at 25 cents. In effect, this means, he said, that there was no fare increase for about 65 per cent of CTA's daily riders, who are adults who have been paying a cash fare of 25 cents. On weekdays, CTA has an average of slightly less than 1,800,000 revenue rides.

The last across-the-board increase in CTA fares, Mr. Gunlock pointed out, occurred July, 4, 1957, when the adult cash fare was upped from 20 cents to 25 cents with a token rate of $22\frac{1}{2}$ cents. The 20-cent adult cash fare had been in

effect since June 1, 1952. However, token rates of 17 cents on the surface system and 18 cents on the rapid transit system were abolished April 22, 1954.

Operators' Wages Increased

The new operating employee wage contracts provide a basic wage rate increase of $15\frac{1}{2}$ cents per hour in three steps, as follows: December 1, 1959, five and one-half cents per hour; December 1, 1960, five cents per hour; December 1, 1961, five cents per hour.

The present cost-of-living allowance of $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents per hour, becomes part of the basic wage rate. Thus, on December 1, 1959, when the first step of wage increase becomes effective, the base rate for a bus operator will be \$2.60 per hour.

Other provisions in the new contracts provide for the following:

1. A cost-of-living allowance based on the October, 1959, cost-of-living index for Chicago to be determined quarterly by the per cent of increase, if any, in the cost-of-living index. At the earliest, this adjustment could apply to the first payrolls in March, 1960.
2. Sick benefit payments increased from \$40 to \$50 per week.
3. Hospital benefits increased from \$4.50 to \$6.00 per day and from 31 to 40 days; allowance for doctors' treatments increased from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per treatment.
4. No pay for the first two days of illness, unless the illness is of sufficient seriousness to have lasted two weeks in which case the pay for the first two days will be made retroactively.

Employees Approve Contracts

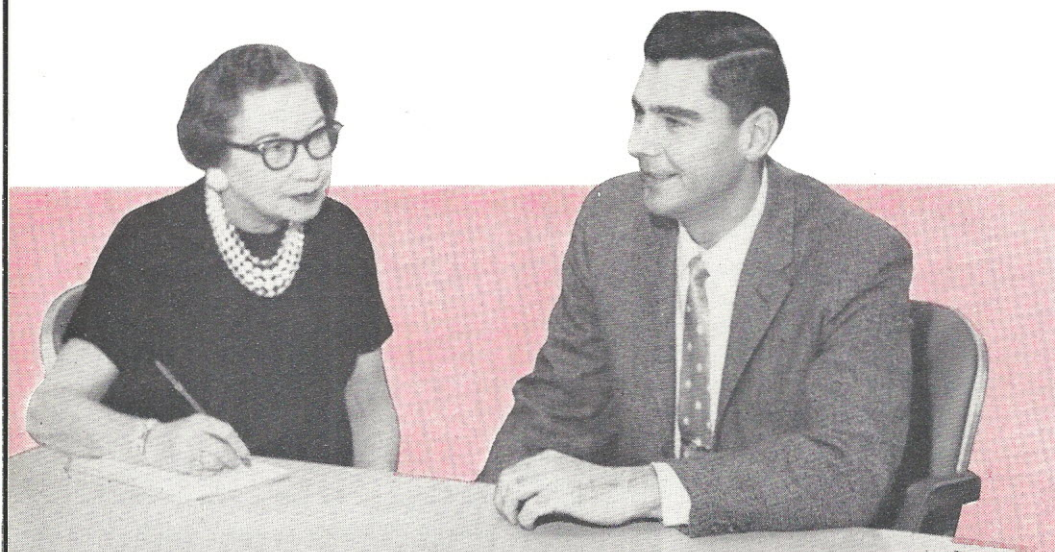
The new wage contracts were approved by operating employees at referendums held November 24. The new contracts were signed promptly by *Daniel J. McNamara*, head of Division 241, and by *Edward A. O'Hara*, head of Division 308, of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America, and by Chairman Gunlock for Chicago Transit Board.

New contract negotiations are now underway with representatives of other organized CTA employees. In this group there are about 1,500 employees, including various trades and crafts.

INQUIRING REPORTER: Julie Prinderville

LOCATION: General Offices

What is the most memorable Christmas gift you have ever received?



JOSEPH VODVARKA, Clerk, Transportation Department (with *Inquiring Reporter Julie Prinderville*): "The most memorable Christmas for me was the one when the girl who is now my wife said 'yes' and I presented her with an engagement ring."



CONNIE IPPOLITO, Stenographer, Transportation Department: "Last Christmas I received a beautiful watch from my fiancé. It was really a package full of surprises. After opening several small boxes, containing such items as a clothespin, or a flower pot, I finally found the watch. I'll always remember this gift and the way it was wrapped."



JACK KRAUSE, Radio Dispatcher: "I remember the year my son asked me to fly to New York and guaranteed I'd have transportation back home. I sure did! He presented me with a brand new automobile as a Christmas present. Believe me, that's a Christmas I'll never forget!"



ADELE MONSON, Vari-Typist, Steno-Duplicating Department: "When I was about eight-years-old, my biggest wish was for a red wagon. I'll never forget that Christmas morning when I found my red wagon under the tree. It was so big, and it made me just about the happiest little girl in the world."



MARY FLANAGAN, Hospital Clerk, Insurance Department: "On my fifth Christmas I received a quilted bedspread and bathrobe set. I treasured these not only for their beauty, but also because my aunt, who is a seamstress for a fashion house, had spent many leisure hours designing and sewing this set for me."

THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

New Grandmother Receives Corsage

ACCOUNTING — (Revenue) — *Pauline Torrey* became a new grandmother recently when *William Thomas* was born to her daughter, *Gloria*, formerly of Staff Engineering, and son-in-law, *William Meier*. Pauline's co-workers presented her with a corsage for the special occasion.

Patricia Sheehan was married to *Peter Sereda, Jr.*, in the Little Flower church on October 24. A reception followed the ceremony and the newlyweds honeymooned in New York. Pat received a complete set of stainless steel pantry ware from her associates.

Presently, *Jeaneen Baker* is recuperating from surgery in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat hospital.

James Roache's father, who was a retired streetcar operator, died October 20.

Bee Dietterle recently resigned from CTA to assume the full-time job of being a homemaker.

A daughter recently was born to *Robert and Marie Garrett*. Marie formerly worked in Revenue.

Coincidence

Robert L. Hill, Revenue accountant, completed 40 years of service with CTA and predecessor companies on November 4. Coincidentally, *Felix C. Palilunas*, assistant Revenue accountant, completed 30 years of service on the same day. Mr. Palilunas began his transit career with the former Chicago Rapid Transit Company.

(IBM) — *Catherine McAlister's* mother passed away on October 31, after a long illness.

(Voucher)—A daughter, *Susan Marie*, was born to *Lois and George Laica* on November 14. Lois formerly worked in the rapid transit payroll division.

(Payroll)—*Olive Battersby* recently broke her wrist.

(General) — *George Truinfol's* mother-in-law recently died after brief illness.

—HELEN A. LOWE and
MABLE I. POTTHAST

Season's Greetings

from Your "Inside News" Reporters

Gertrude Anderson	Everett E. England	Earl W. McLaughlin
Gilbert E. Andrews	Joseph Feinendegen	Dagmar McNamara
Al Beck	David Gurwich	Irving Metzger
Angelo Bianchini	John Hanning	Marlene Neher
Leo J. Bien	Joseph Hiebel	Mable Potthast
William Bihlmayer	Clifford Howard	Julie Prinderville
John T. Burke	Evelyn Howe	Joe Smith
Mary E. Clarke	Gordon Kelly	C. P. Starr
Edith Edbrooke	Frances Louward	Edward F. Stenzel
	Helen Lowe	Joseph Walinchius

Grandpappy Club Membership Increases

GENERAL OFFICE—(Transportation) — *George A. Riley* recently joined the "Grandfather's Club" when *Laura Jean* was born to his daughter, *Arlene*, and son-in-law, *William Kraszczyk*.

George Wickman of the Training Center became the proud grandfather of *Arthur Scott*, who recently was born to *George's* daughter, *Myrna*, and his son-in-law, *Arthur Davenport*. Mr. Wickman also has three granddaughters, the children of his son, *Bob*, but little *Art* is the first grandson.

Tom Stiglic is, at present, assigned to Transportation, assuming the work vacated by *George May*, who has returned to the superintendentship at North Avenue.

Information Operator *George Dean* died very suddenly following a heart attack. Sympathy is extended to his wife, *Geraldine*.

Radio Dispatcher *Frank Adams* and his wife, *Avis*, traveled to Metropolis, southern Illinois, to attend funeral services for Mr. Adams' father.

(Insurance) — In celebration of their 19th wedding anniversary, *Ralph and Jane Umstot* dined at the Martinique restaurant, which houses the Drury Lane theatre.

After their dinner, the Umstots enjoyed the performances of *Pat and Mrs. O'Brien* in the play, "Father of the Bride."

Six lovelies from around the Mart also dined at the Martinique and saw the show at Drury Lane. They were: *Mary Berry*, Insurance, *Dagmar McNamara*, Stores, *Kay Corcoran*, Suggestion System, *Ann Farrell*, Engineering, *Marie Coari*, Accounting, and *Joan Fitzgerald*, Steno-Duplicating.

Mary Flanagan's brother has finished his initial training at Great Lakes Naval training center and enjoyed a two-week leave. He then departed for Key West, Florida, where his future training will be in jet aviation.

(Stenographic) — *Adele Monson* and her son, *Jimmie Arnoux*, nine, recently returned from a trip to Seattle, Washington, to visit Adele's uncle, who is stationed there with the Merchant Marines. Their vacation also included a trip to Vancouver and a full-day boat ride.

Charlene Nelson and her husband, *George*, vacationed in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the Tropicana hotel. Then they flew to Los Angeles on a brand new jet and, of course, visited Disneyland.

—JULIE PRINDERVILLE

This Family Gets Big Boot out of Football

BEVERLY—Sanitary Engineer *John Penseigo* and his wife, *Marge*, traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska, to visit their sons, *John*, who is a student at the university and a star on the football team, and *Joe*, a graduate of N.U., who now coaches a high school football team in Nebraska. Joe won the prep "coach of the year" award during his first year of coaching.

Ray Horton, son of Operator *John Horton*, recently entered military service and is taking his basic training at Fort Hood, Texas.

Operator *Hugo Rohlen* and his wife, *Ann*, recently vacationed in Pensacola and Daytona Beach, Florida, where they visited with Mrs. Rohlen's grandfather.

Operator *Morris O'Connor* and his wife, *Rose*, announced the arrival of a son, *Kevin Patrick*, who was born at the Little Company of Mary hospital on October 25.

Operator *Charlie Glines* was installed as a Worshipful Master of Mystic Star Lodge No. 758 A.F. and A.M. on November 14 at the Lawn Masonic Temple. This is the highest office of the Blue Lodge of Masonry.

Anthony Burbatt, father of Operator *W. Burbatt*, died recently.

Operator *Harold Morrison* passed away on October 31 due to pneumonia. Surviving is a son, *Marty*, who also is an operator at Beverly.

Letter Winner

Alfred Howard, 11-year-old son of Operator *Al Howard*, earned a letter for soccer from the Bryant elementary school in Harvey. He also has received school letters for baseball and football.

Operator *Roy Carson* spent his winter vacation working on his home and car.

Operator *Nick Dop* and his wife, *Rose*, took a 3200-mile trip to Monnessee, and St. Petersburg, Florida.

Operator *Ross Shaffer* is back at work after being on the sick list for two months.

Bible, Mississippi; Chattanooga, Tennessee.
Bob Blair and his wife, *Helen*, announced the marriage of their daughter, *Deanna*, to *Robert Witt*

of Chicago. They were married at the Drexel Park Presbyterian church on December 5. Deanna works in CTA's General Office.

Joe Simel and his wife took the turnpike all the way to Scranton, Pennsylvania, where they attended the wedding of Joe's younger sister. The entire family was there, so they also celebrated a reunion.

John McCarthy and his wife, *Katherine*, recently announced the birth of their 16th grandchild, *Kerry Knight*.

Leon Ojeda and his wife became grandparents for the first time when *Lisa Marie* recently was born to their daughter, *Phyllis*.

Richard Grajek and his wife, *Dolores*, welcomed their second child, *Stephen*, who was born at the Lying-In hospital.

The following couples are recently celebrating wedding anniversaries: *John and Marge Ponseigo*, their 29th on November 29; the *Joe Thurstons*, their 18th on December 6; *George and Phyllis Musgrave*, their 15th on December 11; *George and Wilma Mae Tidd*, their 33rd on December 21, and the *William Ammeralls*, their 28th on December 24.

—CLIFFORD L. HOWARD

Teen-age "Gang Show" Features Youth at Best

GENERAL OFFICE—(*Job Classification*)—*Ronald Knautz*, 15-year-old son of *Fran Knautz*, superintendent of Job Classification, recently took part in the Boys Scouts' "Gang Show," which ran for eight days at the Austin high school auditorium.

This was a fast moving variety show with 125 scouts that were selected from over 4000 boys, who had taken part in the talent try-outs that began last April.

Ronnie is a sophomore at Shurz high school and is a member of the school band, in which he plays the clarinet.

(*Employment*) — *Richard W. Tesch*, student engineer, recently transferred from the Transportation department. *Edward Ahlbrand*, also a student engineer, transferred to the rapid transit division.

Patricia Steinbess spent an enjoyable vacation at Miami Beach, Florida.

(*Engineering*) — *Lee DeSutter's* mother, *Mrs. Malva Andre*, recently passed away. Mrs. Andre, for the past 32 years, was an organizer of programs to brighten the lives of "shut-ins." This hobby of spread-

OPERATOR'S SON AWARDED



DOUGLAS PARK Motorman *Walter Mayschak's* son, *Sp/4 Robert J.*, (right) recently was honored as one of Illinois' outstanding citizen soldiers. He was one of 83 recipients of the Chicago Tribune Outstanding Achievement awards presented in a military ceremony in the Nathan Hale court of Tribune Tower. The award, an engraved medallion, was presented by *General Bruce C. Clarke* (left), commanding general U. S. Continental Army command. In center is *John H. Thompson*, Tribune military editor.

ing cheer reached scores of persons in hospitals, orphanages and settlement houses. She helped to organize the Illinois branch of the Shut-in Society and also founded the Lola Cheer Club. She also was an amateur poetess and painter.

(*Public Information*)—*Kay Kilteen* recently returned from a week's vacation in Miami Beach, Florida.

—MARY E. CLARKE

Accident Prevention Urged By Reporter

LIMITS—Now that the bad weather has arrived, let's keep up the good work by preventing accidents.

Bus Operator Andy Wendt was in the Alexian Brothers hospital.

Let's have more news about vacations, holidays, births, weddings or anything else of news value. Our column is getting shorter and shorter.

—IRVING J. METZGER

SILVER WEDDING



WEARING THE original attire that they wore when they were first married, Douglas Park Conductor *Frank Yapelli* and his wife, *Margaret*, happily posed for this picture at their silver anniversary party.

Operator's Children Join Festivities

KEDZIE — *Operator Edward and Mrs. Gully* recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Helping them to make this a momentous occasion were their two sons, a daughter, granddaughter and friends.

Operator Edward Fenwick and his wife recently announced the birth of *Patrick Michael*. The Fenwicks have two other children, *James Patrick* and *Kathleen Marie*.

Presently, *Janitor Edward Glonke* was hospitalized due to eye surgery.

Also in the hospital are *Janitor Frank Helm* and *Clerk Patrick Finnegan*.

The Superintendents and office personnel wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyous and healthful New Year.

—C. P. STARR

Operator Enjoys Florida Vacation

ELECTRICAL — *Bernard Toal*, operator at State substation, sent a card from St. Petersburg, Florida, to say he was having the time of his life, enjoying the salt water and good weather.

Paul Malone and his wife announced the birth of *Shawn Parnell*, who was born on November 12. This makes four boys and three girls for the Malones.

Ralph Jossi, lineman, just returned from a hunting trip in Minnesota, where he bagged a small buck.

Albin Lund, chief operator at Crawford substation, has fully recovered from recent surgery on his leg and is back on the job.

Daniel Kelly, chief operator at 63rd substation, suffered the loss of his brother on November 16.

Harold Kramp, "B" electrician, vacationed in Miami Beach, Florida, and reported that the weather was perfectly warm and sunny.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE—Heavy-duty, Metal Master 8-inch power saw with case. Late model—like-new. Call H. Anders, CO 7-4846.

IN EXCHANGE—Will accept electrical, carpentry or driveway paving in trade for lot in McHenry, Illinois. L. Bushma, R.R. 2, Palos Hills, Illinois. Telephone: GArden 2-1282, after 5 p.m.

Agent Retires After 29 Years

LOOP (Agents) — *Herbert Templeman*, who began his transit career in 1930, as a trainman on the Douglas Park route, retired on pension December 1.

Herbert and his wife are going to "follow the sun," visiting their daughter, *Dymitrea*, and her family in Atlanta, Georgia, and then they're going to Florida for a while. Later, they will return to their farm in the Ozarks, where they will take up permanent residence.

Mary and George Ohnesorge's vacation was well-timed . . . they moved into their new apartment and spent several days visiting a cousin in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Presently, *Mary Walsh* is convalescing at the home of her sister, after a stay in the hospital.

Mary Brown and Mary Flanagan have returned to work after their recent siege of illness.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

Dinner - Meeting Strictly Social

PURCHASING AND STORES — An informal "get-together" was held by the Stores department on November 3, at Toffenetti's restaurant. This dinner-meeting was proposed to give the Stores employees, from our widely spaced locations, an opportunity to meet one another. *Mr. Harty* presented a series of color slides showing the various Stores locations, and from the favorable reactions received from the 81 employees who attended, it is hoped that this might become an annual affair. The color slide presentation and the door prize drawing were the only "planned" parts of a strictly social evening.

JoAnn Behof, general office, became the bride of *John Schultz* at St. Vincent DePaul church on November 14. After a reception and dinner at the Colonial House in Morton Grove, *Mr. and Mrs. Schultz* honeymooned in the east.

Earl Wilcox, south division, became a grandfather for the fifth time when he announced the arrival of *Linda Jean*.

File Clerk Fred Schrack recently joined our general office crew, as did *Clerk Typist Rose Marie Hayes*.

The mother of *Ann Gusich*, Purchasing, passed away November 14.

MERRY XMAS!



ALL DRESSED-up like one of Santa's helpers, *Karen Marie*, six-month-old daughter of *John Boyce*, Job Classification, is sending everyone a merry wish for a happy holiday season.

Welcome back to *Mildred Bonomo*, receptionist, Purchasing, who was on the sick list.

Larry Carrao, Purchasing, has resigned to become an apprentice-carpenter.

Anthony Ratrovato, clerk, Purchasing, transferred to the Claim department . . . *George Kahlfeldt* has replaced Tony.

—DAGMAR McNAMARA

Annual Meeting Promises Party

NORTH SECTION—The 22nd annual meeting of the North Side "L" Federal Credit Union will be held Sunday, January 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1440 W. Devon avenue. Members and their families are welcome. There

will be door prizes, refreshments and dancing.

C. E. Isaacson, Superintendent of Agents and Porters, returned to work after recuperating from surgery.

Motorman H. Koehler and *Conductor A. Carr* were on the sick list.

R. Hendrickx, a new clerk on the North Section, recently transferred from the Stores department.

—ANGELO BIANCHINI

Hill's Clan Is Getting Larger

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC — *Edward Hill* became a grandfather again on October 29, when his daughter and son-in-law announced the arrival of *Kevin Arthur Waugh*.

Peter Hart resigned from CTA to make his home in Tucson, Arizona.

Eli Freedman transferred to the Transportation department as an information clerk.

—GERTRUDE F. ANDERSON

PENSIONERS MEET

THE CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 5, at Odd Fellows hall, 105 4th street, south, St. Petersburg. All CTA pensioners living in that vicinity are invited to attend these meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month at the above time and address.

THE DIVISION 308 Pensioners Social Club of Chicago will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 21, on the 13th floor at 32 W. Randolph street. All retired members of Division 308 are invited to attend these meetings, which are held the third Thursday of each month at the above time and address.

Reporter Escapes Chicago Weather

SOUTH SHOPS — *Co-reporter Fran Louward* vacationed in and around Texas, and reported the weather was perfect.

Machinist Ray Walsh now is commuting to and from his new home in Ivanhoe.

Ed Fregeau, bus overhaul, is the proud father of a baby girl who was born on November 4.

Jerry Pavel, bus overhaul, injured his foot and will be on the sick list for sometime.

The mothers of *George Fiezel*, Industrial Engineering, and *George Streich*, bus overhaul, died recently . . . *Electrician Tom O'Malley's* brother recently passed away.

On the sick list, at this writing, were *Alice Rothman* and *Tina Mora*, both of the print shop; *Carpenters Al Madden* and *Bill Presz*, and *Roy Sundberg* of Bay 6.

—EVELYN HOWE and
FRANCES LOUWARD

Operator's Son Says "I Do"

NORTH PARK—*John Stevens*, son of *Operator Earl Stevens*, was married September 27 to *Miss Mary Busey* of Rantoul, Illinois.

Operator Connie Schmit spent an October vacation in Florida.

Clerk and Mrs. John Wathier celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary November 20.

Operator Charlie Giersch recently became a grandpop when his son, *Don*, announced the birth of a son on October 21.

Operator Reggie Anderson passed away suddenly on October 31.

We were sorry to hear of the death of *George Dean*, General Office, who was a former operator at Devon and North Park stations.

Operators George Sadlicki and *Ed Gron* recently suffered the loss of their mothers.

—EDWARD F. STENZEL and
EARL W. McLAUGHLIN

REPAIRMAN'S FRIENDS SAY GOODBYE



SOME OF the fellows at Kimball shops paused for a moment to gather around *Repairman W. A. Buerger*, who recently retired, while he received a farewell gift on their behalf. *Bill*, (front row, center) began his transit career as a repairman for the former Chicago Rapid Transit company on February 16, 1922. He retired on pension after 37 years of service.

Mike Adds Two Family Members in Two Weeks

NORTH AVENUE — *Operator Mike O'Grady* had a couple of busy weeks when two of his sons recently were married. *Michael, Jr.*, was married to *Barbara Mijka* at St. Terrios church on October 24. The couple honeymooned in the Smoky Mountains. Then, two weeks later, Mike's son, *John*, was married to *Carol McMahon* at Resurrection church. They honeymooned in Florida. Carol, who works in Job Classification, is the daughter of our *Shop Foreman John McMahon*.

Jeff Mulvey and his wife celebrated their silver anniversary on December 1.

Last month, *Operator Charles Luepke* and his wife welcomed their fifth child.

We have two new members for the "Grandfathers' Club." *Operator Jerry Vanek* was presented with a grandson on October 30 . . . and, *Operator Edward Barnard Smith* was presented with a granddaughter on November 10.

—JOE HIEBEL

Conductor Asks For Letters and Visitors

WEST SECTION — (Lake)—*Conductor Peter Six* presently is at Hines hospital recuperating from recent surgery. Pete sent word that he'd appreciate visitors and letters.

Conductor Walter J. Rafa was on the sick list.

Clerk Dan Doyle and his wife, *Mildred*, West Section agent, recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary by entertaining close friends and relatives in their home.

(Douglas) — *Extra Guard Wilbert Meals* and his wife, *Bertha*, announced the birth of *Stephanie* on November 3.

(Logan Square)—*Conductor Ernest Foye* took an early retirement on December 1.

Motorman Howard Henry retired on disability pension December 1. Howard, who had been on the sick list for some time, began his transit career in 1917.

—JOHN HANNING

Transit Family For Three Generations

77TH — *Supervisor John Sebastian Crossan's* grandfather, *Will Shelley*, was a foreman cabinet-maker at the old West Shops. His father, *John W.*, was a motorman at 69th,

NEWLYWEDS



CLAIM DEPARTMENT employees, *Gladys Shuflitowski* and *Ed Somers*, who were married on November 7, at Ascension church, Oak Park, cheerfully posed for this picture just before embarking on a New York honeymoon.

and *John S.*, started as clerk in 1919, at 69th. Then he was a motorman and later a supervisor. *Marcella Crossan*, his daughter, worked as a clerk in the South Shops of office until she became *Mrs. Pennington*.

O. W. Benson sent *Arnold Hillstrom* a card from Three Rivers, Michigan, where he and *Mrs. Benson* spent a holiday.

Operator Burnell Smith and his wife, *Effie*, announced the arrival of *Leslie Ann*, who was born on November 4 at Hillcrest hospital.

Supervisor Otto Krueger's son, *Norman*, hovered between life and death for the better part of a week in the hospital at Minneapolis, Minnesota, when peritonitis set in after an appendectomy. Otto who was at his son's bedside during this time now is back on the job and happy that his son has passed the crisis.

—JOE SMITH

Foreman's Father Dies After Long Illness

WAY AND STRUCTURES — *E. P. Wade, Sr.*, father of *E. P. (Ted) Wade, Jr.*, ironworker foreman, rapid transit division, died November 16. Mr. Wade was employed in the Real Estate department when he retired on May 1, 1954.

We are happy to welcome back *Edward Grzesiakowski*, carpenter, rapid transit division, after a long illness.

—MARLENE NEHER

Silver Anniversary Brings First Grandson

SOUTH SECTION — Your reporter and *Mrs. Bien* happily announced two good reasons for celebrating on November 10. First, they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, and, second, they welcomed their first grandchild. It was a boy!

Motorman John Burns and his family motored to Las Vegas, Nevada, and then to Los Angeles, where they visited with *Vince Haney*.

Yard Foreman Sam Wicks stopped off at our 61st street office and appeared to be recuperating nicely after his recent operation.

Clerk and Mrs. Al Lipke spent four weeks in Florida, visiting with old friends who have retired and are now living in that state.

Station Superintendent Ralph Wenstrom celebrated his birthday on November 15.

Board Member Patrick Hickey sent us a card which said he was enjoying himself down in Miami.

Motorman Charlie Southard took a trip to the Ozarks and sent a card saying that he had arrived there safely. The picture on the card displayed fish which he claims to have caught. On the surface, it looked kind of fishy.

Motorman John Burns traveled west, spending some time in Los Angeles where, he reported, it was pleasant. However, John says he still prefers Chicago.

Porter John Wilson is slowly recovering from his recent illness and hopes to be back at work real soon.

Motorman Paul Schille recently received a reward from a passenger for finding her purse, which contained valuable identification.

Conductor and Mrs. Ray Dougherty recently vacationed in the east, visiting Maryland and Virginia.

North Section *Station Superintendent Lester J. Hickey* and his wife celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss on October 22.

Shop Clerk Jim Daley recently informed us that he celebrated his 50th birthday.

Retiring on pension December 1 were: *Agents Edna Bell* and *Mary Noonan* and *Yard Foreman Adolph Huff*.

—LEO J. BIEN

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE — AKC registered miniature Schnauzer puppies. Ideal Christmas gifts. Also, like-new Stereo-Realist camera. \$50.00. Contact *Harry Tannhauser*, ORchard 3-2581.

ELECTRICIAN RETIRES AFTER 42 YEARS



AFTER MORE than 42 years of service, *Electrician George Lindell*, South Shops, retired on pension November 1. He began his transit career on March 24, 1917. George, second from left, is receiving a farewell gift from *Foreman John Sommer* on behalf of his co-workers.

Reported by *Evelyn Howe* and *Frances Louward*

40-YEAR EMPLOYEES RECENTLY RETIRED



John E. Quaid, receiver, Forest Glen, December 1, 47 years.

Harry E. Diehl, conductor, North Section, December 1, 45 years.

Daniel P. Moriarty, operator, Forest Glen, December 1, 42 years.

Sightseeing and Work Fill-up Vacations

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS — (Lake) — *Repairman Mike O'Malley* did some work around his home and a little sightseeing during his recent vacation.

Repairman Bill Gehrig took several short trips in and around Chicago and visited his father in Wisconsin, during his vacation.

Lloyd Robinson, repairman, put his vacation to good use by "boning-up" on his night school studies and doing some work around the house.

Repairman John Koger and his wife, *Frances*, recently announced the birth of a daughter.

News seems to be scarce, so how about making a resolution for supplying this column with more information about your family and their activities?

—JOE FEINENDEGEN

Vacation Includes Daughter's Wedding

SKOKIE SHOPS — *Shopman Louis Lesko* recently returned from a one-month vacation, during which he attended his daughter's wedding in California. *Louie* commented that he had run into a few big blizzards out west, and was glad to get back to Chicago.

Walter Hylton, painter, recently announced the arrival of a granddaughter, *Linda Marie*, who was born in Saugerties, New York, on October 21.

Catherine Ann Harnett, typist, went to Adrienne, Michigan, during a recent week-end to see her

cousin, *Sister Rose Mathew*. *Sister Rose* is the former *Nancy Heavey*, who worked in the Public Information department.

—DAVID GURWICH and
EVERETT E. ENGLAND

Fire Sweeps Agent's Home

WEST SECTION (Agents) — *Agent and Mrs. Frank Zima* were the unfortunate victims of a disastrous fire that swept through their new home in Berwyn during the latter part of October. In addition to the costly damage to the house, most of their clothing and personal effects were totally destroyed. Latest report is that their home would be ready for occupancy sometime during December.

Agent and Mrs. Larry Shallbetter celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on November 3.

Agent Edith Mauro's husband is recuperating nicely after having had serious eye surgery.

Agent Mike McDonnell presently is on vacation. Mike planned to spend his time between home and Lombard, where he enjoys playing with his grandchildren.

Agent Louise Drews and her husband enjoyed a week of their vacation driving to Cleveland to visit with relatives.

Agent Victor Brown motored to Virginia, where he reported having had a fine time visiting with his relatives.

Agent Joseph Vaneck just returned from his vacation, which he spent in and around Chicagoland.

Agent Ed Segersen took a short vacation, not going anywhere, but enjoying every minute of it.

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

REGINALD C. ANDERSON, 54, operator, North Park. Died 10-30-59. Employed 1-26-29.

PETER BIELINIS, 65, retired carpenter "A," South Shops. Died 11-7-59. Employed 2-21-29.

ANTON BLAHO, 62, carpenter, West Shops. Died 10-28-59. Employed 4-22-27.

T. F. BLAIGE, 64, retired conductor, Armitage. Died 10-6-59. Employed 11-23-22.

J. W. BOWER, 71, retired motorman, North Avenue. Died 11-4-59. Employed 3-25-19.

ELIHU BOZARTH, 72, retired motorman, Transportation. Died 10-25-59. Employed 2-15-11.

SAMUEL BROWN, 70, retired porter, Transportation. Died 10-19-59. Employed 7-8-43.

PATRICK CORCORAN, 73, retired motorman, North Avenue. Died 11-5-59. Employed 7-16-12.

ROBERT CLAWSON, 50, conductor, 61st Street. Died 10-27-59. Employed 2-24-42.

PATRICK CLEARY, 71, retired motorman, 69th Street. Died 10-17-59. Employed 10-1-14.

F. S. COLLINS, 55, retired porter, Transportation. Died 10-14-59. Employed 2-23-43.

JOHN COYNE, 68, retired motorman, 77th Street. Died 10-2-59. Employed 3-8-17.

GEORGE DEAN, 49, information clerk, Transportation Department. Died 10-24-59. Employed 11-30-46.

Agent Thomas O'Shaughnessey is back on the job after having been off for several weeks.

Agent Beulah Fields returned to work after having been confined to the hospital where she underwent surgery . . . *Agent George Bohakel* also returned to work after a short siege of illness.

—GORDON KELLY

JOHN DIPUMA, 68, laborer, Way and Structures. Died 10-12-59. Employed 2-7-29.

A. A. FUHRMANN, 71, retired motorman, Kedzie. Died 10-8-59. Employed 3-17-27.

FRANK GESTAUTAS, 73, retired car repairman, Lawndale. Died 11-4-59. Employed 5-10-08.

THOMAS KERRIGAN, 49, operator, Forest Glen. Died 10-24-59. Employed 1-12-37.

J. H. KOLB, 79, retired conductor, 69th Street. Died 11-1-59. Employed 5-13-20.

ANTON KONCEL, 46, retired winder "A," South Shops. Died 10-23-59. Employed 2-23-29.

F. J. KOUBEK, 78, retired crossing watchman, Transportation. Died 11-8-59. Employed 6-5-28.

EDWARD KUPCZYK, 60, operator, Keeler. Died 11-6-49. Employed 6-3-25.

GEORGE MINOR, 60, porter, Transportation. Died 10-31-59. Employed 12-25-45.

T. W. MORGAN, 58, retired special engineer, Way and Structures. Died 10-28-59. Employed 11-12-30.

HAROLD MORRISON, 61, operator, Beverly. Died 10-31-59. Employed 12-31-19.

JOSEPH PARSYGNAT, 52, conductor, Howard Street. Died 10-21-59. Employed 7-1-29.

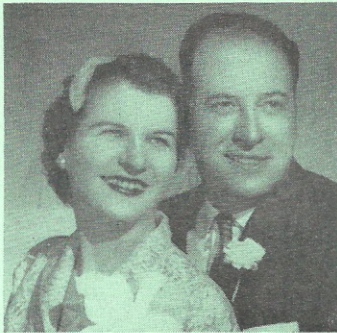
H. L. PFLUG, 64, retired motorman, Devon Avenue. Died 10-18-59. Employed 8-24-26.

WALTER PIEHL, 54, conductor, Lake Street. Died 10-27-59. Employed 6-30-30.

T. P. ROCHE, 68, retired conductor, 77th Street. Died 10-27-59. Employed 10-18-10.

R. R. SPEARS, SR., 62, retired conductor, Devon Avenue. Died 10-13-59. Employed 1-26-23.

REPORTER WEDS



SOUTH SHOPS' "Inside News" Reporter Evelyn Clark recently was married to **Vernon Howe**, paint shop, South Shops, at St. Denis' church. A dinner was held for the immediate family after the ceremony, and later a reception for 160 guests was held in the Southtown V.F.W. hall.

CTA Medical Director Heads Doctors' Group

DR. GEORGE H. Irwin, CTA Medical Director, was recently elected president of the North Shore Branch of the Chicago Medical Society, largest of the parent society's branch units which have been established throughout the city and suburbs.

The branch units are the outgrowth of the Chicago metropolitan area's rapid expansion and continuing increase in population. To meet these needs, the Chicago Medical Society formed 15 of these units which maintain close liaison with the central body which has offices in the Chicago loop. The North Shore Branch has a membership of over 800 physicians.

The purpose of the central society and its branches is to promote the art and science of medicine and provide organizations which will insure the ethical practice of medicine throughout the city and suburban communities.

"Some people are easily entertained. All you have to do is sit down and listen to them."

New Pensioners

M. C. Bernotas, bus cleaner, Archer. Employed 2-19-45.

W. A. Buerger, repairman, Kimball Avenue. Employed 2-16-22.

P. J. Curnane, laborer, West Shops. Employed 3-23-26.

Michael Duhig, plant guard, CTA Department of Police. Employed 7-21-26.

G. V. Lindell, electrical worker, South Shops. Employed 3-24-17.

Carlo Maniglia, laborer, Way & Structures. Employed 7-16-27.

Clarence McCann, operator, 69th. Employed 9-8-23.

C. T. Rattray, combination clerk, North Section. Employed 9-10-23.

C. A. Roney, conductor, West Section. Employed 8-16-20.

O. B. Secor, emergency chauffeur, Way & Structures. Employed 9-16-29.

Mitar Sharovich, trackman, Way & Structures. Employed 11-1-30.

A. W. Smith, agent, West Section. Employed 12-30-25.

Ben Targosz, gateman, West Section. Employed 9-28-39.

R. W. Watt, collector, Transportation. Employed 12-11-19.

W. G. Wiebe, operator, Forest Glen. Employed 3-7-29.

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

S. A. Anderson, operator, 77th. Employed 12-18-33.

J. C. Ax, agent, North Section. Employed 7-15-47.

D. F. Capriola, repairman "A", 77th. Employed 10-16-43.

TEST PLATFORM HEATING SYSTEM

FOR THE comfort of rapid transit patrons who are required to wait for trains during non-rush hours. CTA is experimenting with a heating system on the platform of the Fullerton avenue station on the North - South rapid transit route.

Four heaters, costing about \$4,000 have been installed under the canopy between the two stairways on the north end of the southbound platform at Fullerton avenue. This station platform was chosen for the test because of the heavy transfer traffic between passengers of the Ravenswood and North-South rapid transit lines.

The heaters are turned on only when the temperature dips below the 32-degree mark. During these cold periods, heaters operate at all times of the day and night except during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

The gas-fired heaters produce heat through infra-red rays which penetrate downward.

For more effective use of the heaters, CTA plans to in-

stall a windbreak between the two sets of heaters so that two heaters will be on each side of the windbreak and the heat will be more concentrated.

CTA also plans to experiment with an electric heating installation of a similar type at Fullerton avenue station sometime in the future.

Mrs. W. W. Schroeder Dies Suddenly

SERVICES WERE held November 27 for **Mrs. Elizabeth Schroeder**, wife of **Werner W. Schroeder**, vice-chairman, Chicago Transit Board, who died suddenly November 24 in Wesley Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Schroeder was interred, following services at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, at Mount Grove Cemetery, Kankakee. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder were married in Kankakee in 1920. They had no children.

Surviving are two brothers, **James** and **Angus More**, of Kankakee.

ART STUDENT



ALL SMILES is 14-year-old **Patricia Anne**, daughter of **Operator John Mathey**, Beverly, after she was told that she had won a **James Nelson Raymond** scholarship to the Art Institute. Patricia attends the **Dixon Elementary** school.

Suggestion Awards Top Last Year

CTA'S EMPLOYEE Suggestion System has paid out a total of \$2,771 in awards during the first 10 months of this year according to a report as of November 1 issued recently.

Of this amount, \$2,351 was in new awards based on suggestions adopted for the first time this year. Supplementary awards, based on additional cash grants given for suggestions adopted previously which have been tested and proved practical in actual operations, totaled \$420.

To the November 1 date, 125 suggestions were adopted out of the 686 submitted by 554 participating employees. Of this total, 107 suggestions were being held pending further consideration and action at a future date.

The awards so far this year already have exceeded the total for all of 1958, when cash grants of \$2,050 were made for 91 winning suggestions.

For And About Our Pensioners

PURCHASING AND STORES — *Joseph O'Reilly*, former Divisional Storekeeper is presently confined to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

—DAGMAR McNAMARA

LIMITS — *Former Operator Emil Lefeber* and his wife recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. He retired in 1949 after 43 years of service. He had a record of not being on the sick list for the last 25 years. We hope he has many more anniversaries.

—IRVING J. METZGER

77TH—*Tom Nolan* and his wife, *Ann*, were guests of *Bill Heinz* at Bass lake, near Knox, Indiana, recently. While they were there, *Claude Stewart* stopped by for a visit.

Joe Matern now is working part-time in a bank here in Chicago.

Joe Trinen celebrated his 81st birthday with his family.

Paul "Red" Petersen entertained visitors from Division 241, who at-

tended the Miami convention at his Pompano, Florida, home.

—JOE SMITH

SOUTH SECTION—The Agents' Pension Club held their recent meeting at Neilsens restaurant. Forty-four members were present.

—LEO J. BIEN

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS — *William Ford*, former foreman at Kimball shop, is convalescing from a recent illness at the Bel Air nursing home, 309 W. 16th Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois. He would appreciate hearing from his friends.

Pensioner Al Sayle, repairman, Lake Shops, sent his regards to his many friends.

—JOE FEINENDEGEN

WEST SECTION—Former Lake Street Conductor *Matt Mattes* called the terminal to wish us well and said he's feeling fine.

—JOHN HANNING

Tom Fitzpatrick, *Jerry Kane*, *Pat Reynolds*, *Gene Sullivan* and *Pat Browne* visited at the Little Flower Shrine recently.

John Daly is working at the Art Institute; *Gene O'Rourke* is working at the Stock Yards bank, and *Jerry Kelleher* is with the Board of Education.

Tom and Mary Hughes vacationed in Tucson, Arizona. *Charles Beijers* visited them while they were there and said he recently sold his duplex home.

Dan Urquardt and *George Grasel* drove in from Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the Division 241 meeting.

BEVERLY—*Pensioner Matt Queenan* who worked 69th street depot for 26 years was in Chicago for a visit. Matt lives in Ormond Beach, Florida.

Pensioner Jack Halloran of Chicago returned recently from a trip to Florida. Jack visited with *Paul Peterson* who lives in Pompono, Florida.

Pensioner Jack Walsh, former Operator at 77th wants to say hello to all his buddies in Chicago.

Pensioner Jim McGuire who was operated on a few months back, wants all his friends to know he is coming along fine, on the road to recovery.

Sorry to hear that the wife of *Pensioner John McAllister* passed away on October 22.

—CLIFFORD L. HOWARD

GENERAL OFFICE (Transportation) —A letter recently received from *Ruth Soutter*, formerly of Transportation, stated that she is enjoying her pension to no end. She arises at 8:30 a.m., eats a leisurely breakfast, visits with neighbors, and then shops around in Pasadena. Just recently, Ruth played hostess to *Marie Krausman*, who visited California for a two-week period.

—JULIE PRINDERVILLE

SOUTH SHOPS — *Retired Foreman Robert Dietz* now is residing in Englewood, California. His address is 3930 W. 64th street. He would like to hear from his many friends at CTA.

Painter Ted Slikas, who retired some time ago, stopped in for a visit at South Shops.

—EVELYN HOWE and
FRANCES LOUWARD

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GET-TOGETHER FOR LONG-TIMERS

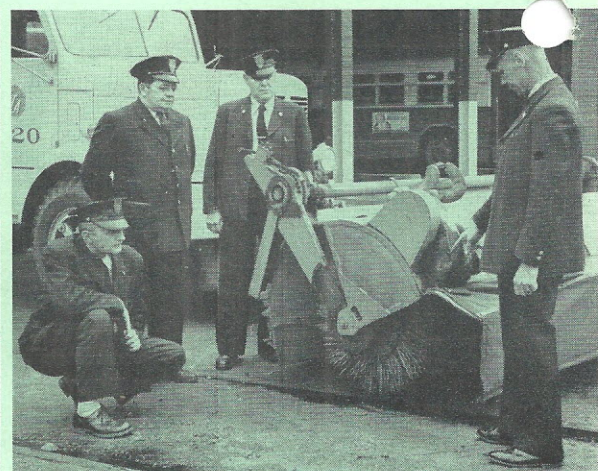


THIS PHOTO shows, from left to right, *Clarence Brieger*, motorman on the Douglas Park branch who has 33 years of service, *Thomas Burke*, now deceased, who began his transit service in 1886, and worked as a dispatcher on the Douglas branch until retirement, and *William Brieger*, Clarence's dad, who retired on pension recently after 47 years of service. Bill's nephew, *Frank Scheubert*, works in Staff Engineering.

Supervisors' Refresher Course



PROBLEMS OF winter operations and a review of the new "Serve With CTA" program were discussed at a supervisor's refresher course held recently. Eight class sessions, two each day for four days, constituted the course which was held at three locations, 77th, Archer, and CTA's Training Center, 2660 N. Clark street. The picture at the left shows one of the groups attending a session at 77th station. Standing at the



rear center, in dark suits, are the two instructors for the course, **James J. Roche**, district superintendent, rapid transit system, and **Thomas Shanahan**, district superintendent, surface system. In the picture at the right, three surface supervisors, left to right, receive instructions on operation of snow equipment from **Instructor Joseph Will** (pointing.) They are, **John Petrosius**, **Edward Joy** and **William Smith**.

Survey Seeks Data on Suburb-to-City Drivers

MOTORISTS WHO drive between the western suburbs and Chicago recently cooperated with CTA in a postcard survey aimed at finding out pertinent travel habits and determining plans for the future development of rapid transit facilities in the far west side area.

Primary objectives of the survey were to measure motorists' attitude towards building a large, multi-story, ramp-type Park-N-Ride garage at the Desplaines avenue rapid transit terminal in Forest Park to determine if motorists would be willing to pay a normal fee for all-day, off-street parking if such a facility were available.

Information also was sought as to where motorists park in Chicago—on the street, free parking lot or pay parking lot—and whether the motorists' destinations are near the Congress rapid transit route or any other CTA rapid transit route.

The survey was conducted by CTA personnel at 10 intersections in the suburbs of River Forest, Forest Park and North Riverside. Some 15,000 cards were distributed during a seven

and one-half hour period which included the eastbound morning rush period. Cards returned by mail to CTA totaled 2,000, considered a good response in view of the fact that two of the intersections covered were far removed from the Congress rapid transit route.

The cards, which will give a cross-section of opinion on the questions asked, are now being tabulated and analyzed.

MOTORISTS DRIVING into Chicago from western suburbs were recently handed postcard questionnaires by CTA personnel in a survey to determine travel habits and develop information on parking facilities used. The questionnaires were distributed while cars were stopped at traffic lights so that the flow of traffic was not interrupted in any way. More than 15,000 of the survey cards were passed out. Here, **Norbert Piecyk**, traffic analyst III, Traffic Engineering Department, one of the group who distributed the questionnaires, hands a card to an eastbound motorist headed for the city.



MAKING YOUR OWN

White Christmas



INVITATION TO the family to gather round for Christmas carols—the piano topped with a creche and holiday greens. Snow suds on the creche and branches add beauty to the scene. That big tree-background is red paper, decorated with home-made snowflakes made by squeezing a thick soap-and-water mixture through a cookie press. When dry, glue them to the paper with rubber cement.

IT'S CHRISTMAS . . . visions of sugar plums dance in children's heads. What do you see—too much to do in a short time?

Those last-minute decorative chores, for example. Will they send you scurrying? You can end such anxieties—swiftly, and easily—with soapsuds.

That's right—soapsuds! It's a novel way to complete holiday projects; glistening suds whipped up like snow will decorate your Christmas tree and gift boxes . . . adorn your creche . . . bring three-dimensional artwork to your mirrors and windows . . . provide an effective safety valve for your youngsters' excitement.

"Suds-snow" not only works like magic, it's as simple to produce as rubbing Aladdin's lamp. All you do is pour several cups of packaged soap (or detergent) and a minimum of water into a bowl. Beat with an electric or hand mixer until suds have the consistency of whipped cream — and you're ready to decorate!

THIS LITTLE Christmas tree never saw a forest—or real snow either for that matter! But here it stands, proudly laden with lacy golden cones, made of gold paper doilies, and filled with toothsome sweets. A delightful young decorator is heaping the lifelike plastic boughs with suds-snow as beautiful as any in the great outdoors—only not so perishable.

Start with your Christmas tree. Realistic suds-snow will bring that white Christmas to your evergreen—no matter what the weather outside. Using a spoon, drift some "snow" artistically on the boughs of your tree.

If the tree is white, add vegetable coloring while mixing your suds to achieve a beautiful color contrast. (A similar "snowfall" provides just the right decor for the roof of your creche and on holly and evergreen sprigs that surround it.)

After "frosting" your tree, complete your decoration with distinctive ornaments made from the same basic soap—but mixed to a stiff, dough-like consistency. For example, fill a cookie press with these thick suds. Then press snowflake circles or diamonds—with holes in the middle—on to a cookie sheet, and add glitter for a sparkling touch. Let them dry for 24 hours and they're ready to be tied to the boughs of your tree with colorful ribbons or strings. You can also glue them to any flat surface.

Versatile suds-snow comes in handy for decorating gift packages, too. Just wrap your presents with attractive paper . . . fill a pastry tube with medium dense suds . . . and you're ready to "draw" any

appropriate design for the occasion—initials, messages, snowflakes, candy cane, or what have you. Place these on the broadest surface of your box and accent them with holly sprigs or miniature balls. You'll find you've created the most distinctive packages under your tree!

There's one more happy side to the advent of snow-suds for the Yule season. They provide a constructive medium for your children—a happy outlet during your flurry of Yuletide activity. Let them have fun decorating the mirrors and windows of their rooms with Christmas pictures. Armed with no more than paint brushes and a bowlful of thick suds, they can create striking 3-D effects—that wash off after the holidays easily as any soap does, leaving your mirrors and windows cleaner than ever!

Youngsters can also make Christmas gifts from suds! One idea: a pencil holder made from an empty frozen juice can. First, the top has to be removed. Then your child colors the can, using a mixture of one teaspoon of soap or detergent to two or three teaspoons of tempera. This is an important recipe because tempera paints adhere to shiny, waxed, or metal surfaces only when soap or detergent is added.

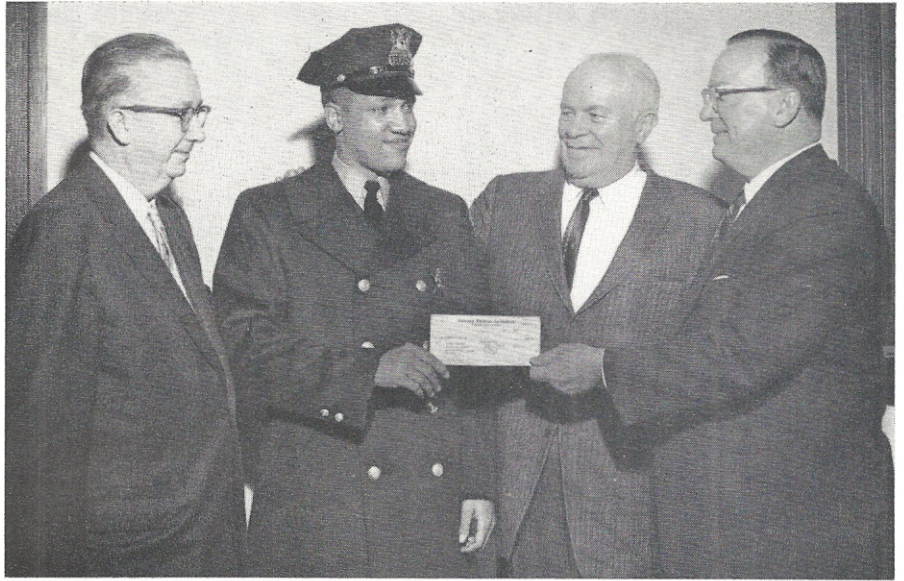
After the paint dries, Junior or Sis can design a suds-snow picture over it to provide an eye-catching decoration—and an attractive gift for any member of the family.

No matter which of these refreshing soap-suds decorations you use, remember to let it dry for 24 hours. It will remain bright as frost in the moonlight through the New Year's holiday.

WHAT BETTER way to keep the small fry occupied on a holiday afternoon than painting a Christmas mural on the living room mirror with easily removable "suds-snow."



ALERT POLICE work by an off-duty patrolman, which resulted in the capture of a suspected hold-up man who subsequently confessed to the robbery of a woman on CTA property, won an award of \$200 voted by Chicago Transit Board recently. Presentation was made in the office of Commissioner T. J. O'Connor by Board Chairman V. E. Gunlock on November 20. In this picture, taken at the commissioner's office, are shown (left to right): William W. McKenna, Board member and secretary of Chicago Transit Board, Policeman Booker Porter, arresting officer; Commissioner O'Connor, and Mr. Gunlock.



Reward Policeman For Capture of Hold-up Man

IN LINE with a policy recently established by Chicago Transit Board to reward off-duty policemen who apprehend persons who commit crimes on CTA property, V. E. Gunlock, Chairman of the Board, on November 20 presented \$200.00 to Policeman Booker Porter, 26, of the Warren Avenue station.

The presentation took place in the office of Commissioner T. J. O'Connor. Both Commissioner O'Connor and Mr.

Gunlock commended Policeman Porter for his devotion to duty and to the police code of conduct.

On October 12, 1959, while off-duty, Policeman Porter saw Horace McClinton attempting to rob Mrs. Helen Delimata at the Medical Center station of the West Side Subway. When McClinton fled, Policeman Porter gave chase and captured him. Subsequently, McClinton confessed that he had committed

three purse snatchings and one strong-arm robbery on subway platforms in the previous six weeks.

Previously Chicago Transit Board authorized a reward of \$1,000 to be divided among policemen determined by Commissioner O'Connor to be responsible for the arrest of the slayer of Samuel A. Schwartz, 16, at the Cermak road rapid transit station on the night of October 4, 1959.

George Roesing Retires After 46 Years of Transit Service

A TRANSIT career extending over a period of 46 years was terminated December 1 when George C. Roesing, assistant superintendent of operating stations for the rapid transit system, retired on pension.

Mr. Roesing began his long term of service as a guard on the old South Side elevated railroad on December 16, 1913, and became a train clerk on August 24, 1915. On February 1, 1940, he

was named a service inspector, and stepped up to night trainmaster on March 1, 1941. He was appointed to the position he held at the time of his retirement on June 24, 1951.

Mr. Roesing recalls that his pay at the time he started with the old South Side "L" was 21 cents per hour, and chiefly remembers as highlights of his career days and events when record crowds taxed the service and equipment of the rapid transit lines.

Chief among these are World War I years, when cars were jammed with workers riding between the Indiana avenue transfer station and the Stock Yards which were on a war production basis.

He also was on the job in June, 1926, when Chicago and the suburb of Mundelein were the scene of the International Eucharistic Congress of the Roman Catholic Church. On this occasion, north and south side "L" trains ran di-

rectly between Chicago and Mundelein over North Shore Line tracks and carried some 300,000 persons within a space of 24 hours.

The Century of Progress Exposition in 1933 and 1934 brought other record-breaking days since the lake front grounds were convenient to all Chicago by elevated trains.

Mr. Roesing's son, Robert A., is a CTA supervisor in the Transportation Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Roesing intend to spend several weeks with a daughter residing in Houston, Texas, following his retirement. He then plans to go to Florida where he has purchased a home.

Mr. Roesing was guest of honor at several retirement parties given by his co-workers. He expects to spend many pleasant hours exchanging memories of transit days with members of the CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg.

George C. Roesing





OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

THIS IS the time of year when it is a good old-fashioned custom to make New Year resolutions. How popular this practice is in the age in which we live is indeterminate. But whether or not we decide to define our aims for the year ahead and resolve to accomplish them, it also is a time for retrospection.

What have we done in the old year that could have been done better? Have we tried to handle the responsibilities entrusted to us to the best of our ability?

This brings into consideration our attitude toward our jobs. We might well ask ourselves: "Have I contributed to making CTA service more desirable?" "Have I helped make friends of the people whose patronage pays our wages?"

Honest self-examination may disclose that we have grown less conscientious in job performance. If this is our conclusion, let's start 1960 with the resolution to improve our work habits and help to establish higher standards in safety, courtesy and efficiency, a combination that will insure greater approval from the public whom we serve.

These letters of commendation, recently received in the Service Section of the Public Information Department, illustrate how employees are helping to win favor for the CTA and make it a better transit system:

"Honesty Respected"

Operator B. F. Kantak, Forest Glen: "I boarded a bus driven by Operator No. 960 at Northwest Highway and Oliphant and handed him what I thought was three dollar bills for 10 tokens. He gave me change of 75 cents, the tokens and the transfer. I was about to take a seat when he called my attention to the fact that I had given him four dollars, one of the new bills having stuck to another. He said 'You gave me one dollar too many.' When I asked for his number he replied: 'That isn't necessary. Right is right.' Gratitude is not a virtue that comes easily to the human race, but I can exercise it when it presents itself, hence this letter to denote that I respect honesty."

"A Fine Gentleman"

Loader A. D. Vito, Central District: "I happen to be a daily commuter and come in contact with many of your personnel. There is one transfer taker at State and Madison who is one of the finest men with whom I have ever come in contact. I've watched him during rush hours and he is never unkind to anyone. He always takes time to direct passengers and tell them which bus to take to their destination. All in all he is tops and seems to be a fine gentleman. More power to him. It makes riding a pleasure when you meet public employees like Badge Number 83."

"Courteous and Efficient"

Agents Lillian Eder and Teresa Moran, North Section: "Recently I had occasion to use the ladies' room at Loyola station. I hung my handbag on a hook and forgot it. Immediately upon entering one of the cars on a southbound train, I remembered it. I got off at Granville station and told my story to the agent on duty, No. 268. She immediately telephoned Agent No. 45 at Loyola, and because of the courtesy and efficiency of these two ladies, I found my handbag which contained money and valuable papers such as my driver's license, social security card, etc. You are certainly to be commended on the high caliber agents you have in your service."

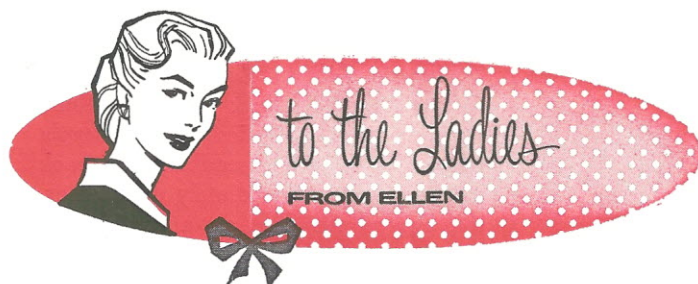
"Cooperative Service"

Operator Frank W. Neuman, Jr., Keeler: "The courtesy, honesty and attention I received from employees at Keeler station in returning a lost article is indeed worthy of commendation. Recently I left a box containing a new dress I had purchased on an Addison bus. Upon transferring at Harlem avenue, I missed the package immediately. Upon inquiring of the operator where Addison buses checked in, he told me Keeler station and suggested I call to see if the package had been turned in."

"I was advised to call later in the evening and did so, but the package had not been recovered. Later that evening I received a call from CTA that the operator on the Addison bus had turned the package in and that it could be picked up next morning. All the men I contacted were courteous and it left me with a fine feeling towards the CTA."

SHOWN HERE is a comparison of complaints and commendations recently received by Chicago Transit Authority for November, 1959; October, 1959, and November, 1958:

	Nov. 1959	Oct. 1959	Nov. 1958
Complaints	1129	1055	917
Commendations	98	105	59



HI! HO! SANTA—IT'S COOKIE TIME

THIS IS the season of sweets—butter cookie style—big ones, little ones, long ones and round ones. All in gay holiday attire. But there's no need to work your fingers to the bone just before and during the holidays. This colorful array of Christmas cookies can be made up days before the rush. Or, if you're the lucky owner of a freezer, you can make these cookies at your leisure, weeks before, and freeze them for those happy days to come.

The magic of these cookies is that the flavor actually improves several days after baking because of the butter used.

The trick to making Candy Cane, Wreath and Bon Bon cookies is in the tinting. The Bon Bons are all actually made from a single batch of dough, as are the Wreaths and Candy Canes and then tinted to suit the purpose. Unusual? You can bet your yuletide spirit they are.

CANDY CANES and CHRISTMAS WREATHS— $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups ($2\frac{1}{2}$ sticks) butter; 1 cup confectioners' sugar; 1 egg; 1 teaspoon vanilla; $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon almond extract; $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups sifted flour; 1 teaspoon salt; red and green coloring; 1 egg white; red and green decorating sugar, and cinnamon candies.

Cream butter. Add sugar and mix well. Add egg and flavorings, then flour and salt which have been sifted together. Set aside half of the dough. Divide the other half in two parts. Tint one part light green and the other light red with food coloring. For candy canes, roll 1 teaspoonful of white dough and one of red into strips about 4 inches long. Place strips side by side and twist together lightly. Carefully put on ungreased baking sheets and curve the top down to form a handle. Brush with egg white and sprinkle with red sugar. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 10-12 minutes. For wreaths, use 1 teaspoonful of white dough and one of green. After twisting them together, form into



KINDLY KRIS Kringle, with his sleigh of sweets, recommends the three cookie varieties shown in this gay assortment. By name, they are—colorful and bright Candy Canes, Christmas Wreaths and delectable Christmas Bon Bon cookies.

a circle on the cookie sheet. Brush with egg white and sprinkle with green sugar. Use cinnamon candies for garnish and bake the same way as the candy canes. Yield: 4-5 dozen cookies.

CHRISTMAS BON BON COOKIES: 1 cup (2 sticks) butter; $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups confectioners' sugar; 1 egg; $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla; $2\frac{1}{4}$ cups sifted flour; $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt; $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder; food coloring; blanched almond halves, and candied fruit.

Cream butter. Add sugar and mix well. Beat in egg and vanilla, then add flour which has been sifted with salt and baking powder. Mix well. Divide the dough into fourths. Leave one part white, tint one light pink, one light green and the last light yellow. Chill for several hours. Form into small balls, using one teaspoonful of dough for each. Decorate the tops of the cookies with a blanched almond half or pieces of candied fruit. Bake in a 350° preheated oven for 8-10 minutes or until the bottom edge of the cookies begins to brown. Remove from cookie sheet and cool on cake racks. Yield: 6 dozen cookies.

Quick Bread for Yuletide Entertaining

QUICK LOAF breads—sweet, fruit or nut filled—are year 'round favorites. During the busy Christmas season they help make entertaining fun and easy. Just slice and spread with butter or margarine or make dainty tea sandwiches with sweetened cream cheese.

Orange-Walnut Loaf is easy to make and tops in versatility. It's delicious as an accompaniment for a salad luncheon and eye-catching when made into dainty party sandwiches. Team with hot milk or hot chocolate and these versatile quick breads become a good snack for youngsters.

ORANGE - WALNUT
Loaf — an easy to make bread — will be a starring feature at your festive holiday informal buffet or party.

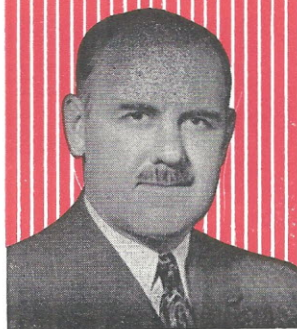
Orange-Walnut Loaf

2 cups sifted enriched flour	4 teaspoons grated orange rind
1 tablespoon baking powder	1 egg, beaten
1 teaspoon salt	$\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 cup milk
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar	3 tablespoons melted shortening
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup chopped walnuts	

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Add walnuts and orange rind. Combine egg, milk and shortening. Add liquid to flour mixture, stirring until flour is well moistened. Turn into greased $4\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ -inch loaf pan. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 1 hour. Makes 1 loaf.



MEDICALLY SPEAKING



By Dr. George H. Irwin
CTA Medical Director

FOR BETTER HEALTH IN 1960

GOOD HEALTH is the most precious gift we have. Let everyone make a pledge in 1960 to maintain or improve their health. This can be done in several different ways. Visiting your doctor for a physical check-up is the most important part of the program. One should not be completely satisfied even though no physical defect is found. To properly evaluate one's health other factors must be analyzed. Harmful habits should be eliminated.

A faulty habit, such as excessive smoking may not, in the beginning, produce any abnormal physical findings. However, if this is continued, diseases such as bronchitis, stomach ulcers, heart trouble or lung cancer may develop. The occasional smoker is not in this category.

To further illustrate how excessive habits may affect your health, let me remind you that overeating contributes to high blood pressure, heart trouble and diabetes. Excess drinking may lead to cirrhosis of the liver. It is up to the

individual person to face up to any habits which may be harmful to his health and eliminate them.

The habit of exercise is recognized as one of the important factors contributing to physical fitness. On the other hand, common sense tells us that exercise should not be overdone. Exercise should be carried out according to age, individual reaction to activity and the state of a person's fitness. After the age of 40, periodic medical evaluation should be sought before participating in strenuous exercise. It is good to remember that the total amount of exercise one takes is not so important as the rate or speed in which it is taken.

Another procedure to follow in maintaining good health is the periodic examination by an eye specialist. Practically all our actions and knowledge are dependent on or come to us through our eyes. Normally, our daily work, happiness and good health are possible only when our eyes function properly. Therefore be sure to have your eyes checked

as a part of the program for better health. By all means include a dental examination as part of this examination.

Enjoyment of good health also means the elimination of worry and undue stress. Do not rely on the tranquilizer drugs too much for this. Learn the art of self-relaxation because relaxation is harmless and is nature's built-in tranquilizer. Try for a good night of natural sleep and avoid prolonged fatigue.

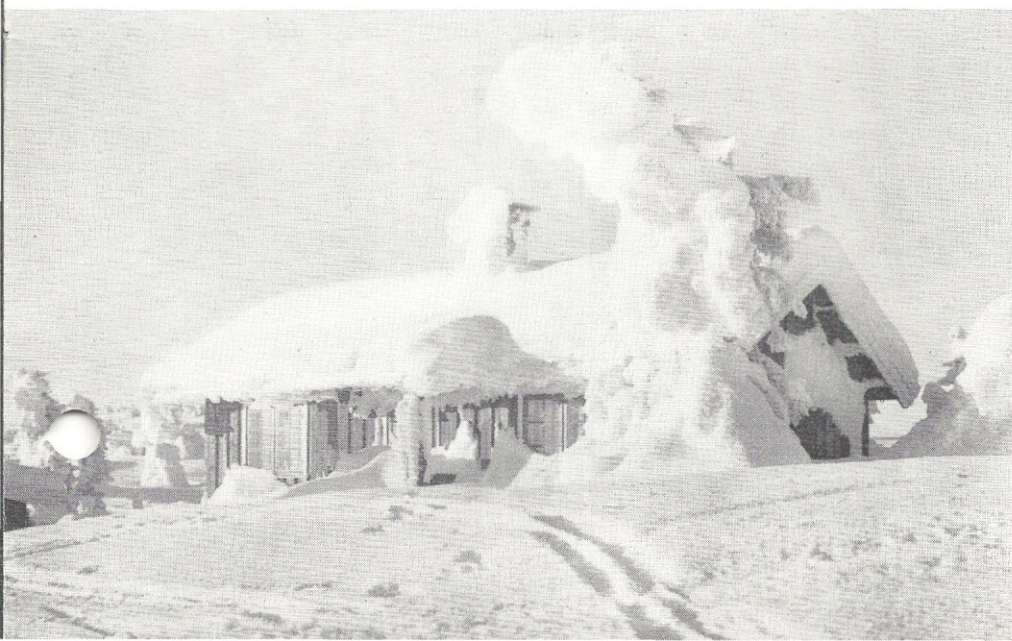
In this plan for good health, one should learn to dress properly for various seasons. Too much heavy clothing is just as harmful as too little.

Another habit to avoid is that of self-diagnosis and self-medication. Much trouble can be avoided in this way.

These are a few of the things you personally can do about controlling your habits for better health.

As stated at the beginning, the physical examination by your physician is all important in the crusade for good health. In this report it will be especially vital to know whether or not there is evidence of tuberculosis, heart trouble, diabetes, high blood pressure or cancer.

Once the examination has been made and advice given, be sure to carry out the doctor's instructions. If you do not follow his instructions, the program for good health will not be successful. Most people are reluctant to see their physician unless they are not feeling well. I urge you to be different in 1960 and make a resolution now to start your own crusade for better health. Once you make the decision and start the program you will find it much worth the time and effort.



THE THOUGHT of snow might make some people shudder, but it also can be beautifully fantastic when nature applies it with a lavish hand. Seeming to epitomize the dream of a "White Christmas" is this scene of winter in Norway, one of a collection of pictures sent to TRANSIT NEWS by Retired Motorman R. B. Stockman, formerly of North Avenue station, now living in Oslo, his native city. Note the snow-covered tree, which resembles a full length profile of a gigantic Santa Claus standing guard over a mountain retreat and the valley below.



Legend

OF THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER

EDITOR'S NOTE: In place of our usual "Garden Helps" feature, we are substituting an article about the traditional flower of the Christmas season—the poinsettia, a strange, spindly-stemmed plant which suddenly flowers everywhere as American homes and churches prepare for the Yuletide celebration.

UNDISPUTED HERALD of the Christmas season and widely-acclaimed as the Christmas flower in the United States, the poinsettia is not truly native to this country. Like many other customs, legends and ceremonials of the season, it has come from a foreign land.

A showy tropical shrub blooming originally in Mexico and Central America, it was sent here more than a century ago by *Joel R. Poinsett*, from whom its name is derived, then United States ambassador to Mexico, where it grew in wild and glorious profusion and culminated in blossoming splendor at Christmas holiday time.

According to a Mexican folk tale, a variant of the familiar parable of the humble giver, the poinsettia is proof of a miracle.

This Christmas story is the account of a simple village priest and his vacillating flock, torn between faith in the Christianity brought by Spanish missionaries and age-old fear of the Aztec idol *Tlaloc*. Its principal figure is a fatherless peasant boy, *Pablo*.

It is Pablo who serves as agent for the miracle which on Christmas morning destroys for all time the power of the Indian god. Because he is penniless, the boy has nothing to take to church for the manger service at which children of the village offer their meager gifts. Trailing the others, he grabs in desperation a handful of dusty weeds which he lays before the altar as the watching youngsters giggle over the choice. The old

priest, *Father Clemente*, rebukes them, remarking that Pablo has given what he could, and a hush comes over the church as the service begins. Praying, the priest feels a new strength and warmth, and when he turns again from the altar he sees the miracle—Pablo's wretched weeds become vivid and glossy, the green leaves topped by a scarlet star-shaped cluster.

The band of forest was no longer dark and chill, the shadowy dwelling-place of *Tlaloc Of The Rains*. For beneath the oak and cedar, springing up under the pines, cutting off the evil image from sight and memory, there glowed a thousand dazzling spearpoints of flaming crimson. He could hear from the village beyond the trees the tiny, far echo of young voices, high and soft.

"The flower!" they cried. "The Miracle! The Miracle!"

THERE are also many legends connected with other Christmas symbols represented by plant-life. Many yards and gardens this year, as in other years, will be graced by lighted trees, and holly and mistletoe will be much in evidence.

The traditions surrounding these originated many years ago and though many of them may have changed with the telling and retelling of the Christmas story by successive generations, they nonetheless remain rooted in the holiday celebrations of modern times.

How did they originate? Here is how ancient mythology explains them:

MISTLETOE: The mistletoe bough



in olden time was honored in many a sacred rhyme by bards and kings of high degree, when cut from its place on the old oak tree by a white-robed Druid with

a golden knife; for they thought it a magical Tree of Life. And many a promise and Holy Vow was solemnly sworn on the mistletoe bough.

HOLLY: Holly is a variation of *Holin*, *Holin* or *Holm*, which are the names



given it by the early writers as far back as 1578. It was admired by the Druids who believed that its ever green leaves attested to the fact that the sun never deserted it and it was therefore sacred. Legends relate that the Crown of Thorns was plaited from the Holly. Before the Crucifixion the berries were white but turned crimson like drops of blood. Holly is hateful to witches and is therefore placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits. Whoever brings the Christmas Holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule the ensuing year.

CHRISTMAS TREE: The Christmas Tree is said to have first attained Christmas significance when *Sir Winfred* of



Britain journeyed to Germany as a missionary in the eighth century. While attending a pagan ceremony, Sir Winfred told the story of Christ and pointed to a young fir tree standing straight and green with its top pointed toward the stars. "Let us call it the tree of the Christ child," he said, and from that time on the tree was known as the Christmas tree.

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