

Transit News

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Snow Means Woe to CTA

SNOW AND sub-freezing weather, lots of it, was nature's unwanted gift to Chicago during the year-end holiday season and through the month of January.

And snow, when it falls in quantities as it did during that period, means woe for CTA and its patrons, particularly bus riders.

The white stuff clogged streets, immobilizing automobiles parked at the curb, and narrowed the traffic lanes for all vehicles. Snow piles built up further barriers to traffic and added to the hazards of driving. In other words, things were tough all over during, between and after the hard-hitting storms.

The biggest problem, as it is always when a king-size snow-storm hits the city, was the autos parked at curb lines on transit streets. These hampered the work of the snow plows which were unable to open up traffic lanes sufficiently to permit free movement of vehicles. Each fresh run of the plows created a "false curb" of icy snow, which banked high around the parked cars and further impeded the crews fighting to clear lanes in areas where traffic snarls were developing. Pleas from CTA and city traffic officials to motorists to get off mass transit curb lines, generally went unheeded.

The situation became so bad in some areas that the Chicago Police Department began towing away cars parked at curb lines along busy transit streets to permit plows to open blocked traffic lanes. In some instances city street employees used road graders to scrape away the accumulated snow and ice. (continued on page 2)

LEFT: Even a fire truck is stymied in trying to get through the traffic in the 900 block of Larrabee avenue. RIGHT: Cars, double-parked, reduced traffic lanes on Stockton Drive, near St. James Place.





LEFT: This view, looking west at Division street and Damen avenue, shows how cars, parked in cleared traffic lanes, forced buses into the center of the street in detouring around them. RIGHT: A typical traffic jam on a main thoroughfare is shown here on Central avenue, between Madison street and Washington boulevard. Cars were crowded together bumper-to-bumper as they fought for street space on the snow-filled lanes.

In response to an appeal by the Department of Streets and Sanitation, CTA employees were directed to open street drains in the vicinity of operating locations and urged to clear the sewer inlets in the vicinity of their homes during periods of mild weather when thaws and rain melted down some of the snow piles. CTA supervisors also were busy opening sewer inlets at viaducts and underpasses to prevent flooding.

Despite being hindered by the sudden onslaught of winter, CTA managed to maintain service on its surface routes, though buses generally could not adhere to their regular intervals or schedules because of the slowing down of all traffic.

The successive waves of storms and sub-freezing weather did not catch CTA napping. Forewarned by the weather service, CTA crews were prepared for the worst. Emergency crews on stand-by duty went into action quickly when the order for clean up was issued.

In the period between December 9, when the first arctic blast hit Chicago, and through February 1, a total of 39.17 inches of snow was dumped on Chicago, breaking a long-standing record. The estimated cost to CTA for snow removal over this span was a whopping \$600,000 to \$650,000. During January alone, CTA snow removal costs approximated between \$325,000 and \$375,000 - \$125,000 to \$175,000 above budget estimates for the month.

The highest snowfall during the period was recorded on December 22-23 when the official figure was 11.6 inches. The fall on January 5-6-7 measured nine inches, and on January 14-15, 6.6 inches. In between times, one to two-inch snowfalls added to the accumulation on the streets and the equipment was out again either touching up or spreading new salt, wherever ice patches developed. Snow fighting activities in December cost CTA riders \$245,000.

In all, CTA used 23,000 100-pound bags of salt and 26,700 cubic yards of salt combined with a small amount of sand.

During the heaviest storms, as many as 142 CTA trucks, salt buses and hired trucks were on the streets at one time. The emergency crews manning the storm-fighting equipment were called upon to work long hours in waging their battle against the snow, sleet and icy temperatures.

Rapid transit system operations were less affected by the storm. Trains were running behind schedule in some instances as heavy riding slowed up loading and unloading of trains, but generally good intervals were maintained. Many motorists left their autos at home or stranded on the snow-filled streets and used CTA service.

Damen Route Extended; Now Crosses New Skyway

FIRST DIRECT access to express bus service to and from the Loop was made available to the Back-of-the-Yards area by extension of the S. Damen route across the new Back-of-the-Yards Skyway on February 11.

The extension connects with Archer Express buses at Archer and Hoyne. These buses operate Monday through Saturday.

Bridging extensive railroad yards, 43rd Street, and Pershing Road, the new skyway extends from 47th Street, the present north terminal of the S. Damen route, to 37th Street. It was opened November 28.

The new service was recommended and is being sponsored by civic leaders in the area.

Service over the skyway operates between 6:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. seven days a week. Northbound buses travel to 36th Street, west in 36th to Hoyne Avenue, and north in Hoyne to Archer Avenue at 35th Street. Southbound buses operate east in 35th from Archer to Damen and then south in Damen to the terminal at 87th Street. During other hours, the north terminal will be 47th Street.

On weekdays, during the A.M. rush period, buses will operate at seven minute intervals; during mid-day at 12-minute intervals, and during the P.M. rush at seven and a half minute intervals. On Saturdays and Sundays the service interval will generally be 12 minutes.

In connection with the new extension, CTA is discontinuing the Ashland-Stockyards special rush hour service, effective Monday, February 12. Nine trips of the Ashland (No. 9) route are now routed into the stockyards area between 6:00 A.M. and 7:55 A.M. and eight trips between 3:15 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. on weekdays. Lack of patronage necessitated this adjustment.

"CTA officials are hopeful that the convenience of a direct connection with the Archer express bus service will substantially increase the patronage of the S. Damen route." Revenues from this route failed by approximately \$56,000 to meet annual operating and maintenance expenses. Operating costs of the extension are estimated at \$80,000 a year.

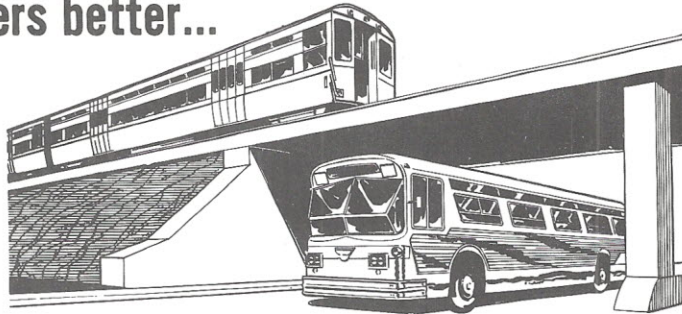
A saving of approximately \$45,000 a year will be achieved by discontinuing the Ashland-Stockyards specials, but even so a sharp increase in patronage of the S. Damen route will be needed to off-set present operating losses and to pay the additional costs of operating the new extension.

Timetables for the new service were distributed by CTA in advance of the starting date with the cooperation of the Back of the Yards Council and the Back of the Yards Journal whose assistance was tendered by Joseph B. Meegan, executive secretary.

RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

Watson, Winfred L., conductor, South Section
Holzapfel, James E., motorman, West Section
Morris, Benjamin C., motorman, West Section
Carter, Sylvester, bus operator, 69th Street
Smith, Maurice, bus operator, Kedzie
Geraty, John P., carpenter, Construction and Maintenance
Pacella, Carmen, traffic checker, Schedule-Traffic

to serve our riders better...



KNOW YOUR CTA ROUTES

OVER A century of transit history has been recorded since CTA's present Division (No. 70) route first began operating as a horsecar line running between Clark and Sedgwick streets on October 4, 1859.

Today it spans an area from the downtown Loop to Austin boulevard (6000 W)--a distance of 10 miles--and is one of the heaviest transfer lines on the surface system.

Thus the route has followed the typical pattern of other lines converging on the downtown shopping and business district, the heart of the city's commercial life and the hub of its spreading environs. As the city has pushed outward from the Loop, so have its transit facilities expanded to serve its growing business and population centers.

From the Congress street terminal the Division route traverses the Loop and near north side residential and night club districts. Along Division street, buses serve the densely populated communities of West Town, Humboldt Park and Austin. Three manufacturing areas served are those at or near Goose island, Homan avenue and Cicero avenue.

On weekdays, buses are scheduled at two and one-half minute intervals during the rush hours and every 10 minutes throughout the mid-day and evening hours. "Owl" service is provided at 30-minute intervals between Congress street and California avenue only, from 2:10 a.m. to 4:10 a.m.

On Saturdays, buses operate on eight-minute headways during the morning and afternoon, and every 10 minutes in the evening. Sunday schedules call for buses every 15 minutes before noon, and every 10 minutes throughout the afternoon and evening.

Thirty-seven propane buses from the North avenue station are assigned to the Division route. The measured round trip mileage between outer terminals is 19.62 miles and the one-way running time varies from 43 to 70 minutes, depending on the traffic and time of day.



INDUSTRIAL GROWTH in the Austin community has been stimulated by the location of such companies as Motorola, Incorporated, which has its various electronics plants at Kilbourne avenue and Augusta boulevard. CTA's Division, North, Austin and Central bus routes provide direct service to many of the manufacturing installations in the area.

WITH URBAN real estate values climbing higher, high-rise apartments are becoming commonplace. Older city areas have been transformed through redevelopment planning and modern housing units have replaced less desirable dwellings built in earlier years. Typical of the changing Chicago scene is this picture of a new fire station and apartment building at Larrabee and Division in what, not so many years ago, was considered a decaying neighborhood.



Transit service on Division street originated with the extension of Clark street horsecars west to Sedgwick in October, 1859. In 1880 cars of the North State street route began operating on Division between State and Clark. During 1886 a horsecar route was started between Milwaukee and Mozart, and the following year tracks were laid east to a connection with the original route at Sedgwick. At this time cars began shuttling between Mozart and Wells streets.

Division horsecars began operating downtown coupled behind Milwaukee avenue cable car trains in 1890, and six years later when the Division street routes were converted to electricity the downtown route became one of the first electric streetcar operations inside the Loop.

The West Division streetcars began operating between Grand and Cicero in 1914 and were extended a year later to Austin.

In 1937, when the Division and Van Buren routes were consolidated, cars began operating down State street through the Loop.

Bus operation on Division street started on October 1, 1941, when a route between California and Grand filled in the missing link between the two streetcar routes.

During July, 1946, streetcars were replaced on the west route and motor buses began operating through to the present Austin terminal.

Streetcars on the original downtown route began operating down State street, instead of Milwaukee avenue, during January, 1950. Finally, on February 4, 1951, the remaining streetcar routes were converted and a single bus route effected. The Division-Van Buren route was discontinued at this time.

Buses were extended south to Congress street later in 1951 and began operating back on Dearborn street during 1953.

Desplaines, Beverly Again Win ISC Awards

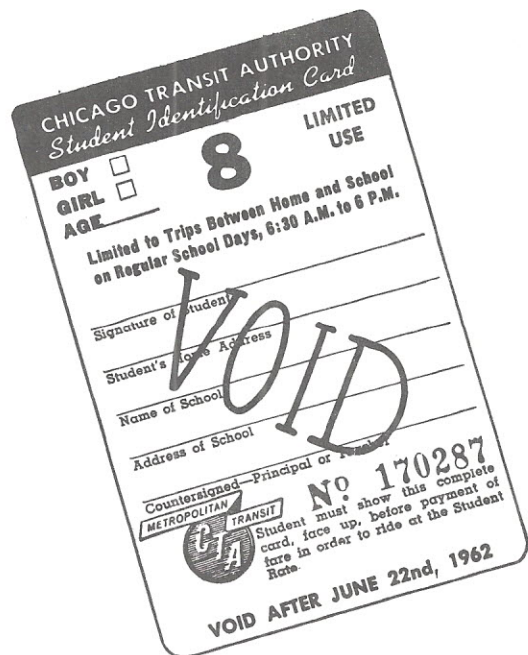
IT WAS Beverly all the way in the fourth quarter competition for the Interstation Safety Contest award between surface system operating stations.

Beverly's point score was 79.50, with Forest Glen in second place, trailing by a 71.88 score. Beverly also won the safety plaque for the third quarter of 1961.

Desplaines terminal station of the Congress branch repeated for the third straight time in the rapid transit system contest, with a point score of 50. Logan was second with a 38.96 point score.

Presentation of the award plaques to the winning stations will be made in February on a date to be announced.

Student Cards Distributed for New Semester



STUDENT IDENTIFICATION cards, good for use on CTA vehicles during the second semester of the 1961-62 school year, were distributed to about 240 public, parochial and private high schools and some elementary schools during the week January 31 to February 7.

The cards, sold for \$1.00, enable eligible students to ride CTA trains and buses at a special rate of 12¢ without transfer and 17¢ with transfer between 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and can be used only during those hours in traveling to and from school on school days only. Previously the hours during which they were honored were from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The card is valid only if the student is traveling toward the school on the face of the card in the morning and away from the school in the afternoon. In the afternoon, the student must board the CTA vehicle in the immediate vicinity of the school or at the nearest rapid transit station.

CTA representatives distributed the cards only at schools that used 20 or more cards last semester. Students from other schools that were not visited by CTA representatives and students who were absent on the day cards were sold at their schools can obtain riding cards by bringing the proper forms, available at the school, together with the \$1.00 fee, to the CTA desk in the lobby of the Merchandise Mart on any Saturday between 9:00 and 1:00 from February 3 through April 14. Cards may also be obtained by sending the application from, properly signed by the student, along with a check or money order to the CTA Student Card Department. The application form must be countersigned by the principal or a teacher. The cards will be forwarded to the respective schools for distribution to the students.

A replacement fee of \$2.00 is charged for a riding card that has been lost, stolen, defaced or destroyed. Application for a replacement card must be made directly to CTA.

Students eligible to receive cards must be between the ages of 12 and 20, inclusive, and must be full-time day students at an accredited public, parochial or private elementary or high school and require CTA transportation between home and school. The card must be shown at the time the fare is paid.

During the first semester of the 1961-62 school year, 105,000 identification cards were sold by the CTA.

Lesson on How to Be a Goodfellow

A BELATED, but nevertheless heartwarming Christmas story, has been reported concerning Operator William Miedema, North Avenue, who has become known as a community Santa Claus because of his activities on behalf of neighborhood children.

Miedema, who lives at 1627 N. Linder avenue in Austin, has been a streetcar man and a CTA bus driver for the past 21 years. He loves kids and has opened his home to boys and girls in the neighborhood and has a boy's club which meets in the basement of his home.

For the past 15 years, Miedema has held a Christmas party in his home, with all the trimmings, candy, gifts and a helping Santa who hears all requests. Last Christmas, there were 67 youngsters sharing early festivities at the annual event in the Miedema home.

The project has grown to such proportions that Miedema has received help from various neighborhood merchants, most of whom belong to the North Austin Civic Club, of which Miedema is a past president.

Miedema has three sons of his own, Bill, a graduate of Austin high school, and also a CTA bus driver; Wayne, a student at Foreman high school, and David, who is three and has a few requests of his own for Santa.



OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

SELLING CTA service is basically a matter of good public relations. Every employe in every contact with the riding public is provided an opportunity to test and prove that statement. Fundamentally it settles down to employe attitude, reflected in the kind of personal service given in the ordinary performance of duties. Employes who conduct themselves in a considerate, accommodating and helpful manner at all times make their jobs much easier for themselves. It's the little courtesies that count. This is pointed up by the following letter.

"As a rider on the LaSalle bus that operates by way of the inner drive I wish to commend Operator No. 1972 (Cleven Wordlow, Limits) who every morning in his own way does his bit to make every passenger on his run feel that going to work is a special treat. When boarding his bus, you are welcomed by a pleasant smile and a cheerful greeting such as 'Good morning. Be careful of the steps,' and when you get off he will say 'Have a nice day at the office,' or some equally appropriate statement. He is always cheerful, and I have never seen him lose his smile even under trying circumstances. If you don't feel good when you get on the bus, you feel better when you get off just hearing his warm, cheerful voice. He is a good will ambassador for CTA and his many kindnesses and courtesies are appreciated. I think he should receive some acknowledgement of his very fine service."

Editor's Note: Operator Wordlow has a consistently fine reputation handling riders in a pleasant and tactful manner. During 1961 there were 24 commendatory letters addressed to CTA commenting on his special brand of personal service.

As opposed to this fine testimonial to a man who apparently has made friends of his riders, another letter tells of a bad reaction to the kind of personal service that exasperates the public:

"Recently, with other passengers at the 47th Street 'L' station, I was waiting to transfer to a bus and before I had completely entered the vehicle the operator pulled away with the doors open and I barely had time to grasp the center post when the operator abruptly closed the door. When I called the incident to his attention he responded sarcastically and said that if I was not satisfied with the service that I should use other means of transportation. I don't believe this type of behavior from an operator is the intent of the company, and if the operator does not accept the fact that he has an obligation to the people he serves I feel that he is in the wrong occupation."

COMMENT: Our employes have been trained to make certain that all passengers are safely aboard before closing their doors and setting their buses in motion. Employes who operate contrary to these instructions are subject to disciplinary action.

SHOWN HERE is a comparison of complaints and commendations recently received by Chicago Transit Authority for January, 1962, December, 1961, and January, 1961.

	Jan. 1962	Dec. 1961	Jan. 1961
Complaints	2235	1023	930
Commendations	138	96	110

INQUIRING REPORTER: Julie Prinderville

LOCATION: General Office

QUESTION: What personal qualities do you like best among your acquaintances?

Bernadette A. Kizior, stenographer, Transportation Department, with Julie Prinderville: "The ability to accept and appreciate their position in life is the quality I most admire. If individuals adapt, other factors flow naturally to enrich their own lives and the lives of their associates."



Carol Schmidt, stenographer, Insurance Department: "A keen sense of humor and a broad-minded outlook even under the most trying conditions, to me, are most important in making and maintaining lasting friendships."



BELOW, left: Wanda Kraus, telephone operator: "If I may, I would like to single out only one. That is courtesy among acquaintances, which I admire above all else. Without courtesy life would be very difficult."

CENTER: Marlene Wargin, stenographer, Public Information Department. "I feel that a person should be sincere and dependable as are the majority of my acquaintances. These traits are most important and an asset in a person's character."

RIGHT: Joan M. Fitzgerald, supervisor, Stenographic-Duplicating Department. "Sincerity and friendliness are the qualities I appreciate most in people. A friendly smile and a bright 'hello' helps to brighten your day."



MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin
CTA Medical Director

RHEUMATIC FEVER

RHEUMATIC FEVER is a febrile disease which usually develops 10 to 14 days after a "strept" sore throat. It is characterized by fever, the occurrence of multiple focal inflammatory lesions in many parts of the body, notably in the heart, blood vessels and joints. Rheumatic heart disease, occurring as a sequel of rheumatic fever is one of the three most important types of heart disease. The other two kinds of heart disease are associated with high blood pressure and coronary artery disease. The latter two are not associated with rheumatic fever.

The cause of this disease is a bacteria known as the hemolytic streptococcus. It should be remembered that not all cases of "strept" sore throat develop rheumatic fever.

This disease is prevalent the world over and is most commonly seen in children between five and 15 years. When it is present in the adult it is usually of recurrent nature the first attack having occurred in childhood. Rheumatic fever is also more common among families in the lower economic group.

Most cases, although not all, develop rather suddenly and the major symptoms include fever, loss of appetite, pain arising from inflammation of the joints, various manifestations of heart involvement, abdominal pain, skin changes and chorea (St. Vitus dance).

It would take far more space than we have at our disposal to present a detailed discussion of the symptoms arising from the invasion of the heart and joints by this infection. However, it must be said that heart involvement is of the greatest concern because of the possibility that the victim may be left with leaky or scarred heart valves.

Treatment may be generally divided into prophylactic or preventive. Medical care of the person who is currently ill with rheumatic fever is of the utmost importance.

As in most illnesses early recognition of symptoms is vital. This is particularly true in rheumatic fever because if the original strept sore throat is treated energetically the disease may be aborted. Precautionary measures, such as good hygiene, fresh air, rest, good food and exercise are all important. Once the disease has started medicines, including penicillin and sulfa, will be prescribed by your physician.

The follow-up care of these cases is extremely essential because recurrences are very common in rheumatic fever. Recent improvements in medical care, which includes antibiotics over a long period of time, have saved many lives. In conclusion, remember to call your physician for any case of fever and sore throat, especially when there are associated joint pains.

WEST SHOPS SITE SOLD TO HOUSING AUTHORITY

SALE OF 110,000 square feet of property formerly occupied by part of CTA's surface lines West Shops to the Chicago Housing Authority for \$230,000 was announced recently.

The property is 332 feet deep and has a 330 foot frontage on Washington boulevard and West End avenue. It is located at 3902-3930 W. Washington and 3903-3931 West End.

Chicago Housing Authority plans to construct a 14-story housing project for senior citizens on the site. It will contain 126 three-room apartment units and will cost an estimated \$1,953,000.

For many years, dating back beyond 1891, the area has been used as part of the shop facilities for surface transit companies in Chicago. It was owned and occupied successively by the West Chicago Street Railroad Company, the Chicago Union Traction Company, the Chicago Railways Company, and the Chicago Surface Lines.

Much of the West Shops activity has already been transferred to 77th and Vincennes. Part of the property formerly occupied by West Shop units was sold some years ago. CTA will still use an area about 330 feet wide extending northward from West End to Lake street until the new facilities are available at South Shops.

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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

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

	Month of December		Twelve Months Ended	
			December 31,	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Revenues	\$11,448,463	\$11,146,812	\$130,610,746	\$132,092,915
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	<u>9,801,322</u>	<u>9,790,693</u>	<u>112,618,020</u>	<u>113,550,213</u>
Available for Debt Service	<u>1,647,141</u>	<u>1,356,119</u>	<u>17,992,726</u>	<u>18,542,702</u>
Debt Service Requirements:				
Interest Charges	340,671	353,197	4,160,731	4,314,775
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond Maturity Fund	166,667(1)	166,667	2,000,000	2,000,000
Deposits to Sinking Funds -				
Series of 1947 (2)	135,547	125,060	1,563,640	1,440,400
Series of 1952 (2)	29,583	28,750	355,000	345,000
Series of 1953 (3)	<u>9,004</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,023</u>	<u>87,500</u>
	<u>681,472</u>	<u>673,674</u>	<u>8,133,394</u>	<u>8,187,675</u>
Balance Available for Depreciation	965,669	682,445	9,859,332	10,355,027
Provision for Depreciation	<u>915,877</u>	<u>891,745</u>	<u>10,448,860</u>	<u>10,567,433</u>
Balance Available for Other Charges or Deficit in Depreciation Provision (4)	49,792	209,300r	589,528r	212,406r
Accumulated Deficit in Depreciation Provision to End of Previous Period or Balance Available for Other Charges (Less \$41,148 Previously Appropriated to and Disbursed from Revenue Bond Amortization Fund)	<u>892,874r</u>	<u>44,254r</u>	<u>253,554r</u>	<u>41,148r</u>
Deficit in Depreciation Provision	<u>\$843,082r</u>	<u>\$253,554r</u>	<u>\$843,082r</u>	<u>\$253,554r</u>

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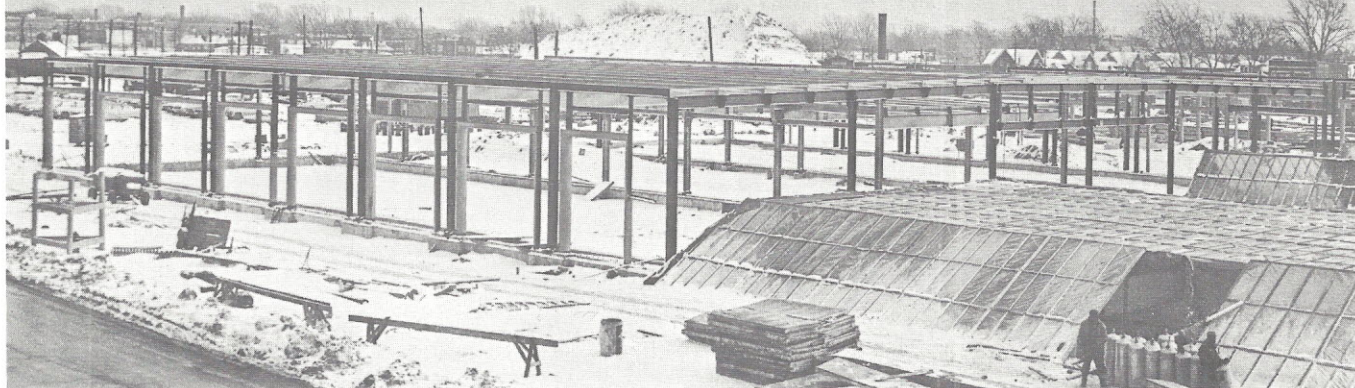
PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers	<u>42,168,914</u>	<u>45,255,359</u>	<u>505,531,763</u>	<u>534,756,636</u>
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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 Dec. 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.

Shops Improvement Projects Progressing

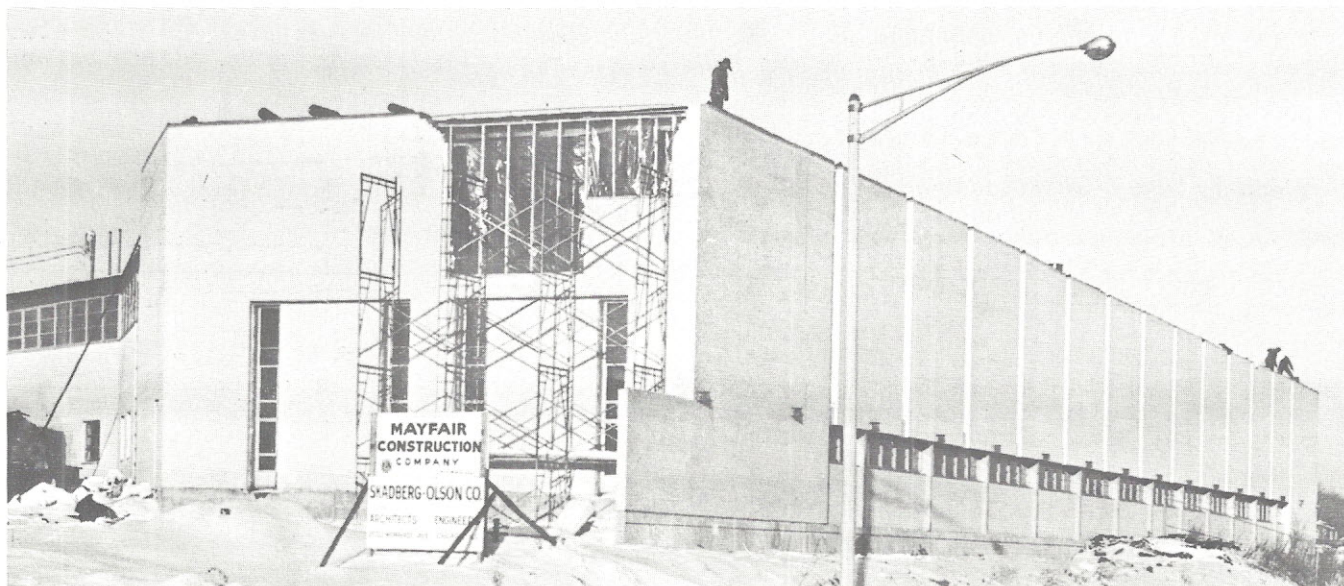


DESPITE THE bitter winter weather of recent weeks, construction work on two important CTA improvement projects has been making progress. Steel framework is going up for the structure of the new consolidated bus overhaul shops at 77th and Vincennes avenue and exterior work is all but complete on the new service and inspection shops for the maintenance of rapid transit cars at Desplaines terminal in Forest Park.

Covering an area of approximately 138,800 square feet at the northeast corner of 78th and Vincennes avenue, the new shop building will cost an estimated \$3,234,000 and another estimated \$475,000 will be expended in remodeling other buildings at this location. The new shops building is scheduled to be completed not later than November 1.

The new service and inspection shops facility at Desplaines terminal, being constructed at a cost of \$969,900, covers an area of about 26,000 square feet on the southwest corner of Desplaines avenue on property facing the Congress street expressway. The new shop will be large enough to accommodate 12 rapid transit cars at a time, and will be so arranged that maintenance and repair work can be performed on a production line basis.

Pictured at the top of the page is a section of the steel structure as it appears looking southeast from the second floor of the present bus overhaul shops at 77th and Vincennes. The photo at the bottom of the page is a progress view of the construction work on the new service and inspection shops at Desplaines terminal, looking northeast from the Congress street expressway.



Tips To TAXPAYERS

SOME TIMELY tips for taxpayers were released recently by the office of the District Director of Internal Revenue, and since almost every wage-earner falls into this category, the information contained in the bulletins issued by the Internal Revenue Service should prove useful when filing your income tax return.

First of all, the IRS wishes to remind you that the deadline date for filing that return is April 16.

Among the procedural tips suggested are the following:

There are two ways of taking deductions on 1961 federal income tax return - itemize your charitable contributions, interest, taxes, medical and other expenses, or use the standard deduction.

If a taxpayer is a homeowner paying interest and taxes, or if he has unusually large contributions or medical expenses during 1961, it may be to his advantage to itemize them. If itemized deductions total less than 10 per cent of adjusted gross income, it will usually be better to claim the standard deduction. The tax table accompanying the return form must be used to determine the tax on incomes under \$5,000 when the standard deduction is claimed.

Whether the selected federal income tax return is the "shortie" 1040A or regular 1040, many taxpayers forget some important items. Some of these are: (1) Failure to attach W-2, (2) No signatures, (3) Tax information not readable, (4) Failure to list dependents and exemptions, (5) Failure to total deductions.

When the IRS gets an illegible or incomplete return it cannot be properly processed and will delay the issuance of any refund due the taxpayer. The taxpayer should review his return as soon as it is completed, put it aside overnight, then review it again the next day. After making sure it is clear, complete and correct, mail it to the Director of Internal Revenue, 22 W. Madison street, Chicago 2.

Be sure to list your social security numbers on your return. Both husband and wife should list their numbers on a joint return. Some returns are being filed in which one or both social security numbers are omitted. When overpayment of social security taxes occurs, because of working at more than one job, space is provided on the return for a credit of the overpayment to any income tax owed or to a refund due.

Taxpayers who have any questions on the standard deduction may get Document No. 5017, "Filing Your Tax Return," by calling the local Internal Revenue Office or writing to Tax Forms, P.O. Box 9177, Chicago 90.

"Bill Saver" Known by Many Names

CTA'S "BILL SAVER," whose name has become synonymous with CTA advertising, is a popular fellow. His fan mail mounts into the thousands, especially when he makes a free offer of CTA transit maps and "See Chicago" folders.

But though he's been around for quite some time, Bill's fans still stumble over his name. This is apparent from the mail received in the Public Information Department requesting the free literature.

Just as an example, here are samplings of how he is addressed: Bill Severe, Bill Life Saver, Bills Aver, Bill Service, Bill Sever, Bill Mark, Mr. Sayers, Mr. Bill Saver, Cill Saver, Bill Saving. Others simplify the whole thing by writing C.A.T., C.P.A., and T.P.A.

Also many people call in and insist on talking to "Bill Saver" personally. This poses a bit of a problem for the young lady who answers most of the calls. She tells the caller she is "Bill Saver's secretary." Her name: Mrs. Patricia SABOR, stenographer in the Public Information Department.

Incidentally, this provides an opening to call attention to the fact that CTA has distributed some 100,000 maps and 100,000 "See Chicago" folders to the public since the new, revised editions were issued during the latter part of last year.

Ralph Budd, Former Board Chairman, Dies in California

FUNERAL SERVICES for Ralph Budd, former chairman of Chicago Transit Board, were held February 6 in Santa Barbara, California, where he had resided since his retirement July 1, 1954. Mr. Budd died February 2 from a heart attack.

An internationally famous railroad executive when he became head of CTA on September 1, 1949, at the age of 70, Mr. Budd enhanced his reputation by becoming nationally recognized as an outstanding administrator in the local transit field.

Under Mr. Budd's chairmanship, CTA acquired the Chicago Motor Coach Company and completed consolidation of Chicago's three major local transit companies into a unified, efficient organization.

Equally important was Mr. Budd's contribution to CTA's modernization program. He negotiated financial arrangements that enabled CTA to continue and even to accelerate its programmed modernization of cars and buses and other facilities.

The initial financing arrangement required combining bus purchases with rapid transit car purchases, but later in Mr. Budd's tenure, as CTA demonstrated its ability to meet its commitments, the arrangement was revised to permit the purchase of either rapid transit cars or buses separately through the sale of equipment trust certificates.

One of the unique features of the modernization program, approved by Mr. Budd, was the rebuilding of CTA's "Green Hornet" streetcars into modern rapid transit cars at a saving of \$20,000 a unit. This economy enabled CTA to proceed at a rapid pace with the substitution of buses for streetcars.

Through the modernization program CTA has retired approximately 1,100 wood and wood-steel rapid transit cars. Today only all-metal cars are operated in rapid transit service. Expenditures for modernization to date total \$151,554,000, of which \$111,550,000 has been spent for new rolling stock.

Before coming to CTA, Mr. Budd had served as president of two western railroads. From 1919 to 1932 he was president of Great Northern Railway, and from 1932 to 1949 was president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. He began his career as a rodman with a surveying crew that took him on assignments to Russia, into the interior of China and to the steaming jungles of Panama. At 27, he was the engineer in charge of the relocation of the transisthmus railroad during the construction of the Panama Canal.

During the years he headed the two western railroads, he was responsible for many improvements and innovations in service. Among these were the boring of the 7.79-mile tunnel through the Cascade mountains in Washington while president of the Great Northern, and the inauguration of diesel-motored trains that became known as the "Zephyrs" when with the Burlington road. He also pioneered the Dome cars on the latter railroad.

Mr. Budd's survivors include his wife, Georgiana; two sons, Robert W. and John M., who is president of the Great Northern Railway; a daughter, Mrs. Victor Hunt; three sisters, and a brother.



RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

C. A. Anderson, 65, Way and Structure. Emp. 1-13-41. Died 12-8-61.
C. F. Bierregaard, 83, North Avenue. Emp. 9-2-16. Died 12-13-61.
George Burton, 50, District "C". Emp. 2-18-42. Died 1-14-62.
C. E. Carlson, 81, Kedzie. Emp. 5-18-10. Died 12-21-61.
John Douglas, 81, 77th Street. Emp. 9-28-07. Died 1-3-62.
Patsy Florita, 79, Kedzie. Emp. 6-21-18. Died 12-29-61.
Clemens Frank, 70, West Shops. Emp. 1-24-27. Died 12-18-61.
H. B. Fullmer, 93, Cottage Grove. Emp. 2-6-13. Died 12-12-61.
M. M. Galbraith, 85, West Side. Emp. 4-21-24. Died 12-19-61.
W. J. Gory, 72, Kedzie. Emp. 8-21-23. Died 1-9-62.
W. L. Hart, 70, West Shops. Emp. 11-10-12. Died 12-12-61.
J. J. Hubberts, 69, District "D". Emp. 10-12-15. Died 12-22-61.
B. C. Jonas, 79, 77th Street. Emp. 6-18-03. Died 12-24-61.
S. M. Keenan, 88, General Office. Emp. 9-1-10. Died 12-11-61.
J. J. Kilbride, 73, West Side. Emp. 9-22-43. Died 12-17-61.
Peter M. King, 50, Construction and Maintenance. Emp. 1-23-40.
Died 1-3-62.
C. J. Leonard, 68, 69th Street. Emp. 8-16-14. Died 12-7-61.
Boyce Littlejohn, 49, Construction and Maintenance. Emp. 9-26-45.
Died 12-20-61.
Russell L. Lull, 61, Beverly. Emp. 11-13-23. Died 1-6-62.
J. P. Malone, 67, North Avenue. Emp. 1-18-24. Died 12-12-61.
John Maloney, 61, Forest Glen. Emp. 8-23-26. Died 12-9-61.
William McGinnis, 61, 52nd Street. Emp. 4-29-24. Died 12-13-61.
Frances McNichols, 80, South Side. Emp. 5-12-19. Died 12-16-61.
William Mohrlock, 90, 77th Street. Emp. 5-20-00. Died 12-11-61.
Louis Moscovitz, 53, District "C". Emp. 1-6-44. Died 1-2-62.
W. J. Myers, 81, Division Street. Emp. 3-17-04. Died 12-23-61.
N. P. Nielsen, 66, Devon. Emp. 1-22-20. Died 1-6-62.
John O'Grady, 57, Limits. Emp. 1-12-37. Died 1-7-62.
Patrick O'Malley, 62, South Side. Emp. 10-19-42. Died 12-30-61.
W. A. O'Neill, 63, 77th Street. Emp. 6-30-20. Died 12-25-61.
W. J. Perry, 82, 69th Street. Emp. 7-3-05. Died 1-7-62.
Joseph P. Quinn, 61, 69th Street. Emp. 2-2-23. Died 1-15-62.
W. J. Reichwein, 77, North Avenue. Emp. 5-29-06. Died 12-30-61.
Frank Renc, 71, Construction and Maintenance. Emp. 5-20-37.
Died 12-18-61.
Bernard B. Rotche, 45, Transportation. Emp. 12-7-35. Died 12-19-61.
E. C. Schroeder, 79, Lawndale. Emp. 6-11-12. Died 12-26-61.
Nicholas Schulien, 75, 69th Street. Emp. 4-27-21. Died 12-15-61.
Anton Sitar, 78, West Shops. Emp. 7-18-13. Died 12-26-61.
Michael Smith, 69, Kedzie. Emp. 1-28-20. Died 12-7-61.
Daniel Sullivan, 77, Way and Structure. Emp. 10-21-30. Died 12-13-61.
J. V. Sullivan, 84, General Office. Emp. 11-01-03. Died 1-2-62.
Joseph Tanka, 58, 77th Street. Emp. 3-24-42. Died 1-10-62.
M. M. Towey, 72, North Side. Emp. 1-15-17. Died 1-2-62.
Charles J. Vanek, 64, Lawndale. Emp. 2-12-21. Died 12-21-61.
John Vuitech, 64, Kedzie. Emp. 3-12-23. Died 12-20-61.
A. E. Walsh, 71, West Side. Emp. 1-11-43. Died 11-18-61.
L. J. Waters, 75, West Shops. Emp. 9-9-19. Died 12-30-61.
R. W. Watt, 67, Unassigned. Emp. 12-11-19. Died 1-5-62.
William Weber, 64, Construction and Maintenance. Emp. 4-25-23.
Died 12-31-61.

THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Revenue) - December must have been a popular month for becoming engaged, as we have three happy girls to prove it. Pat Wallace received a pear shaped diamond from John Legenza, and they are planning to wed in June of next year...Mary Nedin proudly shows her diamond solitaire from Don Milinkovich of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As yet no date has been set for this wedding...Shirley Stenzel also received a diamond solitaire from Paul Millmine on Christmas eve. They plan to wed in October.

We welcome Sheila Mary Jagier as a new ticket clerk...Sarah McDonnell enjoyed the companionship of her little grandchildren on her vacation; she went sledding and skating on "two runner" skates with them. Oh, to be young again!

Hopes of getting a business administration degree will be fully realized in the near future by our Charles Vrba who left to attend college.

Dolores Halpin recently resigned to await an heir. Her friends and co-workers treated her to dinner at the Blackhawk Indian room. Upon leaving, she received many lovely gifts for the coming baby. Among those to help her open her gifts was Rita O'Malley, formerly of Revenue. She brought her six-month old son, Kevin, who looks like a little Irishman.

(General) - Geraldine Deering recently lost her brother, Robert Howe, as the result of injuries received in a fire.

(Payroll) - Christine Cameron spent her vacation at home enjoying her warm hearth side during the past sub-zero weather... Sarah Reed, formerly of distribution, came to visit us during the holidays with her little girl, Donna.

(Real Estate) - Real Estate went all out to welcome back William Roser after his sojourn at St. Therese hospital in Waukegan, where he claims the nurses are terrific. A large welcome sign was placed over his doorway and cake and coffee were served. It is nice to be so well liked as it appears he is by his department.

We would like to take this space to ask our fellow workers to please, if we overlook asking you for news items, come and tell us. Thank you for your consideration.

- Marie E. Havlik and Eileen Neurauter

BEVERLY - Operator Maris Bennet's wife, Thomasine, who was very ill, has recovered nicely...Operator Ray Goodwin's daughter, Margaret, who had a perfect attendance record at Aquinas High school, is now at Chicago Teachers college and is at the top of her class.

Your reporter attended the Beverly Credit Union party and frankly was very surprised and thrilled to have seen Brother Dan MacNamara and James Hill of 241 among other very distinguished guests. Those of you who are not members of our credit union, stop and take the time to open a savings account, it takes only \$5.00. Then every payday drop in two or three dollars and watch your savings grow. Also as a member you will receive the many benefits it offers.

Operator Al and Phyllis Lencioni who have two beautiful daughters, Sharon and Linda, had their in-laws in for the Holidays...Operator Joe and Marjorie Johnson and their two daughters, Pamela and Polly, recently celebrated their wedding anniversary...Our own Bill Gourney and his wife, Kristina, had a special treat for Christmas. Their son Paul was home on leave. Paul is presently stationed at Fort Riley.

Operator John Ryan broke his leg while shoveling snow. He is recuperating at Little Company of Mary hospital...Operator Joe Gertzen's dad, a former Burnside operator, has been under the weather...Operator Jerry Gleason is back home recuperating from a very serious operation. Jerry would welcome visitors.

Operator Ray and Ann Wells spent their vacation in sunny California. Ray's son, Gene, works in the shops.

Wedding anniversaries are being celebrated this month by Lomar and Mildred Arseneau, 33 years on February 12; Ralph and Helen Bramlet, 35 years on February 22; the Jim Durchaneks', 36 years on February 18; the John Healys, 37 years on February 26; Ralph and Florence Layton, 35 years on February 19; Charlie and Anna Lindemann, 24 years on February 26; Harry and Dorothy Louis, 27 years on February 23; John and Helen Mahoney, 20 years on February 18; Harry and Lucille Schofield, 36 years on February 13; Ross and Jeanette Shaffer, 23 years on February 14; Anthony and Santa Tranchita, 24 years on February 18; Superintendent and Mrs. George Evans,

25 years on February 6 and Transfer Instructor John and Mary Laly, 40 years in February also.

Operator Russell L. Lull and Clerk C. Vanek of Lawndale recently passed away... The following operators recently suffered deaths in their families: Ray Tonn lost his mother, Bernie Zesch his father and Art Neff his mother.

- Walter C. Stone

CLAIMS - Congratulations to Mike Nowaczyk, Richard Mecker, and Roger Justice who were promoted to adjusters, and to Daniel Mortorelli and Bill Cooney who became legal investigators... Nora Cronin recently suffered the death of her sister in Ireland.

Do you know that we have two ski experts that went skiing in 10 below zero weather? Their names are Mary Berry and Marge Conway... Mary Ann Josephson, formerly of our department, had a baby boy on January 10. The heir weighed in at Little Company of Mary hospital. His name is Stephen John... Welcome to the new vault clerk Gary Calabrese... Two of our adjusters, Frank Zimmerman and Carl Midland, are mighty happy and proud of their sons, both are graduating with high honors from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Frank J. Zimmerman received his master degree in electronics. Richard W. Midland received his Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering.

- Frank Sepanski

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE - Ann Farrell, stenographer, spent a wonderful week skiing at Aspen, Colorado, with two other CTA'ers, Dagmar McNamara of Purchasing and Ann's brother, Jim, a student agent... Howard Hess, brother of Ed Hess, chief clerk, died suddenly on January 15... Pete King, blacksmith, Track and Structures Division, died after a brief illness January 3... Boyce Littlejohn, trackman, Track and Structures Division died suddenly on December 20.

Gaetno Marino and James McNicholas, laborers, Track and Structures Division, retired February 1 with 31 years service



WEDDING BELLS rang on October 28 for Jack Harrington, clerk, Public Information Department, and Dorothea Grammas, who were married in Epiphany church. Jack is the son of former Operator John Harrington of Kedzie depot.

each... Guiseppe Bovino, laborer, Building Division, retired February 1 with 32 years service... Antonio Donile, trackman, Track and Structures Division, retired February 1 as a 40-year man... Tony Patrich, mail clerk, retired February 1 after more than 38 years service.

- Marianne Walsh

ELECTRICAL - William Rehder, Blue Island office, became a grandpa for the first time and passed out cigars and candy. Little Barbara Ann was born to Robert and Patricia Rehder on Christmas eve... Clarence Malotka, general foreman and his wife, Charlotte, spent their winter vacation in Mount Vernon, Illinois, with their son, William, who is in the ministry... A card was received from Joseph Nagrodski, chief operator at East 63rd substation, now on vacation who reported he was soaking up the sunshine and enjoying the winter in 80-degree temperature, as well as sightseeing and fishing with the rest of the tourists.

James Quigley, substation utility man, suffered the loss of his mother on December 20... Frank Dorsch, chief operator of Illinois substation, suffered the loss of his brother on January 15.

- Gilbert Andrews

FOREST GLEN - Several operators have recently transferred to other departments: Paul Ledwig to the Rapid Transit as an agent, Jim Roeber to the Electrical Department, and Bill Crosse to the Building Department... Board member Andrew Kohler requests members to attend Division 241 meetings, as Forest Glen representation has been bad lately.

Operators Walter Voss and Joseph Rieselchel, each with 39 years service, and Neil Warren with 35 years, retired on pension February 1... Retired District Superintendent Joseph Hubberts passed away December 24. Operator Roscoe Babitt's mother passed away in California January 8. Operator Paul Gottal suffered the loss of his father January 12.

- Earl W. McLaughlin

GENERAL OFFICE (Staff Engineering) - Ray Jurgenson was married to Sharon Leftzow during a candlelight ceremony on the evening of December 22 at Peace Memorial church. Music during the service was furnished by the 75-voice chorus of "Musichorale", an organization of which Ray and his bride are members. A reception was held in the church hall following the ceremony. Their honeymoon was spent at the Wagon Wheel Lodge, a resort area in Rockton, Illinois.

Robert McNamara recently lost his brother-in-law.

(Public Information) - Linda Zoellick recently left the service section, of the Public Information Department to return to school. She is studying elementary education at Augustana college, Rock Island, Illinois...Marlene Wargin was recently the most envied member of this department, as she spent two weeks in Florida and returned with a beautiful tan that was evidence of the weather she encountered while the rest of us were shoveling snow and bearing the freezing weather.

- Mary E. Clarke

GENERAL OFFICE (Transportation) - Your scribe's niece, Joan Beirne, is a lay teacher at St. Francis of Rome school in Cicero. When she requested the youngsters to write what they wanted most to be when they grew up, Johnny Burgess wrote the following letter: "When I grow up I want to drive a CTA train. Will you help me to know how to drive a train and especially stop at a station and when another train is ahead of my train."

Dan Hayes, line supervisor, is still confined in Mercy hospital following surgery, but those who visited him say he is improving...Radio Dispatcher Ken Williams and his wife had a very lovely Christmas surprise, when their son, Robert Allen, received a furlough and was home for the holidays. He is stationed at Carson, Colorado.

Travel Information Operator Roy Williams, his wife Doris, and their two offspring, Sandra and Susan, had the pleasure of moving into their new home on the far northwest side of Chicago. But old man winter laid out the white carpet on the very day they moved, and dumped a foot of snow on their belongings...Jim Miller, Travel Information, and Ed O'Rourke, IBM, will soon compete with Don Carter in bowling. In addition to bowling on the CTA Merchandise Mart league, the two bowlers signed up in a house league immediately following, so six games are now bowled consecutively.

In celebration of Bill Rooney's birthday which falls on Christmas day, cake and coffee were served in the department. The telephone room was bright and gay during Christmas week, when the girls prepared their usual festive board and exchanged gifts from under their Christmas tree.

(Stenographic) - Bud Wool, formerly of the Claim Department, is now working as a multilith operator. His favorite sport is basketball. The New Year brought four new 1962 automobiles to the multilith boys. George Bell, a Corvair; Jerry Dalton, a Chevrolet; Karl Gaeger, a Valiant and Thomas Dunn, a Volkswagen.

(Insurance) - The Insurance Department was gay with yule trimmings, and several parties were held at well-known restaurants by office employees.

- Julie Prinderville

KEDZIE - We welcome the new clerks and receivers who came to us in the new pick January 14. And to those who left, good luck.

Receiver Frank Fournier became a grandfather when on January 11 a baby girl, Jeinnine Marie, was born to Ada and Jack Fournier...Operator Stewart Mullholland retired on February 1 and expects to move to sunny Florida.

At this writing Clerk Henry Zych and Clerk Stanley Micek are on the sick list. We wish both of them a speedy recovery... Your reporter wishes to thank those who sent get well wishes during my recent injury.

- C. P. Starr

LIMITS - Operator Leonard Urban's son, who recently graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in Business Administration, has a good job with Time, Incorporated. Another son is in his third year of Aviation Technology at Purdue university... Receiver Richard Penny had a week's vacation in January, but had to extend it to three weeks due to a dog bite. He recuperated at home... Also on vacation during January were Operators Pat Cronin, Charles De Cook and W. R. Harvey.

Operator Andrew McNulty retired on January first after 37 years of service... Operator Birker retired after 36 years of service... At the recent pick of clerks and receivers - Louis Sikora left Limits for Lawndale and was replaced by George Isaacs. Haddon Phillips went to Forest Glen and was replaced by Larry Miller. Receiver J. Jaskey came from North Avenue and replaced R. Mijanovich who went on relief jobs.

Operator John O'Grady died very suddenly on January 7... Retired Supervisor John Granahan died on January 14. John retired in October 1955.

LEGION PLANS ST. PAT'S PARTY

MEMBERS AND prospective members of CTA Post No. 1216, American Legion, are invited to a St. Patrick's party to be held March 20 at St. Jude's Hall, 221 W. Madison street. The event is planned to stimulate interest in the Post's program and to build up the membership, according to Commander John Cannella, who also reminds present members that dues are now payable. The party will begin at 8:30 p.m.



FRIEND AND protector of Mariorie, daughter of Revenue accounting's Bing Apitz, is Venus, their German shepherd dog.

The Limits Depot Federal Credit Union annual meeting and election of officers was held on Sunday, January 21 at the Hansa club, 3501 N. Lincoln avenue.

- George Doyle Clark

LOOP (Agents) - Assignment Agent Robert Maloney was truly a happy man on January 16 when he became a grandpa, as his daughter-in-law, Gail, gave birth to twin girls. The twins were named Catherine Lynnae and Deborah Ann.

Supervisor Clarence Overman's son-in-law, John, a chief petty officer of jet engineers and his daughter, Evelyn, with their two sons have returned to the States from Rota, Spain. John retired from the Naval Air Corps after 21½ years of service. They are making their home at the Naval Air Base in Sanford, Florida where John has another position...Virginia Cashion and Dorothy Richter did not know when they picked their vacations that they would come at such an opportune time. I'm sure they were glad to stay indoors during last months' cold spell.

Mary Walsh and Mary Ohnesorge are both on the sick list at this writing...Dorothy Madigan and Margaret Wenstrom are both at home. Dorothy fell on the ice, but luckily no bones were broken and Margaret was injured at home when a table toppled over on her foot. Edna Davies is recuperating in the hospital after surgery...Porter Sylvester Stuber returned to work after an automobile accident in which he and his wife were hurt.

Platformman Bernard Rotche passed away suddenly on December 20...Katherine Leahy's brother, William, passed away recently.

- Edith Edbrooke

NORTH AVENUE - Strike up the band and all gather around, here is news worth tooting about. The noise and commotion you heard coming from our assembly hall on January 19 was the members of the North Avenue Federal Credit Union #2495 celebrating the 25th anniversary of this organization. Despite the bad weather the hall was packed. Coffee was served along with a huge anniversary cake. Space does not allow me to name all who attended, but we were real

proud that James (Joe) Hill, Pete Flarity and Ray Gray braved the snow and zero weather to attend our meeting. The new board of directors are: W. A. Straubing, Ray Ebel, J. Blake, Vern Shepherd, E. J. Carroll and H. G. King. Credit Committee: Bill Redmond, Ken Mettler and J. F. Kinahan. Supervisory Committee: Art Schnee, J. A. Tedeschi and Pete Dowdall. Assistant Treasurers: Art Halek and Bill Moran. Members are reminded to present their pass books as soon as possible so that dividends may be entered.

Those who picked their vacation in January sure were lucky this year. Operator Eddie Anderson had the whole month of January off. He made good use of it by going to Los Angeles, California. He also visited Disneyland and San Francisco. He reports that he had a dandy time. Operator Herb Munson also was a lucky fellow, he spent his vacation in Las Vegas...Operator Lester O'Shea has pleasant memories of his trip to Florida...Operator Al Barber had his bags packed in January, but had to wait until February to go to Florida for his vacation. Al has been going to Florida for years and knows all the good spots...Leo Pluskowski will leave for Florida March 1.

While sweethearts everywhere were celebrating St. Valentine's Day, Operator Norman Gnad and his sweetie were celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary. Operator Sam Tamburino and his sweet cookie celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on February 20...From the "what ever became of" department - William Fitzgerald, Larry Shallbetter and Herb Schmutzler are now ticket agents.

Too late for the last edition was the arrival of Robin Ann Jackson. She joins the Ray Jackson family...Terry Regan has also added to his family. The new arrival was a girl who was named Lorraine. This makes five boys and two girls for the Regan's.

- Joe Hiebel

NORTH SECTION - Supervisor and Mrs. John Brucker recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. The children gave them a party and many friends and relatives attended...Attention "St. Petersburg, Florida", George Betterman, pensioner, from Ravenswood is on his way down there to see all of the boys...Our best wishes to Conductor W. Allen on his recent marriage.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to all the men on the sick list at Howard street and Kimball avenue, and to Florence McDonough, stenographer at Howard street who recently suffered a broken foot.

- Orlando J. Menicucci, Jr.

NORTH SECTION (Agents) - Anastasia Thom and husband left December 11 for Fort Lauderdale, Florida. It was 18 when they left here, so the warm 79 degree weather was welcomed. Their son flew down to be with them at Christmas and on New Years day they saw the Orange Bowl game and enjoyed the 14 bands. Later they flew to Nassau.

Amanda Narrance was taken to Illinois Masonic hospital...Austra Pudzis is back in St. Elizabeth hospital...Mary Cassells who fell recently and broke her leg, is in St. Francis hospital.

- Elizabeth Hawkins

PURCHASING AND STORES (Purchasing) - Emily Krautsak, typist, left the Purchasing Department to join the ranks of the Job Classification Department.

(Stores) - Frank Tamburrino order clerk, became a grandfather for the first time on December 6, when a baby boy, Donald Thomas was born to his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Balsitis.

(South Division) - Richard Unwin, son of Bill Unwin, stock clerk in storeroom 58, was top winner in the Biology Division of the Chicago Vocational High school Science Fair held on January 11...In a recent South Shops Stores Department bowling tournament, team No. 2 defeated team No. 1 by a 2,131 to 2,046 total score. Members of Team No. 2 and their averages for the three game series were: Crofoot, 208; Budoff, 187; McMahon, 171.2; Jankus, 143.2. Team No. 1: Tieri, 186.1; Marasovich, 173.2; Gringas, 173.1; Vikeras, 150.2.

Jack Gubbins, stock clerk, enjoyed his Christmas vacation with his sister and family who live in Bakerfield, California. Wishes for a speedy recovery go to the following file clerks who presently are on the sick list: John Galvin, S. O'Garek and R. McDonald.

- D. Jane Bell

SCHEDULE - TRAFFIC - Leroy Dutton became a grandfather for the ninth time when his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chorak, presented him with a granddaughter on December 23 in the same hospital where Mr. Dutton was a patient...William Buetow, traffic checker, was called into the Army on January 23 and Carmen Pacella, traffic checker, was called into the Navy on February 14...The following enjoyed Jan-



IT'S A happy occasion at the household of Beverly Operator John Healy when his family gets together. Among the reasons are these seven lively grandchildren who were quiet enough for a spell to hold still for this picture.



uary vacations: Bob Lavoie, schedule clerk; Fred Walpole, traffic checker and Walter Loveless, traffic checker.

- Gertrude F. Anderson

69TH STREET - Operator Tony Gross became a proud grandfather for the third time on December 31. The baby was named Mark...Operator John J. Kelly and Peggy Schafer were married January 13 at St. Agnes church. A reception was held for 250 guests at Neilson's restaurant...Operator John A. Carlson retired after 33 years of service on February 1...Operator Gus Melander is now home from the hospital hoping for a speedy recovery...Operator John D. Butler was operated on recently. He is now convalescing at home.

Beverly, the daughter of Collector George Wagner, Sr., became engaged on Christmas. The couple plans to be married in October...Operator Lee Griffis proudly announced the coming wedding of his daughter, Melanie, to Albert Balderman on March 17. The wedding will take place at Visitation church. After a reception for 350 guests they will honeymoon in Acapulco, Mexico...Operator Wally Shipvor and wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on January 4...Former Operator R. Phillips is now working in the Construction and Maintenance Department...Operator George S. Grindler retired February 1 after 43 years of service. Thirty years of it was at Archer station...Operator Joseph P. Quinn passed away on January 15. Joe was president of 69th street's Credit Union.

- Thomas S. Elphick

SOUTH SECTION - Switchman Tom Domikaitis happily announced the birth of his first child. His son, James, was born January 8. ..Good luck to Conductor Winfred Watson who has been inducted into the Army...Conductor Joseph Kolman recently received a \$25.00 award for a suggestion...Welcome to new employees: Conductors James Blaney, Jim Collier, Paul West, Jr., Mathew Williams, James McLane, Eddie Stephenson and Porters Levy Richardson and Raymond Ogletree.

Back to work after being on the sick list are: Agents Leo Dillon and Ralph Over,



Machinist Pat Carney who retired January 1 after 20 years of service is pictured here receiving gifts from his foreman, Tony Nutile, left, and General Foreman Ernest Nelson.

Motorman Marcus Walker, Conductor Walter Loftlin and Supervisor Thomas Stanton... Motorman O.C. Buckner proudly announced the birth of his seventh child, a baby boy named Robert, born January 15...Agent James Postell received a commendation recently for his courtesy to a passenger...Thomas, the son of Leo Bien, superintendent of agents and porters, Loop and assignment office, was inducted into the Army recently...Motorman Seth Feller vacationed recently in Tampa, Florida...Supervisor William Nash is now working on the south section...Porter Joe Gaines recently traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, to visit his ailing mother...Station Superintendent L. J. Hickey is recuperating at home after being in the hospital.

Conductor William Rowe and his wife escaped the snow and cold weather by making a trip to St. Petersburg and Silver Springs, Florida, where they visited his wife's sister and her husband...On the sick list at this time are: Conductor William Hunniford, Switchman Thomas Ellison and Agent Albert Hofer...It is with saddened heart that we report that Chief Collector Patrick O'Malley passed away on December 30.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS - Alice, daughter of Carl Lidzinski, machinist, was married on December 30 to George Hobbs in St. Basil church at 5500 South Wood. George is a graduate of Tennessee Christian college. He is originally from Little Rock, Arkansas, and will make his home with Alice in Chicago...Carpenter George Dorey and his wife, Eleanore, became the parents of a son on December 3...Len Siwek, son of Joe Siwek, was married on January 13 at St. Mary Star of the Sea church. Lennie and his wife, Judy, spent their honeymoon in the Chicago area.

Machinist Pat Quinn of the bus overhaul retired on February 1. Pat had 41 years of service with the company...Machinist Ray Walsh and his wife, Dottie, celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on December 23...Stan Nieman of bus overhaul became the proud father of a girl named Tina Marie on January 6...South shops credit union held their annual dinner and dance party on January 20 at 123rd and Emerald. As usual the credit union's party was a huge success.

Miss Mary Ann Byrne, daughter of Ed Byrne, mechanic in the engine department, recently won a latin language contest which was held in New York City. Mary Ann happens to be quite a scholar, she is a 17-year old literary senior at St. Francis de Sales. Mary Ann is a constant honor student and a member of the Hostess club. Upon graduation she will attend St. Xavier college and hopes to become a teacher. Her latest achievement was an article titled "Happy Mistakes" which was chosen for publication by the Chicago Tribune.

- Raymond Walsh

WEST SECTION - Douglas Motorman C. F. Brie-ger and Extra Guard C. McClellan were delayed 18 minutes on the road when a woman about to give birth to a baby had to be rushed to the hospital...The men on the west section welcomed former 61st street Motorman Tom Gunn, the new Lake street receiver. Desplaines Motorman John Scanlon was in the hospital and is now home convalescing. John said, he would like to hear from some of the fellows.

Extra Guard Ludwig Schuerle's wife gave birth to a baby girl named Janet on New Year's day. This is the Schuerle's second child...Lake street Extra Guard A. Newman's wife gave birth to a baby boy named David Gerald. This is their sixth child...Extra Guard John McNally's wife gave birth to a baby girl named Catherine Ann on January 22. This is the McNally's second child, they have a son, Dennis Michael.

- John M. Hanning

WEST SECTION (Agents) - Agents Mary Doyle, Martin Tezak, Charles Blazek and Harry Cotton were enjoying all or part of their vacations during the severe cold snap which accompanied the first part of January. Was their choice coincidental or prophetic?...Agent Grace LeBell joined the ranks of the retired the first of the year...The sub-zero temperatures and snow of last month proved to be a real challenge to all the men in train service, especially when the going got tough due to the many handicaps the inclement weather presented. Hats off to Supervisors Byron Hawley and Marvin Hildbold who did an admirable job on the Lake street line.

Agent Madeline Hayes recently took her vacation and traveled to California. At this writing there are four agents in the hospital; Louise Drews, Joe Ryan, Betty Segerson and Joe Vanek. We hope they all will experience a rapid recovery...Agent Wilber Strasser lost his father, Arthur, on December 14.

- Gordon Kelly

For And About Our Pensioners

BEVERLY - Joe Henderson, Jim Hannigan, Dick Knight and Otto Last are singing in an old timers quartet...Pat McNamara, George Misrell and Ed Thieben are making the rounds of the TV studios...Fred Von Berner and Fred Vaudermeche can be found in Santa Rosa and Long Beach, California, respectively...John Payne and John O'Hare are patients at the Veterans Research hospital at 333 E. Huron street...Pat McGeever, P. J. McFarland and Joe Berminghaw enjoy the deep sea fishing at Madeiva beach on the gulf near St. Petersburg, Florida...Bob White now resides on Route No. 3, Freeville, Michigan.

H. C. Cross who lives at 312 So. 7th Street, Dundee, Illinois, and Dewey West-erhouse, 7024 Chanster, Bell, California, would like to hear from some of their pals who worked with them at 38th street...Flora M. Hanrahan, retired ticket agent, recently boarded my bus. Flora took her pension in August, 1956...Rudy Miller, former superintendent of Beverly, attended our Credit Union party...Ernest Tocci, former Superintendent of 69th, is very active teaching at Mount Carmel High. Ernest and his wife, Ann, are still very active members of the K.C. and Division 241.

John Douglas of Mattoon, Illinois, formerly of 77th, and Herman Stenzel, retired conductor from Cottage Grove, recently passed away.

- Walter C. Stone

ELECTRICAL - Holiday greetings were received from John Woods, former chief operator at Broadway substation who wrote from San Diego, California, and Arthur Leland, former chief operator, who wrote from St. Joseph, Missouri...Arthur Anderson, former laborer, wrote from Phoenix, Arizona, that he had a three-bedroom house and is enjoying it very much. His wife, however, is not too well at this writing...Walter Collins, former operator of 63rd-Wentworth substation, who now lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, was hospitalized recently, but was hoping to be home for Christmas.

- Gilbert Andrews

LIMITS - A real Florida enthusiast is Emil P. Christensen, former secretary and director of Limits Credit Union, who retired on September 30, 1949. He moved into a Spanish-type house in Deland, Florida, the

following month, and reports that he and his wife love it down there and credit the climate for prolonging their lives by about 15 years. Emil reports he has a small grove consisting of grapefruit and orange trees which he keeps cultivated. He invites any of his old-time friends who are in Florida to visit him. His address in Deland is 129 S. Hull avenue.

- George D. Clark

LOOP - Nellie Keating passed away January 16 as the result of injuries received last September when she suffered a fall. She had been in a nursing home at Delta, Colorado. Nellie worked for the CTA and old Rapid Transit for 43 years before she retired eight years ago.

- Edith Edbrooke

NORTH AVENUE - Joseph Witt, who retired 12 years ago from Armitage station, joined with family and friends to celebrate his mother's 100th birthday on December 24. Mrs. Julia Wittkowski is quite proud of her 24 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

- Joe Hiebel

NORTH PARK - Retired Operator John Sares accomplished quite a feat recently when he caught a 65-pound tarpon at Boca Grande Pass, Florida, using a tiny No. 4 hook. Sares was fishing for grouper with a Chicago friend, using pin fish for bait.

PENSIONERS MEET

THE CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 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, March 15, 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.

Since they had no gaff, the fish had to be fought to a standstill and it was quite a battle. He and his friend recently also came in with 32 snapper and grouper and a dozen nice sea trout as a one-day catch.

- Elmer Riedel

NORTH SIDE (Agents) - Margaret Towy passed away in Long Beach, California. The funeral was in Chicago, from St. Denis church to Holy Sepulchre cemetery...Fanny Rhoda is enjoying the West. She recently moved to Coeure d'Alene, Idaho.

- Elizabeth Hawkins

69th - Retired Motorman William Leske is a patient at Oak Forest hospital in the A-1 Chest building. He would appreciate seeing some of his old friends...Retired Motorman and Collector Robert W. Watt passed away January 5. He was better known as "Skidzie."

- Thomas S. Elphick

SOUTH SECTION - Retired Agent Edna Bell is recuperating at home after being in the hospital recently...Pensioned Motorman Frank Vosmik paid us a visit at 61st street recently and is feeling much better.

Retired Agent Frances McNichols passed away in California recently. The death of Retired Motorman Edward Riordan, father

Pensioners Club Names New Officers

CTA PENSIONERS Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, reports a steadily increasing membership in the organization as more and more retired employes take up residence in the 'Gator state.

Starting in 1957 with 50 members, the club had grown to 94 members at the end of 1961.

Officers for 1962 were elected recently, with Mandel Larson being named president. Other officers chosen were Walter H. Messer, vice-president, and Florence Blaa, secretary-treasurer. Committee members who assumed office for the coming year were: Joseph R. Blaa, Sid Brown, Ben B. Day, Earl H. Johnson, Otto Kopchen, Lou B. Mann and Frank A. Wimmer.

GUESTS OF honor at the agent's Pension Club annual dinner held on December 10 were Retired Superintendent of Agents and Porters Joseph Nonkovich, Retired Agent Rose Heidenblut and Patrick Ganley, the retired Amalgamated International Vice-President who was in California. The dinner held at Nielson's restaurant was attended by 106 people.



of Motorman James Riordan, also was reported...Retired Supervisor Charles Spielman came to 61st Street to visit with the boys...Retired Conductor Leland Davis was in the hospital recently, but is now out and around and feeling better...Retired Agent Edna Heyne made a trip to Chicago from Florida to visit with her son and daughter for the holidays...Retired Conductor and Mrs. Ray Doughty got away from all the snow by making a trip to Menlo Park, California, to visit their daughter and they made a whirl of the sights in San Francisco.

- Verna Hartney

WEST SECTION (Agents) - Retired Agent Bill Smith recently returned from Florida and stopped off long enough to say hello before going to California. Bill says he has no particular destination but plans to go through the state...Retired Agent Mary Everdine enjoyed a trip to Washington D. C., and a visit with her son...Retired Agent Rose Daniels, is much improved and thanks all of her friends for their well wishes.

- Gordon Kelly

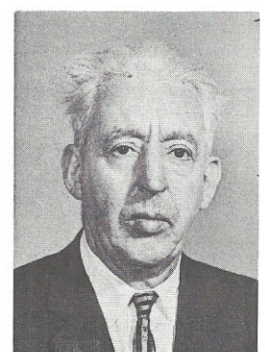
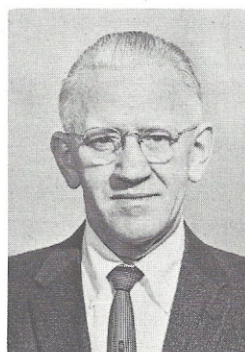
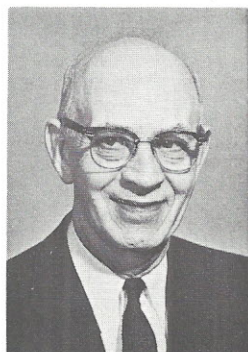
WEST SECTION - Chief Clerk Pierce Fleck said he recently met Arthur Heidecke who said he is enjoying the best of health. Former Station Superintendent Frank Bolland recently visited the Douglas Park Terminal, and said he is feeling fine and enjoyed his travels...Former Motorman Leon Feneke, of Logan Square, now on pension, called your scribe and said he is slowly recovering and would like to hear from some of his life-long friends...G. F. Brown, retired gateman, Lake Street, and his wife celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary a few months ago. He retired 10 years ago after 24 years of service. The couple now reside in Naperville.

- John M. Hanning

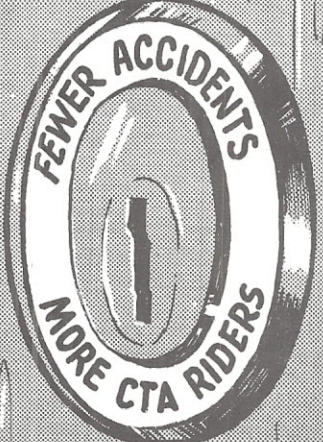
NEW PENSIONERS

A. L. Adams, blacksmith, South Shops. Employed 3-17-23.
Paul Astrauikis, painter "A", South Shops. Employed 7-22-25.
Guiseppe Bovino, A-Laborer, Construction and Maintenance.
 Employed 3-12-29.
E. P. Burnett, operator, Forest Glen. Employed 11-28-24.
Glenn Byers, agent, West Side. Employed 5-19-47.
J. A. Carlson, operator, 69th Street. Employed 6-12-29.
J. G. Colman, operator, Beverly. Employed 4-19-26.
E. O. Czech, motorman, West Side. Employed 4-30-18.
Antonio Donile, trackman, Construction and Maintenance.
 Employed 5-5-21.
J. E. Dwyer, operator, 77th Street. Employed 6-29-23.
J. J. Gallagher, agent, West Side. Employed 8-17-26.
J. J. Gillespie, conductor, West Side. Employed 1-30-28.
G. S. Grindler, operator, 69th Street. Employed 2-19-19.
H. J. Hill, conductor, Lake. Employed 7-1-29.
Michael Keane, motorman, North Side. Employed 1-9-28.
P. J. Koclanis, bus cleaner, 69th Street. Employed 12-6-43.
Gaetano Marino, laborer, Construction and Maintenance.
 Employed 11-28-30.
James McNicholas, laborer, Construction and Maintenance.
 Employed 10-20-30.
Fred Meurer, operator, Keeler. Employed 3-14-24.
S. W. Mulholland, operator, Kedzie. Employed 4-16-37.
H. J. Mulvaney, conductor, North Side. Employed 4-21-25.
Anton Patrich, mail clerk, Construction and Maintenance.
 Employed 6-20-23.
T. G. Printen, agent, North Side. Employed 10-18-26.
P. J. Quinn, machinist, South Shops. Employed 5-19-21.
R. T. Rapp, operator, North Park. Employed 7-7-21.
W. H. Rejewski, porter, West Side. Employed 7-26-43.
J. J. Rieschel, operator, Forest Glen. Employed 12-26-23.
Helen Ryan, agent, West Side. Employed 4-17-39.
Thomas Scillufo, car cleaner, Lake. Employed 3-7-24.
Frank Tocher, operator, Limits. Employed 1-11-43.
W. W. Voss, operator, Forest Glen. Employed 11-6-23.
N. F. Warren, operator, Forest Glen. Employed 7-25-27.
W. B. Welch, switchman, West Side. Employed 5-12-22.
D. H. Westberg, conductor, North Side. Employed 2-9-45.
F. H. Wilke, operator, 69th Street. Employed 11-19-28.
J. J. Wrenn, operator, North Park. Employed 3-9-23.
G. J. Zelinko, operator, North Park. Employed 2-18-27.
O. H. Ziegler, repairman "A", Wilson. Employed 11-17-42.

AMONG THE employes retiring after more than 40 years of service are the following:
 Left to right - E. O. Czech, R. T. Rapp, Leon Seneke, Antonio Donile, and P.J. Quinn.



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