

# TRANSIT NEWS

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## Basic Wage, C-O-L Allowance Increased

A BASIC wage increase of five cents per hour and an increase of one-half cent per hour in the cost-of-living allowance for about 13,000 operating and clerical employees of Chicago Transit Authority became effective December 1.

The one-half cent increase in the cost-of-living allowance brings the total to four cents per hour beginning with the first payroll periods in December. It is effective for a period of three months. The basic wage increase is effective December 1 for the remainder of the contract period, which expires November 30, 1962.

These two wage adjustments will increase CTA payroll costs approximately \$143,000 per month.

The basic wage increase of five cents per hour is the third to be granted under the three year wage contracts signed in 1959 by CTA, Divisions 241 and 308 of the Amalgamated

Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America, and the various craft unions represented on the property.

The upward adjustment of the cost-of-living allowance results from an advance in the cost-of-living index for Chicago, which was released November 21 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor.

The cost-of-living allowance is adjusted quarterly. An adjustment, either up or down, but not below the basic wage rate, is determined by the per cent of change in the latest cost-of-living index for Chicago compared with the index for October, 1959. The per cent of change, if any, is then applied to the basic wage rate of one-man operators, which effective December 1, will be \$2.70 per hour, to establish the amount per hour to be paid as a cost-of-living allowance.

## Complete Delivery of "New Look" Buses

WITH THE arrival of all of the 150 "New Look" buses ordered last December from the Flxible-Twin Coach Company of Loudonville, Ohio, CTA's order for 300 of the latest-type passenger vehicles placed with that company and the Truck and Coach Division of General Motors was completed recently.

Delivery of the first 150 buses, manufactured by General Motors, was completed in mid-May, and along with the Flxible coaches received to date are in regular service on city routes.

The new units, which replaced an equal number of overaged diesels and gasoline buses, incorporate new features

to improve passenger comfort and provide better visibility for operators.

Both the GMC and Flxible-Twin Coach buses are powered by the latest type V-6 diesel engines and have a seating capacity of 50 passengers.

Many favorable comments have been received from CTA patrons who have remarked particularly about the more comfortable ride provided by the wider seats, better interior illumination and smoother riding qualities because of the power steering, automatic transmission, and air springs, featured on the new buses.

The 300 new buses, were purchased at a total cost of \$7,884,273

## RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

*Wilks Battles*, motorman, West Section  
*Isaac S. Beal*, bus operator, 69th Street  
*Walter D. Collins*, conductor, North Section  
*Percy Erves*, operator, Kedzie  
*Gary L. Fetherolf*, bus operator, Forest Glen  
*David Ford*, bus operator, 69th Street  
*Nicholas M. Fuery*, extra guard, West Section  
*Leon Gaddy*, bus operator, North Park  
*William G. Haase*, motorman, West Section  
*Richard A. Kline*, bus operator, Kedzie  
*Robert A. Love*, bus operator, 69th Street  
*Walter J. Mair*, bus operator, Forest Glen  
*Michael P. O'Brien*, bus operator, 69th Street  
*Dennis J. O'Donoghue*, bus operator, Archer  
*Eugene Thomas Parks*, R. T. operator, North Section  
*Odee Romanski, Jr.*, bus operator, Lawndale  
*Ronald S. Szum*, bus operator, Lawndale  
*Walter Walker, Jr.*, bus operator, Lawndale

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Lincoln's Gettysburg Address has 226 words, the Lord's Prayer has 56 and the Ten Commandments 297. Just for the record, the words in a Federal order dealing with the price of cabbage number 26,911.

CTA TRANSIT NEWS





**GREETINGS!**

May the spirit of goodwill  
bring you many rewards  
throughout the coming year!

*Walter J. McCarter*  
GENERAL MANAGER



# CTA's own "Clean-up" campaign promotes GOOD HOUSEKEEPING



IN ORDER to increase the load capacity of the older equipment, the bodies of two five-ton dump trucks were converted by adding sideboards fitted above the metal section of the truck bed. *Richard Farley*, chauffeur, demonstrates how containers are emptied by use of a side-loader lift.



**CHAUFFEUR JOHN MILLER** stands by as the contents of a cyclone cleaner at Kedzie station empties into the hopper of a garbage truck. Bus sweepings, such as old transfers and waste paper, are suction drawn into an overhead storage bin while awaiting the pick-up trucks. At Kedzie station, the rubbish is removed from the bin through a chute which drops the waste material directly into the hopper of the truck.

THE AVERAGE CTA customer, riding to or from work each weekday or on other trips about the city, knows little about the back-of-the-scene services and activities that play a part in operations of a large urban transit system.

Such a service to promote cleanliness on the properties—and thus contribute to better "housekeeping" practices is provided by CTA's Utility and Emergency Service Division. It is the collection and removal of rubbish and refuse material from CTA properties.

The job is a bigger one than most people imagine despite CTA's efforts to discourage littering-up its vehicles and stations. For example: the truck crews assigned to this work make 250 stops per week to pick up loads of accumulated trash on their regularly scheduled swings around the system.

Until about two years ago, the work of rubbish removal was contracted out to private scavenger firms. Then CTA started its own service on a limited scale by beginning collections at some south and west side bus garages. The equipment used was converted five-ton dump trucks with rebuilt bodies to permit the conveyance of the lighter, but bulkier, loads of waste paper and other debris.

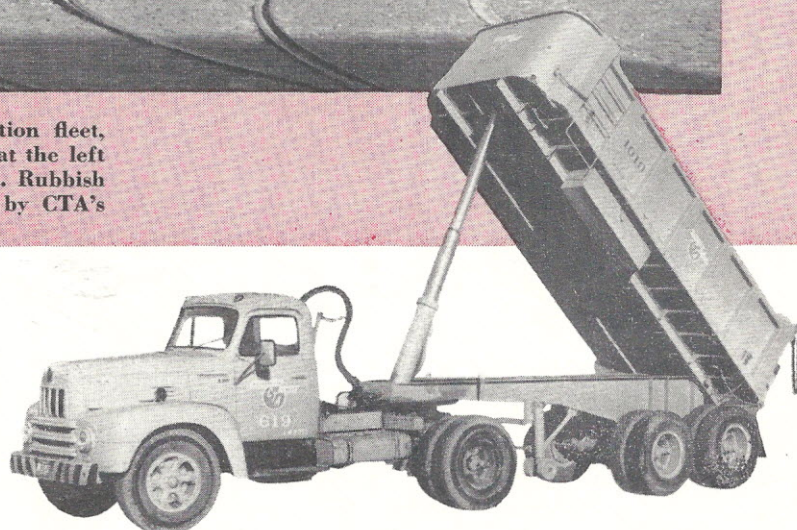
It was only a matter of a few months before CTA expanded its service to all Loop subway and "L" stations and began to branch out to outlying locations. Earlier this year it had become a system-wide operation, covering all rapid transit and surface installations. While awaiting the delivery of two new trucks ordered by CTA, which have been received and placed in service, two standard garbage trucks were rented from the city to supplement the CTA equipment.

An example of the way the pick-up service operates is the procedure followed at downtown subway stations. All refuse matter, including that collected at subway level platforms, is deposited by station porters in large drums or garbage cans at the mezzanine level. The trucks start their pick-ups at around 10:30 P.M. to avoid any undue interference with passengers coming through the stations. The trucks continue their pick-up stops all night, moving from station to station until 7:00 o'clock in the morning. After this the trucks make their scheduled calls at other pick-up points outside the Loop area.





**THREE NEW** vehicles, recently added to CTA's rubbish collection fleet, are shown in this picture taken at Blue Island station. The two at the left are new garbage trucks and at the right is a dump trailer truck. Rubbish removal for the entire CTA system has now been taken over by CTA's Utility and Emergency Service Division.



**LOADS OF** litter are hauled away from CTA properties daily for final disposal. This picture illustrates the unloading position of a trailer truck as it empties the refuse material collected at CTA locations. These include subway and "L" stations, bus garages, yards, shops and other rapid transit and surface installations.

The "king size" vacuum cleaners used at seven operating stations and terminals contribute a large portion of sweepings from buses, and an assortment of miscellaneous litter to the rubbish collections. Over 800 55-gallon drums and 600 30-gallon garbage receptacles are placed around the system at scheduled pick-up points.

Centralization of rubbish collection under CTA operation has eliminated double handling at locations, provides more frequent and dependable pick-up service and permits more flexibility in schedules than had been achieved when the job was done by private scavenger companies. In addition, the crews handle all routine hauling requirements of divisions of the Construction and Maintenance Department.

The discontinuance of collecting combustible material in open-wire cages by using covered drum containers located conveniently to all areas, has resulted in improved house-keeping and reduced the fire hazards.

Ten service truck drivers and six vehicles, including garbage trucks, dump trucks, a tractor and two semi-dump trailers, are assigned to this detail by the Utility and Emergency Division. When required during heavy snowstorms, the semi-dump trailers also are used to replenish stock piles of salt at various locations on the system.

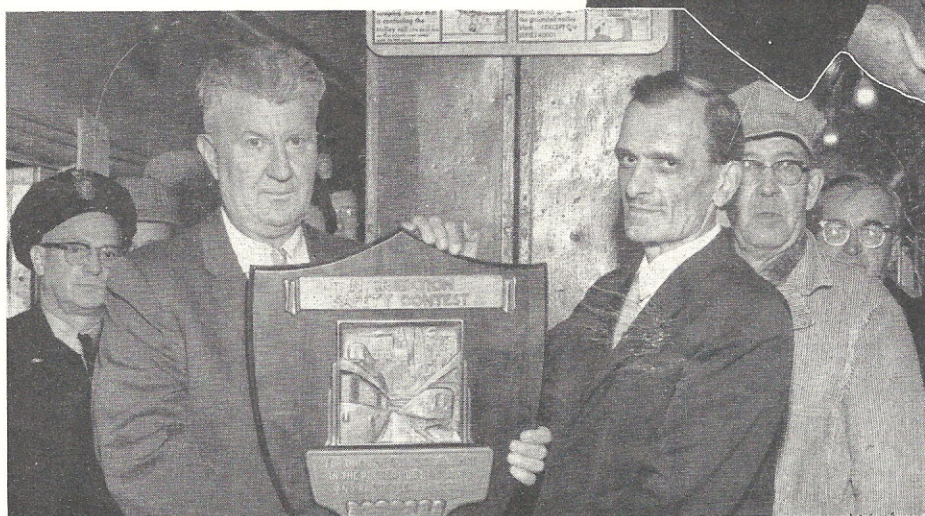
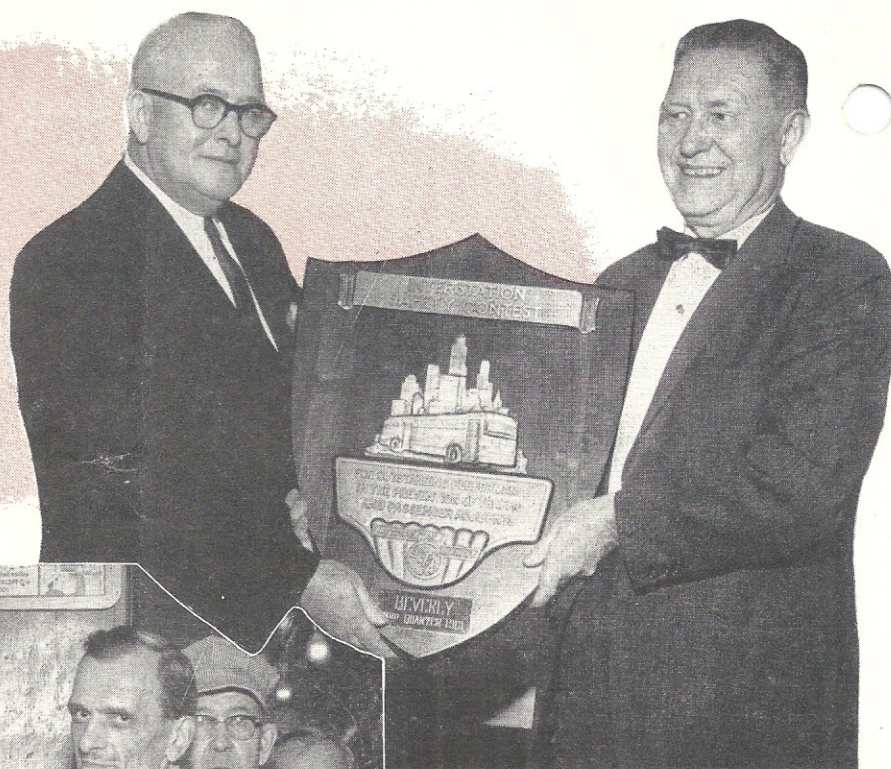
The rubbish removal program is under the jurisdiction of *Joseph Mulree* and *John P. Flynn*, superintendent and assistant superintendent, respectively, of the Utility and Emergency Service Division.

**THE NEW** trucks greatly simplify the rubbish collection operation. Here, *Milford Cumberlander* (left) and *John Miller*, chauffeurs, empty metal containers filled with combustible material directly into the hopper of the garbage truck. Over 800 55-gallon drums and 600 30-gallon garbage receptacles have been placed around the system at pick-up points to facilitate the removal of waste material.





## CTA Nears New Public Safety Record



IN THE picture at the upper right, General Manager Walter J. McCarter is handing the award plaque to Superintendent John J. O'Connor (left) at Beverly station. Accepting the trophy for Desplaines station, Assistant Superintendent William G. Murbach (right) receives the rapid transit system plaque from David M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation.

CTA IS well on its way towards establishing a new public safety record for the seventh consecutive year if the present system rate holds up to the end of the fourth quarter.

This was apparent in the standings at the end of the third quarter which show that for the first nine months of 1961, CTA's reported traffic and passenger accident experience was 10 per cent below the first nine months of 1960, which was the sixth consecutive record breaking year.

This announcement was made at the presentation of ISC awards for the third quarter of the year at Beverly and Desplaines stations early in November, when the winning point scores also were made known.

In winning the surface award, Beverly scored 74.64 of a possible perfect score of 100. Desplaines, winner of the rapid transit award, marked up a 49.12 record against a possible perfect score of 50 points.

The winners, however, were pressed closely by the runners-up in both classifications. In the final tally on the surface competition, only one point separated Beverly from North Avenue and one point separated North Avenue from Forest Glen. In the rapid transit contest, Douglas was a very close second, less than five points behind Desplaines.

The accompanying pictures were taken at the presentations of the award plaques at the two winning stations.

## Bolech Named to Equipment Post

JOSEPH BOLECH, Jr., formerly division engineer in the technical services division of the Shops and Equipment Department, recently assumed the duties of equipment engineer in the office of George J. Clark, chief equipment engineer, in the Merchandise Mart.

Mr. Bolech, who started with the former Chicago Surface Lines as a clerk at the old Noble station, in January, 1936, subsequently became a car cleaner and repairman at Kedzie station. He later worked as control inspector on PCC cars and as trouble shooter.

In 1945, following his discharge from the Navy, he returned to Kedzie, and in 1946 was promoted to development engineer at South Shops, and transferred to Skokie Shops in the same capacity in 1950. He returned to South Shops in 1952 as shops and equipment engineer, and in 1955 was promoted to the position he held at the time of his new appointment.



# Engineering Department Announces Departmental Changes

REORGANIZATION OF the Way and Structures Department and the Building and Structures Division of the Engineering Department and consolidation as the Construction and Maintenance Department was announced effective November 12.

The announcement made by *Charles E. Keiser*, general superintendent of engineering, and approved by *General Manager Walter J. McCarter*, also described the areas of responsibility of the various component units affected by the consolidation.

These are as follows:

**Track and Structures Division**—Track, structure and rights-of-way maintenance and improvements. **Building Division**—Building maintenance and improvements. **Utility and Emergency Service Division**—Emergency services, hauling and other activities. **Planning and Development Engineer** — Mechanical and electrical design related to Construction and Maintenance activity, planning of maintenance programs and development of work standards and skills. **Structural Engineer** — Civil, structural and architectural design. **Construction Engineer**—Supervision of contract construction work. **Administrative Assistant** — Administrative-engineering and office functions related to divisions.

Activities of the former divisions of the Way & Structures Department of the Engineering Department and related to the aforementioned divisions are as follows:

The former rapid transit division (Road Department) is eliminated and its track and structures maintenance personnel shall report to the Track and

Structures Division. Its building craftsmen shall report to the Building Division.

The Frog shop is no longer a separate division and its personnel shall report to the Track and Structures Division.

The Dual Purpose Division is eliminated and its personnel shall report to the Track and Structures Division.

The Surface Building Division is redesignated as Building Division, and its forces are augmented by building craftsmen transferred from the former rapid transit division.

The Utility and Emergency Service Division shall continue without change in the performance of its existing emergency services, hauling and other activities.

The announcement also made effective reorganization of certain field forces within the Construction and Maintenance Department.

Heading the newly constituted Track and Structures Division as superintendent is *John L. Ruzich*, with *Martin V. Duffy* as assistant superintendent, Track, and *Henry T. Luebeck* as acting assistant superintendent, Structures, respectively. The latter two will have their headquarters at 314 S. Wells street.

The augmented Building Division will be under the direction and supervision of *Vernor B. Olson* as superintendent, with *Russell J. Shanklin* and *James T. Walsh* as assistant superintendents. Mr. Shanklin will have his offices at Lincoln and Wrightwood and Mr. Walsh at 314 S. Wells street.

Announcement also was made of the appointment of *George J. Schima* as administrative assistant in the office of the superintendent of construction and maintenance effective October 1.

## Service Extended on Devon-Northwest Route

SERVICE ON CTA's Devon-Northwest Express route was extended on December 4 when buses began operating for an additional one and one-eighth miles via Devon and Ozanam to Ozark and Olmsted avenues.

Operated weekdays during A.M. and P.M. rush hours only, Devon-Northwest Express buses formerly operated between the Logan Square rapid transit terminal and Devon and Harlem, running non-stop in the rush direction on the Northwest Expressway between Central and California.

Riding on the route has increased steadily since the inauguration of the service on December 5, 1960. Inbound traffic during the morning rush period has increased from about 900 passengers to nearly 1,200 per day. Outbound riding during the late afternoon rush hours has increased from about 860 passengers to over 1,300 per day.

For the extended service, an additional four buses will be placed in service on the route. Buses traveling over the extended section will operate at nine to 10-minute intervals. Service on the other section of the route remain at four and one-half to five-minute intervals.

A special pamphlet giving complete details of the new service was distributed to all riders on Devon-Northwest Express buses prior to the effective date.

## Chartered Buses Serve 4-H Convention Groups

A TOTAL of 135 CTA buses was chartered by the National 4-H Service Committee to transport members of the 4-H Clubs Congress who attended the annual convention of the organization held at the Conrad Hilton hotel from November 25 to 29.

The buses carried the young people from the hotel to such places as the Edgewater Beach hotel, the Aragon Ballroom, the International Amphitheatre, Orchestra Hall, where various events on the program were held, and to railroad stations. Several other buses went to the International Harvester plant in Melrose Park.



# OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

HAVE YOU done your part to further CTA service?

Keynotes to the success of business is based on its promotion to the consumers.

Literally and figuratively speaking, CTA employees are in the drivers' seats and have within their hands the responsibility of keeping CTA running smoothly.

As we enter the New Year, it would be wise to take stock of our past performances and ask ourselves if we, in doing our job, have furthered good public relations between CTA and our patrons. Chances are that most of us have made an effort, but was it enough?

Here are a few of the recently received letters of commendation from patrons who recognize the efforts being made by our employees:



**Clarence Vesely**

"I have been riding on the Grand avenue bus line, going west, for the past several weeks now and each time I am fortunate enough to ride with Operator Number 11746 (*Clarence Vesely*, North Avenue). I have never known him to be anything but kind, courteous and considerate toward his passengers. His charming humor and good nature, especially during the morning rush hour traffic, make me constantly aware of his fine qualities. He seems to take a gen-

uine interest in the people he meets — from the wage earner right down to the school children. He is truly a credit to CTA and I consider it a great pleasure to have come in contact with a person who makes my traveling a 'treat a day'."



**Roland Fortier**

"For some time now, I have been wanting to write about the courteous mannerisms of Operator Number 6776 (*Roland Fortier*, Archer). Like so many of us, I always make a mental note of how I appreciate the 'little courtesies' this operator extends to all his passengers, but forget about writing until I meet him the next day and see the same attitude . . . friendly, considerate and obliging.

"You know it means a great deal to anyone when you're met with a broad smile as you board a bus on an early morning workday. Regardless of weather conditions or heavy traffic, this operator is efficient in handling his vehicle and friendly towards his passengers."

ALSO, INCLUDED among the recently received letters of commendation were: *Operator John Hein*, Badge 1770, North Park; *Operator Cleven Wardlow*, Badge 1971, Limits; *Operator Henry Gliwa*, Badge 13938, Keeler; *Operator Obadiah LaFlora*, Badge 10804, Lawndale, and *Operator James Sampson*, Badge 1727, North Avenue.



**Erwin Schultz**

"Recently, I had a very pleasant experience with a porter, whose badge number is 23006 (*Erwin Schultz*, Lake Street). It was in the Loop and while standing on the platform, waiting for the train, one of my very precious earrings fell off my ear and landed down where the tracks are. As I looked around, I saw a CTA employe, approached him and told him of my loss. He was very pleasant and went down off the platform to recover my earring.

"I thanked him and offered a little reward, but he politely refused it saying, 'It's my job to help you people out.' I wish I could show my appreciation in another way, but because of his attitude, I can only say I enjoyed the courteous service I received and hope that more passengers appreciate all the nice things CTA employes do for them."

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

	Nov. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1960
Complaints .....	1,237	1,323	1,050
Commendations .....	128	96	99



# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## CTA Couple Enjoy Southern Vacation

ACCOUNTING—(Payroll) Rosemary Kenny, with her husband, Pat, treasury, drove to Dallas, Texas, to visit with Pat's relatives during their vacation. While there, they visited S.M.U. university and other places of interest Dallas has to offer tourists. A final touch was added with a stop at New Orleans. Among the highlights of this gay city was the visit to the French markets and docks. Along Royal street is the original pancake shop, where they stopped to eat. It is the custom on All Saints Day to decorate New Orleans' cemeteries with flowers, and according to the Kennys, this was a beautiful sight to see.

After a quiet visit to the lovely old St. Louis Cathedral, they were off for a "must" dinner at Antoine's. This was followed by a trip down Pirate's alley and over to Bourbon street to hear good American jazz. With their tour of one of our wonderful historical cities of the south completed, all that remained was to follow the Mississippi river north on the homeward bound trip.

## Marries Soldier

(Revenue)—Karen Verheek was married to Herb Kekstadt, of the U. S. Army, on October 28 at Redeemer Lutheran church. She resigned to assume the duties of a housewife, and was honored at a pre-nuptial party at Pedicone's in Lyons.

Geraldine Deering, from Job Classification, replaced Dorothy Durr, who recently resigned.

Martha Navarro was married to Donald Biegel on October 21 at Our Lady of Guardian church. The young couple honeymooned at Nasau in the Bahamas.

James Roche was inducted into the Army on October 26. We hope to hear from him in the near future.

## Season's Greetings

from Your "Inside News" Reporters

Gertrude Anderson	Everett E. England	Earl McLaughlin
Gilbert E. Andrews	Joseph Feinendegen	Eileen Neurauder
Ceile Baggs	John M. Hanning	Julie Prinderville
D. Jane Bell	Verna Hartney	Elmer Riedel
Angelo Bianchini	Marie E. Havlik	Frank Sepanski
George Doyle Clark	Elizabeth Hawkins	C. P. Starr
Mary E. Clarke	Joe Hiebel	Walter Stone
Edith Edbrooke	Gordon Kelly	Marianne Walsh
Thomas Elphick		Ray Walsh

New additions to the department now include the following:

Kathleen Sloyan, Virginia Harrer and Patricia Wallace, who are new ticket clerks. Ernest Gehrke, stenographic, also has joined us at Division—at Western, and we have a new transfer clerk, Anthony Ippolito.

Rita Deakin and her mother enjoyed a tour of New England where they visited seven states—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island. They found the fall colors beautiful. High spot of the tour was viewing Cannon mountain (4400-foot elevation) in the white mountains of New Hampshire, which was covered with a foot of snow and truly looked like a winter wonderland. They also took in a few musical shows in New York city.

(Payroll)—Valeria Bowman and her husband flew via jet to Phoenix, Arizona, for a week of leisurely sightseeing. At the airport, they rented a car to drive to Scottsdale where the Mt. Shadow motel was their anchor port. Valeria came back to work full of pep and wearing a deep coat of tan.

(Real Estate) — George Seiler drove through the colorful Smokey mountains on the famous Blue Ridge Parkway to Ashville, where he stopped to tour the spacious Biltmore estates, which are open to the public. The massive library

filled with leather-bound books of all sizes and shapes amazed him with their beauty and values. Then he drove on to Williamsburg, Richmond, and made a stop to inspect Monticello. The lovely autumn foliage was well worth the side trips along the Shenandoah Valley and Charlottesville. They finished their trip home via the Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana turnpikes and, of course, our own skyway.

—MARIE HAVLIK and  
EILEEN E. NEURAUER

## Reporter Expresses Best Wishes

BEVERLY—Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. This is the time of year I would like to say thanks to all who have helped with this column, including Operator Frank Black, Operator Bernie Zesch, Operator Clifford Howard, Sanitary Engineer Rudy Korpowitz, Pensioner Tom Nolan and, last but not least, my wonderful wife.

Well!!! Beverly won the ISC award for the third quarter. On hand for the "Potlatch" were David M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, General Manager Walter J. McCarter, Tom Moore, superintendent of operating stations, Station Superintendent J. J. O'Conner, and Night Superintendent Tom Faris. Coffee and rolls were served and movies shown of the men at their jobs in and around the station.

Operator Louis Anchor's two daughters, Marge and Shirley, were hospitalized as a result of an automobile accident. Marge with a broken hip and Shirley with a broken pelvis. They are recovering at Illinois Central hospital.

Operator Charles Holley now is the proud owner of a doberman, which he purchased at the Great House of Hoytt, in Palos Heights.

Celebrating wedding anniversaries this month are: Joe and Mary Coad—24 years on December 6; Joe and Berthamae Coleman—39 years on December 6; the Joseph Thurstons—20 years on December 6; Art and Cecelia Schwappach—30 years on December 28, and Operator Jerry and Vi Gleason will celebrate their wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve.

Supervisor James Stanton, central district, recently suffered the loss of his mother.

Operator John and Emma Campbell, who celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary this month, vacationed at Flint, Michigan, where they attended an Irish reunion with old friends, many of whom hail from the Old Sod. They were accompanied by their daughter, Jacalyn.

Operator Jack Chancellor vacationed at Covert, Michigan, to do some boating. Jack's hobby is electronics. He has his own AMF radio station, W9SON.

Operator Pat Burke spent his vacation in Minnesota. Pat says he was 60 miles southwest of Duluth. Pat planned to do some deer hunting. He traveled by car.

Operator Augie Swartz's daughter, Genevieve, is a commercial artist.

—WALTER C. STONE

## Thinking Men Receive Awards

CLAIM—John Casey, vault clerk, received a Parker pen for sending in an acceptable suggestion.

Herb Schomer, audit clerk, received a tape measure for sending in his acceptable suggestion.



## NEWLYWEDS



**RECENT NEWLYWEDS** are **Dolores James**, daughter of **Operator Herman James**, 69th street, and **Operator William Powers**, also of 69th, who were married at St. Rita's church.

Reported by **Thomas S. Elphick**

The wife of **Claudius Worland**, blind case clerk, is doing fine at home after her stay in the hospital.

**Mrs. Elmer Schieble**, wife of one of our adjusters, is recuperating nicely at home after her stay in the hospital.

Welcome to the two new vault clerks, **Richard Gravert** and **Denis Rogus**.

Fond adieu to **Tom Dunn**, who was promoted to Duplicating.

The father of **Sol Garro**, adjuster, and **Eleanore Garro**, file briefer, is back at home after undergoing surgery and doing fine.

**Richard Mecker**, investigator, is riding in style in his new Corvair.  
—**FRANK SEPANSKI**

## Vacation Becomes A Honeymoon

**CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE**—**Richard Quagliano**, laborer building division, surprised his co-workers recently by turning his vacation into a honeymoon.

**Robert Inns**, watchman, track, died on October 27.

**Jack O'Reilly**, office engineer, track and structures division, is presently confined to St. Bernard's hospital with pneumonia.

**Edward Gersch**, assistant carpenter foreman, track and structures division, took an early retirement December 1.

**Andy Keaney**, plumber, Building division, resigned on November 23 to return to Ireland, where he joined his wife and family.

**Marion Markovich**, laborer, Building division, retired on pension December 1.

**Vic Eisemann**, foreman, Building division, and his family presently are touring Washington, D.C., during their vacation.

**John Retzler**, Building division, and his wife recently visited their son, **Bob**, at St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota.

**Your Reporter**, formerly of Employment, happily succeeds **Marlene Tipi**, who resigned to join her husband in Texas.

—**MARIANNE WALSH**

## Chief Operator Enjoys Arkansas Excursion

**ELECTRICAL**—**Chief Operator Frank Corrigan**, Franklin substation, recently vacationed at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas.

**Arthur Pickard**, operator, Homer substation, recently suffered the loss of his sister.

**Frank Castre**, operator, who recently underwent surgery, presently is still confined to the hospital.

**Irvin Koeritz**, lineman, who recently was injured in an accident is back at work.

—**GILBERT E. ANDREWS**

## Operator's Offspring Ends Bachelorhood

**FOREST GLEN**—**John Miller, Jr.**, son of **Operator** and **Mrs. John Miller** was married on November 11 to **Judith Ann Podjasek**.

**Supervisor Gus Vandermier** became a grandfather for the 19th time, when twins were born on October 11 to his son, **Robert**, of North Park Repair.

An eight-pound boy was born on October 23 to **Operator** and **Mrs. Robert Baker**, who now have five boys and three girls.

**Operator** and **Mrs. William Baran**'s third grandchild was born on October 26.

**Operator LeRoy Nelson** toured Florida in October during the vacation.

**Instructor Clarence Lemke's** daughter, **Margaret**, won \$200 on the last day of the Social Security numbers contest.

**Operator Stanley Bejrowski** passed away on October 31.

**Operator John Susralski** suffered the loss of his father on October 18.

—**EARL W. McLAUGHLIN**

## Six More 'Til It's Silver

**GENERAL OFFICE**—(**Transportation**)—**Jim Roche**, Operations Control, and his wife, **Genevieve**, recently celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary by dining out and attending a show.

**Elmer Milz**, Operations Control, and his wife, **Virginia**, recently returned from a three-week vacation, during which they motored to Washington, D.C., Williamsburg, Virginia, and visited Civil War battlefields. They also toured Cape Hatteras and the Blue Ridge Mountains.

**Radio Dispatcher Larry Stephens'** son, **Larry, Jr.**, recently returned from a hitch with Uncle Sam. Now, as a member of the Illinois National Guard, Larry must report every Monday night for military training.

**Radio Dispatcher Ken Williams'** son, **Paul**, recently was married to **Patricia DeFay** at Sts. Peter and Paul church. A wedding reception was held at the Evergreen Park Country Club.

## Southern Vacation

**John F. Higgins** and his wife, **Clara**, recently returned from a three-week vacation. They motored through Kentucky, North and South Carolina, stopping at Tryon, North Carolina, to visit with **Colonel** and **Mrs. Blair**. They reported that the Colonel looked fine and wished to be remembered to all his friends. Then the travelers visited Cape Hatteras, Williamsburg, Richmond and Charlottesville, Virginia.

(**Insurance**)—**Ann Golding** is hospital chairman of the Elmhurst auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars. In this capacity, she and her husband, **Harry**, attend many conventions in and around Chicago, and once each month a group of the ladies visit Hines hospital. They concentrate their activities on those who are confined to their rooms.

(**Stenographic**)—**Joan Fitzgerald**, **Shirley Guertin** and their mothers and another friend, motored to Mexico for a three-week vacation. They stayed at the Las Brisas in

Acapulco and some spent time in Mexico city, Taxco and Ixtapan. The driving was divided among three, and they all enjoyed a thoroughly good time.

**Arlene Zittman**, formerly of Public Information, transferred to our department.

(**Public Information**)—**Judy Mulvey**, whose father is **Operator Jeff Mulvey**, North Avenue, recently joined our staff. Judy replaced **Arlene Zittman**.

**Jack Harrington** recently forsook his bachelorhood when he was married to **Dorthea Grammas** at Epiphany church. Following a reception at Club Moravia, the newlyweds enjoyed a honeymoon in Miami Beach, Florida.

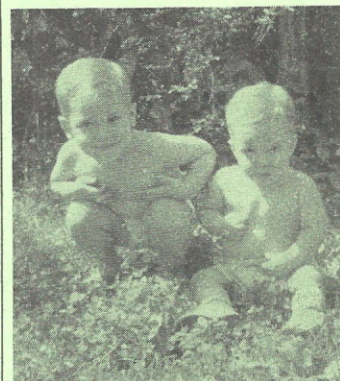
Another new gal in our department is **Linda Zoellick**, who transferred from Employment to the Service Section. Linda replaced **Kay Corcoran**, who transferred to Job Classification.

—**JULIE PRINDERVILLE**

## Engineer Takes The Plunge

**GENERAL OFFICE**—(**Staff Engineering**)—**Ray Jurgensen** will be married to **Sharon Levitzow** on December 22, during a candlelight ceremony at Peace Memorial church on the southside of Chicago. Ray and Sharon are members of Musichorale, Inc., a Chicagoland chorus comprised of 75 voices. This organization will furnish the music at

## PHOTO OF MONTH



**IT LOOKS** as if these two youngsters, **Kevin** and **Joel Schuessler**, are saying, "Here we are grandpa, peeking into the camera." The grandsons of **Melvin Clausen**, Executive department, live in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, with their parents who are missionaries.

Reported by **Julie Prinderville**



the couple's wedding. Sharon is a teacher at Oak Ridge elementary school in Palos Heights. When next summer vacation rolls around, Ray and Sharon will take a delayed honeymoon and tour Europe, where they will join the Musichorale group, which will be fulfilling appearance dates in four major European cities.

The picture that appeared in a recent issue of TRANSIT NEWS of John O'Connor's four-year old son, Dennis, who was all dressed up as a "Little Leaguer," recently was awarded the Daily News Snapshot Contest weekly and grand prizes, totaling \$100.00. The picture also is eligible for a national contest award.

Ann Schleiter is a proud grandmother again. Her son, Edward, and his wife, Deloras, were blessed with their eighth child, a girl, Karen Elizabeth. This makes eleven grandchildren for Anne. Mary Isbrandt, Anne's sidekick, is running close behind with eight grandchildren.

(Suggestion Department) — Mary Ann Berndt replaced Kay Corcoran as clerk-typist. Kay transferred to Job Classification.

Russell Warnstedt's wife, Ruth, recently had her photo published in the Daily News as "Beauty of the Day."

(Training and Accident Prevention)—Bernie Ford and his wife, Edna, are the proud parents of an eight-pound, six-ounce girl. Beth Ann, who was born on November 10. The Fords also have a little son, Bernie.

—MARY E. CLARKE

## Sand, Not Snow, For Their Holidays

KEDZIE—At this writing, Chief Receiver Kenny Burnell and Mrs. Burnell are planning a trip to sunny Florida for the Christmas holidays.

David Clark is back on the job after a long illness.

Clerk Ellsworth Ehrhart spent his vacation at the hospital with his wife, who underwent major surgery.

Barbara Eleanor arrived at the home of Operator Robert and Mrs. Steele on October 28.

—C. P. STARR

## Vacationers Enjoy Southern Warmth

LIMITS—Vacations are still in order . . . Operator George Cook and his wife vacationed in Florida for four weeks in November.

Operator Mike Brashavetz and his wife vacationed, via Greyhound to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where they visited Lookout and Signal mountains.

Operator Emmett Mullins vacationed in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

Operator Lou Monckton and his wife attended the International Convention at Toronto, Canada.

Operator Conrad Johnson was unable to go on his annual deer hunt trip in Canada due to the illness of his wife. They did spend a week-end with his sister in Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Clerk John Gilmore and Operator George Vlass vacationed in Old Mexico for a week.

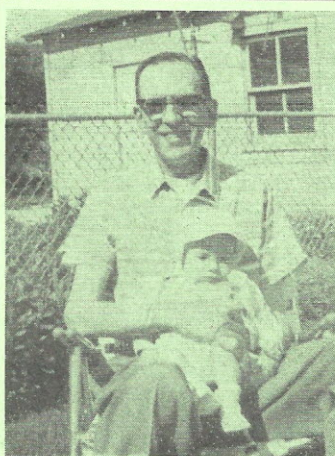
Receiver John Smieko substituted for Chief Clerk Roger Ward during the latter's vacation.

Operator Vince Zimmer retired on pension November 1, after 37 years of service.

Operator Ray Meyer is on the sick list at this writing.

The instruction on "Curbing of Buses" was handled very successfully by our capable instruction school.

## FIRST HEIR



PRIDE AND joy of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bruckner is their little grandson Robert Hunsaker, who lives with his parents in San Diego, California. Ed is a stock clerk at Storeroom 20.

Reported by D. Jane Bell

Operator Andy Wendt who is on the disabled list, visits the boys often. Also, we extend our condolences to Mrs. Wendt on the recent death of her father.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

—GEORGE DOYLE CLARK

## Student Agent Joins Uncle Sam's Forces

LOOP (Agents) — Student Agent James Dolan enlisted in the Marine Corps and left on November 24 for training at Parris Island, South Carolina.

Porter John Barrett spent his vacation with his son, Jack, who is a marine stationed at Jacksonville, Florida. Jack recently was transferred to Memphis, Tennessee.

Otis Buchanan visited his son, Otis, and his family in San Francisco, California.

Platformman Wilbur Holmes and Supervisor John Gelhooley have returned to work.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

## Photographer Gives Personal Assistance

NORTH AVENUE — Best wishes to Sandra Bumford and Thomas Sullivan, who were joined in holy wedlock last month. They were married at Resurrection church and honeymooned at Rockton, Illinois. Sandra is the daughter of Joe Bumford, our chief photographer.

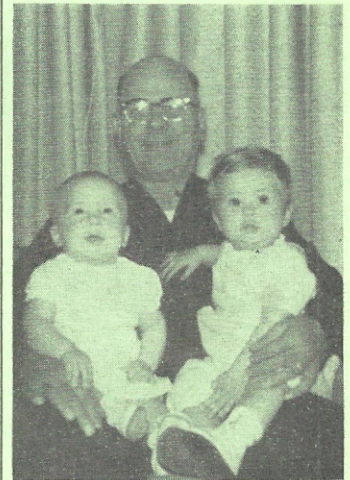
Ted Kusek became a grandpappy last month when he was presented with a grandson.

Being a grandpappy was nothing new to Frank Braman when he was presented with a granddaughter last month. The newcomer joined Frank's seven granddaughters and seven grandsons.

George "Sinatra" Kuenstle, repair department, spent an enjoyable vacation in Houston, Texas, where he visited with his brother . . . Ed Lee, switchboard operator, has pleasant memories of his trip to sunny Florida.

From the "whatever became of" department . . . Andy Stoltman transferred to Travel Information Center . . . Charley Cardon now is a ticket agent . . . George Bohakel and Jeff Mulvey also are ticket agents . . . Joe Fleischman is a street collector.

## GRANDDADDY



THIS CHRISTMAS will find Superintendent Frank Buetow, North Avenue, with his hands full—of joy, that is. Sitting on their grandfather's lap are one-year-old Cynthia Ann and six-month-old Cathy Ann.

Reported by Joe Hiebel

Superintendents Frank Buetow and George May wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the spirit of this season shine bright for you and yours the whole year through.

—JOE HIEBEL

## It Pays To Reach The Golden Year

NORTH PARK—John Paakonen celebrated his 50th birthday and received a 1962 Thunderbird as a gift from his wife.

John McCabe's brother passed away recently.

Harold Bason's mother died on October 20.

Lars Pedersen's wife passed away.

—ELMER RIEDEL

## The Old Timer



"When men and women get together at a party, it's usually time to go home."



## RESIGNS TO AWAIT STORK



AFTER MAKING the announcement that she would be resigning to await the stork, *Jean Potempa* (seated), shop clerk II, South Shops, was feted with a surprise party and received many gifts from her co-workers. Gathering for the festivities are (left to right): *Frank DeWitt*, *Ed Evans*, *Charles Buza*, *Esther O'Brien*, *Andy Tyson*, *Dorothy Moran*, *Ella Ball*, *Diana McLemore*, *Maureen Griffin*, *Ernie Nelson*, *Bob Kurtz* and *Minnie Stoffle*. Sitting with Jean is *E. C. Wendt*, assistant to superintendent of Shops and Equipment.

**IF YOU KNOW** a CTA employe who is not receiving his copy of CTA TRANSIT NEWS, please have him fill out the following form and return to the Public Information Department, Room 742, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Ill.

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Old Address.....  
(Street and Number)

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## Agent Retires On All Saints Day

**NORTH SECTION (Agents)**—On Halloween, *Veronica Kreusch* said farewell after 24 years of service. She was most thankful to her many friends and co-workers for their thoughtfulness in remembering her on her retirement.

*Georgia Myers* is confined to Lutheran General hospital.

*Gregory Bojan's* vacation was marred by the death of his brother-in-law. However, "Bo" enjoyed most of it by cuddling his little granddaughter, *Kathy*.

*Charley Marks* spent his vacation in and around our fair city. He was seen a few times at the race track.

*Al Ledenbach* wandered off to the Pacific-Northwest.

—ELIZABETH HAWKINS

## New Faces Join Our Department

**PURCHASING AND STORES**—(Stores-General Office)—*Marlene Marmitt* and *Irene Herman*, clerk-typists, are new in our department. *Marlene* is a new employe and *Irene* transferred from Revenue Accounting.

*Clerk-Typist Mary Lindberg* and her boyfriend recently were in an automobile accident. Luckily, they both received minor injuries, although it resulted in the death of a motorcyclist.

## Mark 25th Anniversary

(Storeroom 20 — Blue Island) *Stock Clerk Dan Granucci* and his wife, *Mary*, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 5. A party was given in their honor at the Jolly Club and they received many gifts of silver.

(South Division) — *Stock Clerk John McMahon* and his wife, *Mary Ann*, celebrated their first wedding anniversary on November 12 by going to the Boulevard Room and also to the Living Room, where they were entertained by *Tony Bennett*. It was a double celebration since Mrs. McMahon's birthday was on November 11.

*Stock Clerk Stanley Hall* recently went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended the wedding of his cousin.

—D. JANE BELL

## Now He's Driving In High Style

**SCHEDULE-TRAFFIC** — *Richard Goldstein*, assistant superintendent, is the proud owner of a '62 Tempest.

*Art Langohr*, schedule maker, who has been employed since September 25, 1916, retired on pension December 1.

*Ed Reilly* now is the new schedule maker, and *Arvin Kreutzer* is the new supervisor of traffic clerks.

We have heard good reports about *Pete Mills*, who has been in Resurrection hospital since October 23.

Also, two members of the traffic checking group — *Louis Hendricks* and *Chester Urban* recently were hospitalized.

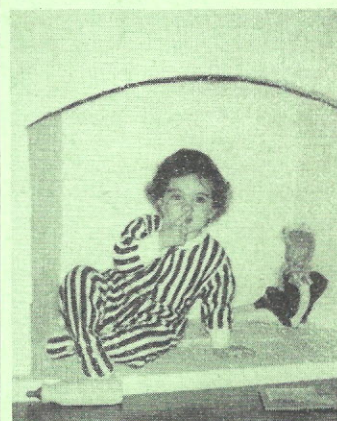
—GERTRUDE F. ANDERSON

## Collector Welcomes A New Heir

69TH STREET — *Collector George Wagner, Sr.*, became a grandfather for the first time on November 1. The baby was named *Timothy Robert*.

*Collector Charles Powers* was in the hospital recently. He now is home and hopes to return to work soon.

## ANTICIPATION



**SHH! DON'T** let Santa know I'm down here. Our anxious little miss is *Mary Beth Boring*, 18-month-old granddaughter of *Lee DeSutter*, Specifications. *Mary Beth's* mother is *Deanne Boring*, who formerly worked as a secretary in Property Accounting.

Reported by *Mary E. Clarke*



Former Operator Carl W. Schoenbauer returned to work as a collector.

Operator Albert Joza has been on the sick list for some time.

Operator Tom Nash's sister died on November 3.

Sam Dinova's wife passed away while they were vacationing in Tucson, Arizona.

Operator Tom McClelland presently is a patient at Englewood hospital, Room 404.

Operator Art E. Kreuger is in Christ Community hospital, where he is recovering from an ulcer attack.

Operator John Williams' wife gave birth to an 11-pound, 13-ounce baby boy. They named the lad Dargl E. Williams.

Operator Isaac Sears had an enjoyable vacation in Las Vegas, Nevada.

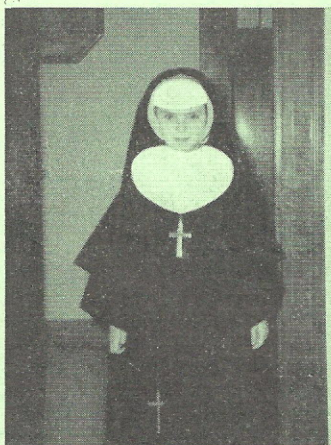
Operator John Novak cut his hand and had to have 26 stitches.

—THOMAS S. ELPHICK

## Son's Wedding Calls For Southland Trip

SOUTH SECTION—Conductor Wilbur Wagener and his wife traveled to Biloxi, Mississippi, to see their son, Donald, who is in the Army Air Force, marry Eleanor Dumpling on October 18.

## LITTLE NUN



RECENTLY ATTENDING the Holy Name Cathedral Mission Sunday activities was **Dorothy Marie Raven**, seven-year-old daughter of **Electrical Worker Stanley Raven**, Skokie Shops. Little Dorothy is dressed in the garb of the Order of the Sisters of the Holy Family, whom she represented in the pageant.

Reported by **Everett E. England**

Motorman **Albert Hill** happily announced the arrival of a baby boy, **Darrick**, who was born on October 8.

Agent **Joseph Buckley** is back at work after being on Disability pension.

Switchman **James Caldwell** vacationed in the mountains of West Virginia and enjoyed the scenery.

Instructor **Donald Murphy's** son, **Edward**, was married to **Gloria Fialkowski** on October 21 at St. Florian's church. The happy couple honeymooned at Miami Beach, Florida.

**Joseph Griffin** was appointed work train conductor on October 29.

Conductor **Frank Ponziano** and Agent **Theresa Dixon** are back at work after being on the sick list.

Chief Clerk **Jim Martinek** happily announced that his daughter, **Dorothy**, was married to **Edward Czajka** on October 14 at Immaculate Conception church. The happy couple honeymooned at Beaumont, Texas.

Motorman **Charles Southard** traveled to Spooner, Wisconsin, to do some fishing, but the weather turned too cold to fish.

Supervisor **Thomas Stanton** and his wife took short trips to St. Joseph, Michigan, and Rockton, Illinois.

Conductor **Lawrence Belin** was married to **Elizabeth McFadden** on October 28.

Conductor **Earthon Johnson** received a commendation from a passenger for his clear announcements.

Some of our co-workers have formed a bowling team called the Zeros. The team captain is **Sam Jones** and the other players are **Bob Desvignes**, **John Thomas**, **Jodie Rand**, and **Chris Wade**.

Motorman **Marcus Walker** is on the sick list due to a broken ankle.

Conductor **Bruno Warda** is proud of his two sons, **Paul**, a freshman, and **Robert**, a junior, at De La Salle high school because they both made the honor roll.

—VERNA HARTNEY

## Operator Transfers To Machine Shop

SOUTH SHOPS — **Machinist Eddie Gertz**, who was an operator at Forest Glen, is the new face in our machine shop.

**Joe Lukso**, converter rebuild department, returned to work after a two-week stay in the hospital for observation.

## EVANSTON MOTORMAN RETIRES

MORE THAN 38 years of transit service came to a close when Motorman **Michael O'Malley** (second from right), North Section, retired on pension November 1. Shaking Mike's hand is Dispatcher **Matt Bernardy**, Linden avenue station, Wilmette. Mike plans to travel with his wife and family to the northwestern states. Photo by

**Bill Limanowski**



## Christmas Hints for Homemakers

### Color Candles For Christmas

COLORLED CANDLES of your own making will add colorful warmth to your holiday table and mantel. All-purpose dye gives soft, muted colors to household wax you can mold yourself in shapes you prefer.

Use one to two teaspoons of dye for each pound of paraffin. One and three-quarter pounds of paraffin melt to make a quart. Milk and cheese cartons, juice concentrate cans, and gelatin molds are all suitable shapes for candles.

The wick should be inserted first. Run a string through a hole you punch in the center of the bottom of the mold. Knot it on the underside, wrap it around a pencil, and secure across the mold top.

Melt paraffin in a metal can set in a pan of hot water, then stir in the dye. Remove from heat and stir thoroughly three to five minutes. Don't be concerned about dye residue that remains in the bottom.

On the underside of the mold, wax-seal the hole through which the string wick goes and let it harden. Then pour colored wax into the mold very slowly. Let it harden about 12 hours before removing from the mold. Use whipped wax for topping.

### Decorate With Nature's Gifts

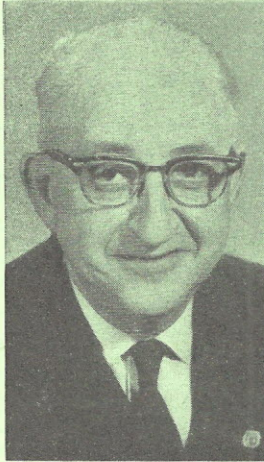
YOU DON'T have to look very far to find lovely Christmas decorations for your home. And they won't cost much more than the price of your time and efforts.

Wherever you live in the United States you'll find natural materials that lend themselves to handsome treatment.

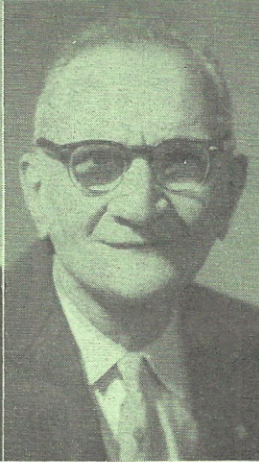
An artistic touch with cornstalks, husks, and what straws combined with sticks, stones and several household items can produce a beautiful nativity scene at little expense. Tumbleweed, spray-painted silver, makes a distinctive decoration trimmed with red Christmas bells. Among other items that can form unusual holiday decorations are branches, fruits, nuts, and seashells.



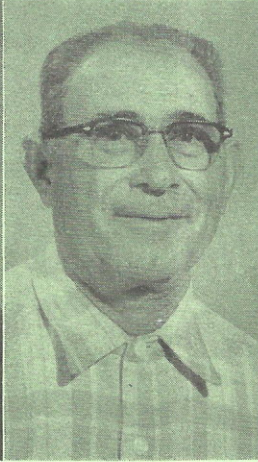
## 40-YEAR EMPLOYEES RECENTLY RETIRED



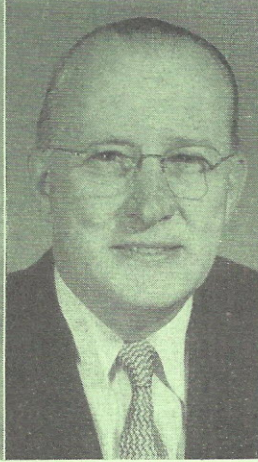
**James Simsen**, conductor, Howard street, North Section, December 1, 42 years.



**Otto L. Magrini**, ticket agent, South Section, December 1, 43 years.



**Michael Amico**, laborer, Way and Structures, December 1, 41 years.



**Archibald Langohr**, schedule maker, Schedule-Traffic, December 1, 45 years.

After more than 33 years of service in the machine shop and maintenance departments, **Walter Gadecki** retired on pension December 1.

**Sam Tucci**, converter department, is still on the sick list at this writing. Sam was involved in an auto accident.

After a four-month illness, **Frank Sobzeck** returned to work in the machine shop.

Machine Shop Foreman **Leo Kozlowski** and his wife, **Camille**, celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on November 25.

—RAY WALSH

## Double-Day For The Cannellas

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS — (West-Northwest) — On November 11 Repairman **John Cannella** and his lovely wife, **Victoria**, held a double celebration: their 22nd wedding anniversary and her birthday. Because she was born on Armistice day, she was given the name **Victoria**. John, who is a commander of CTA post 1216, American Legion, would be interested in hearing from any veterans who might like to become members. He can be reached at Desplaines Terminal shop.

Repairman **Adolph Kunz** recently gave his daughter, **Erika**, away in marriage. He also became a grandpa for the first time when his son's wife gave birth to a new Kunz.

—JOE FEINENDEGEN

## He's Right In Style With Space Age

WEST SECTION (Agents)—Supervisor **Byron Hawley** may not be the first man to reach the moon, but he'll be in there trying with his new 1962 Comet.

Superintendent **S. R. Smith** is up and around following a stay in the hospital, where he underwent surgery.

Porter **Anthony Crumpler** was hospitalized for nine days as a result of injuries he sustained in an automobile accident.

Agent **Larry Fricot** was confined to the hospital for a brief spell.

Porter **Jimmy Chavers** left on November 10 for a three-week va-

## New Pensioners

**Michael Amico**, laborer, Construction and Maintenance. Employed 7-27-20.

**E. M. Brechel**, janitor, Electrical Department. Employed 12-23-13.

**F. B. Castiglione**, carpenter, South Shops. Employed 11-23-37.

**H. W. Coutre**, truck chauffeur, Construction and Maintenance. Employed 4-17-41.

**J. L. Cross**, operator, North Park. Employed 2-14-27.

**D. W. Dartt**, road clerk II, Construction and Maintenance. Employed 8-28-16.

**Patrick Donoghue**, collector, 77th Street. Employed 4-23-24.

**S. N. Fisher**, inside adjuster, Claims. Employed 8-6-34.

**Walter Gadecki**, machinist, South Shops. Employed 8-14-23.

**E. W. Gersch**, assistant foreman, Construction and Maintenance. Employed 5-6-29.

**L. O. Halvorsen**, electrical worker "A," West Shops. Employed 3-13-23.

**Joseph Kraus**, janitor, North Park. Employed 2-19-45.

**J. P. Ladenbach**, crossing gate-man, North Section. Employed 10-2-45.

**A. K. Langohr**, schedule maker, Schedule-Traffic. Employed 9-25-16.

**M. J. Lenihan**, operator, 77th Street. Employed 4-21-43.

**E. J. Lynch**, painter, Construction and Maintenance. Employed 10-13-25.

**W. O. Madsen**, operator, North Park. Employed 1-15-27.

**O. L. Magrini**, agent, South Section. Employed 4-16-18.

**M. M. Markovich**, laborer, Construction and Maintenance. Employed 4-10-34.

**M. H. Murgatroyd**, agent, South Section. Employed 5-21-47.

**W. J. Nybert**, conductor, West Section. Employed 9-13-16.

**Arthur Pickard**, operator, Electrical Department. Employed 6-13-13.

**George Roth**, laborer, Skokie Shops. Employed 2-19-20.

**F. P. Russell**, supervisor, Central District. Employed 9-19-28.

**T. F. Scanlan**, operator, Kedzie. Employed 3-24-23.

**E. A. Schieble**, inside adjuster, Claims. Employed 8-4-34.

**John Simon**, receptionist, Engineering. Employed 7-5-16.

**James Simsen**, conductor, North Section. Employed 7-1-19.

**Harry Soderquist**, welder, Skokie Shops. Employed 4-7-20.

**J. J. Sullivan**, janitor, North Avenue. Employed 9-26-23.

**G. W. Swartz**, operator, 69th Street. Employed 2-10-43.

**E. H. Zurcher**, agent, North Section. Employed 5-21-42.

### Disability Retirements

**J. J. Callender**, conductor, Lake Street. Employed 7-30-36.

**W. J. Cook**, bus repairman, Shops and Equipment. Employed 4-17-34.

**F. J. Koncar**, clerk, Forest Glen. Employed 5-14-29.

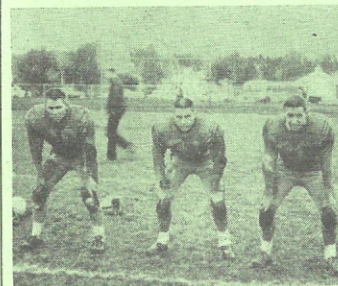
**G. J. LaCrosse**, file clerk, Stores department. Employed 9-26-46.

**M. P. Pretzie**, collector, 69th Street. Employed 7-19-44.

**E. F. Skierkiewicz**, laborer, South Shops. Employed 6-30-47.

**W. R. Steinsultz**, operator, 77th Street. Employed 1-25-34.

## CHAMPIONS



JUDGING FROM the looks of this gridiron trio, it's no wonder the Luther North football team won the championship among the private high school leagues. **Halfback James Dreyer**, right, son of **Leo Dreyer**, shopman II, Skokie Shops, scored two touchdowns in the final game of the season and holds the highest scoring player record in the school. Reported by **Everett E. England**



## CLEANER RETIRES



**AFTER COMPLETING** more than 34 years of service, **Cleaner Frank Miculinic**, Wilson, Terminal Inspection Shops, retired on pension on November 1. During a farewell party at the shops, Frank is being presented with a cash gift by **Ernie Jones**, foreman. Frank's wife, **Dorothy** is at the right.

Photo by  
Joe Feinendegen

cation in Florida, where he planned to indulge in his favorite pastime—fishing.

**Extra Agent George Greaney** was happily passing out cigars to celebrate the birth of his fifth child, **Virginia Therese**, who was born on November 13.

**Agent Ed Durkin** is back on the job again after having a bout with the flu.

**Porter Bill Rejewski** who has been on the sick list since last June, was placed on disability pension.

**Agent Betty Segerson** is back on the job, after being absent for several weeks because of illness.

—GORDON KELLY

## Trainmen Shed Single Status

**WEST SECTION—(Lake Street)** — **Trainman Nick Furey** was recently

married to **Mary Riley** at St. Cornelius church.

**Extra Guard William Eberhart** recently was married to **Patricia Suarez** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church. A reception for members of the family was held in the evening.

**Conductor D. Buegal** announced the arrival of a daughter, **Mary Ann**. She was christened at St. Procopius church.

**Gateman Manual Ocasio** announced that his daughter, **Myra**, will be married to **Anton Gross, Jr.**, at Holy Name Cathedral. A reception is to be held at the Europa house.

**Conductor Marshall Rowe** announced the arrival of a baby boy, **Clinton Adkins**.

—JOHN M. HANNING

## PENSIONERS MEET

THE CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, 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 Club of Chicago will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 18, 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.

## FOR AND ABOUT OUR PENSIONERS

**ELECTRICAL—Robert Patterson**, retired superintendent of transmission, passed away on September 11, at Scotts Bluff, Nebraska.

—GILBERT E. ANDREWS

**GENERAL OFFICE — Mrs. Mildred Kenny**, daughter of **Joseph Schumacher**, retired South Section conductor, called at this office a few days ago to advise she recently returned from Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Schumacher, who lives in Phoenix, is recuperating from three major operations, and wishes to be remembered to all his friends.

—JULIE PRINDERVILLE

**SOUTH SECTION—Retired Conductor Charles Earnshaw** recently stopped by at 61st street to tell of his trip to Yosemite and Yellow Stone National Parks, and Los Angeles, California. He also said he still plays golf as much as possible.

Retiring on pension November 1, were **Agents Arthur Buckendahl** and **Leonard Vogt**.

**Retired Motorman Henry Tassaert** stopped in at 61st Street for a visit.

**Retired Conductor Leland Davis** also was around to see the boys at 61st recently.

**Retired Agent Paul Dooling** and **Retired Motorman Bartley Page** recently passed away.

**Retired Agent Mary Murtaugh** visited with some of the agents recently and wished to be remembered to all.

**Retired Clerk Bob Franz** recently returned from some short trips in and around Chicago in a new Falcon.

**Retired Agents Lulu Hamann** and **Rose Heidenblut** took a trip to Whitehall, Michigan, to see Lulu's cousin.

—VERA HARTNEY

**69TH STREET — Pensioner William Henry's** wife is very ill and confined to the hospital.

**Retired Station Superintendent Terrance McMahon, Jr.**, recently suffered a stroke.

—THOMAS S. ELPHICK

**KEDZIE — Pensioner Edward Huening** was in a three-car accident in St. Petersburg, Florida, but came out of it with minor injuries.

**Pensioner Peter Sitkiewitz**, at this writing, is confined to Hines hospital with a hip injury and would like to hear from some of the boys. He is in Ward B-2, Room 206.

—C. P. STARR

**WEST SECTION (Agents)—Pensioner Bill Smith** is planning to spend the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida.

**Retired Agents Alice Rockett** and **Rose Janacek** recently passed away.

—GORDON KELLY

**SOUTH SHOPS—Pensioner Bill Castree**, who retired last year, recently returned from an extensive tour of Great Britain, including London, Ireland and Scotland.

## MAINTAINER TAKES PENSION

**AFTER 39 years** of service, **Tom Comer** (center), signal maintainer, 61st Street retired on pension November 1. Presenting Tom with a gift are **C. A. Butts** (left), signal engineer, and (right) **R. W. Koeppel**, foreman. Tom plans to spend some time with his daughter in California in the near future.

Photo by  
Bill Limanowski





Also recently touring Europe was *Sam Vickers*, who retired on pension four years ago. Sam, who originally hails from Holland, decided to extend his trip to three and one-half years.

—RAY WALSH

**BEVERLY** — *John O'Dwyer* passed away in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was buried at Holy Sepulchre cemetery in Chicago. *Pat McGann* was here to attend the funeral.

*Luke White* visited with his two sisters in Boston, Massachusetts.

*Paul Petersen* is due in from Pompano, Florida, to visit with *Harry Hacker*.

*Alfred Vandermeche*, of Long Beach, California, and *Ed Butler*, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, are doing fine after their illnesses.

On October 22, *Dick Knight*, *Pat Carolan*, *Gene O'Rourke*, *Pat Reynolds* and *John Devlin* were at the Little Flower shrine.

*Carl* and *Edith Thorkelson*, honeymooning in Sweden, attended the funeral of *Dag Hammar skjold* at Upsala.

*Mr.* and *Mrs. Nick Dop*, who motored to Miami, Florida, visited with *Paul Piderson* in Pompano and *John Noble* of St. Petersburg. They came home via New Orleans, and drove approximately 4,000 miles seeing many wonderful sights.

*R. Glasson* of 8951 S. Lowe, Chicago, of the old Burnside station who now is 84 years old, would like to hear from some of his old friends.

—WALTER STONE

**LOOP (Agents)** — *Sylvia Welter*, who is visiting her brother in Phoenix and Prescott, Arizona, said it is wonderful to be free and not have to hurry back. She is making stops on her return trip to see friends.

—EDITH EDBROOKE

**WEST SECTION—Retired Conductor** *Nelson Symon* recently entered McNeil Memorial hospital for a fractured hip.

—JOHN M. HANNING

**NORTH SECTION (Agents)** — *Marie Rohr* and *Gertrude Evans*' brother, *James*, passed away suddenly.

*Gladys Radcliffe* was installed as vice-president of the Grandmothers' Club.

—ELIZABETH HAWKINS

If you've moved recently  
please notify  
CTA TRANSIT NEWS

## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

**NANCY ALLISON**, 52, agent, West Section. Died 11-17-61. Employed 12-29-43.

**BYRON ARNOLD**, 48, operator, 52nd Street. Died 11-11-61. Employed 6-20-48.

**ANTON BARICH**, 73, retired truck repairman, Way and Structures. Died 10-10-61. Employed 2-7-24.

**STANLEY BEJROWSKI**, 60, collector, Forest Glen. Died 10-31-61. Employed 6-4-23.

**JULIUS CLAUSEN**, 60, retired bus repairman, "A," South Shops. Died 10-28-61. Employed 10-6-43.

**P. W. DOOLING**, 65, retired agent, South Section. Died 10-11-61. Employed 11-26-30.

**F. J. DREISCHARF**, 76, retired motorman, Elston. Died 10-26-61. Employed 12-11-19.

**MICHAEL FABITS**, 66, retired carpenter "A," South Shops. Died 10-23-61. Employed 8-23-29.

**OWEN FINLAY**, 80, retired car cleaner, Lawndale. Died 10-

December CTA Galley 17 21-61. Employed 4-6-29.

**A. V. HALPIN**, 79, retired agent, West Section. Died 10-26-61. Employed 5-30-00.

**WILLIAM HALPIN**, 87, retired watchman, Elston. Died 10-9-61. Employed 8-3-25.

**G. W. HOLDERNESS**, 67, retired switchman, West Section. Died 10-23-61. Employed 10-25-29.

**ROBERT INNS**, 57, watchman, Construction and Maintenance. Died 10-27-61. Employed 4-9-35.

**R. J. JANECEK**, 68, retired agent, West Section. Died 10-15-61. Employed 5-4-29.

**JOSEPH JOHNSON**, 83, retired conductor, Lawndale. Died 10-23-61. Employed 8-1-03.

**P. G. JOHNSTON**, 77, retired motorman, 77th Street. Died 11-3-61. Employed 4-10-17.

**WILLIAM KENNY**, 81, retired car repairman, Kedzie. Died 10-11-61. Employed 12-6-19.

**STANLEY KOKOSZKA**, 60, electrical worker, Skokie Shops. Died 10-15-61. Employed 2-20-23.

**F. J. KOZIOL**, 70, retired car cleaner, Devon. Died 11-5-61. Employed 9-24-43.

**W. A. KRESSLER**, 60, retired agent, West Section. Died 10-19-61. Employed 10-19-33.

**E. C. LAMBERT**, 68, retired conductor, Limits. Died 9-23-61. Employed 6-16-27.

**J. A. LYKE**, 65, retired conductor, Limits. Died 11-2-61. Employed 8-31-45.

**B. F. MANISZEWSKI**, 78, retired motorman, 69th Street. Died 10-23-61. Employed 3-5-24.

**LEOPOLD MARKS**, 43, repairman, South Section. Died 11-20-61. Employed 4-11-47.

**F. J. MARUSKA**, 72, retired gateman, Douglas. Died 10-13-61. Employed 6-19-30.

**JOHN McDONALD**, 60, carpenter, West Shops. Died 11-20-61. Employed 4-25-27.

**JOHN MOORE**, 65, retired doorman, 77th Street. Died 11-2-61. Employed 3-8-28.

**G. A. MRUK**, 78, retired car placer and watchman, North Avenue. Died 10-23-61. Employed 11-27-12.

**ROBERT MULVANEY**, 59, motorman, Howard Street. Died 11-10-61. Employed 3-28-25.

**LUDWIG NYSTRAND**, 76, retired assistant night foreman, Elston. Died 10-15-61. Employed 11-14-21.

**JOHN O'DWYER**, 76, retired motorman, 77th Street. Died 10-18-61. Employed 2-2-11.

**P. J. O'NEILL**, 70, retired conductor, 69th Street. Died 10-12-61. Employed 8-4-25.

**B. F. PAGE**, 74, retired motorman, South Section. Died 10-22-61. Employed 5-8-12.

**H. L. PAULY**, 77, retired motorman, Armitage. Died 11-6-61. Employed 7-8-13.

**PAUL RADAKOVITS**, 73, retired laborer, north division, Way and Structures. Died 10-10-61. Employed 2-7-24.

**B. J. REKAS**, 75, retired car cleaner, 77th Street. Died 10-30-61. Employed 4-17-19.

**A. M. ROCKETT**, 81, retired agent, West Section. Died 10-12-61. Employed 6-1-22.

**C. W. ROWLAND**, 89, retired motorman, Burnside. Died 10-9-61. Employed 4-19-02.

**R. A. RUUD**, 85, retired motorman, Devon. Died 10-27-61. Employed 12-22-10.

**H. R. SCHMIDT**, 83, retired motorman, Kedzie. Died 10-20-61. Employed 8-9-02.

**W. H. STEINMEIER**, 64, retired conductor, Douglas. Died 10-2-61. Employed 4-22-20.

**E. H. TORLEUMKE**, 83, retired assistant foreman, South Shops. Died 10-4-61. Employed 7-29-16.

**AUGUST VAN DE PUTTE**, 81, retired car repairman, Armitage. Died 8-3-61. Employed 11-1-11.

**MARTIN WIERCIOCH**, 84, retired car cleaner, North Section. Died 11-5-61. Employed 11-22-10.

**HERMAN E. WRUCK**, 63, operator, Lawndale. Died 10-26-61. Employed 9-13-23.

## RELAXATION



**ENJOYING GOOD** health in the Florida sunshine is *Frank J. Coleman*, retired conductor, North Avenue, who has been living at Ormond Beach for two and one-half years. Frank, who retired on pension in 1950, recently sent a letter saying that *Al Berndt* paid him a visit while he was vacationing in Florida.

Reported by *Joe Hiebel*



## "Crusade" Contributions Top \$71,000

CTA EMPLOYEES pledged a total of \$5,428.70 per month through authorization of payroll deductions to the 1961 "Crusade of Mercy" appeal fund of the Community Fund and Red Cross in the recent system-wide campaign. In addition, \$3,900.00 was received in individual cash gifts during the month of October, when the employees' solicitation drive was conducted.

Of the total of some 13,165 on the payroll as of November 1, 91.7 per cent or 12,073 employees, actively participated in the "Crusade of Mercy" cam-

paign, either through monthly payroll deductions or by cash contributions.

Projected over the year, the authorized monthly payroll deductions of \$71,445.80 for the 12 months beginning November 1, if all the authorized deductions remain in effect for the entire year. To this indicated total, the \$3,900 in cash contributions should be added, making a grand overall total of \$75,355.80 for the year.

Specifically, a total of 10,333 employees as of November 1 had authorized monthly payroll deductions. These in-

cluded 774 new pledges for regular payroll deductions.

The breakdown of contributions shows some interesting figures. Keeler, Forest Glen and Limits had a record of 100 per cent employee participation. Based on combined cash gifts and payroll deductions, eight other stations scored as follows:

Lawndale, North Avenue, Archer — 99 per cent; Kedzie, North Park—98 per cent; 52nd—97 per cent; Beverly, 69th—95 per cent; 77th—93 per cent.

### Four CTA'ers Elected at ATA Convention

FOUR MEMBERS of CTA's delegation to the American Transit Association annual convention held in Dallas, Texas, during the week of October 16-20, were named to important offices to serve 1961-1962 terms.

General Manager *Walter J. McCarter* was elected to the board of directors of the organization; *Edward J. Healy*, general superintendent of investigation and claims, was named chairman of the administrative committee of the Claims Division; *Robert L. Manville*, superintendent of purchasing, was named chairman of the administrative committee of the Purchases and Stores Division, and *Charles J. Buck*, power engineer, was named vice-chairman of the administrative committee of the Electrical Division.

### NEW APPOINTMENTS

TWO NEW appointments affecting the supervisory force of the Transportation Department were announced effective November 1.

*Leo J. Bien* was named superintendent of agents and porters, Loop and Assignment Office, rapid transit system, and *Robert A. Roesing* was appointed superintendent of agents and porters, South Section, rapid transit system.

The announcement bulletin was signed by *D. M. Flynn*, superintendent of transportation, and *T. B. O'Connor*, general superintendent of shops and equipment, and was approved by General Manager *W. J. McCarter*.

## CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS  
MONTHS OF OCTOBER 1961 AND 1960, TEN MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1961 AND 1960 AND  
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1961

(Revenues applied in order of precedence required by Trust Agreement)

	Month of October		Ten Months Ended October 31,		Twelve Months Ended
	1961	1960	1961	1960	Oct. 31, 1961
Revenues	\$11,782,943	\$11,103,291	\$107,677,498	\$110,103,019	\$129,667,393
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	9,557,982	9,382,166	23,339,045	24,278,398	112,610,860
Available for Debt Service	2,224,961	1,721,125	14,338,453	15,824,621	\$17,056,533
Debt Service Requirements:					
Interest Charges	341,772	354,502	3,478,894	3,607,666	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond Maturity Fund	166,667(1)	166,667	1,666,666	1,666,666	
Deposits to Sinking Funds -					
Series of 1947 (2)	135,547	125,060	1,292,547	1,190,280	
Series of 1952 (2)	29,583	28,750	295,834	287,500	
Series of 1953 (3)	9,004	17,500	36,015	87,500	
	682,573	692,479	6,769,256	6,839,612	
Balance Available for Depreciation	1,542,388	1,028,646	7,568,497	8,985,009	
Provision for Depreciation	942,635	888,263	8,614,200	8,808,242	
Balance Available for Other Charges or Deficit in Depreciation Provision (4)	599,753	140,383	1,045,703 r	176,767	
Accumulated Deficit in Depreciation Provision to End of Previous Period	1,899,010 r	4,764 r	253,554 r	-	
Appropriated for Revenue Bond Amortization Fund	-	-	-	41,148 r	
Deficit in Depreciation Provision or Balance Available for Other Charges	\$1,299,257 r	\$135,619	\$1,299,257 r	\$135,619	

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### PASSENGER STATISTICS

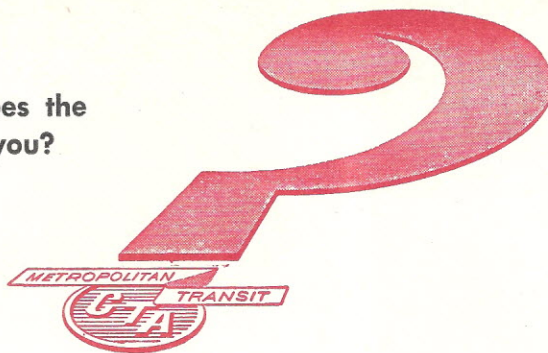
Originating Revenue Passengers	43,493,787	45,283,683	421,306,076	445,929,740	510,132,972
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### NOTES:

- (1) Equal monthly installments to retire \$2,000,000 principal amount of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing on July 1, 1962.
- (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. As of Oct. 31, 1961 there is a deficiency of \$71,524 in this fund as earnings to make these deposits were not available for the months of November 1960 through June 1961.
- (4) 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.



What special meaning does the holiday season hold for you?



INQUIRING REPORTER:  
George Doyle Clark  
LOCATION: Limits Station



**CLARENCE BUTHMAN** (left), Operator (with Inquiring Reporter *George D. Clark*): "The thing I most look forward to during the holiday season is the general overall friendliness of people toward one another. Of course, I also enjoy the festivities and beautiful decorations; but, I think there's a special meaning for me when I watch my grandchildren open their gifts. They seem to give a new lift to life."



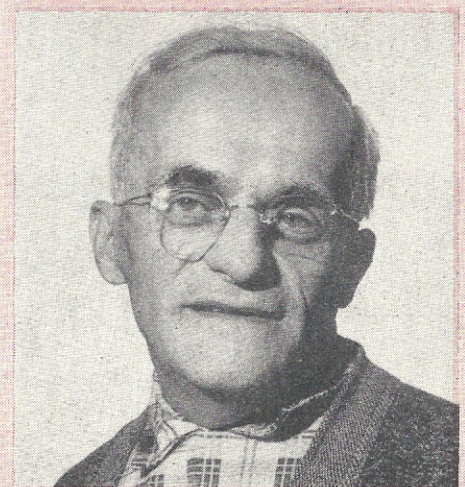
**GEORGE ISAAC**, Receiver: "The most enriched meaning for me during the Yuletide season is the deep fervent feeling towards all the things we cherish, both in the present and past. You might say it's a time for remembering and a time for looking forward."



**EARL RODGERS**, Mechanic: "As a young child, I spent many holidays in an orphanage and later, many more in the service. The special meaning that the holidays hold for me is that I now have a wife and children with whom I can share these joyous times."



**WALTER STEINBEISS**, Supervisor: "The true meaning, of course, is the celebration of the birth of Christ, the greatest gift, I believe, the world has ever received. Naturally, a personal, special meaning that the holiday season holds is the family gatherings that usually take place during the holidays."



**JOSEPH KRAUS**, Janitor: "Honoring and respecting the established customs of mankind in religion, which gives all a feeling of kindness and happiness in all walks of life and to keep this spirit in our hearts everyday throughout one's life . . . that's what holds a special meaning for me during the holiday season."





**LEFT-OVERS** are no problem, especially with the recipe for Turkey Whirls with cranberry sauce. They're so good, you can serve them at informal holiday get-togethers, too!

## TURKEY WHIRLS WITH CRANBERRY SAUCE

A FAMILIAR question, "turkey, again?" usually is asked by your family during the holiday season, when turkey is aplenty.

To help solve the problem of what to do with left-over turkey and introduce a deliciously new dish to your table, here is a sure-fire recipe:

- 1 1-pound can whole cranberry sauce
- 1½-cups sifted flour\*
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup shortening
- ½ to ¾ cup milk
- 1 cup finely chopped cooked turkey (½ pound)

Spoon cranberry sauce into an 8-inch square pan and spread evenly over bottom. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Cut or rub in shortening until mixture is crumbly. Add milk to make a soft dough. Turn out on lightly floured board or pastry cloth and knead gently 30 seconds. Roll out to 9-inch square and spread turkey evenly over top. Roll up like jelly roll. Seal edge securely. Cut into slices 1-inch thick. Arrange slices, cut side down, on top of cranberry sauce in pan. Bake in very hot oven (450 F.) 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Serve hot with additional cranberry sauce if desired. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

\*If self-rising flour is used, omit baking powder and salt.

**DELICIOUS AND** decorative, Christmas Star Salad is a snap to prepare—it's freshness and tart-sweet taste can be preserved in the refrigerator for hours.



## CHRISTMAS STAR SALAD

THE SNOWY-white of fresh endives and the bright, festive red of cranberries combine in the Christmas Star Salad . . . a real pleaser for your holiday table.

Endives and cranberries are long-time favorites in Europe and America. Endive—or witloof as it's known in Belgium—became a diet staple in Europe. And it wasn't long before the low-calorie, vitamin-rich Belgian vegetable was discovered and popularized in America.

Delicious cooked or raw, as a salad or appetizer or in soup, endives are available in our markets from September through May and they keep in the refrigerator for weeks.

Cranberries have complemented our holiday dinners since the first Thanksgiving. And a cousin of the American cranberry is now popular fare in Europe.

In the seasonal but unusual Christmas Star Salad, small stars molded of cranberries with rays of endive halves are enticingly topped with a smooth sour cream dressing.

### Star Salad

- 1 package lemon-flavored gelatin
- 2 cups fresh cranberries, chopped
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup chopped apple
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts
- 1 tablespoon finely sliced green onions
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 8 stalks Belgian endives

**PREPARE GELATIN**, following package directions. Chill until slightly thickened. Meanwhile, combine cranberries with sugar, apple, celery, walnuts, onions, salt and pepper. Fold into gelatin. Pour into 8 lightly oiled star-shaped molds. Chill until firm. Cut endive in half lengthwise; arrange on platter with molds. Serve with dressing made with equal parts mayonnaise and sour cream.







# Christmas Customs

## THROUGH THE AGES

EVER WONDER, as you deck the branches of that prize pine or spruce, who trimmed the first Christmas Tree? Or when folks first "discovered" the existence of Santa Claus? Or who sang the first Christmas carol . . . hung up the first Christmas stockings . . . chose a strategic spot for the first mistletoe?

Some Christmas customs are surprisingly recent, while others date back even beyond the earliest Christmas. But the Yuletide we know—complete with gifts under the tree, friends calling to admire the decorations, and family reunions—has existed only for the past 200 years.

To our ancestors who celebrated "Christmas Messe" (The Mass of Christ) several centuries ago, Christmas was a time of solemn rejoicing and deep religious dedication, with little of the modern gaiety. The New England Puritans actually forbade joyous Yuletide demonstrations.

New Englanders and other Americans eventually followed the lead of New York's Dutch settlers and succumbed to the charm of "San Nicolaas"—better known as Saint Nick or Santa Claus. But the jolly gent had a flourishing career long before he reached our shores.

More than 1600 years ago there was a St. Nicholas—a Turkish bishop whose countless works of charity made him a legend in his own lifetime. Martyred in 342 A.D., he became the patron saint of children and of three nations: Greece, Holland and Belgium.

People pictured him on a white horse ascribed to him by old Turkish tradition. But his fame spread to Scandinavia, whose citizens felt more at home with a Saint Nick who rode a reindeer-drawn sleigh. They also gave him his red suit, a hand-me-down from the ancient Norse god, Thor. As for the rosy cheeks, white beard and jolly-jelly belly, they come from the famous poem—"The Night Before Christmas," whose author, *Dr. Clement Moore*, modeled Santa after an old Dutch gentleman he had once met.

About those Christmas stockings: one legend says that the original St. Nicholas, taking pity on a man too poor to provide a dowry for his daughter, dropped gold pieces into a stocking hung up by the fire to dry. Actually, the custom of hanging up Christmas stockings probably originated in Germany.

What do the world's children find in the stockings or shoes left out for Santa? In Italy, good children find gifts in their shoes, but the naughty ones discover only ashes. The German Santa enters with candy and cookies for the good youngsters, an empty potato sack for the bad ones. America's "bad 'uns" may discover coal in their stockings, but others find gifts ranging from toy guns to harmonicas.

### First Man to Decorate Tree

The first person to decorate a Christmas tree may have been *Martin Luther*. Walking home one night shortly before Christmas, he felt a strong tie between the starry night and the love of God. At home, he placed candles on a little evergreen tree to help his children experience the same wonder of God. The custom grew and spread through Northern Europe, then to America.

The mistletoe has an equally ancient background; primitive Britons called it "all heal" and ascribed to it the magic power to heal disease, neutralize poisons, protect against witchcraft, and bestow fertility on humans and animals. If a young couple sealed their betrothal with a kiss under the mistletoe, they would have good luck for the rest of their lives.

Holly, a Christmas decoration since the middle ages, was also thought to have protective powers; six or seven hundred years ago, young maidens fastened a sprig of holly to their beds at Christmas time to protect them from the "evil one" during the coming year.

Next time you hear "Deck the halls with boughs of holly"—a song which dates back to that remote time—remember the origin of Christmas Carols. The word "carol" means to "dance in a ring," and the man who popularized the practice was the beloved *St. Francis of Assisi*. To bring the Christmas message vividly and directly to his villagers, most of whom could not read, the 13th century saint arranged a manger scene using real people and animals. When the villagers came to see it, St. Francis led them in joyous celebration—in "caroling."





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## Medically Speaking

By. Dr. George H. Irwin  
CTA Medical Director

### HOLIDAY EXCESSES AND FATIGUE

THE HOLIDAYS will soon be here. Most people look forward to Christmas and New Year with pleasure. It is the season when everyone in good health gets enjoyment from giving, and helping others. It is the time for hope for the recovery of less fortunate individuals who may be heartsick or ill from various causes. For each of us the holidays have their special meaning.

Therefore it is a fitting time to encourage everyone to plan a program which will bring to our friends and to ourselves good health and happiness. These common sense suggestions to avoid fatigue and illness may be of value in helping to gain these results.

The rules of good hygiene should be followed much more carefully during the holidays than at any other time of the year. This means getting your normal amount of sleep, good food and fresh air. To hinder us from following such a program, are the many temptations which come to us. For example, there is the inclination to overindulge in extra goodies, big dinners, in-between meal snacks, rich fruits, candies, wines and liquor.

Overeating and overdrinking can bring on many stomach upsets. In preparation for and during the holiday season one frequently cuts down on sleep. Getting the house ready, the decorations up, the packages and cards mailed, all takes additional time. As a result, one's resistance is lowered and one is overtaken by fatigue and illness. To avoid this, plan early to do a little each day and avoid that tiring, last minute rush.

Shopping is a problem which everyone faces. Almost everyone has experienced how tiring this duty can be. You start out feeling fine, but by the time you battle all the shoppers—some of whom may have colds—in an overcrowded, warm store you are exhausted. Then, stepping out in the

zero weather may chill you enough to start an illness. To overcome this, dress comfortably and plan the shopping to avoid crowds and stress. Make a list of your needs and then proceed to shop in a systematic manner.

Holiday festivities which often tend to produce fatigue are the usual Christmas parties in the home, church, school, business offices and theaters. In attending all these activities one frequently loses sleep and becomes overly tired. When fatigue develops, illness or colds usually follow and because of increased contacts such ailments spread rapidly.

A word of caution about home accidents during the holiday season would not be amiss. Falling while trimming the tree is not uncommon. Fires from electric appliances and decorations can easily occur. Not only are home accidents increased at this time of the year, but we also find more accidents on the streets and highways. Shorter days, with snow or ice on the streets, plus too much holiday spirits make travel more hazardous.

A sensible holiday celebration will increase our enjoyment of the season. It can be a great boost to our sagging spirits and morale. It will help us forget grievances and troubles in a natural expression of kindness and goodwill. This state of mind is an excellent tonic. To enjoy its greatest and lasting benefits, we must be careful not to overdo ourselves. The last advice is to commemorate the holidays in a sensible and wholesome manner and also keep mentally and physically fit.







A CHRISTMAS tree anyone would take a shine to is this dainty table model, decorated with sparkling ornaments that are all made by combining paper cups with aluminum foil.

## Seasonal Do-it-Yourself Project For the Whole Family

HERE'S A unique and seasonal do-it-yourself project which you can have ready in time for the holidays. A tree featuring these home-made ornaments will look well in your home and the table decorations will add to the festive spirit of Yuletide and New Year's celebrations.

Want some especially attractive Christmas decorations this year? And want to provide the children—and yourself—with the fun of making them? All you need are two basic items: aluminum foil and paper cups.

Following the directions is easy. Some other decorations, you may have found, would take you until next Christmas before you succeeded in creating them. Not so with these.

### Tree Ornaments

**Silver bells.** Use aluminum foil to cover paper cups. Use foil that's a little wider than the height of the cup. Roll it around, then tuck it in at top and bottom.

Puncture the bottom of the cup—that's the top of the bell. Run a ribbon through the loop at the end of a jingle bell. Then draw the ends of the ribbon through the hole in the cup. Knot the ribbon inside so that the jingle bell hangs just below the rim of the cup. Now decorate the bell with glitter.

**Baskets.** Again, cover paper cups with foil—only this time spread glue on the cups first. Stand the cup on the table with the open end down. Then cut vertical slits along the sides of the cup—but not quite down to the base.

Now invert the cup. Put your fingers inside, and press—the cup will change into an urn. Decorate it with glitter. (A simpler way is to use just the covered cup, tied with the ribbon handle.) You can fill the basket with anything that occurs to you—berries or sweets, for example.



**Star.** With a pencil, draw lines down the side of a cup so that there are five equal divisions. Cut along the lines down to the base. Press the cup so that it's flat. Then use your scissors to make points out of the five leaves.

Place the paper onto aluminum foil that's about the same size. Use tape that's sticky on both sides, or double-fold the tape, to hold the paper to the foil. Slit the foil between the points, and fold under—so only one side is covered. Cut off the excess foil with a scissors. Now do the same thing for the other side of the star. You can decorate it with glitter and tinsel.

**Star Basket.** Just glue the star onto the base of a basket or covered paper cup, and spread out the points into a fan-like effect.

**Flower.** Make slits all around the sides of the paper cup, at equal intervals. Press flat. Place it on aluminum foil strip that's about the same size. Use double-face tape or folded tape to hold the foil to the bottom of the cup. Make slits in the foil between the "petals", then fold the foil around the petals. To make the petals rounded, roll them over a pencil.

Use tinsel to decorate, and hold it in place with glue. Christmas balls or a ribbon bow may be tied on with needle and thread—leave some thread loose for hanging.

### Table Decorations

**Centerpiece.** First equip yourself with an 8-ounce cottage-cheese container and a 16-ounce one; a 4-ounce food cup; and a cone-shaped water cup. What are you going to make? A tree!

Turn all the cups upside down, and fit them into each other, using the largest one as the base. The cone cup at the top will stay put if you use a toothpick to attach it to the food cup.

Wrap the tree in green crepe paper, and secure it with tape. Cut out strips of the remaining crepe paper; fringe the strips and wrap them diagonally around the tree. Secure them with tape at the top and a staple at the bottom. Then decorate the tree. A bright red tablecloth presents a good contrast.

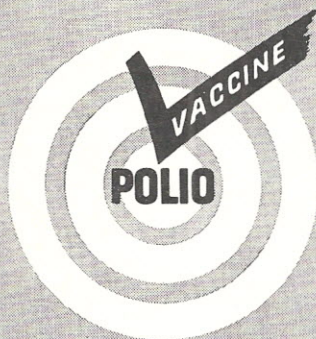
**Candle Holder.** Cover cottage-cheese containers and cold cups with aluminum foil. Place one cold cup, upside down, into each cottage-cheese container. Puncture the bottom of each cold cup, and insert the Christmas candle. Place colored Christmas balls around the sides of the container. Other containers may hold candy, nuts, and so on.

**Place Cards.** Cover cold cups with green crepe paper, then turn them upside down. Puncture the bottom, and insert a candy cane. Drape tinsel around the top, and paste the name onto the side of the cup.

**Plates, Cups, Bowls.** With the new, printed-design compartment plates, you may serve ice cream, sandwiches, and cake all on one plate. Dewdrop cups, which come in Christmas colors, will complete the decor. The serving bowls can be cottage-cheese containers covered with aluminum foil.

All these decorations—from basket to centerpiece—you should find easy to make, fun to work on, and attractive to look at.





**YOUR  
DIMES  
WILL  
DO IT  
AGAIN!**

**BIRTH DEFECTS**

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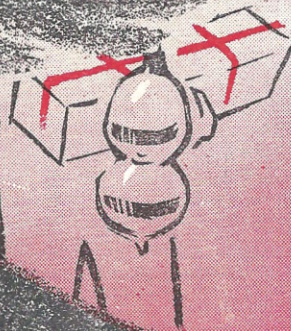
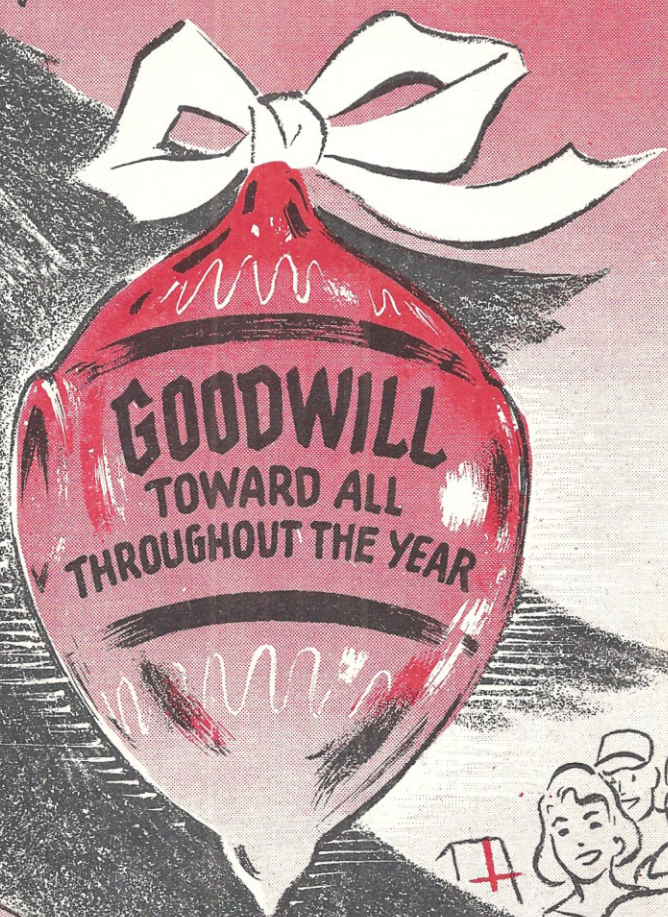
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