



# Transit News

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## George L. De Ment Appointed Successor to V. E. Gunlock

APPOINTMENT OF George L. De Ment, commissioner of public works for the City of Chicago, as member of the Chicago Transit Board was announced April 29 by Mayor Richard J. Daley and sent to the City Council May 8. Mr. De Ment is to assume his new post on or about June 6, when he is scheduled to be elected chairman of the board to succeed the late Virgil E. Gunlock, whose death occurred on March 21.

For many years Mr. De Ment was a close working associate of Mr. Gunlock. Their careers advanced along a parallel course. Both started their professional careers as young men on the engineering staff of the Chicago Sanitary District.

Mr. De Ment was one of a group of engineers, including Mr. Gunlock, brought over from the sanitary district when construction of Chicago's initial system of subways was started in 1938. From 1938 to 1952, Mr. De Ment worked in various engineering capacities in the Department of Subways and Superhighways, which subsequently became a part of the city's public works department.

In September, 1952, Mr. De Ment was made assistant to Mr. Gunlock, then commissioner of public works for the City of Chicago, with the title of administrative engineer. Mr. De Ment was appointed acting commissioner of public works on July 1, 1954, when Mr. Gunlock was named to Chicago Transit Board, and became commissioner of public works on October 1, 1954.

Mr. De Ment has directed the mammoth public works program in recent years that has included completion of construction of O'Hare Field, the central district water filtration plant, and the Dan Ryan, Northwest and Congress expressways, including the median strip rapid transit facilities in the latter expressway which pioneered the co-ordination of rapid transit with expressways. Other notable projects accomplished under his supervision include improvement of port facilities, municipal buildings and public playgrounds and beaches.

As commissioner of public works, Mr. De Ment was in charge of the following city



bureaus: engineering, architecture and building maintenance, forestry and parkways, and maps and plats. He has served as Chairman of the Chicago Street Traffic Commission, member of the Board of Standardization, member of the Capital Improvement Program Committee, district representative of the American Public Works Association, and as past president of the Airport Operators Council.

In 1961, he was designated as one of the outstanding public works officials in the United States by the American Public Works Association. A registered professional engineer, his affiliations include the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers and the American Public Works Association.

A native Chicagoan, Mr. De Ment was educated at Tilden Technical high school and at the University of Illinois.

OUR COVER: Despite Chicago's belated spring, the parks and forest preserves in the city and surrounding areas are losing their wintry look as trees and blossoming shrubs begin to unfold their dormant buds as the warming sun stirs them into new life. Eager fishermen, too, are hopefully probing streams and lakes, not so much in anticipation of hooking a finny specimen as to get the feel of pole and line after a long winter's wait. It is the time of year when many of them dream that this is the summer they will catch the "big one" that they never quite landed before. For fishermen are perpetual optimists. Such is the mood of this photo taken in the Billy Caldwell forest preserve, near the Lmlay street terminal of CTA's Milwaukee avenue route, where thousands of Chicagoans, old and young, enjoy recreation and relaxation during the summer months each year.



## Governor Names Two to Board Membership

APPOINTMENT OF James E. Rutherford and re-appointment of Raymond J. Peacock as members of Chicago Transit Board was sent to the Illinois Senate May 7 by Governor Otto Kerner. Mr. Rutherford would replace Edward F. Moore whose term expired on August 31, 1962, but who had continued to serve as a member of the Board in the interim.

Mr. Rutherford, a retired vice-president in charge of Mid-America Operations of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, has been active as a Chicago civic leader, and is the immediate past president of the

**James E. Rutherford**



**Raymond J. Peacock**

Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry and is still a member of the Committee on Transportation of that organization. Since retiring from Prudential he has maintained a business consulting office at 175 W. Jackson boulevard.

Mr. Peacock, a northwest side community newspaper publisher, was appointed to the transit board in December, 1960, by the then Governor William Stratton to fill the term of the late Werner E. Schroeder, vice-chairman of the Board, which expired in September, 1961. He has continued to serve, however, as provided by law.

Four members of the CTA board are appointed by the mayor and three by the governor. The term of one member expires each year.

## Keeler, Lake Street Win ISC Quarterly Award

A NEWCOMER joined the winners of Interstation Safety Contest awards when Lake rapid transit route claimed the quarterly plaque for the first time since the contest was inaugurated.

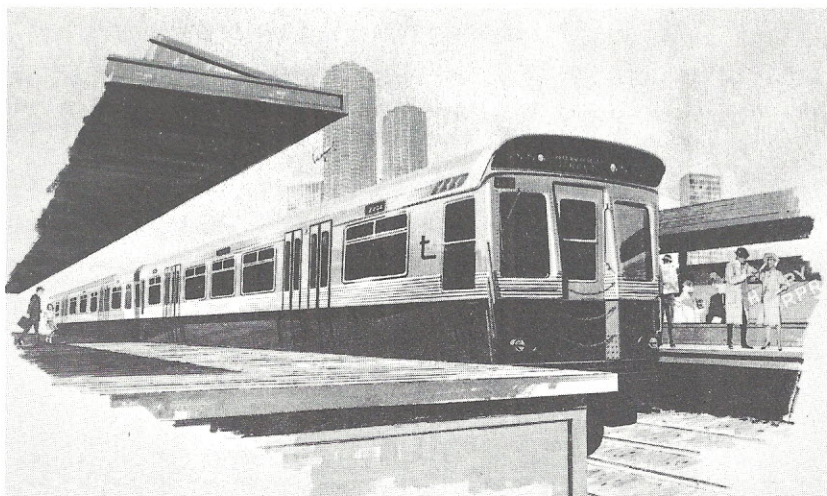
Keeler came up with its third award since the beginning of ISC when it won the surface system plaque for the first quarter of 1963.

Lake came up with the best combined current rate for traffic and passenger accidents, 0.429, and showed the best im-

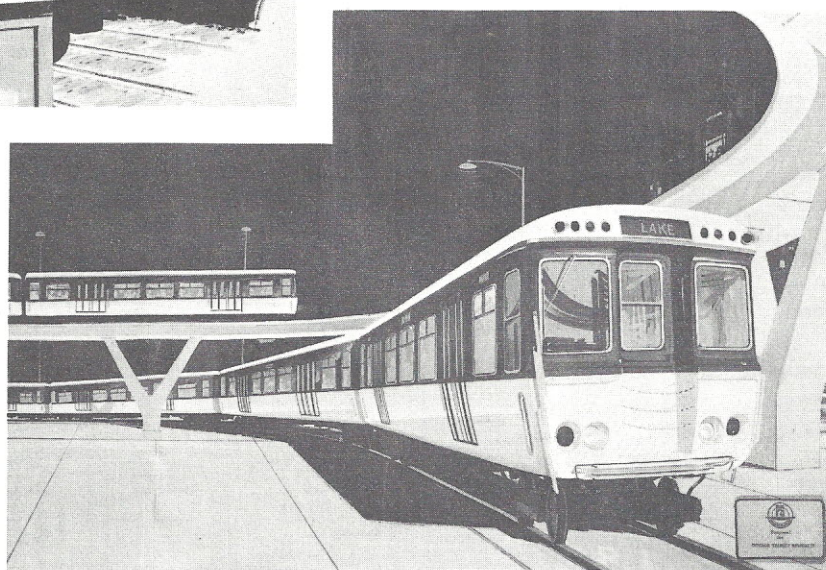
provement, 75 per cent over its own average rate for the same period in the three previous years. There were only five accidents against its record during the quarter.

Keeler, with a 77.74 point score, had close competition from Archer, which marked up a 73.10 point score. Keeler won, however, because it showed the best station improvement in its current passenger accident frequency rate over its own average rate for the first quarterly period in the three previous years.





ARTIST'S CONCEPTIONS of CTA's "New Look" rapid transit cars as designed by each of two car manufacturers are presented here. On the left, is the sketch submitted by the St. Louis Car company, and below, is the Pullman-Standard car design.



## BOARD WEIGHS BIDS ON NEW "L" CARS

WITH A bid of \$18,441,000, St. Louis Car division of General Steel Industries, Incorporated, of St. Louis, Missouri, was the apparent low bidder on 90 2-car units (180 cars), CTA's largest single order of rapid transit equipment.

However, with air-conditioning included, Pullman-Standard of Chicago, was apparent low bidder with an offer of \$18,990,000 for the 90 2-car units.

Air-conditioning for the "New Look" cars was specified as an alternate to determine how much this feature would add to the cost of the cars. On the basis of these two bids, air-conditioning would increase the overall cost by \$549,000.

Whether the cars are to be air-conditioned was to be determined by Chicago Transit Board, perhaps at its next meeting May 16.

St. Louis Car stated that, if it is awarded the contract for cars without air-conditioning, it would begin deliveries within 330 days after the contract is signed, and complete delivery in 516 days.

If the decision is to air-condition the cars, Pullman-Standard would begin deliveries in 285 days, and complete the delivery in 425 calendar days.

The Budd Company of Philadelphia also bid. For the 90 2-car units without air conditioning, it bid a total of \$19,303,200; for the 2-car units with air conditioning, \$19,726,200.

Financing of the "New Look" cars has been arranged. Through the sale of equipment trust certificates to John Nuveen & Company, of 135 S. LaSalle street, and A.C. Allyn Company, 122 S. LaSalle street, Chicago investment bankers, \$7,500,000 will be obtained. The balance will come from CTA's depreciation reserves.

The proposed purchase will boost CTA's expenditures and commitments for modernization of equipment and facilities to \$181,500,000.

The new cars are to be assigned to the Lake route, the street-level section of which was recently elevated, and possibly to the Douglas route, replacing 200 cars that are approximately 50 years old.



# UNDERWRITE YOUR COUNTRY'S MIGHT

## *Buy an extra U.S. Savings Bond*

TO ALL CTA EMPLOYEES:

During the 1963 nationwide "Freedom Bond Drive," each family is being asked to purchase at least one U.S. Savings Bond to help share in America's future.

This idea is not new for many CTAers who have been buying Savings Bonds for many years under the payroll deduction plan. However, those CTA employees who are not participating will have the opportunity to join during CTA's Bond Drive from May 15 through June 14. I recommend this excellent plan since it helps you to save on a regular basis. At the same time, you are helping to support America and all that it stands for -- peace, security, and freedom.

Savings Bonds contribute in a major way to the economic strength on which our defense efforts depend. Moreover, they build financial security for the purchaser, enabling him to plan realistically for important needs of the future.

All CTA employees will be given informational material regarding the purchase of Savings Bonds. Employees who are not participating in the plan will be given application cards. Those who already are saving in this convenient way will have the opportunity to increase their deductions during the Drive.

Savings Bonds are perhaps the easiest way an individual, by himself, can do something for his country, and join with millions of others in helping to achieve the national goals.

*W. J. McCarter*  
W. J. McCarter, General Manager  
Chicago Transit Authority



### ACCUMULATED VALUE

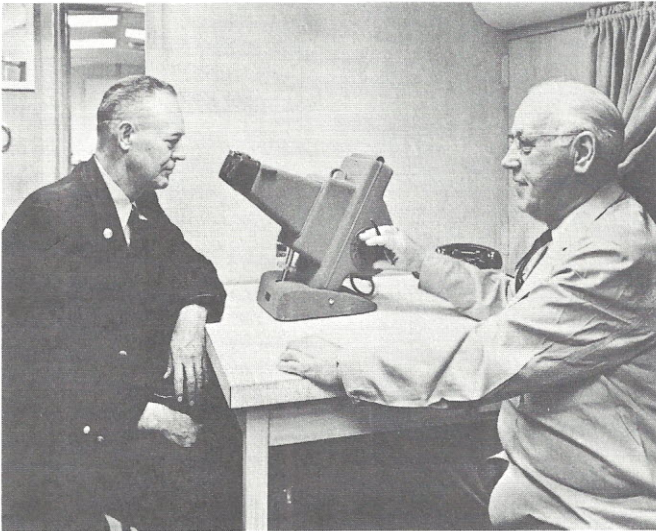
### OF PAYROLL SAVINGS

SAVE EACH WEEK	AND YOU WILL HAVE		
	In 3 years	In 5 years	In 7 years & 9 months
\$ 2.50	\$ 405	\$ 703	\$1,150
3.75	607	1,055	1,728
5.00	810	1,408	2,304
6.25	1,013	1,759	2,882
7.50	1,215	2,112	3,458
12.50	2,026	3,520	5,766
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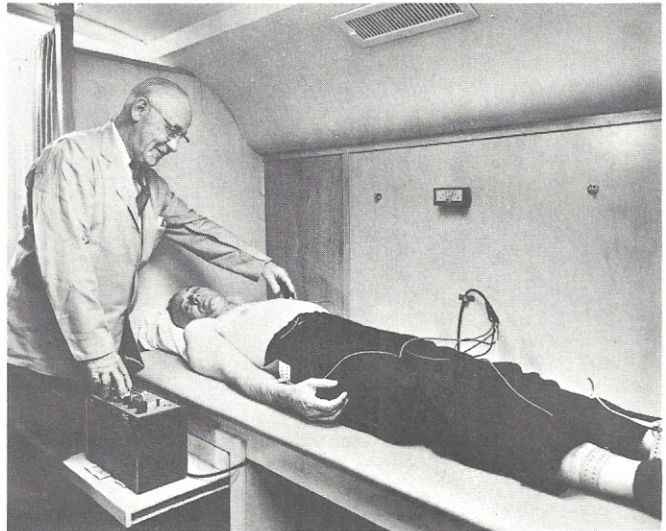


## Employee Medical Examination Program Expanded

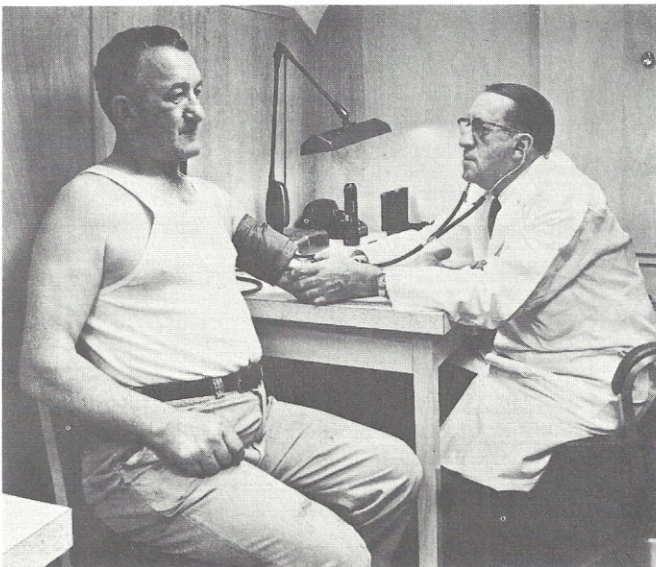
THE FIRST step in the examination of employees in periodical medical surveys is the eye test which determines accuracy and visual perception. Operator William Garvin, 77th, is seated in front of the Sight Screener which is manipulated by Arthur R. Baehrend, medical technician, who notes the results of the various tests on a record card.



ONE OF the most effective aids in the detection of heart conditions which may be of a serious nature is the electrocardiograph. This test is valuable in diagnosing irregularity of heart beats and other abnormalities of this vital organ. Simulating an actual test, Operator Garvin lies on the examination table while Mr. Baehrend adjusts the control apparatus which records the heart action.



A ROUTINE blood pressure test gives the examining physician much valuable information regarding the body's circulatory system. Dr. Otto Kasik of CTA's medical staff, and Joseph Lukso, mechanic, 77th Bus Overhaul, posed for this photograph in the examination room of the medical unit. Eye, ear, nose, throat and chest examinations also are made in this room.

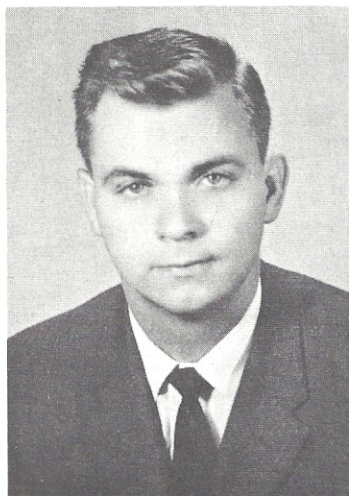


AT THE completion of the tests, the employee's medical history and examination is reviewed by the doctor. Dr. Stephen D. Mosny, CTA's medical director, is shown here as he discusses the medical report with A. F. Ziegelmeir, toolmaker, South Shops.





## Boyhood Hobby Leads to Engineering Career



BILL LOUBSKY at age of 22, graduate engineering student at the University of Illinois.

IN SOME future year as the U.S.A. continues its space program, the capsule that carries the first man to the moon might conceivably be designed by the son of a CTA employee who was graduated recently from the College of Engineering of the University of Illinois.

Though 22-year old Bill Loubsky, son of operator William Loubsky, North Avenue, may consider this eventuality highly improbable, he is acquiring an educational background which will equip him well for advancement in his chosen career. He now possesses degrees in aeronautical engineering and astronautical engineering, and is serving as a part-time instructor in the College of Engineering at Champaign while he works for his master's degree.

Bill first demonstrated his engineering talents at the age of 12 years when he was a sixth-grader at school and started building scale models of CTA buses from pencil sketches he had drawn himself. He also built scale models of ships and airplanes for his hobby collection, which was noted in a story appearing in CTA TRANSIT NEWS in the January, 1953, issue.



PICTURE APPEARING in January, 1953, issue of CTA TRANSIT NEWS, shows Bill Loubsky, at age of 12, seated at piano on top of which are scale models of CTA buses he built as a hobby project.

Through his later grammar school and high school days he developed his talents further and by the time he was ready for college he decided that engineering was the career for him. In the meantime he had been collecting scholarships, which helped him to complete his college education.

Bill also has proven talented in other fields of interest. Before he entered his teens he was an accomplished pianist and an adept art student. He has since mastered the Spanish language, which he speaks and writes fluently. In addition, he is a pilot, licensed to fly small planes.

The 1953 Transit News story about 12-year old Bill's varied activities closed with this paragraph:

"Although Bill doesn't know as yet just what line he would like to follow in the future, there is not much doubt that with his talent, combined with continued hard work, he should be quite successful in the endeavor of his choice."

Certainly, with the space age opening vast new horizons in the history of mankind, that prophetic statement seems to sum up a bright future outlook so far as Bill is concerned.



INDUSTRIOUS ANIMALS bedeck the sides of this CTA bus which carries the message of Mayor Daley's campaign for a Cleaner Chicago throughout the city. The bus, one of the 55-seat diesel units, recently went into service after being repainted in its colorful motif, and will continue to operate on various CTA routes. On Saturday, May 4, it appeared in the annual Clean-up Parade on State street.





CHICAGO'S URBAN renewal projects in recent years have been numerous and spectacular, but none has attracted more widespread interest than the transformation of the Back of the Yards district.

All the more remarkable because it exemplifies how an awakened community, once plagued by seemingly insurmountable problems, can by its own initiative and co-operative planning create a new image and emerge as a model and prideful city neighborhood.

There was a time a few decades ago when distasteful connotations were applied to the Back of the Yards area. It was characterized as a slum district. Property values had declined sharply.

But a better era began dawning in 1939, when the Back of the Yards people became aroused and set out to rehabilitate the area. Acutely aware that the big need was to restore confidence in the future of the area, residents, business leaders, civic and fraternal groups and church organizations were enlisted in a campaign to upgrade the community.

The outcome was the formation of the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council which became the activating organization of the renewal program. With enthusiastic support of the community, plans soon began to take shape and results were not long in becoming apparent in the changing face of the district.

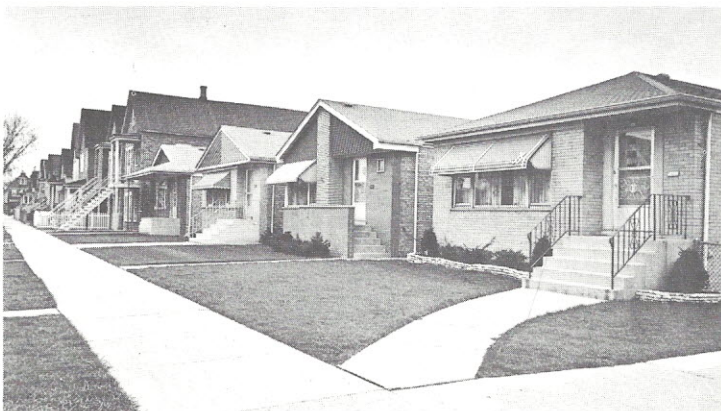


Houses, some of them 50, 60, 70 years old, once eyesores, began to appear with colorful new facings and bright awnings. Rotting foundations of buildings were bolstered. Porches and interiors were remodeled. Neat lawns and flower beds replaced dirt yards. Scores of abandoned stores and run-down buildings were converted into dwelling units.

The "new look" was soon spreading throughout the four square miles of stores, factories, churches and residential streets comprising the once impoverished area whose name had long been associated with the less desirable side of urban life.

This is the Back of the Yards district served today by CTA surface routes - a

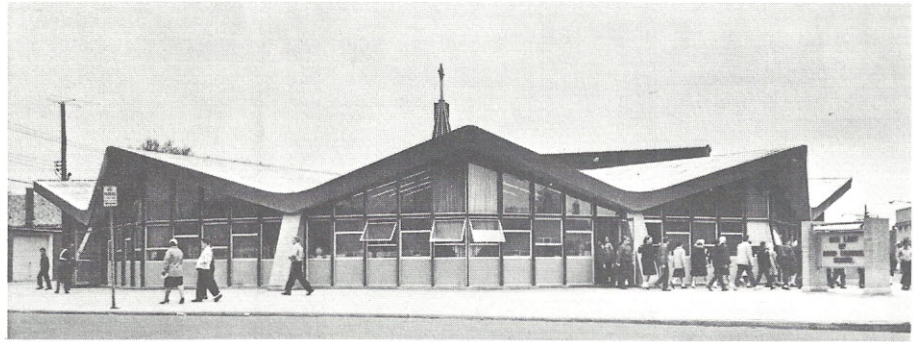
ANOTHER RECENT addition to the area (above) is the St. Michael's Church Family Social Center at 48th street and Damen avenue which was dedicated in 1961. To date, some 450 new homes have been constructed and 6,500 homes remodeled and modernized under the neighborhood improvement program which was launched in 1939.



THE BACK of the Yards district, one of Chicago's oldest communities, has become one of the city's most desirable residential areas. The transformation from the old to the new is apparent in the trim, well-kept appearance of its streets and buildings. Typical is this view at 50th and Leavitt showing modern homes built alongside older dwellings which have been remodeled and improved in a neighborhood rehabilitation project that has been hailed by housing experts as the most unique in America.



UNIQUE IN its octagonal design, a new educational center is Our Lady of Good Counsel school in the 3500 block of S. Hermitage avenue. Each classroom in the eight-sided structure has a door opening directly on the sidewalk and spacious windows permit a maximum of natural daylight to enter the building during school hours.



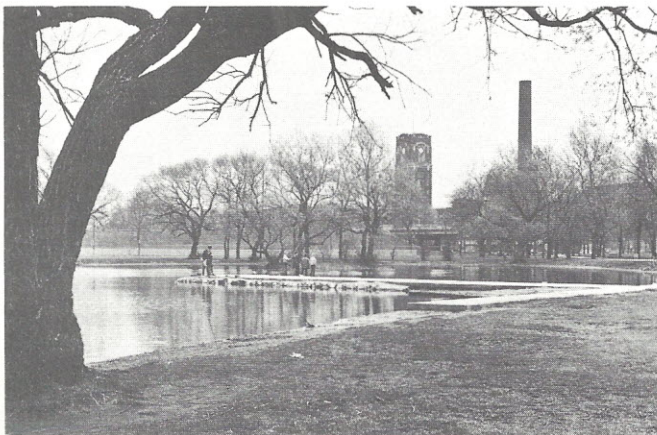
closely - knit, attractive, well-kept community which reflects the pride of people united by a bond of common interests who work together for the benefit of their homes and to become good neighbors and self-respecting citizens.

Largely populated in the earlier years by workers at the Union Stock Yards before the packing plants began moving to other cities, there are still many second and third generation Back of the Yards whose roots are firmly implanted in the district. Many have remained there with their families even though employment opportunities in the packing houses locally have dwindled. To them this section of Chicago is home territory and they are content to stay there.

The Back of the Yards area lies generally within the boundary lines of Archer avenue on the north, Racine avenue to 55th street and Loomis boulevard to the Chicago Belt Line tracks south of 58th street; on the west, Western avenue to 49th street and California from 49th street to 55th street.

It is directly served by nine CTA surface routes, namely: Western, South Damen, Ashland, Archer, 35th, Pershing, 47th, 51st and Garfield (55th), all of which operate

DESPITE ITS location in one of the most densely populated sections in the city, the Back of the Yards area is not lacking in recreation facilities. Thirty three parks and playgrounds provide for this need. Largest of these is McKinley Park at Western avenue and Pershing road. The picture, looking across the lagoon, shows buildings of the Central Manufacturing District in the background.



through the area, which has had public transportation for 79 years.

As early as 1884, transit service linked the area with downtown Chicago, when horsecars extended service out Archer avenue to Western. In that same year, a horsecar line was established on Ashland avenue from Archer to 39th street, now Pershing Road. Horsecars on both routes operated down Archer to State Street, where they coupled onto cable car trains to complete the trip downtown.

Chicago has seen many changes since the days of the horsecar era. Slum areas have been eliminated in many sections. Few of the older neighborhoods have survived the population shifts which have changed the character of the city.

The Back of the Yards area stands almost alone among urban communities which have given momentum to an improvement program on its own initiative. It is a credit to its people, whose enthusiastic support and spirited cooperation have met the challenge of the future.

The Back of the Yards district today has all but blotted out the memories of the dark 30's.

MOTIVATING THE rehabilitation program is the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council consisting of approximately 185 community organizations. To support its work, the Council sponsors an annual street fair, to be held this year July 9 to August 5, at 47th and Damen avenue. Visitors are enjoying the rides in this picture taken at the 1962 fair.





## Operator Honored as Volunteer Worker for Blind

TO HELP people who are cut off from the world by blindness is the laudable hobby of Operator John Metke, Beverly, who as a volunteer worker for the Catholic Guild for the Blind devotes his spare time transcribing textbooks into braille for sightless students in Chicago parochial schools.

Since he became interested in braille some 10 years ago, he has completed more than 20 textbooks, averaging 85 pages per volume.

Because braille is bulky, 10 to 12 volumes are needed to contain the material in one textbook printed from type. In addition to the braille alphabet, he has mastered more than 600 symbols to transcribe mathematics and science textbooks. He also has learned Spanish through language schools and correspondence courses over a four and one-half year period and is able to transcribe in that language. To further his knowledge of Spanish he is attending Maywood Proviso East night school.

Master copies of the textbook material are made up page by page from which impressions are made on plastic sheets and bound into volumes. To complete the transcription of one textbook to braille takes about six to seven months. The work of transcribing is done on a machine resembling a typewriter, called a Brailier, which is installed in a workroom in the home of his sister-in-law at 8347 S. Throop street.

Metke first began studying braille to help his niece, Marilyn Fleck, now 10 years old, who has been blind since birth. He and his wife spend most of their spare time in teaching and training the child to read and write braille. While John cannot read



OPERATOR JOHN Metke does all his transcribing on a typewriter-like machine called a Brailier. Here he is copying from a text book, converting its contents into braille. He has completed more than 20 books which are being used in teaching blind children in Chicago schools to read with their fingertips.

braille with his fingertips, only with his eyes, he is teaching his niece to recognize the dots by touch.

He was selected recently by the Catholic Guild for the Blind as its volunteer of the year and advanced to the semi-finals in the city-wide competition. Candidates for the award were nominated on the basis of personal qualities, abilities and skills. Out of 111 nominees, John finished 11th on the list.

John became an employee of the former Chicago Surface Lines on September 26, 1940, as a bus operator assigned to Archer station. An interesting coincidence is that he was hired at the old CSL employment office at Clark and Division streets, in the same building where the headquarters of the Catholic Guild for the Blind is now located.

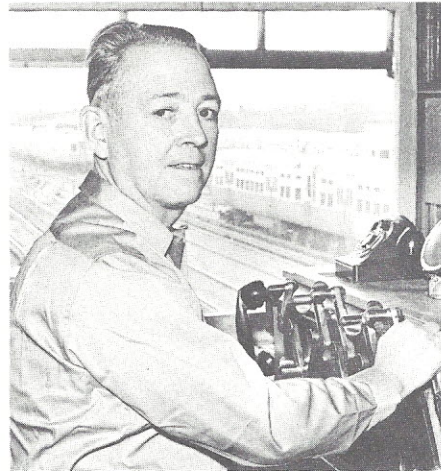
John has a brother, Edward, who is an operator assigned to Archer station. His father, now deceased, was a retired street-car motorman from the old Burnside station.

SIGHTLESS SINCE birth, Marilyn Fleck, Metke's 10-year old niece, is an apt student of braille, much of which she has learned through home study under the tutelage of her uncle and aunt. Here Marilyn and her uncle listen to a playback of a lesson she has previously recorded on tape.

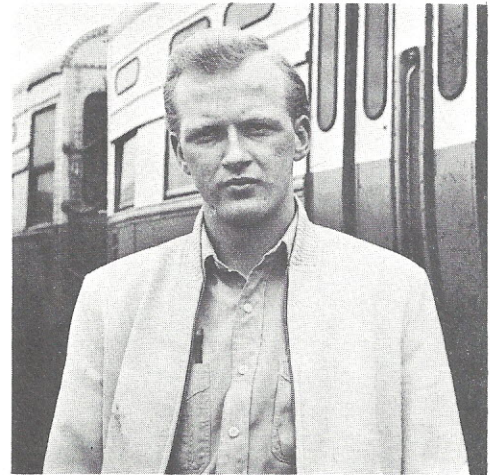




JAMES HARVEY, towerman: "Daylight savings time means spring cleaning for me. It gives me the opportunity to putter around our home, planting and fixing the lawn and housecleaning in the early evening while it is still daylight outside."



EDWARD REILLY, switchman: "My hobby is fishing and my wife enjoys it too. On my days off we go up to various lakes in Wisconsin and with the long daylight hours we can sit in the boat and fish longer. We don't always catch fish, but we have loads of fun."



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RALPH VERNON, conductor: "The extra hours of daylight suit me just fine. Working a noon-day run I still have time when I finish work to play basketball, which is my hobby, with some of the fellows from work. After a long hard winter it is good to get outdoors and exercise."



## QUESTION:

How does the change from standard to daylight time affect your daily routine?

**INQUIRING REPORTER:**  
Verna Hartney

**LOCATION:**  
South Section



VAN CORNELOUS, porter: "Daylight saving time gives me the opportunity to be of better service to mankind. In my spare time I am a minister and visit the hospitals, the sick and shut-ins so that I can minister to their needs and help them."

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EDWARD HENNESSY, motorman, (with Verna Hartney, reporter): "The coming of daylight saving time means that spring is really here. My wife and I live over southeast near Lake Michigan and with the extra hour of daylight we can go for long walks along 75th Street beach. On my days off we go out and watch the White Sox play ball."



# MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin  
CTA Medical Consultant

## BLOOD PRESSURE AND YOUR HEALTH

INDIVIDUALS HAVE every reason to be concerned about their blood pressure. It is important to their general health and well-being. It tells the physician if the circulatory system of the blood is functioning properly, and can be likened to a barometer which registers the atmospheric pressure of the weather.

In all persons the blood pressure varies to a certain degree, from minute to minute and from day to day. It may go up when we are excited and go down when we are at rest or asleep. These minor changes are all within normal limits. However, when the blood pressure goes higher than it should and stays that way, we then have a condition of high blood pressure or hypertension.

The normal blood pressure is about 120 systolic and 80 diastolic. The reading may vary 10 or 15 points up or down and still be within the normal range. When the doctor says your blood pressure is 120 over 80 he means that the high figure or systolic reading is the pressure of blood in the arteries during the contraction of heart. The figure of 80 represents the diastolic pressure of the blood in the arteries when the heart is at rest between beats. When the diastolic or lower reading is persistently high - say over 100 - it usually means high blood pressure or hypertension is more permanent and serious. Incidentally, high blood pressure and hypertension are synonymous.

The causes of high blood pressure are numerous and varied. Briefly and generally speaking, we may say that any condition which narrows the caliber of the blood vessels, or causes the heart to pump harder over a long period of time, will eventually cause hypertension.

By way of illustration, let's draw a comparison: The heart and circulatory system consist of a pump (heart) connected with a pipeline (arteries) which carries fluid (blood) throughout the body. When the pump is full, the fluid is forced by the regular beating motion into the arterial pipeline and flows evenly to all parts of the body. However, when advancing age or disease narrows the pipeline through which the fluid flows the pump must work harder and thus may become exhausted and eventually prove incapable of continuing its function.

In a few instances high blood pressure may be of a temporary nature. In this type worry, fear, toxins in the blood, stress,

anxiety or nervousness, cause a transitory spasm and narrowing of the blood vessels.

In the permanent type of hypertension the basic cause is a persistent narrowing of the caliber of the blood vessels. Arteriosclerosis or hardening of the arteries is the most common factor in this condition. Heredity plays a part in some cases as it has been shown that hypertension is more common in certain families. Other important contributing factors to the development of hypertension are heart disease, obesity, kidney disease, tumors of the adrenal glands, overactive thyroid gland, chronic infections, and excessive use of certain protein foods, salt, coffee, tobacco and alcohol.

The symptoms of high blood pressure vary according to the severity of the disease. In the early mild case no symptom may be noted. When symptoms do develop one of the first is headache which frequently comes early in the morning and disappears by noon. It may be nothing more than a sensation of tightness or stiffness in the back of the neck. As the hypertension increases the headaches become more severe. Dizziness or lightheadedness may be noted. Fatigue and nervousness frequently are complained of from little or no exertion. Sometimes visual disturbances, chest pains or leg cramps will be present. All of the symptoms are a result of impaired circulation due to arteriosclerosis. If the disease progresses far enough, symptoms of a stroke including unconsciousness, paralysis, etc. follow. In spite of the foregoing statements it is surprising how many people with high blood pressure live to a "ripe old age" with no symptoms. Women tolerate hypertension better than men.

Treatment must be started early for the best results. It must be remembered that early hypertension may be discovered through careful blood chemistry studies, kidney function tests and eye examinations even before the blood pressure shows an increase. Therefore, the successful treatment resolves itself to repeated regular physical examinations.

When the diagnosis of high blood pressure is made the individual should adopt a regular program outlined by his physician. This will, in general, include proper diet, a balanced program of rest, exercise and freedom of worry. Control of body weight is important. In short, moderation in living is the key to normal blood pressure and good health. If and when drugs are indicated your doctor will advise you.





THE PUBLIC is unpredictable. To arouse its interest - to impress or persuade it - is one of the most difficult of jobs. The public is represented by all kinds of people in all walks of life. It is impossible to please them all, but you can please or at least influence a majority in your favor. That is the essence of successful salesmanship.

Since most of us have to work for our living, we have to adapt ourselves to the requirements of our individual jobs. Every job contains an element of dissatisfaction with some of the conditions under which we work. However, there is little we can do to change whatever rules, regulations or circumstances govern our jobs.

The change must come in our personal attitude towards our job. The people we serve are our customers upon whom we rely for our livelihood. They are entitled to courtesy and consideration.

The two letters from riders printed below express the pro and con reaction to the kind of personal service rendered by CTA personnel in their dealings with the public. Which would you rather have entered on your record?

"We wish that you would convey to your bus operator No. 11494 (A. E. Watson, North Park) our sincere appreciation for the manner in which he looks out for the welfare of his passengers.

"It is indeed a pleasure to board his bus, as we do most every morning. He always has a 'good morning' welcome for you, regardless of weather conditions; is kind, considerate, courteous and always obliging. In addition, he warns his passengers to be careful when leaving the bus.

"As a matter of fact, many more people who think and have expressed themselves in like manner unfortunately have failed to take a few moments out of their busy lives to inform the proper authorities.

"All we can add to the above is that we wish there were more like him. He deserves some special recognition for his extraordinary performance of duty."

WHAT APPEARS to be a deliberate and inconsiderate breach of regulations on the part of an operator is the following letter of complaint from a faculty member of a Chicago high school:

"I wish to register a heated protest against the actions of an operator of a southbound Jeffery bus on a recent occasion. Emerging from the main entrance of Hyde Park high school, I noticed the bus parked at 62nd and Stony Island avenue. I walked to the door but the driver, idly gazing into Jackson Park, ignored my tapping on the door. Thinking he had not heard me, I then tapped with a coin. After much tapping, and with a passenger directing his attention to me, he gave a brief, side glance my way and then returned his gaze to the park. When I started to go in front of the bus, he brazenly and insolently started the bus forward and kept on going."

COMMENT: The conduct attributed to the operator was inexcusable. CTA depends entirely upon its patrons and does the utmost to impress this on all employees. Though, in a labor force as large as CTA's it is almost inevitable that some unfortunate situations will arise, this was an example of improper and completely unjustified conduct on the part of the employee involved. Such conduct is neither condoned nor tolerated by CTA management.

SHOWN HERE is a comparison of commendations and complaints received by Chicago Transit Authority for the months of April, 1963, March, 1963, and April, 1962.

	April 1963	March 1963	April 1962
Commendations	91	93	91
Complaints	993	1008	814



## CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

### STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS MONTHS OF MARCH 1963 AND 1962, THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1963 AND 1962 AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1963

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

	Month of March		Three Months Ended March 31,		Twelve Months Ended
	1963	1962	1963	1962	Mar. 31, 1963
Revenues	\$11,495,715	\$12,243,203	\$33,193,655	\$35,145,820	\$135,888,784
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	9,817,280	10,071,088	29,349,512	29,325,040	115,184,694
Available for Debt Service	1,678,435	2,172,115	3,844,143	5,820,780	\$20,704,090
Debt Service Requirements:					
Interest Charges	321,542	339,346	966,699	1,019,393	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond Maturity Fund	166,667(1)	166,667	500,000	500,000	
Deposits to Sinking Funds -					
Series of 1947 (2)	144,887	135,547	434,660	406,640	
Series of 1952 (2)	33,333	31,250	100,000	93,750	
Series of 1953 (2)	10,144	81,034	30,435	100,056	
	676,573	753,844	2,031,794	2,119,839	
Balance Available for Depreciation	1,001,862	1,418,271	1,812,349	3,700,941	
Provision for Depreciation	919,657	979,456	2,655,492	2,811,666	
Balance Available for Other Charges or Deficit in Depreciation Provision (3)	82,205	438,815	843,143 <sup>r</sup>	889,275	
Accumulated Deficit to End of Previous Period	925,348 <sup>r</sup>	392,622 <sup>r</sup>	—	843,082 <sup>r</sup>	
Deficit in Depreciation Provision or Balance Available for Other Charges at Close of Period	\$843,143 <sup>r</sup>	\$46,193	\$843,143 <sup>r</sup>	\$46,193	

<sup>r</sup> - Denotes Red Figures

#### PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers	42,796,748	45,385,511	122,409,970	129,580,113	497,740,834
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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, 1963.
- (2) Equal monthly installments to currently retire Series of 1947, 1952 and 1953 Revenue Bonds by purchase in the open market, after invitation for tenders, or by call on next interest date.
- (3) 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.

## Two Appointed to Property Accounting Posts

TWO NEW general office appointments, effective April 1, were announced recently when E.C. Kaross was named property accountant to replace John J. Cushing, retired, and H. F. Ebeling was advanced to assistant property accountant to succeed Mr. Kaross.

Both men have long time service records as transit employees, Mr. Kaross having completed 43 years last March, and Mr. Ebeling having marked up his 44th year in

September of 1962. Before the CTA takeover of local transit companies, Mr. Kaross was with the Board of Supervising Engineers and the former Chicago Surface Lines. Mr. Ebeling started with the CSL organization at the West Shops in September, 1918.

Both appointments were made by P.J. Meinardi, comptroller, and approved by General Manager W.J. McCarter.



## Towerman's Dog Wins Awards in Kennel Club Show

YOU WOULD hardly expect a dog - even a prize-winning trained dog - to respond to the official name of "McKenzie de Malone." But shorten that to "Mac" and the dog will listen and act at your command.

Loop Towerman Joseph Vargo, Lake-Wells tower, can vouch for this as the possessor of two top awards won by a pedigreed Brittany spaniel owned by his son, Joel, in the International Kennel Club show held at the International Amphitheatre on April 6 and 7.

Vargo handled "Mac" at the big exhibition of dogdom's finest in which 2,826 dogs consisting of 112 breeds competed. "Mac" was adjudged the winner of the champion of breed award and followed up with a first place blue ribbon for obedience and appearance in reserve novice class.

The Brittany spaniel is a cross between the springer and cocker and is a breed not too common in America. It was developed in the province of Brittany in France. It can be taught to point and retrieve and is adapted to both land and water. Vargo says the breed is noted for having a lovable nature and disposition and is a good watchdog.

The Vargo's bought "Mac" when he was slightly over one year old and started his training right away. Now five years of age, this was the dog's first show. Father and son worked with him several minutes each day to bring him up to the prize winning class.



TWO TOP awards in international competition on his first appearance in a kennel club show is the record of "Mac," a pedigreed Brittany spaniel entered by Towerman Joseph Vargo. Joe hopes to collect more ribbons like those tacked up on the wall behind him in future showings of his '63 champ.

Since his son, Joel, entered the armed forces on April 18, Joe will have to take over the job of continuing the training of "Mac" and handling him in future dog shows. The job should not be so difficult, however, as Joe says the breed is intelligent and easy to train.

Since it was the first time "Mac" had appeared in competition, Joe was glad to have a lucky combination of three sevens going for him. "The date 'Mac' won the awards was April 7, his stall was No. 7, and I wore armband No. 7 in showing the dog," he explained with a chuckle to Transit News' Loop reporter Dorothy Parker. "I just couldn't lose!"

## Suggestion Winners Collect Extra Dividend

AN EXTRA dividend of \$260.00 in cash was paid to seven shopmen who received supplementary awards from the Employees Suggestion Committee after evaluation of suggestions adopted previously.

The supplemental awards were made in accordance with the new policy of reviewing suggestions at the end of the first twelve months in actual operation. After the test period results are studied and, when warranted, an additional cash award is approved.

The seven employees who received the awards and the amounts paid are: Harry Hamilton, electrical maintainer "A", West Shops, \$125.00; Harry R. Denz, sheet metal worker, South Shops, \$30.00; Wilbur J. Meyers, upholsterer "A", and Joseph Draus, upholsterer leader "A", both of South Shops, \$25.00 each; Michael Valquez and Robert Flowers, repairmen "A", Lake Street Shop, \$20.00 each, and Frank J. Kramer, wireman, Skokie Shops, \$15.00.

The original awards to the seven men totaled \$437.50.



## NEW PENSIONERS

G.R. BRYAN, Schedule Maker,  
Schedule Dept., Emp. 9-21-23.  
NATALE CALE, Laborer,  
Track & Struct., Emp. 10-20-41.  
W.J. CROSSON, Conductor,  
West Section, Emp. 6-02-41.  
G.R. DEARING, Signal Maint.,  
Electrical Dept., Emp. 2-21-39.  
R.J. DONEGAN, Repairman,  
52nd Street, Emp. 7-31-46.  
M.F. FLEMMING, Cleaner,  
North Section, Emp. 9-10-23.  
H.J. HOLT, Motorman,  
Congress, Emp. 4-04-24.  
THOMAS LACEY, Attendant,  
Office Services, Emp. 3-18-41.  
W.E. LAWLER, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 10-10-24.  
CORNELIUS MCGINLEY, Watchman,  
Track & Struct., Emp. 5-18-25.  
P.J. MCGINNIS, Cleaner,  
Beverly, Emp. 5-09-42.  
F.A. McMAHON, Supervisor,  
District A., Emp. 4-21-26.  
M.T. NOLTE, Signal Foreman,  
Electrical Dept. Emp. 8-15-19.  
C.E. NYLANDER, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 3-09-26.  
J.A. O'FARRELL, Comb. Clerk,  
North Avenue, Emp. 8-27-42.  
J.V. OLINSKI, Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 2-06-56.  
E.C. OLSEN, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 12-15-25.  
R.J. PLUMMER, Repairman,  
61st Street, Emp. 10-03-27.  
J.P. SHANNON, Asst. Foreman,  
61st Street, Emp. 10-09-25.  
P.V. SHIELDS, Motorman,  
Lake, Emp. 2-08-22.

J.W. SUSRALSKI, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-07-23.  
LUKA TOPIC, Trackman,  
Track & Struct., Emp. 4-17-43.  
A.G. UNICOF, Electrical Worker,  
Skokie, Emp. 7-16-19.  
ANDREW VOLPENTESTA, Watchman,  
Track & Struct., Emp. 10-29-25.

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

BALDASSARE BRUNO, Laborer,  
Track & Struct., Emp. 5-20-26.  
F.J. BLAZEK, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 9-01-27.  
T.E. CARLSON, Porter,  
West Section, Emp. 7-19-43.  
J.B. COX, Collector,  
Limits, Emp. 8-26-29.  
E.F. DUNN, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 10-26-33.  
E.F. ENGLISH, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 11-26-43.  
FRANK KRAUTSAK, Carpenter,  
South Shops, Emp. 8-17-36.  
P.A. LEIDIG, Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 6-26-28.  
WALTER MORAN, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 10-01-41.  
T.J. NOLAN, Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 3-10-43.  
E.J. PEVITTS, Porter,  
West Section, Emp. 8-23-44.

## G. C. Andrews, 46-Year Service Vet, Retires

A REAL old-timer in Chicago transit is Gilbert C. Andrews, substation schedule clerk in the Electrical Department, who will retire June 1 with a record of 46 years of service.

"Andy" as he is familiarly known to his co-workers, started with the former Chicago Surface Lines on April 2, 1917, as a typist in the secretary-treasurer's office of that company, and later transferred to the Transportation Department in the capacity of clerk. In October, 1942, he became an Electrical Department employe as an assistant estimator, and in 1944 was assigned to Grand-Leavitt substation as a schedule clerk. At the time of his retirement he was working at the Blue Island office of the Electrical Department.

"Andy" was No. 4 on the general office seniority list at the time of his retirement. He has served as a reporter for CTA Transit News for Transportation Department and Electrical Department locations since the early 30's.

He is an active member of Moody church, which he serves as secretary of the board of trustees. From 1932 to 1937 he attended the Moody Bible Institute evening school.

A long-time resident of the south side, he and his wife, Harriet, and daughter, Ruth Shirley, live at 5749 S. Morgan street. His son, Gilbert, Jr., is an attorney in the Justice Department at Washington, D.C. Another son, Donald Richard, is pastor of the First Baptist church at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. He is the grandfather of two.



# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (Revenue) -

Your co-reporter, MARIE HAVLIK, has transferred to the Electrical Department. We wish her good luck in her new position. She will be missed, as she was the working half of this team. It was through her efforts to get out the news and see that it went to press on time, that we would like this way of saying thanks for a job well done...ERROL TOSH, who resigned, will be missed. Our best wishes go with him...JOHN DUNNE is the new face at the front desk, and ROBERT CARLSON is the new transfer counter at Division and Western. Welcome!

The boy with the biggest smile and the shiniest eyes these days is TOM KOZLOWSKI, who has purchased his first new car! It is a maroon Impala with jet black interior no less-Wow!...ROBERT BRATEK received a promotion within the department...VIRGINIA HARRER was hospitalized but is home recovering from her recent illness...SHIRLEY STENZEL was married to PAUL R. MILLMINE on February 23 at St. Cornelius church. They honeymooned in Muskegon, Michigan, where the snowdrifts were ten feet high, but found it really was beautiful.

## (Payroll) -

EMILY COYNE took advantage of her early spring vacation to get her flower garden well on its way. She has a green thumb...JOHN POPE made his annual spring trip to Crivitz, Wisconsin. We wonder if it is just "nature and the fishing" that attracts our boy up there?...MARGE ORGAN spent her vacation just loafing and visiting.

## (Voucher) -

A very happy report is that SUSAN WHITE has left the hospital and is doing a splendid job of recovery at home. She appreciates the many cards sent to her.

## (IBM) -

A grand tour of the southwest was the vacation itinerary of LORRAINE KOZLOWSKI with her son, BOB, a serviceman who was returning to George Air Force base in California. They drove from Chicago to Phoenix, Arizona, and then went for a mule ride to view the snow-covered depths of Grand Canyon. Next came San Diego and back up the coast to Long Beach and Los Angeles. A highlight was the side trip to Las Vegas. Leaving her son, she then took a jet plane home...CARMELLA PETRELLA spent her vacation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, with warm weather in her favor.

## (Real Estate) -

IVAN MILLER received a long, interesting letter from WILLIAM ROSER, who retired not too long ago. Bill claims to have acquired a good suntan and asks to be remembered by all his friends. From his letter he indicates he is "living it up"...JOAN HANUS left us to await the first addition to her family.

- Marie Havlik & Eileen Neurauter

## BEVERLY -

Vacation time is here once again, and we invite the men who picked the month of August, to join us at the Notre Dame retreat at South Bend. We had over 100 men last year attending the three-day retreat and are trying to make it 200 this year. It will cost you only \$20.00 - or more, if you can afford it - for a nice room and good home cooking. There is a beautiful Fatima house on the edge of the

campus, if you care to bring your wife and daughter. You can spend hours viewing such places as the Knute Rockne memorial, and the procession on Saturday night to the grotto is something you'll remember for years to come. PENSIONER ERNIE TOCCI, former station superintendent at 69th, who started a fund a few years ago to put a few bricks in the new retreat house for CTA men and women, will be there. PENSIONER TOMMY COUGHLIN, one of the best union stewards we ever had, is looking forward to renew old acquaintances. See PETE FLAHERTY or JERRY GLEASON for more details; if you need a ride, we'll organize a car pool. Don't forget the date August 15-18.

The President's physical fitness program has finally come to Beverly, and a few of our boys have taken a keen interest in it. JACK "Night Car" FALSEY of East 95th was seen in the wee hours of the morning at the Evergreen Plaza. He wanted to explore and hike around the west end, and was on his 49th lap when one of my spies asked if he was on an Easter egg hunt. Jack, with his typical wit replied, "Heck no, I have a parakeet at home who lays colored eggs." Keep up the good work Jack and you can cut out watching the "Debbie Drake Show" in the afternoon.

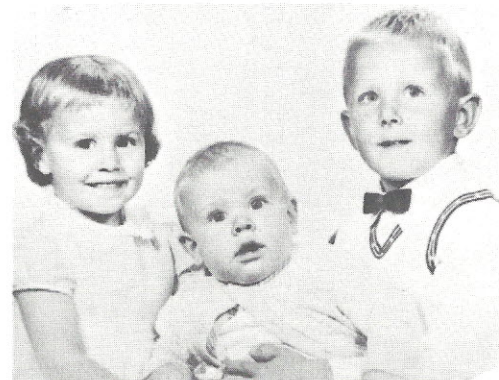
JERRY GLEASON will take your dog with him when he goes hiking, for a small fee.

## SAFETY HINT OF THE MONTH

Children have "Hit the Road" with their bicycles and we'll have to be on the lookout for them. On bikes, they are like women drivers - good drivers, because every one looks out for them and gives them all the breaks. Watch where kids are playing, as they might run out on the street from between parked cars, or after a ball. In other words: Play it safe!

WALTER BAROWSKY's wife is home after a trip to the hospital...See VIRGIL TRIMMER or J. McMULLEN in the credit union about having payments deducted from your check towards your loan. It's also a good way to buy shares. If you don't touch the money you won't spend it...Our sympathy is extended to the wife of OPERATOR MIKE STENSON, who died on April 23.

PROUD GRANDFATHER of this happy trio is RUSS WARNSTEDT, suggestion analyst, Suggestion Department. The three are (from left to right): PATTI, age 3; DANNY, age 1, and SCOTTY, age 5. Their parents are MR. and MRS. ANTHONY ALTMEYER of Hoffman Estates.





MRS. PETERSEN, who belongs to St. Cajetan's Dramatic club, recently starred in "Earth Bound 63," at Morgan Park High school. The older son, ROBERT, who is engaged to KAREN SIELOFF, daughter of MR. and MRS. ELMER J. SIELOFF, of Evergreen Park, are planning their wedding for October 19. RICHARD, the youngest, is graduating this June from St. Cajetan's school. GLORIA PETERSEN arranged a school reunion from Sacred Heart Commercial, Class of 1930, which was held May 11 at Sacred Heart hall.

RAY DOBBERTON, relief foreman in the repair department, is at this writing in Little Company of Mary hospital having an ulcer removed...MECHANIC JACK GAVIN is getting ready to attend an American Legion convention. He is the senior vice commander of O'Donnell Post...MECHANIC FRANK CLEARY is presently on the sick list...MECHANIC B. L. BOCKEL joined the ranks of benedicts on April 26...MECHANIC F. (Jake) JACOBI is a very anxious, expectant father. This will be his first experience.

- Tom Daniels

#### ELECTRICAL -

A big welcome to MARIE HAVLIK who transferred from Payroll-Accounting to replace General Clerk ROBERT MCCARTHY, who transferred to Public Information...PAUL STAHULAK, "B" helper, and his wife vacationed in Oklahoma City where they visited relatives...JOHN FRIEDMAN, lineman helper, vacationed at Fox Lake, Illinois, enjoying some fishing. As of this writing, CHARLES SALVATORE, lineman helper, is spending his vacation doing some spring cleaning around the house.

JOSEPH HOBBS, lineman, who was recently injured on the job, is getting along nicely and hopes to return in the near future.

THADIOUS JENNINGS, operator's apprentice, his wife DELORES, and two children motored some 2,500 miles while on vacation. They drove down to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, then to Detroit, Michigan, and Lima, Ohio, where they visited parents and other relatives...VERNON KEE, operator, suffered the loss of his sister on April 16...RALPH JOSSI, lineman, suffered the loss of his 92-year old father on March 31...A card received from THEODORE WYNOCOT, "B" electrician, indicates he is enjoying his vacation in sunny Florida. He reports good swimming and fishing at Tampa.

CARL JACKSON, former cable foreman, wrote from St. Petersburg, Florida, and advises he is feeling well and enjoying his retirement. He meets with the American Legion Post and enjoys fellowship with many of the boys who have moved down to this locality...JOHN WOODS, former chief operator at Broadway substation, sent Easter greetings from Miami, Florida. John has been on retirement since February 1, 1955.

Signal Maintainer GEORGE DEARING and his family would like to thank their friends at CTA for the kind expressions of sympathy extended in their recent bereavement. Following the celebration of George's 65th birthday, his daughter, GLORIA LOSER, was returning home to her family in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, when she was killed in a bus accident.

- Gilbert Andrews

#### FOREST GLEN -

OPERATOR JOHN SUSRALESKI has hung up his small leather bag and gone into retirement. We wish you the best of luck in whatever your future plans may be...ANTHONY R. MANZO, brother of OPERATOR DAN MANZO, passed away recently...We would like to announce the arrival of a baby girl in the home of OPERATOR and MRS. ALBERT L. JOHNSON on March 23. The following day, a baby girl was born to OPERATOR

and MRS. JOE LoGOCO. May you and your children have many years of happiness together.

There was joy and celebration in the home of OPERATOR GEORGE and MARY SPORLEDER. Their youngest son, A2C DONALD W. SPORLEDER, stationed at Stewart air force base, was married to PEGGY WOODALL, of Nashville, Tennessee. The Sporleders (GEORGE, MARY, RICHARD, ROBERT and SHARON) drove to Nashville for the ceremony, which took place on March 15. All in all, they had a wonderful time meeting people and taking part in the festivities.

The committee would like to thank the members of the Little Flower Society (St. Joseph Branch) who attended the communion breakfast on March 31. This indeed was a sacrifice for those on the Northwest Side of Chicago. Surely God rejoiced at seeing the near record attendance help make the 30th anniversary a huge success. There were door prizes and Forest Glen did very well by winning four beautiful statues. The winners were BARBARA CIESLINSKI (daughter of OPERATOR CIESLINSKI), OPERATORS HARRY KALISH, WILLIAM LAKOFKA and yours truly. The treat of the day was Irish Soda Bread (very good) donated by the wonderful women members. FATHER HOBAN gave a very interesting talk regarding religion and it's teachings.

OPERATOR MICHAEL HUNT took a trip to New York and Toronto, Canada. Is he making plans for a future honeymoon?

- Frank Carpio

#### GENERAL OFFICE (Transportation) -

The FLYING KRAUSES have winged their way to Florida once more. JACK and WANDA, FRANK and FLORANCE, have recently returned after a two-week sojourn in Miami. They again took up residence at the Diamond motel, and the hue of their complexions gives evidence of many hours spent in the motel pool. While visiting the dog races, a must for a Miami vacation, they met up with Limits Station Superintendent HERMAN ERICKSON and his wife, who were accompanied by Retired Keeler Repair Foreman DON WILSON and his wife. Jack Krause talked with BILL GOODALL on the phone, but did not have an opportunity to call in person. The Krauses were met at the Miami airport by RAY KLEIN, a former supervisor of District A, who is now an assessor of Dade County, Florida.

#### (Stenographic-Duplicating) -

DOROTHY HUNTER, methods and procedures, who left the CTA to await a blessed event, and NOREEN BYRNE, who will shortly walk down the middle aisle, were hosted by all the Stenographic girls, including ARLENE ZITTMAN of Public Information and ELAINE ZIEBARTH of Employment. They choose Sahara Inn for their Saturday luncheon, which happened to be the day after the Sahara encountered a bit of trouble. The girls wondered whether or not they would be served. However, 400 members of a women's club had arranged a fashion show and luncheon was finally served to all. Next event on the social calendar for the Stenographic personnel was a dinner at the Golden Lion on April 17.

#### (Insurance) -

The Insurance Department is proving in a big way that diamonds are a girl's best friend, especially when they are placed on the third finger, left hand by a very special boy. The following is the result of a recent survey of couples planning matrimony: CAROL SCHMIDT and ARMIN ARNDT; KAREN NULLMEYER and TONY CURCIO; BARBARA JOEFFREY and MIKE KOFSHUR; PAT NEUVAR and TOM SCHULER; AILEEN WARD and JIM MADDEN.

NOREEN BYRNE was recently feted at a luncheon at Henrici's restaurant in the Mart and presented with a set of parafit glasses. Guests included ANN GOLDING, DORIS SULLIVAN, MARY ANN BOHAT, MARY BERRY and MARILYN FERARRO.

- Julie Prinderville



**GENERAL OFFICE (Equipment Engineering) -**

JOE BOLECH and his wife, LOUVERNE, enjoyed a wonderful vacation traveling through the South, visiting in Phoenix and Nogales, Arizona; Los Angeles and Hollywood, California; and Las Vegas, Nevada. While in Hollywood they called on GEORGE CLARK's daughter, CHERYL, and her husband, ED CRANE.

**(Training & Accident Prevention) -**

JOE O'SULLIVAN and his wife, HELEN, were selected, along with two other couples, to chaperone the Brother Rice High school senior prom which was held at the South Shore Country club on Friday evening, April 19. The prom was just the start of a weekend that kept Joe on a merry-go-round. On Saturday evening, April 20, the Dads' club of Brother Rice High school, of which Joe is President, held a Parents' "prom" in the starlight room of the school. At this event, Joe and his wife were king and queen and led the grand march. Then on Sunday evening, April 21, the high school held its fourth annual spring sports festival banquet. At this event, Joe was toastmaster and had the honor of introducing GEORGE IRELAND and JESSE OWENS as guest speakers. It must be said that Joe held up very well and didn't seem any worse for the wear and tear of a terrific weekend.

JOHN MCKENNA's daughter, MARGARET, together with her classmates at Visitation High school, recently made the pre-graduation trip to Washington, D.C. After touring the capital, they made side trips to Annapolis, Jamestown, and Williamsburg.

- Mary E. Clarke

**KEDZIE -**

Marine Major RICHARD H. WEST, 38 year old son of Relief Janitor FRANKLIN N. and MRS. WEST, recently completed a four week chemical, biological and radiological warfare course for officers at the army chemical corps school at Ft. McClellan, Alabama. Major West is a graduate of Lane Technical High school and the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He entered the marines in 1943.

Our sympathy is extended to the following families in their recent bereavements: OPERATOR and MRS. M. J. REED on the loss of Mrs. Reed's grandmother, MRS. FANNIE NEWTON; OPERATOR and MRS. EDWARD MCCALLUM on the loss of Mrs. McCallum's mother,



THE MARRIAGE OF GERRY SANSONE, stenographer, Claim Department, was occasion for a recent luncheon in Henrici's restaurant. In the above picture, Gerry is holding a card signed by her friends and fellow employees. Standing beside her are BARBARA MIKA (left) and SYLVIA USPHEL (right) from the Claim Department. Gerry became MRS. CLYDE ESTES on April 6, at a wedding in Emanuel Lutheran church. The couple honeymooned for 10 days at Miami Beach.

MRS. CATHERINE ZAK; OPERATOR and MRS. PATRICK McQUAID on the loss of Mrs. McQuaid's brother, JOHN MUCKER; Retired Board member RAY McDONALD on the loss of his wife, AMELIA; OPERATOR ANTHONY SHEVCHUK on the loss of his father and to OPERATOR NORMAN OUMET on the loss of his mother... Anyone wishing to attend the annual laymen's retreat at Notre Dame, Indiana, August 15-18, contact your reporter.

- C. P. Starr

**KEELER -**

The office personnel at Keeler station take off their hats to you operators for the fine safety record you have established in winning the Interstation Safety Contest for the first quarter of 1963. A marvelous feat of safe driving and teamwork.

OPERATOR MYROSLOW NIMYLOWYCZ returned from his vacation with a good coat of tan. He says Hot Springs, Arkansas, is the spot and it can't be beat... OPERATOR RONALD MENDYK and his mother, MRS. EVELYN MENDYK, flew to San Francisco, visited friends in Sacramento, drove to Lake Tahoe, and they also had a ride on a cable car and went sight-seeing at the Fisherman's Wharf, ending their trip at a night club in Fresno, California. Sounds like an enjoyable trip.

We extend our most sincere sympathy to OPERATOR ROBERT POWELL on the loss of his father and to BENNETT IGNORANTE on the loss of his father.

- Elmer Riedel

**LIMITS -**

OPERATOR FRANK PRADZINSKI and his wife, VICTORIA, celebrated two happy occasions recently. Their son, WILLIAM, was married on February 23 and Frank and his wife celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage on February 26... OPERATOR CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his wife, ZONA, visited with the latter's sister in Monticello, Indiana, on Easter Sunday... OPERATOR EDDIE CHRISTMAN spent Easter with his aunt in Indianapolis, Indiana... Retired Operator OSCAR DEMEY passed away on March 25. Mr. Demey retired on December 1, 1960, after 36 years of service. Solemn Requiem mass was offered by his priest son, RICHARD C. DEMEY, at St. Andrew's church. Deacon and sub-deacon were REVEREND JOSEPH ANTONIK and the REVEREND JOSEPH W. SEITZ. The sermon was given by REVEREND DANIEL P. COUGHLIN, lifetime friend of the family. Interment was at All Saints cemetery, where REVEREND FRANCIS CIEZADLO conducted services. Mr. Demey was a member of St. Andrews Holy Name society, Little Flower society-comprising CTA employees, and Harold A. Taylor Post of the American Legion.

CLERK LAWRENCE MILLER, who lives in Lake Zurich, says the garden has been plowed and is ready for the crop of tomatoes that he anticipates for 1963... MECHANIC PHILIP O'CONNOR and his wife are the parents of a baby girl named KATHLEEN BERNADETTE.

The brother of OPERATOR RICHARD PEISKER died on April 10... Pick of vacations were held recently and everyone is busy planning... At the recent convention of the Credit Unions of Illinois we met some new acquaintances from Beverly depot including MR. and MRS. TIBBETS, ED QUINLAN, MR. and MRS. VIRGIL TRIMMER, FRANK PIERSON, MR. and MRS. JOHN McMULLEN and PETE FLAHERTY. Thanks to these friendly people for an enjoyable evening.

OPERATOR CHARLES YOUNG, who has submitted to surgery at Augustana hospital, at this writing is recovering nicely, and expects to be released soon... OPERATOR ANDY WENDT, who is on disability and confined to Hines hospital at present, spent Easter Sunday at home... MECHANIC EARL RODGERS and family spent a week at their home at Paddock Lake, Wisconsin, getting everything in shape for the summer.



OPERATOR JAMES BURKE retired on April 1 after 39 years of service...MECHANIC ED JOHNSON vacationed for one week right at home cleaning up the premises.

OPERATOR BOYD HAMPTON is still confined to Illinois Masonic hospital...RECEIVER L. J. SIKORA retired on disability pension after 21 years of service...WAYNE HARVEY, son of OPERATOR and MRS. WM. HARVEY, was recently elected to the new Charge presidency at the Illinois State university at Champaign. Wayne is majoring in Political Science and will graduate in 1964.

- George Clark

#### LOOP (Agents) -

Maintenance Man JOHN PARNELL has been attending night school and recently completed his grammar school classes. He is now attending night school hoping to obtain his high school diploma. Congratulations, John, our hats are off to you for your determination in seeking a good education...Our sympathy is extended to PORTER TOMMY CONLEY on the recent loss of his mother...We are sorry to report that three of our Agents, LORRAINE REILLY, MARGARET BRENNAN and MARY J. BROWN, have been ill for the past few months and are still on the sick list. Get well soon, girls, we miss you very much.

AGENTS MARY FLANAGAN and ANN DUNLEAVY have returned to work after a long seige of sickness. Happy to see you looking well and glad to have you back...Your reporter received a card from Retired Agent MARY E. DYE who now resides in Davenport, Iowa. Mary informed me that she and Retired Agent ELIZABETH DOCHERTY spent six weeks in Florida. While there they visited Retired Agent KATHERINE O'DILL in St. Petersburg. Thank you so much for the news, Mary. It's nice to hear from you and hope to hear more often from our pensioners.

Something new is added to this column - "Porters of the Month," to show our appreciation for a job well done. This month our nominations for the porters of the month are: OTIS THOMAS, ERNEST HERRING, GEORGE SWANSON, JOSEPH SIMPSON and DAN CAWTHON. Thank you, boys for doing a good job. We hope to have more names added in coming issues for jobs well done...Our sympathy is extended to GERRY VINZENS, assignment agent, on the recent loss of her mother.

- Dorothy Parker

#### NORTH AVENUE -

Our accident record for the past three months has been high, so let's all get on that defensive driving team. The types of accidents that are keeping our accident record high are "G" and "D-1" types. A "G" type accident is when the bus comes in contact with a parked vehicle. A good tip is to stay three feet away from parked vehicles. A "D-1" type is when the bus comes in contact with the side or front of a vehicle moving in the same direction as the bus and usually occurs when the bus is pulling out from the curb lane. The operator should use his side view mirror and give a hand signal to the motorist approaching the side of the moving bus. Let's climb to the top of the totem pole in the Interstation Safety Contest, and once again we'll have coffee and rolls. We have a fine group of station superintendents; let's back them up by winning the award.

OPERATOR JIM KINAHAN reports that OPERATOR MICHAEL MCCARTHY and his wife, BONNIE, became the parents of a daughter born March 29. Congratulations!...REPAIRMAN RAPHAEL PFEIFER will be giving away his daughter, CECILIA, in marriage to SAMUEL STUBLER on Saturday, May 18, at St. Sebastian's church. Our best wishes to the young couple.

Birthday greetings to OPERATOR LEO LUCAS who added a year on April 10...OPERATOR ERNEST STURM learned that his son, PETER, is at San Antonio Air Force base learning to fly. Ernie is hoping that Peter will be stationed at Little Rock where he'll be close to the old homestead. Maybe he'll teach dad to fly...OPERATOR GERHARD KLAMP showed his wife, URSULA, around North avenue depot, and they picked his vacation...Repair Foreman MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM, formerly of North, was promoted to general foreman, South Division. Congratulations, Mike, we all miss you.

OPERATOR ROBERT SCHANZLE visited us this week feeling much improved after a serious operation...We're all glad to see OPERATOR WALTER STRAUBING back to work...OPERATOR BENJAMIN GERACE is vacationing in his hometown, Petenwell, Wisconsin...OPERATORS MORRIS ANDERSON, HAROLD FORSTER, GEORGE WYERS, EDWARD GUNDLACH, JOSEPH HEBDA, FRANK PONZIO, JAMES SHELDON and JULIUS TEDESCHI have joined President Kennedy's 50-mile hike program. They are doing it in a relaxed way, following a little white ball around the golf course.

OPERATORS EDWARD SCHNEIDER and HERB LINDEMANN are getting their fishing gear ready for a trip to Crivitz, Wisconsin. Good luck, boys, and leave a few fish in the lake for me when I take my vacation there...OPERATOR RALPH CARPINELLI was a recent winner in the Irish Sweepstakes. He won a consolation prize...OPERATOR ALOIS HARTMAN died April 12 following a tragic accident. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family...We extend our deepest sympathy also to PENSIONER OWEN MCGOWAN who lost his son, WILLIAM; to OPERATOR DANIEL MANZO who lost his brother, ANTHONY; to REPAIRMAN JAMES GORCZYNSKI who lost his grandmother, and to REPAIRMAN STEVE STRAZA who lost his father-in-law.

- Bill Miedema

#### NORTH SECTION (Agents) -

GRACE LESLIE had a wedding in her family. Her daughter was married April 12 in South Haven, Michigan. On Easter her two sisters from Grand Haven, Michigan, paid her a visit...MARY K. DONOHUE is in Columbus hospital, where she is doing nicely. Mary K. has been ill for some time. We hope for her speedy recovery...MARY DAILEY is confined to Belmont hospital at this writing.

Death has taken its toll. JOSEPH SLATTERY, who had a heart attack the day after he left on pension in June, had another one on April 5 which was fatal...RAYMOND BERCHESS was visiting his son in Elmhurst on April 6, and while out admiring the yard Ray fell to the ground and died. Ray at one time was assignment clerk...MARY KELLY passed away April 9 after a long illness. Mary, loved by all co-workers, was the sister of KITTY KLEICH...TED KOTAS is spending his vacation in and around Chicago.

- Elizabeth Hawkins

#### NORTH SECTION -

MOTORMAN AXEL PETERSEN returned recently from a winter cruise to 15 different ports from the West Indies to South America. He stopped off at some of the romantic spots we have all read about and so often wished to see ourselves. While we, in Chicago, were having sub-zero weather he was getting a beautiful sun tan...MIKE TANASCU, North Side foot collector, has a new car and has gotten himself a black and yellow aluminum boat. Good luck on your fishing this summer Mike, and don't let any of them get away. You lucky bachelor!

DICK HENDRICKX, clerk on the North Side, became grandpa on March 20 to a six-pound, two-ounce grandson, DONALD EDWARD...Good luck to two of our oldtimers who took their pension April 1, Howard



## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

R.J. BENES, 71, Lake Street.  
Emp. 9-01-42. Died 3-16-63.  
HENRY BELCIK, 63, Archer.  
Emp. 2-10-20. Died 4-15-63.  
RAYMOND BERCKES, 61, Howard.  
Emp. 11-21-22. Died 4-6-63.  
LUKE BRAVICH, 85, Track & Struct.  
Emp. 10-05-20. Died 4-03-63.  
J.B. CHAMBERLAIN, 76, 69th Street.  
Emp. 4-03-10. Died 3-07-63.  
MICHAEL CLIFFORD, 72, 77th Street.  
Emp. 6-13-19. Died 3-23-63.  
O.J. DEMEY, 67, Limits.  
Emp. 1-23-25. Died 3-25-63.  
H.B. DIXON, 81, Lake Street.  
Emp. 1-09-19. Died 3-15-63.  
WILLIAM ECKMANN, 72, Devon.  
Emp. 5-09-09. Died 3-25-63.  
DANIEL FITZGERALD, 77, 77th Street.  
Emp. 1-06-23. Died 3-01-63.  
FRED L. GEDONIUS, 48, Utility Dept.  
Emp. 6-22-42. Died 3-23-63.  
VIRGIL E. GUNLOCK, 57, Board Chairman.  
Emp. 7-1-54. Died 3-21-63.  
JAMES HAAS, 83, 69th Street.  
Emp. 10-10-05. Died 3-09-63.  
W.J. HAGEN, 74, Garfield Park.  
Emp. 1-07-47. Died 4-01-63.  
FRANCIS HALL, 58, Transportation.  
Emp. 2-17-26. Died 4-14-63.  
GEORGE HARRINGTON, 62, Archer.  
Emp. 4-12-24. Died 3-14-63.  
JOHN HART, 85, West Side.  
Emp. 9-01-09. Died 3-20-63.  
ALOIS HARTMAN, 46, North Avenue.  
Emp. 1-21-48. Died 4-12-63.  
JOHN HERRITY, 67, Northern Div.  
Emp. 5-1-24. Died 4-02-63.  
M.J. HIRSCH, 84, Cottage Grove.  
Emp. 7-06-05. Died 3-28-63.  
GUSTAVE HOKENSON, 73, West Side.  
Emp. 8-15-10. Died 3-05-63.  
J.A. HOREK, 79, Lawndale.  
Emp. 5-20-24. Died 3-24-63.  
C.B. JENSEN, 71, 77th Street.  
Emp. 7-09-25. Died 3-23-63.  
S.S. KLUZA, 72, North Avenue.  
Emp. 9-20-19. Died 3-30-63.  
JOSEPH KUBICK, 56, Auditing.  
Emp. 4-25-25. Died 4-15-63.

STANLEY KUTSCHER, 81, 77th Street.  
Emp. 2-11-28. Died 3-12-63.  
W.J. LEONARD, 62, Wilson Avenue.  
Emp. 9-01-20. Died 3-17-63.  
H.M. MANTWELL, 76, North Avenue.  
Emp. 5-04-08. Died 3-14-63.  
PAUL MARENO, 78, Track & Struct.  
Emp. 10-11-30. Died 3-03-63.  
M.J. McINERNEY, 77, West Side.  
Emp. 1-15-21. Died 3-12-63.  
H.J. MILLER, 66, West Side.  
Emp. 8-31-42. Died 3-22-63.  
JOHN L. MITCHELL, 52, 69th Street.  
Emp. 9-20-45. Died 3-16-63.  
F.C. MUELLER, 91, Loop.  
Emp. 6-02-09. Died 3-19-63.  
J.J. NONKOVICH, 68, 61st Street.  
Emp. 12-06-18. Died 3-26-63.  
H.C. NORBERG, 67, Beverly.  
Emp. 11-15-29. Died 3-19-63.  
ABNER NORTH, JR., 67, Keeler.  
Emp. 3-19-35. Died 3-15-63.  
J.J. O'FARRELL, 70, North Side.  
Emp. 1-08-21. Died 3-28-63.  
G.J. PERESIN, 76, Track & Struct.  
Emp. 5-20-24. Died 4-03-63.  
ROBERT POWELL, 73, Kedzie.  
Emp. 12-10-19. Died 3-24-63.  
R.J. SCANLON, 85, Archer.  
Emp. 9-16-04. Died 3-27-63.  
W.G. SCHULTZ, 69, Devon.  
Emp. 2-06-23. Died 3-25-63.  
G.H. SCHWAPPACH, 80, 77th Street.  
Emp. 5-18-15. Died 3-19-63.  
WILLIAM SHEVCHUK, 71, Stores.  
Emp. 12-13-46. Died 3-17-63.  
M.A. SMITH, 84, Burnside.  
Emp. 3-16-20. Died 3-23-63.  
J.J. TOCIK, 75, South Shops.  
Emp. 7-21-26. Died 3-25-63.  
EDWARD URYJASZ, 49, West Side.  
Emp. 8-25-51. Died 3-18-63.  
MARGARET VERSCHURE, 75, West Side.  
Emp. 5-06-29. Died 3-15-63.  
L.J. WALSH, 67, Desplaines.  
Emp. 2-19-20. Died 3-25-63.  
W.J. WALSH, 74, 77th Street.  
Emp. 6-09-20. Died 3-23-63.  
JAMES W. WATSON, 57, 69th Street.  
Emp. 12-1-33. Died 4-2-63.  
JOHN WLEZIN, 80, West Side.  
Emp. 2-01-26. Died 3-13-63.

street Conductor KENNETH WITSIEPE and Kimball avenue Conductor ROBERT LATIMER. We all hope that they both enjoy their pensions to the fullest.

Retired Motorman HAROLD MULVANEY recently visited Howard street to say hello to all his old friends. He stopped at the office and had a nice long talk with MR. K.L. MANAUGH, North Side superintendent...Get-well wishes from the men on the North Side to all of those now on the sick list...GEORGE HENDRICKX, retired U.S.N. officer, brother of North Side Clerk DICK HENDRICKX, passed away on April 3, at the U.S. Naval hospital in Beauford, South Carolina. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

MOTORMAN HERMAN VOGEL, Howard street, spent his vacation in New Orleans and Florida...Welcome back on the job to LOUIE (Red) LOEBBAKA after his long illness.

- O. J. Menicucci Jr.

### NORTH PARK -

Well, here we are again -- spring has finally come, the first proof of it occurred the other morning when Chief Clerk RAY SIMON was seen trying to sneak into the office with a watering pot and seeding equipment. Perhaps Ray is getting into condition for spring planting back on the old farm in Indiana. He is going to be there on vacation, wants to walk around in his bare feet...I am sure that all the fellows were sorry to hear that CHAUNCEY STREETER lost the election in which he was running for alderman. A lot of fellows are going to be disappointed not to have a politician in our midst, several of them have traffic tickets they were planning to give him. Really though, Chauncey, I am sure all of the fellows wish you the best of luck when you try again.

JOE BARRETT, our former clerk, who is now at Keeler depot, received his B. A. in education on April 17. The bachelor of arts degree was presented



to him at the Arie Crown theater in McCormick Place. ..Until this last seniority pick, North Park depot had the distinction of being the only depot on the system to have four brothers working together: JOSEPH, ISAAC, ISAISH, and PERCY JACKSON were all here. Too bad they had to split up and go to other depots...Wonder if HARRY CRUM ate up the whole ham he won at the rally as yet. If not, I could go for a good sandwich, Harry.

RICHARD HALLIGAN refuses to give his age, but says he can now join the old timers club as he will have 34 years of service on April 22...Mazeltov to IRVING and MILDRED SHER who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on the 10th of April. Congratulations Irv and Mildred! May you have 35 more years of wedded bliss...Congratulations and best wishes to ALFRED and FAYE PARADIES on their wedding which took place March 2. May your lives be full and merry and your house be noisy with the patter of little feet.

The month of May is a hectic one and yet a joyous one for your reporter. This month I celebrate my birthday on May 12, my son's birthday on May 29 and my daughter, RENEE's, marriage to BURTON MILLER on May 26...If any of you fellows happen to go by CHARLES WILBURNE's house during the next few months, I am quite sure he will appreciate your dropping in and giving him a hand repairing his house which was extensively damaged in a fire he had there recently. He is still living at home though while trying his best to repair it. I am sure he would appreciate any help he can get.

Congratulations to ISAISH JACKSON and his wife, CORA, on their new baby, DARRELL, who was born March 18. He came into this world a squalling nine pounds-three ounces...For the information of all concerned, the credit union now has a payroll deduction system with the company which will make it easy for you fellows to save a planned amount each payday. For full and complete information, see any one of the fellows at the credit union, they will be glad to supply you with all the details.

A surprise party was held for the mother of VIC JOHNSON, who celebrated her 80th birthday April 5. The party was held at the Villa Sweden restaurant and was attended by all of her children, grandchildren and old friends...May we offer our deepest sympathy to CLEO EVANS of the repair department, whose wife passed away on April 14...Thought I never would get this column finished and out this month as yours truly was back in the hospital again for three weeks. If anybody has any solutions for dissolving kidney stones, please forward them to my doctor. P.S: Whiskey doesn't work.

I am sure that a lot of you fellows didn't believe that we would get the new buses, but by now I am sure that many of you are driving them. Be careful, all we save on accident claims can be applied towards the purchase of new equipment...Don't forget the news box at the clerk's window...For a closing thought, when talking with a passenger, remember the best defense is no offense.

- Leonard Lohm

#### SCHEDULE - TRAFFIC -

A retirement party was held at the Como Inn on March 28 for GEORGE BRYAN, schedule maker, who took an early retirement. George started in the Schedule-Traffic Department on September 21, 1923, as a traffic checker and worked his way up to schedule maker on May 1, 1929, which position he held at time of retirement. MR. and MRS. BRYAN left immediately for Phoenix, Arizona, where they plan to make their home, but two weeks later they flew back to Chicago on account of the death of Mrs. Bryan's mother. George, looking well rested and with a good coat of tan, dropped into the office to see his many friends before returning to Phoenix.

RAY PRIMEAU, supervisor of schedule clerks, spent his vacation in Marinette, Wisconsin, visiting a nephew and his family...The girls in the Schedule Department took MARGARET ROSICH to lunch on May 1. On May 4, Margaret will become the bride of AL VIDAL. More news of the wedding in the next issue. ..We welcome JOHN J. JOYCE and WALLACE J. STOLTENBERG to the Schedule-Traffic Department as traffic checkers.

- Gertrude Anderson

#### SKOKIE SHOPS -

ROBERT S. WINTHER, development engineer, recently moved into his new home in Mt. Prospect, Illinois. The Winther family will be kept quite busy landscaping and fixing up their new abode...GLENN M. ANDERSEN, engineer, recently had an extended trip of the West visiting such places as San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco then traveling up to Portland, Oregon, then to Vancouver, British Columbia. He rode the Monorail and cable cars. He traveled by rail and enjoyed the scenery from the dome car of the train.

LOUIS KARIOLICH, electrical worker, recently informed us that his son is now stationed in Japan and will be overseas for two years...GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, is busy getting his summer home and his boat ready at Fontana, Wisconsin...EDWARD O'GRADY, laborer, has been off sick with the flu for many weeks now. Get well soon, Eddie! Also on the sick list at this time are SHOPMEN CASIMIR MARCHENSKI and JAMES O'NEILL.

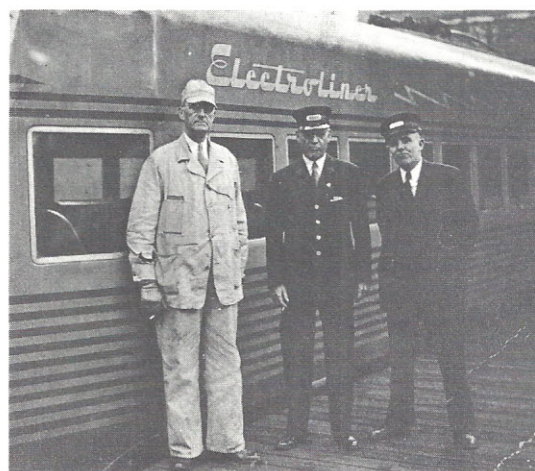
Vacation time is coming up so let's get those news items of trips into your reporter so we can all enjoy hearing about them.

- Everett E. England

#### SOUTH SECTION -

Well it won't be long now until vacation time will be here and everyone will be headed for the open road and the fishermen will be headed for the various lakes. Hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather as much as your reporter...AGENT VENETIA HELM had an enjoyable Easter. Her daughter, INDIA, was home for a visit from the University of Illinois. She is a student there on a four-year tuition scholarship in special education from Harlan High school...Best wishes to MOTORMAN ROBERT MEGINIS, who transferred to the Construction and Main-

TAKEN SOMETIME during the forties, this picture relives the era when North Shore Line trains ran over the "L" operated by Rapid Transit crews. This crew consists of (left to right): Retired Motorman FRANK KUGLER, Conductor CLARK MCGREGOR (deceased), and Retired Conductor JOHN ECK. The train behind the crew is one of the Electroliners, which were acquired by the railroad in 1941.





tenance Department on April 14, and to Part-time Agent ELLSNER MARCHBANKS who resigned recently to accept another position.

MOTORMAN MARVIN KISSEL spent his vacation in Los Angeles, California, having a nice visit with his mother...INSTRUCTOR DON MURPHY had a pleasant surprise. His son, BILL, who is in the army came in for a short furlough from Homestead, Florida, where he is stationed...Happy days! Most of our co-workers are back from the sick list now. Just returning to work are: CONDUCTOR JAMES CASS, AGENTS WILLIAM STRATTON, MARY McDONNEL, PORTER HENRY HARDEN, and CLERK THOMAS O'HARA...A surprise party was given by her co-workers and friends in honor of AGENT ESTHER McDERMOTT who went on pension April 1. It was held on March 23 at the Rainbow Gardens restaurant and everyone who attended had a good time. Esther told me recently what a wonderful surprise it was and wishes to thank everyone for the party and the retirement gift she received.

CONDUCTOR MECHELL BOYNES received a passenger commendation recently and a \$5.00 reward for finding a passenger's American Legion cap...Condolences to AGENT JAMES MORRIS, whose mother passed away recently...Assistant Station Superintendent MICHAEL O'CONNOR and his wife are taking a trip to North Carolina to visit with his son, MICHAEL, and his wife. Son Michael is in the army and is stationed at Fort Bragg...Welcome to newly transferred employees on the South Section: AGENTS THOMAS BELAND and STANLEY OLESKY, and newly hired Part-time Agent PAUL RASMUSSEN.

SUPERVISOR BOB DESVIGNES is proud of the fact that he finished his line supervisor's training school and is now an extra line supervisor...SWITCHMAN KEITH LaFAIRE has been on the sick list for quite awhile. Hurry up and get well Keith, so you can get back to work and onto your horse. He owns his own horse.

AGENT JEANNETTE FULSANG, who recently resigned because of ill health wishes to thank everyone for all the cards and kindness shown her during her illness...Just received a report from Loomis street that CONDUCTOR STANLEY ZIELINSKI is sporting around town in a new yellow Chevrolet convertible and wearing a green beret...Our sympathy goes out to Assignment Agent GERRY VINZENS, whose mother passed away recently.

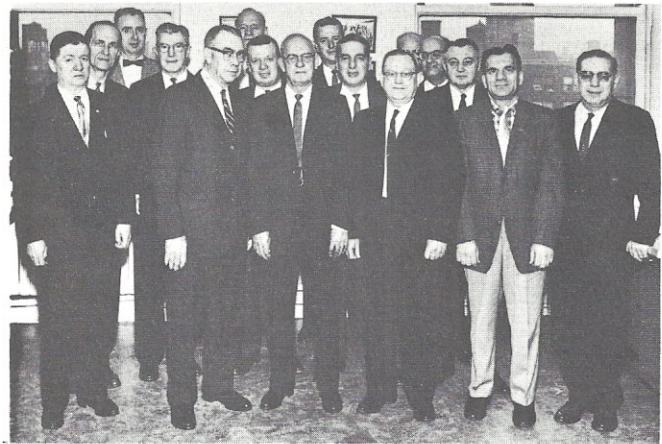
Retired Clerk CHARLES SASSO was around Loomis street visiting with the boys and he is looking as chipper as ever and enjoying his pension...Retired Agent THOMAS FRANCO informed all his friends that he is moving out to Phoenix, Arizona...Retired Agent SARAH McEVOY was in the hospital again recently, but she is home now and improving rapidly.

We were all shocked and saddened by the sudden passing away of Retired Superintendent of Agents and Porters JOSEPH NONKOVICH. He was a fine man and will be missed by all of us. Our sincere condolences to his family...Retired Agent ELMER DICKERHOOF

## PENSIONERS MEET

THE CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, at the new Odd Fellows Hall, 4440 16th street, north, 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 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 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.



ALMOST FORTY years in the Schedule-Traffic Departments of the CTA and former Surface Lines came to a close on May 1, with the retirement of Schedule Maker GEORGE BRYAN. Since September 21, 1923, when he joined CSL, George has made a career of scheduling streetcars, buses and rapid transit trains to efficiently and conveniently serve the transit riding public.

stopped in at 61st street recently to say hello and get his White Sox baseball schedules. He is quite a Sox fan...Received a nice letter from Retired Supervisor BOB BROWN, who is on a trip to the West Coast. He is staying with his brother-in-law and his wife in Northridge, California, whose son, BILL PAGE, plays in the Lawrence Welk band. Bob was invited to watch their dress rehearsal at the studio and the TV show which he enjoyed very much. Bob also spent a few days in San Francisco taking in the sights. He rode the cable cars and took a tour of Fisherman's wharf and a boat trip around the bay area. Bob said he is really enjoying this trip very much.

Just heard that Retired Agent MABEL COTTAY, who lives in Hot Springs, is ill. How about sending her a card, girls. Her address is 125 Langston Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas...Received word that Retired Carpenter ED McBRIE's wife passed away recently. Our sympathy to the McBride family...Retired Conductor WILLIAM (Frank) SIMS who lives in Galesburg, Illinois, was a recent Chicago visitor for a few days.

- Verna Hartney

## WEST SECTION -

AGENT LOUIS BECK is confined to the hospital at this time and latest word is that he is doing nicely and it is sincerely hoped that we will see him back at work soon...Sorry to learn that AGENT KITTY CONROY recently suffered a fall which resulted in a broken arm. We hope that she will soon be able to return to her line of duty...AGENT JIM MORROW enjoyed a vacation during holy week...AGENT LOUISE DREWS, accompanied by her husband, BOB, and their bull terrier, SAM, are enjoying their vacation in Orlando, Florida, at the home of her sister.

ALFRED RHODES, member of the porter staff, and formerly a motorman out of Kedzie depot, joined the ranks of the retired the first of April. We all wish him many years of good health and happiness...Many happy returns to AGENT and MRS. FRANK ZIMA who celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary this month...AGENT AMANDA DE FERRE departed on a vacation on Easter Sunday, and planned to spend some time in New York.

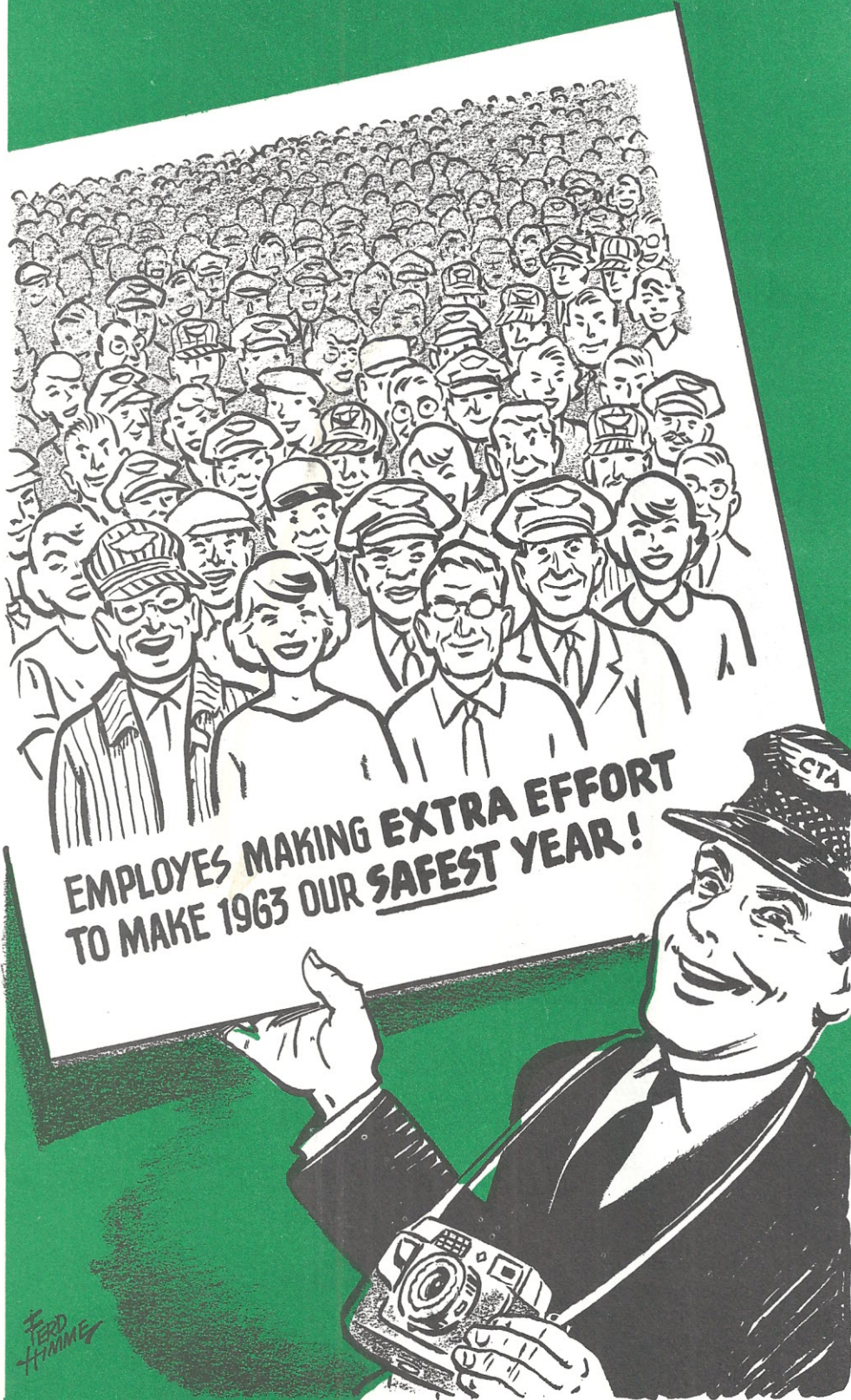
- Gordon Kelly



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