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# TRANSIT NEWS

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INSTRUCTIONS on proper usage of fire extinguishers was included in a recent refresher course given to all surface system operating personnel at the respective surface stations. The men assembled in small groups, similar to this one at Kedzie station, for the briefing sessions conducted by Transportation Department instructors. In this picture, *Instructor Frank Vitek* is explaining the operation of one of the various types used by CTA.



## Surface Operators Review

### Fire Safety Practices

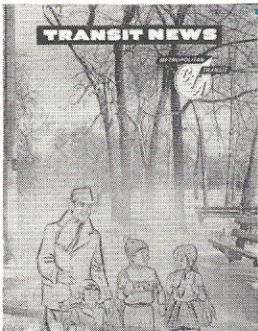
A GROUP refresher program, designed to bring all surface system operating personnel up to date on the proper usage of various types of fire extinguishers used on CTA buses, was completed recently at the 12 surface operating stations.

The program, which emphasized proper measures to take in the event of fire emergencies and to minimize property damage loss from this cause, was started January 12 at five stations and was carried out on a continuing basis until all operators had been briefed on its objectives.

The instructions outlined complete step-by-step procedures to be followed in assuring the protection of passengers, as well as directions for the correct operation of the extinguishers.

Among the main points stressed were: getting riders off the bus without panic; notifying Fire Department as quickly as possible, and calling radio dispatcher immediately. Among the precautionary measures emphasized was checking of the fire extinguisher to make sure it is operable.

The refresher program was conducted by Transportation Department instructors who had been especially briefed in their subject. Developed by the Transportation Department and the Training and Accident Prevention Department, it is a phase of the overall fire protection program which is continually being stressed at all CTA locations.



**OUR COVER:** The dreary aspects of a Chicago winter are compensated for by the beauty of freshly-fallen snow in wooded places. While creating problems on streets and boulevards which need to be cleared to allow normal traffic movements, the snow patterns in parks and forest preserve areas reflect gleaming whiteness and dark shadows of the after-storm lull as the skies brighten through the gray overcast. This picture was taken in Lincoln Park near the eastern terminal of the Lawrence route described in our "Know Your CTA Routes" series in this issue.

### RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

*Frank K. Espinosa*—Transportation (Lawndale)

*Michael R. Maurello*—Way and Structures Department

*Charles E. Prater*—Transportation (52nd)

### RECENTLY RETURNED

*Robert S. Francione*—Transportation (North Avenue)

*Joseph J. Gingras*—Steno-Duplicating Department

*Thomas E. McCue*—Shops and Equipment (52nd)

*Joseph J. Nachowicz*—Engineering Department

*Patrick J. Ronan*—Transportation (Forest Glen)

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## Raymond J. Peacock Sworn in as Board Member

RAYMOND J. PEACOCK, publisher of 12 northwest side community newspapers, was officially sworn in as a member of Chicago Transit Board on February 2 at its regular monthly meeting held in the board room in the Merchandise Mart.

Mr. Peacock was appointed to the Board by Governor William G. Stratton in December, shortly before his term of office expired, to fill the uncompleted term of the late Werner W. Schroeder, who died on December 2, 1960. His appointment became effective on January 5 and expires September 1, 1961.

He is the 18th appointee to serve as a member of Chicago Transit Board since the organization of the Authority in 1945. Mr. Peacock's salary as a board member is \$15,000 per year.

At the February 2 meeting, the Board awarded three major contracts totaling \$1,166,415 for improvement projects scheduled to get under way in 1961. These were: Construction of a rapid transit service and inspection shop at CTA's Desplaines avenue terminal in Forest Park at a cost of \$969,900; purchase of signal equipment to modernize



the interlocking system at the Kimball terminal of the Ravenswood rapid transit route at a cost of \$102,508, and purchase of equipment for CTA's Harding substation which will remotely control the feeder breakers, at a contract price of \$94,007.

The accompanying photo shows Mr. Peacock (left,) being sworn in, prior to the February monthly meeting, as a member of Chicago Transit Board by William W. McKenna, member and secretary of the board, while Chairman V. E. Gunlock looks on.

## FIVE STATIONS RECEIVE 1960 SAA PLAQUES

WINNERS OF 1960 Station Achievement Awards were named recently with five operating stations being selected to receive top recognition in the continuing competition to improve further CTA's public safety record.

Three of the annual awards were won by surface system stations — Kedzie, North Park and Lawndale. The other two went to rapid transit terminals — Kimball and Howard.

Kedzie qualified for the 1960 surface system traffic-type award by achieving a 2.55 decrease in accidents for every 100,000 miles operated.

North Park established a reduction of 1.99 in passenger-type accidents for every 1,000,000 passengers carried to win its award.

Kimball was named the winner of the combined traffic-passenger-type award on the rapid transit system for achieving a 1.02 decrease in traffic and passenger accidents for every 100,000 miles operated.

All three awards were based on a comparison rate of 1960 frequency rates in the various categories with the average frequency rates for the past three years.

The two other plaques to be presented are special awards which were won by Lawndale on the surface system and Howard on the rapid transit system. These awards are given for an especially good overall safety record during the past three years and maintained during 1960.

Announcement was also made of the winners of the quarterly S.A.A. for the last periods of 1960. The surface traffic-type award went to Lawndale with an achievement for the three months of a 2.31 decrease; Limits took the passenger-type plaque with a 2.70 decrease, and Desplaines came through with a 0.64 decrease to win the combined passenger-type and traffic-type award on the rapid transit system.

Presentation of the 1960 awards was made during February at the winning stations.

Although these are the last awards to be presented under the Station Achievement Award competition, plaques will continue to be presented under the Interstation Safety Contest which went into effect on January 1.



## Student Posters Stress Safety



STREET SAFETY rules are being stressed in a new series of 12 cartoon-type posters now being distributed in public, private and parochial elementary and high schools in the Chicago area in a cooperative safety education program sponsored by CTA and the Citizens Traffic Safety Board.

Six of the posters in the current series are based on the popular "Tim and Trudy in Safetyland" theme and are designed for the grade-schoolers. The other six develop a sports theme and are slanted to high school students.

The posters, printed in two colors, are displayed in school rooms and corridors, with a different one of the series being

issued at six-week intervals so that the safety message is continually changing with a fresh approach throughout the school year. They are made available free of charge to the participating schools.

The grade school posters capitalize on younger children's natural interest in animals and point up simple safety lessons in a style easy for the youngsters to comprehend.

The high school posters portray seasonal sports themes which "team up" safety messages with athletic activities, good sportsmanship and careful habits.

Typical posters in the current series are reproduced on this page.

## TWO NAMED TO SHOPS SUPERVISORY POSTS

TWO APPOINTMENTS to supervisory posts in the Shops and Equipment Department were announced recently by *J. N. Jobaris*, superintendent of that department.

Named as assistant to the superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals was *Ralph H. Martz* and appointed superintendent of technical services of the Shops and Equipment Department was *G. L. Zamzow*. Both appointments became effective recently.

Mr. Martz, a graduate of Bucknell University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, joined the former Chicago Surface Lines in 1930 as engineer of tests in the Shops and Equipment Department at West Shops. In that capacity, he was closely associated with the President's Conference Committee and manufacturers in the development and operation of the new concept of automatic control equipment, trucks and axles for PCC cars.

Subsequently he was appointed assistant engineer of equip-

ment and in 1950 was named superintendent of West Shops. In 1952 he became superintendent of surface division shops with headquarters at South Shops and in 1955 was named superintendent of South Shops, which position he held until his appointment to his present assignment with the rapid transit division at Skokie Shops.

Mr. Martz is a registered professional engineer and a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Mr. Zamzow, who graduated from the University of Wisconsin in mechanical engineering, joined the Chicago Surface Lines organization in 1926 after spending three years with Kearney & Trecker, a machine tool building concern, and two years on the test course of the General Electric Company. After spending 10 years as testing engineer in the Shops and Equipment Department, he was appointed automotive engineer in that division, the position he held at the time of his new appointment.



# Charter Service Scores Hit With White Sox Prexy

**BILL VEECK**, president of the Chicago White Sox, is known for introducing many innovations in baseball. And now he can be credited with introducing

something new in CTA charter service. When Bill, his wife and party of five children decided to go to Downers Grove to spend the Christmas holidays with

some relatives he decided not to take the chance of bucking auto traffic in the city and on the busy highways.

So he called the CTA charter department and made arrangements for a bus to pick him and his family up at the south side hotel in which they reside and take them to the western suburb on December 23 and to bring them back to the city on December 26.

Apparently the Veeck family was happy with the service for Bill wrote a letter to the charter office, which we quote:

"Please accept my profound thanks for the fine job your organization did on the Veeck family transportation to and from Downers Grove for the Christmas holidays.

"Our driver, *Ed Kaminski*, was ideal. He was one of the most cooperative and courteous men it has been our pleasure to deal with and he made the trip for the children, *Mrs. Veeck* and myself just that more enjoyable."

Operator Kaminski is assigned to Archer Station and his regular run is on Archer route. He has been a CTA employe for 14 years.

The White Sox management and player personnel is very familiar with CTA charter service as are visiting major league teams in both big leagues. During the baseball season the clubs are regular users of charter service, using special buses for transportation to and from hotels and airports.

## CHANGE IN ROUTING

A PERMANENT change in the east terminal operation of CTA's Douglas (No. 136) and Jackson-Independence (No. 127) buses became effective January 16, when Quincy street between State and Dearborn was closed permanently to permit construction of the new Federal building.

Douglas and Jackson-Independence buses now operate east in Jackson to Dearborn, north in Dearborn to Adams and then west in Adams over the regular route. Formerly they were routed east in Jackson to State, north in State to Quincy, west in Quincy to Dearborn and north in Dearborn to Adams.

## CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS  
MONTHS OF DECEMBER 1960 AND 1959, AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1960 AND 1959  
(Revenues applied in order of precedence required by Trust Agreement)

	Month of December		Twelve Months Ended	
			December 31,	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
Revenues	\$11,146,812	\$11,694,634	\$132,092,915	\$129,880,875
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	9,790,693	10,039,579	113,550,213	111,144,989
Available for Debt Service	1,356,119	1,655,055	18,542,702	18,735,886
Debt Service Requirements:				
Interest Charges	353,197	366,633	4,314,775	4,468,636
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond Maturity Fund	166,667(1)	166,667	2,000,000	2,000,000
Deposits to Sinking Funds -				
Series of 1947 (2)	125,060	115,007	1,440,400	1,321,320
Series of 1952 (2)	28,750	-	345,000	-
Series of 1953 (3)	-	-	87,500	-
	673,674	648,307	8,187,675	7,789,956
Balance Available for Depreciation	682,445	1,006,748	10,355,027	10,945,930
Transfer from Operating Expense Reserve to meet deficit in Debt Service Requirements (4)	-	-	-	309,577
Balance Available for Depreciation	682,445	1,006,748	10,355,027	11,255,507
Provision for Depreciation	891,745	935,571	10,567,433	10,390,470
Deficit in Depreciation Provision or Balance Available for Other Charges (5)	209,300 r	71,177	212,406 r	865,037
Deficit in Depreciation Provision or Accumulated Balance Available for Other Charges at end of previous period (Less \$41,148 previously appropriated to and disbursed from Revenue Bond Amortization Fund)	44,254 r	193,229	41,148 r	600,631 r
Accumulated Deficit in Depreciation Provision or Accumulated Balance Available for Other Charges	\$253,554 r	\$264,406	\$253,554 r	\$264,406

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### PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers	45,255,359	47,604,290	534,756,636	546,015,323
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#### NOTES:

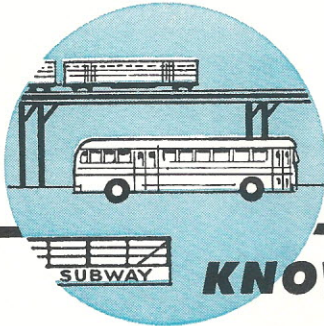
- (1) Equal monthly installments to retire \$2,000,000 principal amount of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing on July 1, 1961.
- (2) Equal monthly installments to currently retire Series of 1947 and 1952 Revenue Bonds by purchase in the open market or after invitation for tenders.
- (3) Equal monthly installments to currently retire Series of 1953 Revenue Bonds by purchase in the open market or after invitation for tenders. Deposits to Series of 1953 Sinking Fund prior to July 1, 1961 shall be deferrable, if and so long as during said period prior to July 1, 1961 a deficiency exists, or as a result of making any of said prescribed payments would exist in the amount available to meet the required deposit in the Depreciation Reserve Fund. Such payments into said Series of 1953 Sinking Fund so deferred shall be cumulative, and shall thereafter be made at the earliest date or dates when the prescribed payments into the Depreciation Reserve Fund are current.
- (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 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 Funds" 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.

## Changes in Family Status Affect Beneficiary

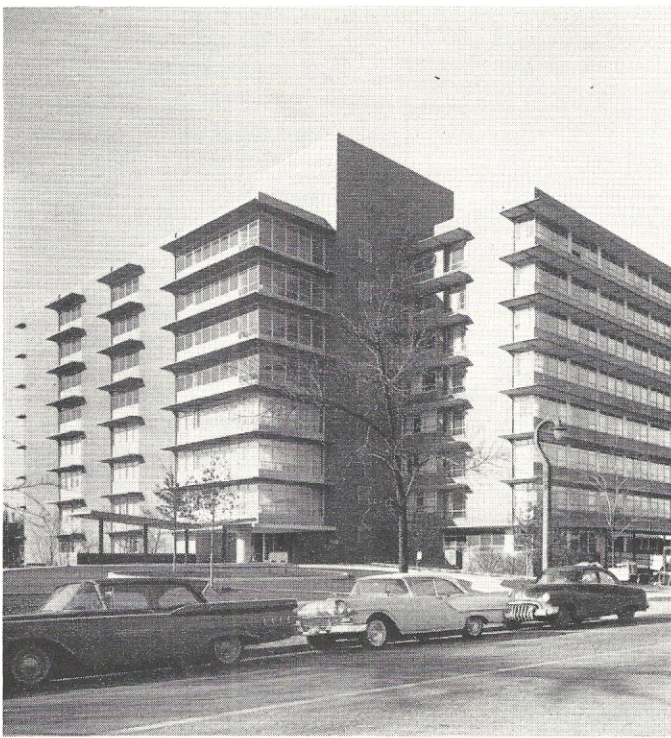
WHEN DEATH, marriage, divorce or other changes in family status makes it necessary to change the beneficiary named for your life insurance and retirement refund, it should be done at once. Change of beneficiary forms for both are available through your department head. These forms should be filled out promptly and returned to the Insurance Department. Failure to change your beneficiary adds unnecessary expense in settling your estate.



**to serve our riders better...**



## **KNOW YOUR CTA ROUTES**



**EXEMPLIFYING THE** new concept in architectural design is the modern building which houses the Weiss Memorial Hospital at 4646 N. Marine drive, near the east end of the Lawrence bus route. Its wide sweeping lines afford maximum window space in each room and enhances both exterior and interior appearance.



**STATELY IN** proportions is Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at 4640 N. Ashland avenue. Duly noted in the records of the parish is the fact that some years ago the entire structure was moved from its original site on the east side of Ashland across the street and placed on its present location on the west side of Ashland, an enormous undertaking that was accomplished without any damage to the edifice itself.

ONE OF the old streetcar routes of the city which was converted to trolley bus operation some 10 years ago is the Lawrence avenue (No. 81) line, serving the north and northwest areas of Chicago lying between Broadway (1200 W) in the Uptown district on the east and Austin avenue (6000 W.)

Streetcars began operating along the present route between Broadway, then called Evanston avenue, and Milwaukee avenue in 1896, and to its present western terminal in 1916. Trolley buses took over on April 1, 1951.

The Lawrence avenue route, like most CTA lines, serves a number of business and shopping areas of considerable density. The Uptown, Lincoln Square, Albany Park, Jefferson Park and Portage Park communities are located along Lawrence avenue and they provide a substantial segment of population from which to draw transit riders.

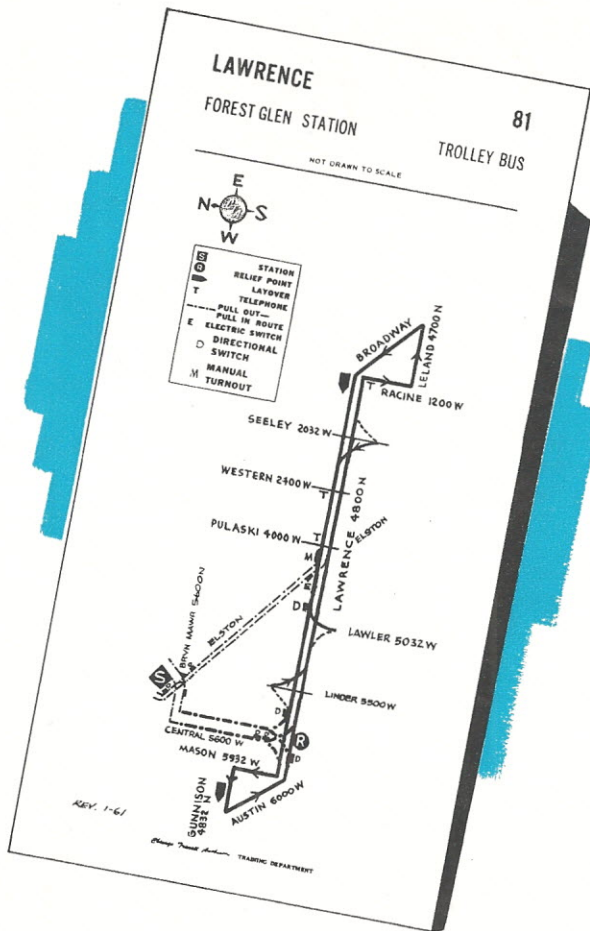
The routing does not vary from Lawrence avenue except for two short loops around adjacent streets at the west end and east end of the line. At the west end they loop by way of north on Mason from Lawrence to Gunnison, west on Gunnison from Mason to Austin, and southwest on Austin from Gunnison back to Lawrence. At the east end buses operate south on Racine from Lawrence to Leland, east on Leland from Racine to Broadway, and north on Broadway from Leland to Lawrence.

There is, however, a combination extension service (No. 81A) with the Montrose route at the east end of the route which operates east on Montrose, north on Clarendon, west

**A BUSY** transfer point between rapid transit and bus service is the Kimball terminal station of the Ravenswood "L" branch. Lawrence buses also cross intersecting surface lines at 14 points, providing transfer privileges to a wide area for many riders originating in or traveling to and from the Loop or north side destinations.







THE CHICAGO scene along the lake front at Lawrence avenue takes on a bleak, chilling look as ice formations cover the shore line. In the distant background the Edgewater Beach hotel and other high-rise buildings are visible on the skyline.



COMMEMORATING THE name and distinguished priesthood of a great Chicago religious leader, the *Cardinal Stritch* high school at 5831 W. Strong street occupies part of an extensive tract of land which has been developed near Austin and Lawrence avenues. The high school shares the site with St. Constance grade school and parish church.

MAYFAIR LUTHERAN Church, at Lowell and Lawrence avenues, is one of a number of protestant houses of worship which serves the growing northwest community. Part of the old church building is visible at the extreme left of the picture. The recently-built addition was part of a modernization and expansion program.



on Lawrence and south on Broadway. This serves a lake-front area where there are many high-rise apartment buildings and there is considerable transfer business at the Wilson avenue station of the elevated. During the summer, a special service is operated east to Simonds drive to accommodate visitors to the Wilson avenue and Montrose beaches.

Weekday schedules on the Lawrence route call for buses at two to two and one-half-minute intervals during the a.m. and p.m. rush periods, every eight minutes during the mid-day, and nine minutes in the evening. Saturdays the headways are: seven minutes during the a.m. and midday; six minutes during the p.m. rush, and 10 minutes in the evening. On Sundays and holidays the intervals run from 10 to 12 minutes. "Owl" service at 30-minute intervals is in effect from 12:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The measured round trip between outer terminals is 12.64 miles, and the one-way running time varies from 28 to 47 minutes depending on street traffic conditions. Thirty-two trolley buses from Forest Glen station are assigned to the route.

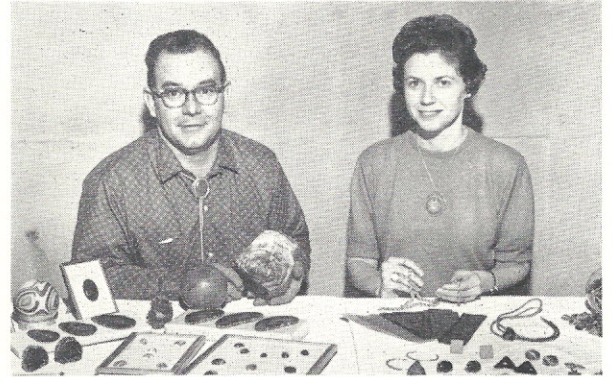
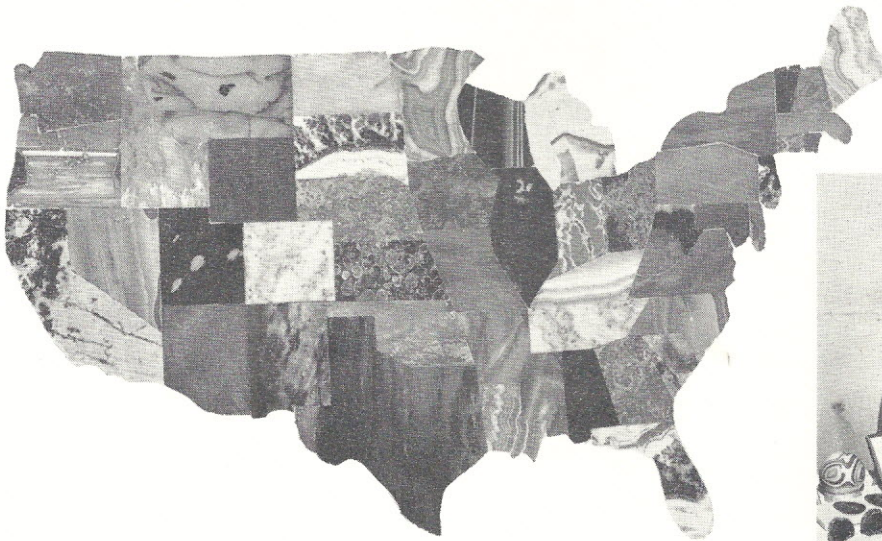
Transfer to intersecting surface lines can be made at 14 points along the Lawrence route. Heavy transfer points to rapid transit service are the Kimball terminal of the Ravenswood branch and the Lawrence avenue station of the North-South route.

It is interesting to note that Lawrence avenue is one of 15 important CTA routes which are equipped for trolley bus operation, most of them being on the north side.



# ROCKHOUNDING...

## A HOBBY WITH MANY FACETS



HAVE YOU ever thought of going hunting with a pick and shovel? Rockhound enthusiasts *John Kurgan*, stock clerk I, South Shops, and his wife, *Grace*, a former CTA employe, delight in spending their week-ends and vacation "hunting" rocks and stones that, when they're ground and polished, might possibly be used for jewelry and other decorative items.

Rockhounding is a rapidly growing hobby throughout the United States. The Kurgans were first introduced to their hobby by Grace's father, *Machinist Michael Rubey*, South Shops, who has been a rockhound and lapidarist (one who cuts and polishes rocks and stones) for a number of years.

John and Grace, also lapidarists, have collected, traded or purchased various stones, rocks and mineral specimens, petrified woods, precious gems and semi-precious stones from the United States and foreign lands.

An intarsia (a kind of decoration achieved by inlaying slabs of shaped rocks) of the map of the United States, mainland, is one of John's favorite projects. Each state was cut from slabs of rocks and fitted to adjoining states. The pieces were then assembled, inverted, and blue-tinted plaster of paris was poured over to form the oceans and great lakes, which became beautifully evident when the map was turned right-side up. The entire project took him about 500 hours.

"THERE'S A lot of time and work involved in our hobby," say *John and Grace Kurgan*, who proudly display some of their finished projects, "but the end result is always gratifying."

In 1959, the map won second place for special pieces at the annual gem and jewelry exhibition of the Chicago Lapidary club, to which John and Grace belong. It has been on display at the Chicago National History Museum along with other items John has made.

Also included in the Kurgans' vast collection are perfect fossils, some of which were found right here in Illinois. With reference to the fossils, John says, "You split them with a hammer and a little luck!"

Recently, when John was working on some delicate Brazilian Agate slabs, which held a perfect pattern through six pieces, he dropped the last one. "Unfortunately," John explained, "you can put hours of work into a project and the

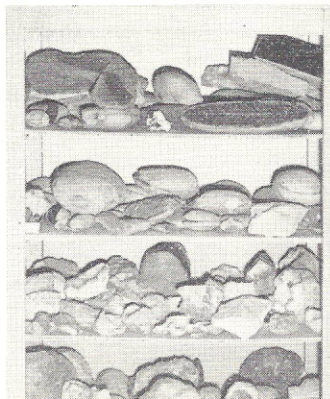
slightest slip can ruin it. Or, if you don't carefully wash your hands after handling different grades of grit during the grinding processes, the finished item will be imperfect."

Presently, John is working with petrified wood for bookends and has completed a layout for a pair of intarsias with Chinese figures.

Grace has completed her pattern for an inlaid table-top. The process is similar to mosaic tiling. However, Grace has to completely cut and finish the pieces of rock to fit her specifications.

Between week-end field trips and their present projects, the Kurgans will be busy during the months ahead. They plan to travel to Wyoming for their vacation to hunt jade, agate and wood.

**CLEARLY DISPLAYED** are the Kurgans' choice specimens of geodes and nodules, hollow and solid rocks, respectively, and fossils.



HAVING COMPLETED stenciling a design on a slab of rock with a template and an aluminum pencil, John is cutting the slab with a trim saw. Grace is working at the grinding wheel, where she will shape her cabochon (an uncut stone) to fit a particular jewelry setting.



# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## It's A Long Time Between Visits

ACCOUNTING—(Payroll)—*Charlotte Noyle*, who resigned from service 15 years ago, recently visited and lunched with her former co-workers.

*Agnes Coman*, who presently is on the sick list, reported that she became a grandmother for the fourth time when *Katherine Therese* was born to her daughter, *Kathleen Fitzgerald*.

*Marge Organ* is recuperating at home after undergoing recent surgery.

(Voucher) — *Genevieve Wright* and her husband recently toured through Wisconsin, Minnesota and Canada.

*John Geary*, who became ill at work, presently is recovering at the Alexian Brothers hospital.

(General) — *George Pellicore*, chief accountant, is back at work after being hospitalized for a while.

(Real Estate)—*George J. Seiler*, supervisor, recently sang with the Chicago Association of Commerce Glee Club on WTTW, TV Channel 11 at the Museum of Science and Industry.

(IBM) — *Pat Maloney* resigned from service to take over a new position.

*Fred Barker*, formerly of Payroll, transferred to the IBM room.

## Gets Ring In Sock

(Revenue)—*Dolores Hurley*, machine operator, received a diamond ring from her fiance, *Jack Halpin*, in an unusual way on Christmas Eve. He, impersonating Santa Claus for the benefit of her nieces and nephews, gave her a Christmas stocking containing coal and onions with the ring at the bottom. The wedding date is set for July 8.

The new face in our department belongs to *Katherine Daley*.

*Kathy Weber* was happy to announce that she became godmother to *Janice* and *Frank Di Cosola's* infant daughter, *Mary Lynn*, at Our Lady of Angels church on January 5. *Janice* is a former Revenue employee.



## CLAIMS EMPLOYEES RETIRE

RETIRING ON January 1 were (left) *Chief Vault Clerk J. J. Mahon* and (right) *Auto Damage Examiner Thomas Kurtzer*, Claims department, after 44 and 31 years of service, respectively. Standing with the new retirees are their wives and *Edward J. Healy*, general superintendent of investigations and claims.

*Betty Suhr* spent three weeks in Phoenix, Arizona, and one week in Los Angeles, California, visiting with friends.

*Rita O'Malley* resigned from service to await an heir or heiress.

*Jean Baker* and *Pat Polic* flew to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and reported a wonderful vacation. They rented a car, drove to Miami Beach, and visited Jean's aunt.

*Marian Sutherland* is now a machine operator.

The Revenue Accounting Department is proud of its employees' attendance record for the year 1960. Of its 50 employees, 26 had perfect on-time records. In addition, five employees—*Sophia Danielson*, *June Noren*, *Lois Jahnke*, *Sara McConnell* and *Wanda Bekier* of the above 26 employees had a perfect attendance record.

—MARIE E. HAVLIK and  
EILEEN NEURAUTER

## Disability Pensioner Is Back At Work

BEVERLY — It was good to learn that former *Operator Elmer Klotzbucher*, who has been on disability pension for a long time, is working in the duplicating department in the Merchandise Mart.

We're glad to have *Operator Pete Flaherty* back at work after a long illness.

*Operator Walter O'Connor* recently underwent surgery at the Little Company of Mary hospital.

*Operator Ray Goodwin* is back at work after being off sick for two weeks.

*Receiver Ernie Potenberg* spent his recent two-week vacation at home with his wife, *Bernice*, who was sick with the flu.

The following are on the sick list at this writing: *Operator Sullivan*, *Operator Dick Cole* and *Operator John Fitman*.

The following are celebrating wedding anniversaries in February: *Superintendent* and *Mrs. George Evans*, their 24th on February 6; *Lomar* and *Mildred Arsenau*, their 32nd on February 12; the *Russell Lulls*, their 35th on February 14; *Ross* and *Jeanette Shaffer*, their 22nd on February 14; *John* and *Helen Mahoney*, their 19th on February 18; the *Jim Durchaneks*, their 35th on February 18; *Ralph* and *Helen Bramlet*, their 34th on February 22; *Ralph* and *Florence Layton*, their 34th on February 19; *Harry* and *Dorothy Louis*, their 26th on February 23, and the *John Healys*, their 36th on February 26.

—CLIFFORD L. HOWARD

## How Long Did It Take To Thaw Her Out?

CLAIMS—*Marianne Walsh*, typist, spent her vacation at Boyne Mountain Ski Lodge in Michigan, where she enjoyed skiing and swimming in four below zero weather.

*Vince Moore*, adjuster, recently lost his wife . . . *Gabriel Grimaldi*, court assistant, passed away suddenly on Christmas Eve.

*Nora Cronin*, typist, spent her vacation in town catching up on visiting with friends and relatives.

Congratulations to *David Munyer* and *John Bosacki*, who were promoted to statementmen. *Bosacki* transferred from Revenue Accounting.

*Rita Wisniewski*, steno, resigned to take up residence in Sunny California.

*Mary Berry* was promoted to secretary to *J. F. Anderson*, chief adjuster.

The welcome mat is out for *Geraldine Sansone*, who transferred from Public Information to become *Mr. Weingartner's* secretary, and for *Charlie Vrba*, who is our new vault clerk.

*John Daley* was promoted to property damage adjuster.



Mark Gier, outside adjuster, was honored by a personal invitation to Governor Kerner's Inaugural Ball and Attorney General Clark's reception. Mark and his wife attended both affairs and reported they had a wonderful time.

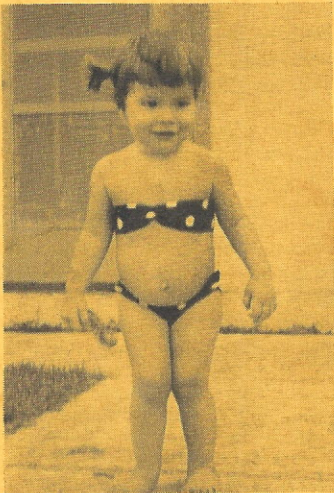
Chief Vault Clerk John Mahon and Auto Examiner Tom Kurtzer retired on pension January 1, after 44 and 31 years of service respectively. A farewell supper was given in their honor. Among those attending were Dan McNamara, president of Division 241, and other board members. E. J. Healy, superintendent of Claims, gave a speech and presented the new pensioners with cash gifts.

—FRANK SEPANSKI

### Family Growing As Twins Are Added

ELECTRICAL—Assistant Field Engineer Virgil Kruse and his wife, Elizabeth, were blessed with the arrival of twins, a boy and girl, on December 21. The boy has been named Michael John and the girl, Nancy Lynn. This now adds up to five boys and two girls for the Kruses.

### PHOTO OF MONTH



THIS ATTRACTIVE young lady in the bikini is 16-month-old Diane Elie, granddaughter of Ralph DeMaria, superintendent of agents and porters, West Section. One glance at the photo shows why she's her grandfather's favorite pin-up girl.

Reported by Gordon Kelly

Ralph Jossi, lineman, became a grandpa on December 16. His new grandson, Scott Walter Elliott, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elliott.

Alphonse Bronzell, lineman, was vacationing in the west and wrote from Las Vegas, Nevada, that he was having a grand time.

Rose Scheid, Merchandise Mart, vacationed in the east, visiting with relatives and friends in York, Pennsylvania. She also visited some points of interest in Washington, D. C.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

### New Granddaughter Brightens Yuletide

FOREST GLEN—Operator Ray Kruml joined the Grandpappy's Club for the third time when a seven-pound granddaughter was born December 27.

Operator and Mrs. E. Kruser celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary January 23.

Operator Thomas O'Hara retired on pension January 1. He began his service as a conductor in 1913, and was second in system seniority when he retired.

A son, David Wayne, was born January 13 to Operator and Mrs. Kazimer Yaworski, who now are parents of three boys and a girl.

Repairman Fred Presser passed away on December 20.

Operator Joseph Carpentier suffered the loss of a brother on December 14.

—EARL W. McLAUGHLIN

### Family Getting Bigger, Now Has Nine Heirs

GENERAL OFFICE—(Transportation) When James Roche, Operations Control, took a winter vacation, he was joined by a young lady, Carolyn Marie, who was born in St. Anne's hospital. Carolyn was welcomed to the Roche household by her four sisters and four brothers. Mrs. Roche formerly was an agent on the Lake Street branch.

While Radio Dispatchers Everett Headley and Ed Budoff were absent on account of illness, their duties were ably assumed by Henry Redman and Vincent Rutkowski.

Enjoying a winter vacation in Chicagoland, Joe Kirk, travel information operator, sat comfortably at home in front of his television set and watched the mercury descend to below zero temperatures.

### CO-WORKERS BID FAREWELL



WHEN STENOGRAPHER Connie Fiasche resigned from service her Transportation department co-workers gathered together to present her with a gift for the baby. They are, left to right, Jesse Rodriquez, George A. Riley, Julie Prinderville, Lester Hickey, Margaret Rochford, Bernadette Kizior, Connie, Charles E. Keiser, Bill Rooney, Colette Szczepanek, Joe Vodvarka, Robert Loughran, Joe Tunzi, Thomas F. Moore and Franke Krause.

Jim Miller, travel information operator, welcomed his second grandson on New Year's Eve. Joseph Lee opened his eyes in South Chicago hospital on December 31 to say hello and goodbye to 1960. The Millers also have another son, Richard Lee, Jr.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Irving Ptashkin, who recently died suddenly, after suffering a heart attack in the Transportation Department office.

Our sympathy is extended to T. F. Moore in the loss of his aunt, Nonie Moore, a retired North Section agent. And in the loss of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Vincent Moore.

The duties of John Morris, who left to become a gentleman farmer, have been taken over by Leo Miotke, who transferred from Claims.

### Travels Many Ways

(Stenographic) — Modern transportation makes travel a pleasure, far removed from the days of the covered wagon, as experienced by Joan Fitzgerald over the New Year holiday. Joan left Chicago by train, spent New Year's Eve in Mount Vernon, then traveled by Greyhound bus to St. Louis to spend New Year's Day with friends, then returned to Chicago by "jet."

(Insurance) — Ralph Umstot's daughter, Marcia, a student in liberal arts at the University of Illinois, has transferred her studies to the School of Education, preparatory to a career of teaching retarded children.

Ray Jurgensen, graduate training, formerly assigned to Transportation and Employment, and now assigned to Insurance, is a member of Musichorale, a choral group that rehearses in its own building at 59th and Whipple, and tours Metropolitan Chicago, entertaining at clubs and educational institutions. Ray, a tenor in the group, renders a solo in his church each Sunday. The group has conducted concerts at Northwestern university and at the Illinois Institute of Technology. A record, recorded by the group, entitled, "Christmas Presence," proved to be the largest seller in the Chicago area. A trip to Europe for a three-week tour is now being planned for next year. The group is non-affiliated with churches or civic groups.

—JULIE PRINDERVILLE

### TRANSITAD

FOR SALE — Choice four graves. Fairmont Cemetery, Section 2, Lot 110. Price \$320.00. Telephone VA 7-4358.



## Color Slides Display Old World Scenery

GENERAL OFFICE—(Chief Engineering) — Stanley Forsythe and his wife, Vernetta, recently shared with fellow CTA'ers the beauty and culture of the old world and the Orient, which they captured on colored slides during a six-month tour. Those who attended agreed that the Forsythes did a professional job of photography and Mr. Forsythe's narration made the presentation extremely interesting. Many thanks to our Chief Engineer and his lady for a most enjoyable two hours.

(Specifications) — Rebecca Cousins recently spent some time with her family in Nashville, Tennessee.

Pat Hauser recently was welcomed to the department. Pat formerly worked in Employment.

John Larkin's daughter, Patricia, entered the convent of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence as a postulant, and will be received as a novice on August 23, 1961. She hopes to teach and care for retarded and emotionally disturbed children.

(Traffic Engineering) — Harold Rowbottom was seriously injured in an auto accident on January 7. He suffered several broken bones and is at Lutheran General hospital, Park Ridge. Harold is quite concerned about his wife, Lois,

who is expecting their sixth child, and his five children at home. A few lines of encouragement from his CTA friends would help cheer Harold.

Richard Tesch, student engineer, recently transferred to Traffic Engineering as part of his training program.

(Staff Engineering) — Charles Lapp, Sr., became a grandfather for the first time when Elizabeth Mary was born on December 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lapp, Jr.

(Employment) — Marge Hanson is a very elated grandmother. Her daughter, Carol Wagher, who formerly worked in Stores, gave birth to little Laurie Ann on January 17 at Frank Cuneo hospital.

Sandra Czosek, who was temporarily assigned to Employment, was welcomed to Public Information on January 23.

Student Engineer Lawrence E. Goerges presently is in the department screening prospective employees as part of his training. Larry recently became engaged to Darlene Stallman. No definite date, as yet, has been set for the wedding.

(Training and Accident Prevention)—Edward Albrand, student engineer, was welcomed to this department after completing the Staff Engineering phase of his training. Ed came to CTA after he was graduated from Purdue university,

where he specialized in Industrial Education. Ed's hometown is Seymour, Indiana, where his mother and sister reside.

—MARY E. CLARKE

## Notes Chicago Snow; Takes Off For Florida

LAW — Attorney James Mahoney and his wife spent a few weeks in Florida, where they enjoyed visiting with friends.

Attorney Frank J. Mullen and his wife spent an enjoyable weekend at the Wagon Wheel, in Rockton, Illinois.

Phyllis Cozens had a busy time recently when she moved into a new apartment.

Attorney William D. O'Neill recently was hospitalized. We are happy to report that he now is on the road to recovery.

Legal Steno Geraldine Campbell recently underwent emergency major surgery at Lutheran General hospital, Park Ridge. Geri is presently convalescing at home.

—CEILE E. BAGGS

## Faces Come And Go At Kedzie

KEDZIE—We welcome the new operators who joined us recently.

We also welcome the new clerks and receivers who came to us in the new pick and wish those who left here success in their new locations.

Clerk Cornelius (Red) O'Connor was presented with a seven-pound girl, Bridget, on January 10.

We at Kedzie extend our sympathy to the family of Clerk Nick Hodan, Keeler garage, who died recently.

At this writing, Operator Marvin Harris is confined in the hospital.

Retired Motorman Thomas Whelan and Conductor John Fitzgerald died recently.

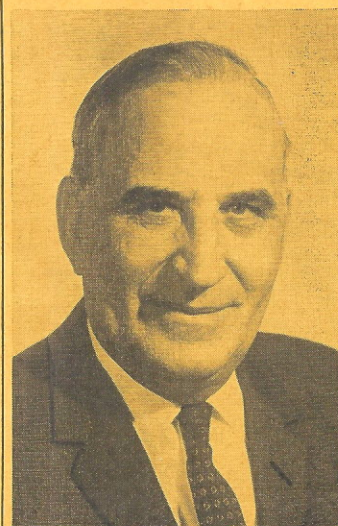
—C. P. STARR

## Busmen Now Back In Circulation

LIMITS—We are glad to report that Lewis Monckton, bus operator and union steward, is out of the hospital and back at work.

Operator Pete Cunningham also is out of the hospital after a long stay. He is at home resting so he can get good and strong again.

## 47 YEARS



ELMER A. LUNDQUIST, addressograph file clerk, Stores department, retired on pension February 1, after more than 47 years of service. Mr. Lundquist began his transit career as a conductor at 77th street station on September 2, 1913, and worked in that capacity until July 27, 1958, when he transferred to the general offices.

Now that the New Year is here, help us make it a banner year for news.

—IRVING J. METZGER

## This Gal Loves Her Job

LOOP (Agents) — When Mary Brown recently reported for work at her usual station, another agent was working in her place. Thinking the other agent had the wrong assignment, Mary called the assignment office to clear the matter up and was told, "Mary, you're on vacation."

Student Agent Madeleen Doman was graduated this month, and is anxious to start teaching.

Agnes Sullivan enjoyed her vacation by doing her Christmas chores.

Margaret Donagher recently was a guest of Pensioner Mary Dye. They took trips in and around St. Petersburg, Florida. While there, Margaret also visited with Katherine Odill.

Wilber Holmes, platform man, presently is hospitalized after undergoing recent surgery.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

## MAIL CLERK RETIRES



THIS GROUP of fellows recently gathered to have a small party for Albert C. Gustafson, mail clerk, Office Services, who retired on pension February 1, after 40 years of service. Presenting Al (front row, center,) with a gift is Ray Hynes, supervisor, Office Services.



**40 YEARS**



**RETIRING ON** February 1 was *Porter Ernest F. Harms*, West Section. Ernie formerly worked as a motorman at Archer station. He began his career on July 23, 1920.

**Credit Union Holds Annual Meeting**

**NORTH AVENUE**—The North Avenue Credit Union meeting was held January 20. Setting of dividends and new business were discussed. Interest rates were boosted to four per cent. Members are reminded to present pass books so that dividends may be entered. Please do not delay. Incidentally, if you are in need of money, visit our credit union office.

*Operator Eddie Anderson* wanted a change of scenery, so he vacationed in sunny California. He visited San Francisco, Los Angeles and Disneyland, and reported he had a fine time.

*Operator Wally Starck*, who regularly travels to his winter home in Clearwater, Florida, recently returned with his usual tan.

The same can be said of *Operators Al Barber* and *Leo Pluskowski*, who winter in Florida every year.

*Operator Arnold Swanson* has pleasant memories of his recent trip to California.

Some like it hot and some like it cold. The cold weather did not keep *Operators Ernie Bock* and *Bill Miedema* from fishing during a recent week-end. Ernie took his little hatchet and cut a hole in the ice, while Bill brought up the

fishing gear. The question is which bit the hardest the fish or Jack Frost.

Your reporter, unintentionally, did a little sliding, without a sled, and landed where he hopes winter soon will be—behind us.

At this writing, *Bill Kennedy* and *Charley Conroy* were on the sick list . . . *Eddie Winters*, who has been off sick for some time, is doing nicely. We wish a speedy recovery for all.

Wedding anniversaries being celebrated this month are: the *Joe Smiths*, their 26th on February 6; the *Charles Conroys*, their 32nd on February 8; the *Ted Mixes*, their 27th on February 10; the *Norman Gnadts*, their 19th on February 14, and the *Sam Tamburinos*, their 33rd on February 20.

—JOE HIEBEL

**Credit Union Elects Officers For Year**

**NORTH PARK** — The North Park Credit Union held its annual meeting on January 6. *Arthur Muir* was re-elected president, *John O'Brien*, treasurer, and *Edward Goettert*, officer on credit committee. All other officers remained unchanged. A four per cent dividend was announced, and a 10 per cent interest refund on all interest paid in 1960. All members are requested to bring in their books.

Our new grandpappy for this month is *Operator Earl Stevens*, who was presented with a grandson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of *Collector David Moran*, who recently passed away.

*Clerk Joseph Barrett* presently is in the hospital.

Best wishes to clerks and receivers who have transferred to other depots and a hearty welcome to clerks and receivers who transferred to North Park on January 29.

—ELMER RIEDEL

**Brief Bits Of News From Way Up North**

**NORTH SECTION**—*Supervisor Mike LaVelle's* wife recently presented him with a son, *Keith Thomas*.

*Motorman Carl Johnson* and his wife celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary recently at Math Iglers. Their sons and friends were present.

*Conductor Joe Pascenta* spent his vacation in Miami, Florida.

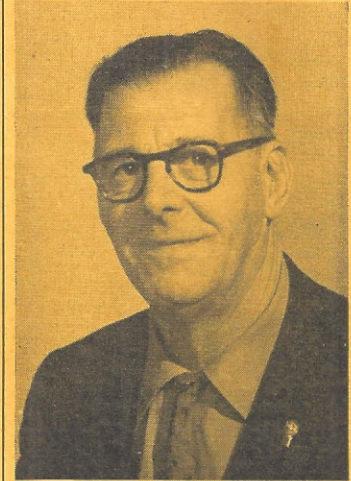
*Motorman George Nicholas* recently suffered the loss of his mother.

*Towerman Otto Hartmann* spent his vacation in Auburn, Iowa, visiting with friends and relatives.

*Clerk Lawson C. Delvin* spent his vacation in town, visiting with friends and getting a good rest.

—ANGELO BIANCHINI

**44 YEARS**



**AFTER 44 years** of transit service, *John H. Ambler*, mason foreman, Way and Structures, retired on pension December 1. John, who held the Mason Contractors license for CTA, started his career as a mason on January 1, 1916.

**Celebrates Anniversary With An Open-Home**

**NORTH SECTION (Agents)** — *Fred King* and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on January 25 with an open house.

*Little Barbara Maile* had a double celebration Christmas eve. Before Santa arrived, her mother, *Agent Shirley Maile*, exchanged marriage vows with *Robert Knight*, making him her new daddy.

*Ed Plath's* father-in-law passed away recently.

*Amanda Narrance* presently is at home recuperating from major surgery. She appreciated the thoughtfulness of her co-workers while she was in the hospital.

*James Grant*, student agent, left us to join the Chicago Police department.

On December 17, *Anastasia O'Hara Thoms* and her husband left on a Mediterranean cruise. They visited Santa Cruz, Gibraltar, Naples, then on to Rome where they had an audience with *Pope John*.

*Assignment Agent Jule Hidding* retired on pension February 1, after 34 years of service. She began her

**PURCHASING CLERK RETIRES**



**WHEN ROSE James**, purchasing clerk I, retired on pension February 1, several of her co-workers gathered to wish her luck. Presenting a cash gift on behalf of her friends is *Supervisor Thomas McGrath*, M & S Accounting.



**OPERATOR CITED FOR COURTESY**



**THIS PHOTO** of North Park Operator Louis Bielski, and Mrs. Lillian Brenner, one of his regular passengers, recently appeared in a neighborhood newspaper. Lou was cited as one of the most courteous drivers on the North side routes. He started his transit career as a motorman at the former Elston station on May 15, 1946.

career as an agent in 1927, worked six months, and was transferred to the assignment office. Jule plans to stay at home for awhile, and contemplate her plans for the future.

—ELIZABETH HAWKINS

**Parade Highlights Western Vacation**

**PURCHASING AND STORES** — Stock Clerk Michael Korzen, south division, and his wife, Evelyn, spent their recent vacation touring California. High spot of their three-week sojourn was attending the Rose Bowl parade.

Stock Clerk Clarence Pipowski, south division, and his wife celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary on January 7.

Supervisor J. Y. Guinter, Addressograph Section, has returned to his job after convalescing in Swedish Covenant hospital. Mr. Guinter became ill while on duty January 9.

Buyer E. J. Cummings' mother, Mary, died on January 9.

Buyer E. J. Burke passed away on January 26.

—D. JANE BELL

**There's A First Time For Everything**

**SOUTH SHOPS** — Harold Lowery, jeep driver, is boasting the arrival of his first grandchild, Pamela Jean, who was born on December 19.

Electrician Walter Sundquist and his wife, Ina, drove to Leesburg, Florida, to visit Ina's parents and to escape some of the cold weather in Chicago.

The welcome mat was out for Marge O'Connell, who transferred from the Mart to South Shops' Industrial Engineering . . . And to Tony Vihnanek, who transferred from the West Shops.

Senior Foreman Ted Wahlberg and his wife spent the holidays visiting their son and his family in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Eddie Evans, office, and his wife Irene, are the proud parents of David Alan, who was born on December 29. Little David was welcomed home by his sister, Mary Kay, nine years old, and brother Jim, who is five.

Bruno Borucki, machinist, who has been on the sick list, reported the recent death of his father.

—EVELYN HOWE and FRANCES LOUWARD

**New Pensioners**

- Anthony Arendt, bus repairman, 77th Street. Employed 4-25-22.
- M. J. Broderick, motorman, Lake Street. Employed 12-16-21.
- T. J. Bromberg, agent, Transportation. Employed 12-4-23.
- J. L. Butler, motorman, South Section. Employed 11-24-22.
- W. H. Cornell, laborer, South Shops. Employed 9-18-19.
- A. R. Fairfield, motorman, Desplaines. Employed 5-21-17.
- Carmelo Giarrizzo, watchman, Way and Structures. Employed 7-11-23.
- C. A. Graves, gateman, Lake Street. Employed 7-23-43.
- Patrick Griffin, messenger, Engineering Department. Employed 6-11-26.
- A. C. Gustafson, mail clerk, Office Services Department. Employed 9-29-20.
- E. F. Harms, porter, West Section. Employed 7-23-20.
- Michael Heslin, bus cleaner, Forest Glen. Employed 5-23-39.
- J. C. Hidding, assignment agent, North Section. Employed 1-19-27.
- R. E. James, purchasing clerk, Purchasing Department. Employed 2-3-44.
- R. J. Knight, temporary collector, 77th Street. Employed 2-17-20.
- Michael Lanigan, bus cleaner, Archer. Employed 7-7-37.
- George Lucchese, laborer, Way and Structures. Employed 5-16-29.
- E. A. Lundquist, unassigned, Employment Department. Employed 9-2-13.
- E. P. Luttrell, assistant foreman, Shops and Equipment. Employed 1-3-24.
- Joseph Majkszak, bus repairman, Kedzie. Employed 11-5-23.
- Joseph Milioto, laborer, Way and Structures. Employed 5-1-22.
- J. V. O'Connell, clerk, Logan Square. Employed 10-16-22.
- N. V. Rasmussen, operator, Forest Glen. Employed 12-10-24.
- G. A. Raymond, car cleaner, 61st Street. Employed 12-10-23.
- Charles Romano, car cleaner, West Section. Employed 5-18-23.
- W. J. Ryan, laborer, Way and Structures. Employed 6-24-42.
- Alfonso Skrobotanas, blacksmith, South Shops. Employed 11-18-37.
- J. C. Turley, operator, North Avenue. Employed 8-18-26.

**DISABILITY RETIREMENTS**

- W. J. Cawley, operator, Transportation. Employed 3-25-25.
- H. L. Larson, towerman, North Section. Employed 11-10-23.
- S. C. Oleksy, operator, 77th Street. Employed 4-24-29.
- J. J. Rattigan, porter, South Section. Employed 10-13-26.
- M. J. Rieck, repairman "A," West Section. Employed 8-13-46.

**NEW PENSIONER**



**AFTER 41** years of transit service, Laborer William H. Cornell, South Shops, retired on pension February 1. Bill formerly worked as a conductor at 69th street until April, 1958, when he transferred to the shops.



**RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES**

EDWARD AHEARN, 79, retired motorman, North Section. Died 12-24-60. Employed 2-21-08.

G. B. ANDERSON, 73, retired conductor, North Section. Died 1-1-61. Employed 7-11-09.

E. E. BATES, 76, retired conductor, Kedzie. Died 12-25-60. Employed 1-3-23.

S. A. BLACK, 75, retired conductor, Elston. Died 12-14-60. Employed 8-17-18.

J. J. BLANEY, 63, retired motorman, 77th Street. Died 12-18-60. Employed 1-2-24.

EMIL CARLSON, 88, retired motorman, Lawndale. Died 12-19-60. Employed 4-4-02.

B. M. CARVER, 78, retired motorman, Devon. Died 12-9-60. Employed 11-23-16.

CHARLES CLAUSEN, 93, retired flagman, Transportation. Died 12-17-60. Employed 4-20-08.

A. L. COOK, 79, retired motorman, 69th Street. Died 12-10-60. Employed 4-27-27.

M. J. COX, 82, retired motorman, 69th Street. Died 12-18-60. Employed 8-21-17.

W. S. CRANE, 81, retired switchman, South Section. Died 1-5-61. Employed 7-29-07.

A. J. ELIE, 64, retired conductor, Devon. Died 12-19-60. Employed 4-3-23.

W. R. FREEMAN, 62, retired operator, Forest Glen. Died 12-27-60. Employed 1-26-23.

FRANK GENOVESE, 75, retired laborer, South Shops. Died 12-18-60. Employed 6-5-26.

GABRIEL L. GRIMALDI, 44, court assistant, Claims Department. Died 12-24-60. Employed 1-27-42.

T. G. HANTGES, 77, retired car cleaner, 61st Street. Died 1-5-61. Employed 12-14-22.

NICK HODAN, 55, clerk, Keeler. Died 1-7-61. Employed 4-26-26.

PETER KAVATHESS, 77, retired bus cleaner, Archer. Died 11-1-60. Employed 12-6-19.

JAMES KEHOE, 90, retired conductor, Cottage Grove. Died 1-5-61. Employed 9-23-91.

J. J. KELLY, 75, retired crossing watchman, North Section. Died 11-25-60. Employed 10-1-45.

JOSEPH KENNEY, 66, retired trainman, West Section. Died 12-24-60. Employed 10-27-26.

JOHN KRAWCZYK, 66, retired trackman, Way and Structures. Died 12-22-60. Employed 6-3-25.

GEORGE KUZNICH, 76, retired motorman, North Section. Died 1-2-61. Employed 1-9-20.

G. A. LONGDON, 58, retired gateman, Lake Street. Died 12-21-60. Employed 5-17-44.

R. J. McGRATH, 63, retired agent, West Section. Died 12-11-60. Employed 4-7-26.

MICHAEL McGUIRE, 72, retired conductor, Cottage Grove. Died 12-26-60. Employed 7-18-17.

PETER McHUGH, 64, retired conductor, North Avenue. Died 12-23-60. Employed 10-7-19.

P. J. McNICHOLAS, 68, retired bus cleaner, Archer. Died 12-19-60. Employed 12-2-24.

E. S. MILLER, 67, retired conductor, 77th Street. Died 1-2-61. Employed 7-17-18.

D. F. MORAN, 63, retired operator, North Park. Died 12-31-60. Employed 12-7-20.

T. W. MORAN, 80, retired conductor, Kedzie. Died 12-22-60. Employed 2-15-10.

VINCENT POLACH, 58, repairman, 69th Street. Died 12-17-60. Employed 5-11-35.

FRED G. PRESSER, 63, bus cleaner, Forest Glen. Died 12-20-60. Employed 11-25-19.

M. A. PRIEBE, 80, retired machinist, West Shops. Died 12-15-60. Employed 12-4-22.

H. J. QUITNO, 77, retired conductor, Devon. Died 12-7-60. Employed 6-12-08.

M. F. SHEEHAN, 82, retired agent, West Section. Died 12-14-60. Employed 4-20-27.

MATTHEW SHEP, 57, ticket agent, West Section. Died 12-16-60. Employed 2-27-29.

GEORGE SLADER, 79, retired painter helper, West Shops. Died 12-17-60. Employed 7-20-26.

STANLEY SMYKOWSKI, 65, retired operator, Forest Glen. Died 12-11-60. Employed 1-13-27.

J. R. SULLIVAN, 80, retired motorman, 69th Street. Died 11-21-60. Employed 3-24-21.

P. F. TUELP, 74, retired dispatcher, North Section. Died 12-18-60. Employed 8-13-06.

**Start New Year With Vacations**

SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC—The following members of the department decided to take January vacations: *Ray Primeau, William Dentamaro, Pete Mills and Vane Hamilton.*

*Edward Joyce*, a former employe, now residing in California, recently visited with his friends in the Schedule department.

*LeRoy Dutton* became a grandfather for the seventh time on January 10, when his daughter and

son-in-law, *Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chorak*, announced the arrival of a second son.

Your scribe, *Gertrude Anderson*, also announced the arrival of a second grandson, *Kent William*.

*Arvid S. Brandt*, who had been on the sick list, returned to work.

—GERTRUDE F. ANDERSON

**Ice Fishing Has Good Prospects**

SKOKIE SHOPS—*Oliver Lang*, paint foreman, reports a nice catch of 26 fish through the ice at Petite Lake over a recent week-end.

*Charles Krug*, shop clerk, is ill and confined to a hospital at this writing.

*Joseph Michalczyk* returned to work after an absence of seven weeks due to an injury.

Hey, fellows! How about some news items? It is very hard to get out a column unless we have your cooperation. Your reporters need your help.

—DAVID GURWICH and EVERETT E. ENGLAND

**Operator Transfers From Bus To "L"**

SOUTH SECTION — *Joseph Libera*, who formerly worked at Beverly, is now an agent on the South Section.

**FOREST GLEN RETIREE**



AFTER MORE than 38 years of service, *Repairman William A. Westphal*, Forest Glen, retired on pension January 1. Presenting Bill, wearing long topcoat, with a wristwatch on behalf of his fellow workers is *Day Foreman Red Barrett*.

Reported by *Earl W. McLaughlin*



Switchman Ed Feil and his family welcomed home a new son, Thomas, who was born December 21. Little Thomas weighed in at seven pounds, 14 ounces. That makes three offsprings for the Feils.

It has been reported that Agents Ellen LaFaire and Ella Rexford are recuperating satisfactorily after their recent hospitalization.

Charles Dennis is the new clerk at 61st Street. He is familiar with our South Section, where he formerly worked as an agent.

Motorman Fred Klockling is sporting a new car and is planning a trip to the West Coast.

Supervisor Walter Hill had a double reason for celebrating New Year's eve for on this day he also observed his birthday.

Trainman Robert Adler is again working on the South Section after an absence from CTA for several years.

—LEO J. BIEN

### Back At Home Sweet Home From Hospital

69TH—Laura Edmondson, wife of Janitor Charles Edmondson, is convalescing at home, after a stay in the hospital due to a leg infection.

Loader Jim Eroncig is now convalescing at home after undergoing surgery.

Operator Pat J. Murphy and his wife will celebrate their 25th wed-

### RETIREE



MORE THAN 40 years of service came to a close when Collector Richard J. Knight, 77th, retired on pension February 1. Richard has worked at 77th ever since the closing of the old Burnside station.

### SILVER ANNIVERSARY



RECENTLY CELEBRATING 25 years of wedded bliss were Mr. and Mrs. Fred King, ticket agent, North Section. Friends and relatives were on hand to wish the Kings best wishes and another happy 25 years.

Reported by Elizabeth Hawkins dining anniversary on February 22.

Operator Ed Tierney recently became a grandfather for the third time . . . Operator Walter Harrison became a grandfather for the fifth time on January 1.

Operator George Klietz became a grandfather for the first time when his son, Reverend Sheldon Klietz, became the father of Mark Thomas.

Receiver Tim Murphy became a proud father for the sixth time on Christmas day.

Judith Ann Grogan and William P. Foley were married on January 28 at Saint Adrian church. Judith Ann is the daughter of Operator Thomas Grogan.

Operator Art Kruger and his family spent their vacation touring Florida.

Operator Hank Miller enjoyed his vacation in Orlando, Florida.

Operator Carroll Thurston enjoyed his vacation in Mobile, Alabama.

Operator Harold Gustafson's wife fell on some ice while on her way to church Christmas Eve, and suffered a broken leg.

—THOMAS S. ELPHICK

### New Son-In-Law In Clerk's Family

WAYS AND STRUCTURES — Carolyn Stears, daughter of Art Stears, road clerk, rapid transit division, was married on February 4 to Raymond

Voige at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

Joseph Milioto, laborer, track division, retired on pension February 1, after 38 years of service.

Carmelo Giarrizzo, watchman, track division, retired on pension February 1, after 37 years of service.

George Lucchese, laborer, track division, retired on pension February 1, after 31 years of service.

—MARLENE NEHER

### He's The Envy Of His Friends

WEST SECTION (Agents) — Porter P. J. Naughton's 16-year-old son, Jim, never dreamed that digging down into his pockets for eight dollars would net him \$1500.

Jim, an officer of the "Off the Street Club," pitched in to sell tickets for prizes to be given at a dinner for the club. Tickets were a dollar each and Jim had collected for all but eight of his from those who had promised to pay. The would-be purchasers failed to come up with the money, so Jim dug down and bought the rest. At the drawing, he held the lucky number (one of the eight extra he had felt obligated to buy) . . . His prize was \$1500!!!!

Can't you just picture this fine young lad floating about a mile off the ground, much to the envy of those would-be ticket buyers?

Agent Betty Segerson is back at work following a short stay in the hospital and was so thankful to the many friends who sent get well letters during her illness.

Agent Harold Evans presently is confined to St. Mary's hospital.

Agent Emil Klipp and his wife are spending their vacation in Mexico City. They started their trip in the latter part of January and expect to stay in Mexico until the end of this month.

Also vacationing during January were Agents Martin Tezak and George Cismani.

Richard, son of Agent and Mrs. Ed Bensen, spent the holidays with his parents while home on leave from his army base in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scheffus' daughter, Lorraine, and their granddaughter, Marilyn, were recent guests at the home of Agent and Mrs. Frank Zima. Harry, a retired motorman, Metropolitan Section, is Mrs. Zima's brother.

Agent Matthew Shep passed away during the holiday season. Matt had been hospitalized for several weeks.

—GORDON KELLY

### Hosts Pals With Turkey Dinner

WEST SECTION—(Douglas Park)—Conductor Frank Sindelar had a pre-Thanksgiving party for the trainmen at 54th. Frank won a turkey and his wife prepared a beautiful dinner for all.

(Desplaines)—Motorman Patrick O'Brien lost his only conductor, Frank Corda, with whom he has worked for the last 30 years, when Frank recently retired on pension.

The men at Desplaines want to award an honorable mention to the wives of Instructor John Flynn and Conductor William Heelan for having so faithfully prepared our pensioners' parties.

Mrs. Catherine Jahns, wife of Harvey Jahns, was installing chaplain at the installation of officers of Maplewood Chapter 768, Loyal Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. Jahns has been active in the organization and is a past matron.

Station Superintendent M. J. Veltri recently completed 20 years of service.

—JOHN HANNING

### NAMESAKE



WHEN SISTER Timothy, the former Maryanne Race, became a novice at the Sisters of Saint Joseph's Mother house in La-Grange, her aunt and uncle, Operator and Mrs. Timothy Heffernan, Kedzie, were among those present to witness the impressive ceremonies.

Reported by C. P. Starr



## For And About Our Pensioners

43 YEARS

**ACCOUNTING** — One Tuesday a month, a group of pensioners from Accounting meet for a "Dutch Treat" luncheon at Berghoff's restaurant. *Doris Stahl* and *Agnes Samek*, who were recent guests, are devoting several days a week to doing charity work for churches and hospitals.

*Louis Smith* and *Joe Bochinski* are working in banks to keep themselves busy.

A true retiree is *William Holtz*. He claims he does nothing but take it easy and look forward to these social get-togethers.

A vote of thanks is due *Robert Hill*, Revenue, for sending cards to keep these luncheon meetings going. Anyone interested, please contact him at Room 716, Merchandise Mart. An invitation is extended to pensioners to join the fun.

—MARIE E. HAVLIK and  
EILEEN NEURAUTER

**ELECTRICAL**—*George A. Becker*, former superintendent of maintenance and substations, paid us a surprise visit on January 6. He looks good and says he and his wife, *Maribel*, are enjoying their retirement.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

### VISITORS



UPON RETURNING from a recent Canadian vacation, *William Hawken*, left, and *Ernest Hawking*, right, stopped in Medford, Wisconsin, to visit with *Bill's* brother, *Charles Hawken*. All three are former operators from 77th, who retired on pension.

**FOREST GLEN** — *Retired Operator Bill Freeman*, who also was a former credit union officer, passed away on December 28, near Tucson, Arizona.

—EARL W. McLAUGHLIN

**GENERAL OFFICE**—(*Specifications*) —*Jim Hrubes*, who had been seriously ill, is doing remarkably well. In fact, he surprised his former co-workers, when he recently dropped in the office and paid them a visit.

*Walter Helmer* and his wife, who reside in St. Petersburg, Florida, spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter and her family in Milwaukee. Hearing about *Jim Hrubes'* illness, Mr. Helmer called on his former sidekick and enjoyed a visit with him.

It was nice to see *Colonel Edward Blair*, formerly of Chief Engineering, who paid us a visit during the recent holiday season. The *Blairs* reside in Tryon, North Carolina.

—MARY E. CLARKE

**NORTH SECTION (Agents)** — *Mary Rohr* and *Gertrude Evans* are spending the winter down in Florida with their brother.

Your reporter and *Retired Agent Henrietta Brown*, West Section, recently visited with *Retired Agent Gussie Kearns*, West Section, who had a mishap in her home and broke her heel, four ribs and wrenched her wrist.

—ELIZABETH HAWKINS

**SKOKIE SHOPS**—*Henry Hitterman*, retired foreman, started the new year with a visit to the shops to see his many friends.

*Henry Altschuler*, retired electrical foreman, is living in California, and sent a letter to say hello to all his friends.

—DAVID GURWICH and  
EVERETT E. ENGLAND

**SOUTH SECTION** — *Conductor Stanley Kerr* is enjoying his retirement at Coloma, Michigan, on Interlochen road.

—LEO J. BIEN

**WEST SECTION (Agents)**—*Retired Agent Mary Everding* recently traveled to Washington, D. C., where she visited with her grandchildren and attended the inaugural ceremonies.

*Retired Agent Mary Rezab* recently enjoyed a pleasant trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco, California.

*Retired Agent Beatrice Kerns*, who flew to Ireland last summer, recently passed away during her visit there.

—GORDON KELLY

**WEST SECTION**—*Pensioners Charles Gearing, John Nohelty* and *John Gilmartin*, all formerly of Lake street, recently visited their friends at the terminal.

—JOHN HANNING



**MOTORMAN AMOS R. Fairfield**, Desplaines, West Section, retired on pension February 1. Amos began his career as an extra guard at the Laramie-Harrison terminal on May 21, 1917.

### PENSIONERS MEET

THE CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 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, March 16, 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.

### SWITCHMAN RETIRES



BEING PRESENTED with a cash gift is *Switchman Charles P. Donahue*, West Section, who retired on pension December 1, after more than 35 years of service. Making the presentation at Desplaines terminal is *Station Superintendent S. R. Smith* as *G. Webb*, Division 308 board member, and *Switchmen J. Parker* and *S. Bast* look on.





**INQUIRING REPORTER:** Mary E. Clarke  
**LOCATION:** General Offices

**What is the easiest way to get someone to smile?**



**EDWARD HENRY**, Supervisor of Accident Record Clerks, Training and Accident Prevention (with *Inquiring Reporter Mary E. Clarke*): "To make a person smile, I often find that I must smile first. In most cases the other person will smile in return and a more pleasant feeling prevails. A smile is contagious and spreads easily from one person to another. If everyone would adopt a cheerful attitude, life would be more enjoyable for all."

**SHIRLEY GUERTIN**, Assistant to the General Manager's Secretary, Executive: "I think that most people believe in the old adage, 'Smile and the World Smiles with You.' One usually reacts in the manner in which they are greeted and a pleasant smile or cheery greeting usually merits a smile in return. Most folks are good natured and it never seems difficult to get a smile in return."

**MARY ISBRANDT**, Stenographer III, Staff Engineering: "A smile is the best approach. I find that people automatically respond with a smile if so greeted. Usually, a smile with an immediate follow-up compliment will produce a change to a more pleasant attitude."



**JACK HARRINGTON**, Clerk III, Public Information: "It's really not hard to make someone smile if you put your mind to it. If involved in a conversation with one or more persons, I always try to look pleasant. And, dealing with our passengers on the phone or in person, a little humor goes a long way. There is one quotation I'll always remember, 'Life is long to the miserable, but short to the happy.'"



**STANLEY TADEVIC**, Interviewer, Employment: "Greet people in a pleasant and cheerful manner and they'll usually respond with a smile. Light conversation in a happy vein also boosts the morale and puts people at ease. The saying, 'The world follows the sunshine,' has always made me think twice when I felt a bad mood coming on."





# Tips To TAXPAYERS

**Study Instructions,  
Take All Deductions;  
File a Proper Return  
If a Refund You'd Earn.**



THIS YEAR millions of Americans will overpay their Federal income tax bills, according to the Internal Revenue Service, simply because they'll fail to take all the deductions to which they are entitled.

To help you pay the correct amount of your tax bill, here are some tips from the experts on how to shop for bargains in your taxes:

First, list all your deductions according to categories required on the tax form. This includes contributions to charity, interest paid on debts during the year, and other deductible taxes that you've paid to the city, county and state. These deductible expenses add up faster than you might think, so check to see if they exceed 10 per cent of your family's adjusted gross income or \$1,000. If so, it will save you money to itemize them on the longer tax Form 1040.

Second, study the instructions that come with your tax form carefully. They'll tell you about dozens of proper deductions that never occur to most people. For example, under medical and dental expenses you can deduct for such things as false teeth, eyeglasses and hearing aids. If you see deductions on the tax instructions that you missed in making out your list, add them to their proper category. Also, cross out any claims on your list that don't qualify as legitimate deductions.

Third, collect all your canceled bank checks and receipts for the year, making sure you have one or the other to back each tax deduction on your list. This is important because

you might be asked to justify your tax returns, and it's a lot easier to have the necessary papers to support the deductions in the first place than it is to find yourself tangling with tax authorities later.

If you have to provide evidence for your claims, checks are recognized as proof of payment in any law court. This fact—together with the "built-in" bookkeeping system check-books provide—is a big help in keeping adequate tax records throughout the year. It may account, too, for the fact that 90 percent of all money transactions in the country today are paid by check.

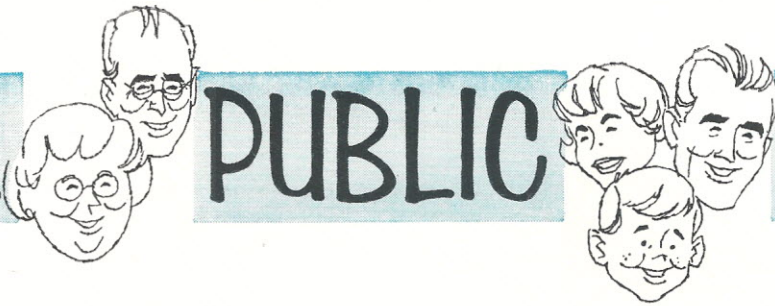
Finally, since many tax records can't be replaced, it's a good idea to store them in a safe deposit box at your local bank. There they'll be safe from fire and theft and yet remain completely private, because no one but you, or someone you authorize, can see the contents of your box.

Keep the following items in your safe deposit box for a period of seven years; bank passbooks (even if the account has been closed); records of medical and dental expenses, contributions, interest payments; and canceled checks and receipts to prove you've filed a proper return. If you own stock, keep a record of the purchase and the sale of the stock for seven years after you've sold it.

Also, it's a good idea to save indefinitely the canceled checks that show payment of Federal and state taxes as well as copies of your income tax forms for previous years because they provide a running record of your financial progress.



# OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS



**Operator James Ytsma**  
69th Street

"Recently I was a passenger on the Cicero avenue bus and I couldn't help but notice the nice manner of the driver. He was so very polite to those who seemed to be in doubt about their directions. This driver would give full information to those who asked. His handling of the vehicle and general performance of his duties warrants a commendation."



**Agent Henry Bretz**  
North Section

"I would like to commend Ticket Agent No. 1200, who recently displayed level-headedness and efficiency when I alighted at the Western avenue station on the Ravenswood line. By mistake, I had forgotten to transfer to a Howard train at Belmont so I could meet my husband at the Morse avenue station. I was so frantic that I didn't know what to do. The agent calmly listened to my plight and asked my husband's name, reassuring me that everything would be all right. He then called the Morse station, had my husband paged, and told the agent there to tell my husband of my mistake. Neither my husband or myself can thank this man enough for preventing what could have been a worrisome evening."

GOOD CUSTOMER relations are essential to the success of any business. Quality of product or service also is important in winning or maintaining the good will of the public.

The attitude of transportation employees towards our patrons can please or antagonize the riders upon whom we depend.

Regardless of the many efforts CTA makes to provide better service, modern vehicles or finer facilities, the future of CTA depends greatly on our employees who meet the public.

The foregoing letters of commendation from patrons indicate they are quick to notice and appreciate the kind of service they receive.

**WE, of course, cannot please everyone, but the letter reprinted below presents a situation which may have been avoided if a little tact and courtesy were used:**

"Recently, I was on my way home from my children's home and my son drove me to the bus terminal. I boarded the bus and requested a transfer. I alighted from the first bus and boarded the second at Lawrence avenue. I handed the operator my transfer and sat near the front door because I had only a short distance to travel. While I was sitting there, the driver stopped the bus and told me I'd have to pay another fare because the transfer I had given him was invalid. I asked why he didn't say something at the time I had handed him the transfer and questioned how he was sure it had been mine, since other people also boarded the bus with me. He became very sarcastic and told me I would have to pay another fare or get off the bus. Under the circumstances, I got off the bus and walked five blocks in the cold."

**COMMENT:** Of course the question as to whether or not the transfer was valid or invalid is very important because operators cannot accept invalid transfers. However, the operator rejecting the transfer should have said something at the time he collected the transfer and advised the patron to send it to CTA's Public Information Department where it could be determined if a mistake occurred and a refund of the second fare requested may possibly be justified. Under no circumstances should an employe become abusive or discourteous toward a patron. Our service is maintained through the fares of our patrons and the loss of patrons is very detrimental to CTA.

SHOWN HERE is a comparison of complaints and commendations recently received by Chicago Transit Authority for January, 1961; December, 1960, and January, 1960:

	Jan. 1961	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1960
Complaints .....	930	1029	824
Commendations ..	110	104	86





## MAKE LENTEN MEALS INVITING

YOU CAN make your Lenten menus just as exciting and tasty as those you prepare during the festive holiday seasons. All it takes is a little know-how, a little imagination and canned salmon to add flavor and flair.

Today's dieticians are in hearty accord with the protein values salmon offers. It is one of the richest of protein foods we have for it contains the same vital amino acids found in meat, cheese, eggs or poultry. There is a high mineral count in salmon as well and it brings to your diet additional calcium in the softened bones of the fish which are as edible as the flesh. Literally packed with vitamins, canned salmon gives us both Vitamins A and B and is a gold mine of the B group vitamins—niacin, riboflavin and others so essential to a healthy diet.

The gourmet treats possible from a can of salmon are countless, economical and easy. This one food product brings you infinite variety for the family fare, not only during Lent but throughout the entire year. A couple of such succulent salmon surprises are detailed in recipes which offer novel and inexpensive ways to prepare the delectable pink and red meat of the King of the Sea.

### SALMON CHOWDER

- 1 pound can salmon
- 1 cup boiling water
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup chopped onion
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped green pepper
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup butter or other fat, melted
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup salmon liquid
- 1 pound can tomatoes
- 1 can (8 oz.) whole-kernel corn
- 1 cup sliced okra (optional)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon thyme
- Dash pepper
- 1 whole bay leaf

SERVING MEATLESS meals during the Lenten season usually poses a problem. For goodness and variety's sake, try serving these delicious Salmonburgers to the family and watch them yell for seconds.

Drain salmon, reserving liquid. Break salmon into large pieces. Cook onion, green pepper and garlic in butter until tender. Combine all ingredients and cook for 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

### SALMONBURGERS

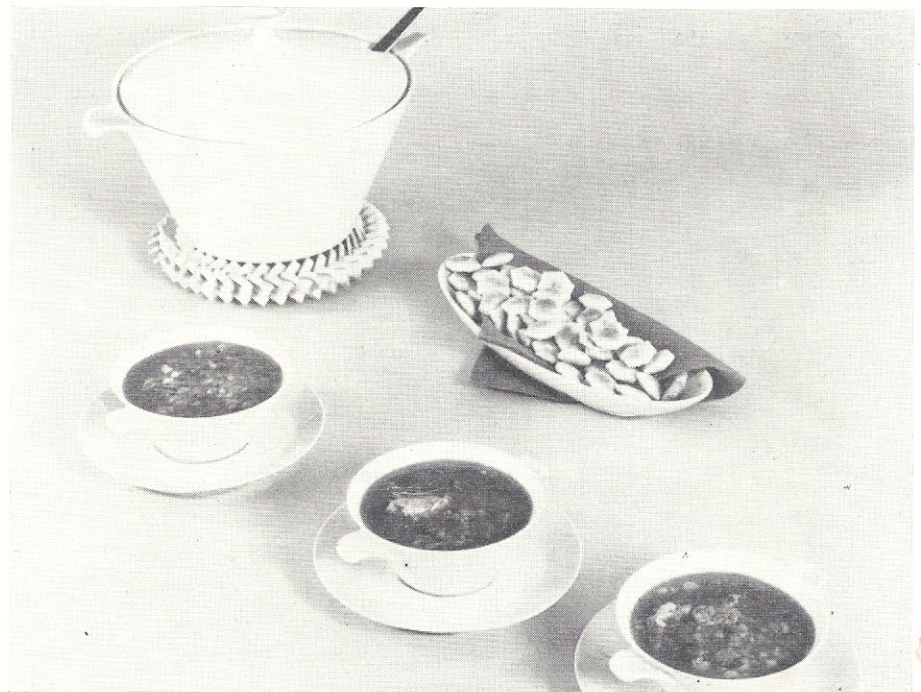
- 1 pound can salmon
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped onion
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup butter or other fat, melted
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup salmon liquid
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup dry bread crumbs
- 2 eggs, beaten
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup chopped parsley
- 1 teaspoon powdered mustard
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup dry bread crumbs
- 6 round buttered buns
- Lemon wedges

Drain salmon, reserving liquid. Flake salmon. Cook onion in butter until ten-



der. Add salmon liquid, crumbs, egg, parsley, mustard, salt, and salmon. Mix well. Shape into 6 cakes and roll in crumbs. Place cakes in a heavy frying pan which contains about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch of fat, hot but not smoking. Fry at moderate heat. When cakes are brown on one side, turn carefully and brown the other side. Cooking time approximately 5 to 8 minutes. Drain on absorbent paper. Place cakes in buns. Serve with lemon wedges. Serves 6.

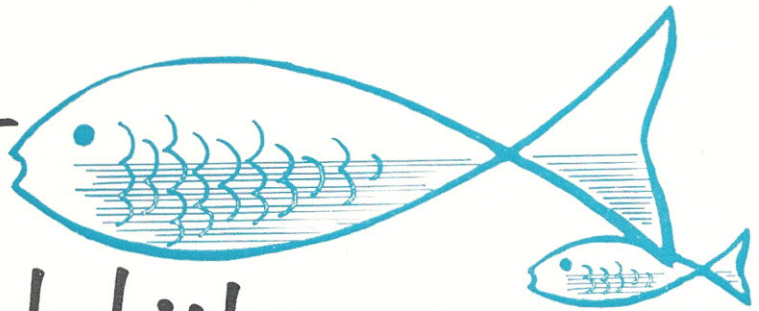
TASTY SALMON chowder will be a welcome treat for the entire family. Its succulent flavor will bring raves from the "gang," and is just right for warming tummies during the cold weather.





# LENT

## through history



THE LENTEN season is packed with extraordinary historical footnotes, not all of them Biblical. For example that tasty morsel, the pretzel, is an offshoot of an ancient Lenten diet and the modern housewife's spring cleaning marathon originated hundreds of years ago as a pre-Easter ritual with a purpose more religious than sanitary. Further footnotes remind us that the state of Florida indirectly owes its name to Palm Sunday, and that many of the most delicious fish recipes we enjoy today are based on dishes invented eons ago in honor of the forty days of abstinence before Easter.

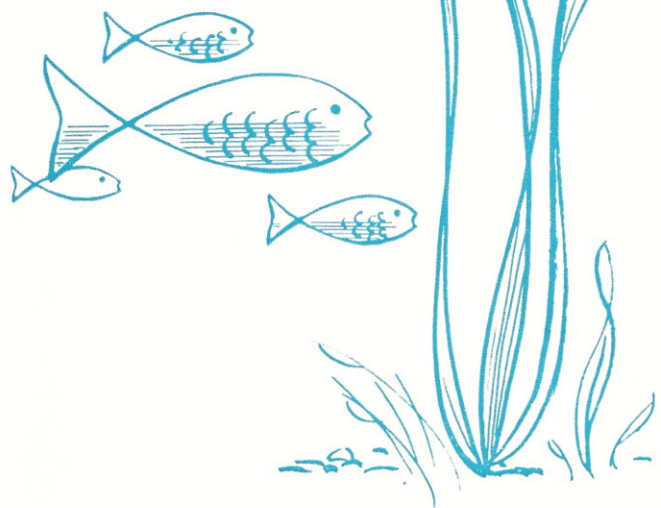
The pretzel, regarded now as an appetizing tidbit, had a religious significance in the early Roman Empire. The Lenten diet of those times was far more strict than today's and the ban included all dairy products. Since eggs, milk and dairy fats were forbidden during the forty-day fast, a meager dough of flour, salt and water was used to make the pretzel which was shaped to resemble two arms folded in prayer. Such special Lenten breads were named *bracellae* or "little arms." From this Latin term, many centuries afterward, came the German word *brezel* which ultimately was Anglicized into pretzel. As tidbits go, the pretzel's popularity is now world wide but nonetheless it is just an edible Johnny-come-lately.

As to spring cleaning, modern husbands—often known to vanish at the mere mention of such shenanigans—have Lent to thank for this annual domestic dust storm. Though the plunge into spring cleaning is no longer observed on any particular date (just whenever the urge hits the housewife), for most European householders it was once a three-day session which began immediately after Palm Sunday. In Slavic countries, especially, every stick of furniture was removed from the home, thoroughly cleaned out of doors, and then the house itself was scrubbed and scoured, swept and polished from top to bottom. By Wednesday the furniture was put back in place, everything settled down to normal and the house gleamed in readiness for Easter. Here Christian custom had actually borrowed from ancient Jewish faith which demanded a similar ritual of cleaning the home before the Feast of Passover.

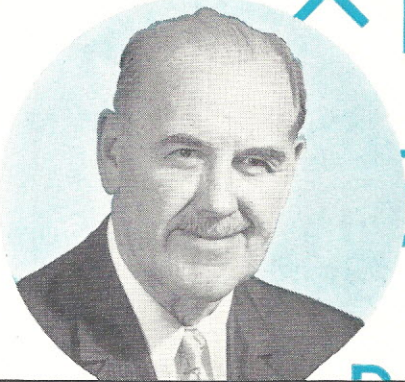
The naming of the state of Florida is attributed to a Spanish term for Palm Sunday dating back to the Sixteenth Century. Real palm branches weren't always available in Europe in olden times and even today, in sections of the

Continent and in parts of England, other plants are used on Palm Sunday. Olive branches are substituted in Italy, for instance, and in other countries such diverse plants as spruce, pussy willow, box and yew are employed. These different branches, frequently interspersed with flowers, decorated with ribbon and fastened to a stick, are called palm bouquets whether actual palm is present or not. In centuries past it was customary to bless not only the branches but the blossoms as well and in many lands the day was known as Flower Sunday. The French called it *Pasques Fleuris*, the Spanish referred to it as *Pascua Florida*, a term which eventually came to mean the whole of Easter Week. On Easter Sunday, in 1513, when Ponce de Leon first sighted our present day state of Florida, he gave it the name in honor of the church holiday.

The traditions of Lent have changed greatly with the passing of time. The practices of fasting and self-denial have been greatly relaxed since the austere demands of the early Christian church. Fasting was at one time the most literal of abstinences and the very devout would not eat a mouthful of food nor take even a swallow of water for two days between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Pope Gregory the First defined Lent as the "spiritual tithing of the year" and his dictate that Christians eat only once a day throughout Lent was faithfully kept for hundreds of years. It was not until medieval times that the Church changed this law to include a second daily meal and the original ban on dairy products during Lent was not lifted until 1918.







# Medically Speaking

By Dr. George H. Irwin  
CTA Medical Director

## BACK AILMENTS

BACK AILMENTS are very common. They produce more suffering or disability and loss of productivity than any other single injury or disease.

As you know, the back is the main support of our body. It is an extremely complicated structure consisting of 33 vertebrae held together by many ligaments and muscles. Inside the spine we have the spinal cord which gives off nerves to all parts of the body. The functions of the spine have to do with support or stability, locomotion, transmission of messages along the nerve pathways between the brain and other regions of the body. Years ago most every type of back ailment was called lumbago. This term, in reality, only means pain in the back. Medical science has done considerable to clarify the various causes and types of back ailments.

The case history of John Jones might give you a better understanding of the complexity of backaches. The following will touch briefly on the causes, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of this man. When John seeks medical advice on his backache his doctor will first want to determine the cause of the trouble. It will be important to know if the back pain is due to disease or injury.

If it is due to disease, rheumatism, arthritis, tuberculosis, osteomyelitis, various tumors, inflammations of the ligaments, nerves and muscles and spinal cord lesions will have to be considered. If none of these causes are present the

doctor will want to know John's occupation and whether or not there is any history of trauma or injury.

Injuries include strained muscles, direct contusions or bruises to the back with or without fractures. Mechanical strains may result from any unequal pull on the back muscles. Heavy lifting, faulty posture in childhood, faulty posture at work, abnormal forces of gravity, congenital abnormalities, such as an abnormal position of one vertebra to another, may be possible causes. The problem of the "so-called slipped disc" is being over emphasized. This term should not be used until a careful evaluation has been carried out. In disc cases the pain and disability are due to a displaced portion of the intervertebral cartilage pressing on the spinal cord.

Before the doctor treats Mr. Jones he will want to know about the symptoms. In this connection the location and type of pain is of importance. Is the pain over the spine, high or low or over the muscles and is it referred down either leg. The onset and duration of the pain will help the doctor to decide on the proper procedures. One might say that too many back ailments are blamed on injuries. It is a human trait to believe that back pains are always traceable to one's regular work. It hardly ever occurs to an individual that backache can be of intrinsic or non-traumatic origin. However, there are many cases of back ailments due to arthritis and other causes, which are not related to injury in any way whatsoever.

Now that Mr. Jones has described the onset and symptoms, the doctor will proceed to make the correct diagnosis. This he will accomplish by making a very careful physical examination and most likely ordering a complete x-ray of the back. With the information thus obtained proper treatment can be carried out.

In general, John's doctor will seek to attain specific objectives through various methods of treatment, as follows: (1) relief of pain; (2) decrease muscle spasm; (3) maintain mobility; (4) restore function and muscle power; (5) sedation with medicine; (6) immobilization in certain cases; (7) hospitalization; (8) traction in certain cases; (9) surgery; (10) braces and splints and (11) physical therapy such as heat, massage, etc.

Of course, it is understood that all procedures mentioned above are not necessary in every case. One type of back ailment may be cured by traction while physical therapy or surgery will help another type. Because many backaches are of long duration, patients have a tendency to see many different physicians. For the best results see your family doctor.



# Help Easter Seals





## Kedzie Garage Eyes Safety Record

THEY'RE GOING for half a million at Kedzie garage—that is 500,000 consecutive man hours without a lost-time injury. The goal is an ATA silver certificate award, presented in recognition of outstanding employe safety records in the transit industry. Here, *Day Foreman Henry Richter* (left) and *Night Foreman Robert Vance* of Kedzie garage point to the previously won bronze certificate awarded for completing 250,000 man hours without a disabling injury.



EMPLOYEES OF Kedzie garage have set their eyes on establishing a new record in on-the-job safety.

That is to win an American Transit Association employe safety achievement silver certificate award for completing 500,000 consecutive man hours without a lost-time injury.

And as it stands as this issue of TRAN-SIT NEWS goes to press there is a good chance they will win this distinction.

For as of January 21 of this year, the Kedzie garage crew had rolled up a total of 485,000 consecutive man hours toward this coveted award.

It all began on April 5, 1958, when the men at Kedzie started the streak of no-injury days. By November 30, 1959, they had run their creditable record to 291,534 consecutive hours. This was more than enough for them to qualify them for the bronze certificate award

which was presented to them last January for having completed the required 250,000 man hours. In addition, they received full credit for the 291,534 hours toward the silver certificate award.

If all continues to go well, the men should top the 500,000 consecutive man hours without a lost-time injury by the end of February. It goes without saying that they intend to keep on trying.

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## Your Social Security And You

A QUARTER of a century after the original Social Security Act became law, over 14 million men, women, and children are receiving monthly old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefit checks totaling \$900 million a month.

When the original Social Security Act was signed in 1935, representatives of the Social Security Administration noted that about half of all persons aged 65 or over were mainly or wholly dependent on relatives and friends. Today, over 72 per cent of a much larger aged population are either drawing old-age and survivors insurance benefits, or will be eligible to draw them when the worker retires.

Originally designed to provide only old-age insurance benefits for workers in commerce and industry, these provisions of the social security program have been expanded and improved over the years. About nine out of ten workers in the United States, almost the entire gainfully employed population, work in employment or self-employment covered by social security.

Through this work, they are building protection for themselves and their dependents in their old-age, and for their families in case of their death.

Under amendments to the law, enacted in 1954, 1956, and 1958, they are also earning protection for themselves and families in the event of their permanent and total disability.

Although social security has become firmly associated with the idea of old age, it is important to recognize that the survivors and disability provisions of the law are a bulwark of protection for American families. To illustrate, the records show that 1.5 million of the estimated 2 million fatherless children in the Nation are now receiving monthly survivors insurance benefits under the Social Security Act. Ninety per cent of the mothers and children in the country are eligible for these benefits should the head of the family die. Close to a half a million disabled workers and their families are now receiving monthly disability insurance benefits and more than 43 million workers are insured for the payment of these benefits in the event that they should become severely and permanently disabled.

Congress has periodically increased the amount of old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits to keep pace with higher earning levels and rising living costs. The average old-age benefit paid in 1940, the year when benefits first became payable, was \$22.10. The average retirement benefit payable to those who have become entitled to payments during the past 20 years is \$68.30. However, the average benefit being awarded to persons retiring now who have worked during recent years and have had a higher earning level is about \$83.



# How did the ride IMPRESS them ?



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