

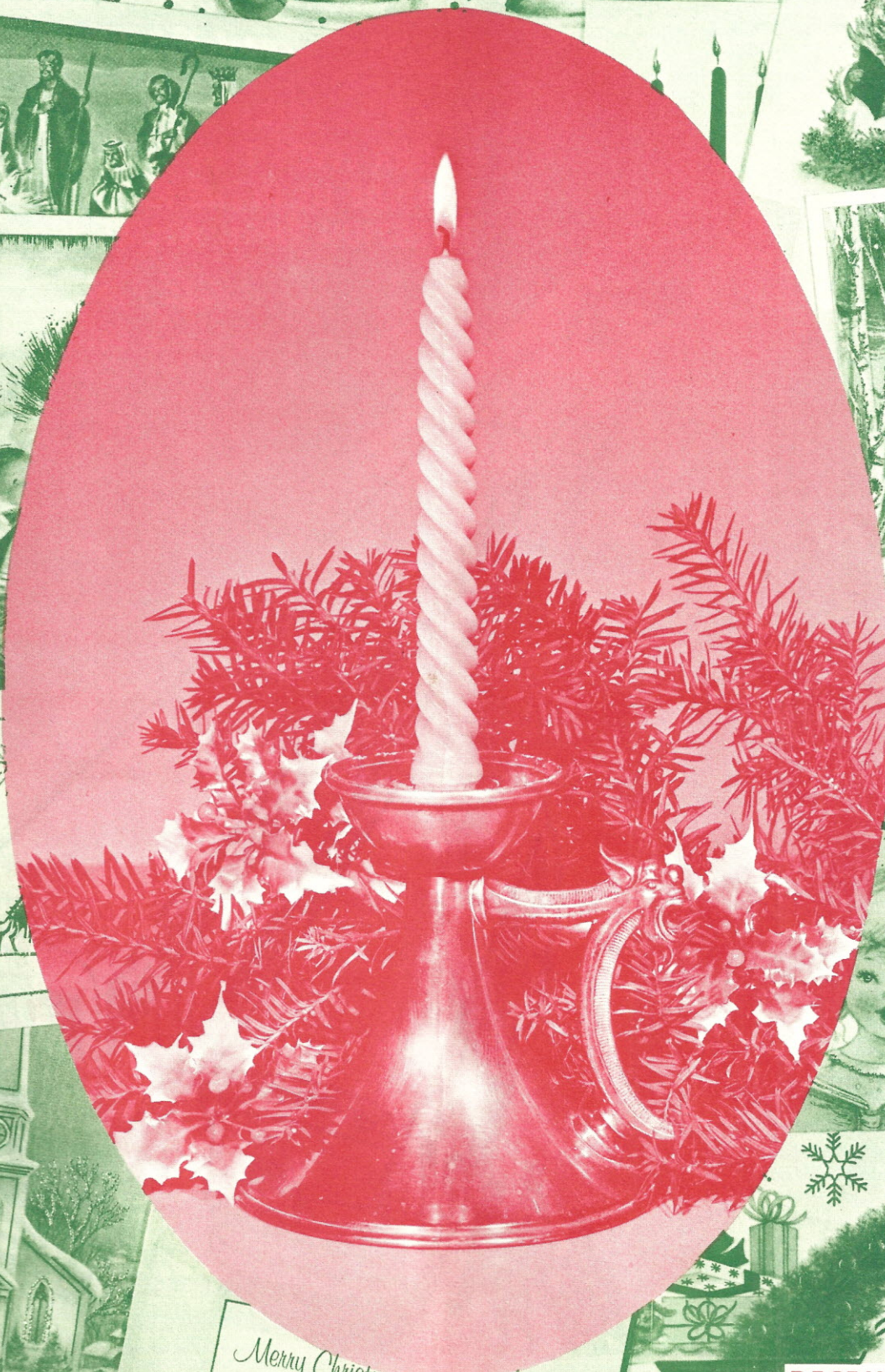
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# TRANSIT NEWS



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Merry Christmas Wishes  
From All of Us

DECEMBER, 1963

*Merry Christmas!  
Happy New Year!*

MAY THE SPIRIT BRIGHTENING  
OUR LIVES THIS SEASON  
GUIDE US IN THE RIGHT  
DIRECTION THRU ALL OF 1964

*Walter J. McCarter*  
GENERAL MANAGER



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HIMMEY

# CTA Prepared for Annual War on Winter

WHEN THE cold winds of winter bring snow and ice to Chicago, CTA will be ready to meet the challenge of whatever storm conditions prevail.

Huge stockpiles of salt have been stored against the time when slippery streets and other weather hazards hamper service on CTA routes. In addition, all snow-fighting equipment is on a stand-by ready alert to go into action when needed.

Approximately 33,000 tons of salt, valued at \$280,000, is available on CTA property as a reserve supply and additional salt may be ordered up to a total budget of \$400,000.

Besides the salt, a storm fleet of 106 vehicles, snow-fighting trucks and utility buses, are on hand to clear the traffic lanes in order to keep transit vehicles moving during severe weather. Arrangements also have been made for renting 75 trucks for plowing, 30 of which are capable of spreading salt, also to supplement CTA equipment whenever needed.

CTA forces work with various departments of the City of Chicago when snow and ice threaten the movement of surface vehicles. In order to meet all phases of the emergency created by severe weather most effectively, each operates on specific thoroughfares according to a pre-arranged plan. CTA spreads salt on about 400 miles of streets and plows about 500 miles of streets. Crews of the city government spread salt on 345 miles of streets, plus the downtown business district, and plow about 500 miles of streets, plus the central area.

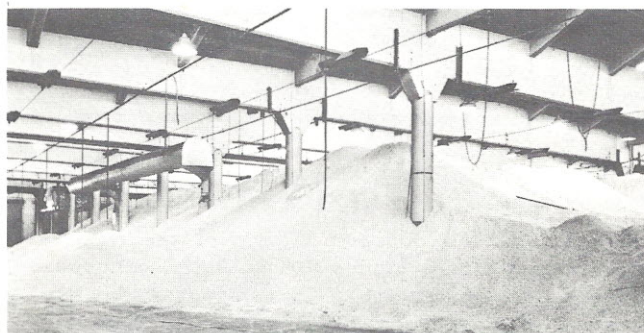
When a light snow or thin film of ice covers traffic lanes, a truck or bus crew spreads for the full width of one direction of a street being serviced. Starting the spread about 100 feet before a transit stop, the crew extends the spread across the intersection, thereby covering an area of 175 to 200 feet adjacent to each transit stop. After a street is salted in one direction, it is covered in the opposite direction.

In case of a heavy snow or freezing rain, crews spread salt, or salt and sand mixture in the area of each transit stop and also at 100-foot intervals between transit stops.

In plowing operations, trucks are worked in tandems of two to four units in order to move snow and ice as close to the curb as possible, in accordance with the provisions of Chicago's city code. To do this, the truck or trucks in the center lane, or lanes, take the lead, and remain ahead of the vehicle in the adjoining lane.



CHICAGOANS MAY be proud of their city for many reasons, but its blustery winter weather is not among them. And looking ahead to the time when brisk winds deposit snow and ice on the streets, causing hazardous driving conditions, CTA has its storm-fighting plans already mapped out and set for action. Its chief weapon in the battle against the elements is salt - tons of it - stockpiled and available when needed to keep the traffic lanes open and facilitate the movement of buses on CTA routes. Two of the locations where salt storage occupies considerable space are pictured here. Above is the stockpile at the old carbarn at 69th and Emerald avenue, and, below, at the old West Shops, 3916 West End avenue.



When a heavy sheet of ice coats overhead trolley wires, CTA will send out its nine sleet-cutting gas buses. These vehicles are equipped with two trolley poles affixed with sleet-cutting devices.

Last winter, the CTA used approximately 44,000 tons of salt. Snow and ice-fighting costs, including the purchase of salt, totaled \$675,000.

Locations at which the salt is stored are: 78th and Vincennes, Beverly station, 69th and Emerald, 52nd station, Archer station, 21st and Harding, West Shop, Kedzie station, North avenue station, North Park station, Forest Glen station, Lincoln and Wrightwood, Racine and Armitage. At eight of these locations under-roof storage is provided.

On the rapid transit system, two-car trains with attached plows are used to clear portions of track at grade level and on fill on CTA's North-South, Ravenswood, Douglas, Congress and Lake routes. All CTA rapid transit cars are equipped with sleet-scraping devices to remove ice coating from the third rails.

Electric, gas and kerosene switch heaters are located at all of the switches on CTA's rapid transit lines to melt snow and prevent ice from forming on the switches during freezing weather.



## IN MEMORIAM

### John Fitzgerald Kennedy

*"And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country. With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help but knowing that here on earth God's works must truly be our own."*

From President Kennedy's Inaugural Address  
January 20, 1961

Chicago Tribune photo

## CTA, U. S. Agency Sign On-the-Job Training Pact

AN AGREEMENT between CTA and the federal government which provides for partial reimbursement of CTA's on-the-job training program for bus operators was signed November 13 as part of a national effort to develop job opportunities for qualified men.

The contract as it pertains to CTA participation calls for the recruitment of 900 men who will receive training to eventually assume regular jobs as CTA operators over the yearly period.

Stipulations include that the applicants must first meet all physical, mental and other requirements for CTA employment before entering training and must successfully complete the 15-day instruction course in vehicle operation techniques, the same as all other applicants for these jobs, before final acceptance as bus operators.

CTA's bus operator training program is the largest, to date, that the federal government has contracted for under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962.

Under the agreement, CTA will be reimbursed by an amount up to about \$160,000 for the year beginning December 1, depending upon the number of drivers trained during the year. The money reimbursed under the contract will be invested in additional training for CTA employees.

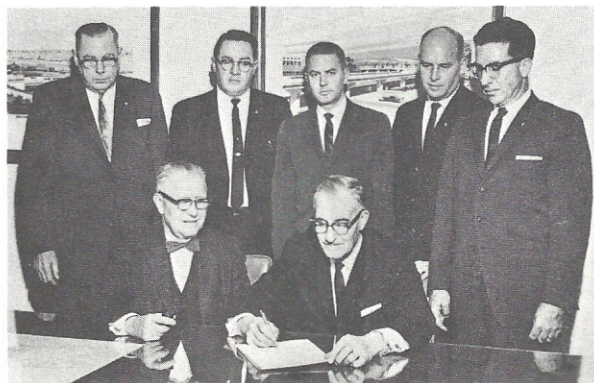
During training the men selected will be paid the regular beginners wage of \$2.80 per hour, plus

cost-of-living allowances. CTA will not be reimbursed for the wages paid. Part of the training expenses will be paid by the federal government.

The program was developed with the cooperation of Division 241 of the Amalgamated and with the assistance of the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U. S. Department of Labor.

The contract was signed by General Manager Walter J. McCarter for CTA and Alvin Dost, regional director, U. S. Department of Labor.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CTA, the U. S. Department of Labor and of Division 241 of the Amalgamated were present to witness the signing of the agreement between the CTA and the federal government for the on-the-job training program for bus operators. Seated are General Manager W. J. McCarter and Alvin Dost, regional director, U. S. Department of Labor. Standing (left to right) are: Peter W. Flaherty, recording secretary of Division 241; Orvis Wertz, assistant regional director, U. S. Department of Labor; John A. Baker, CTA's director of training and accident prevention; Joseph Sullivan, apprentice representative, and DeForrest E. Cline, transportation representative, both of the U. S. Department of Labor.

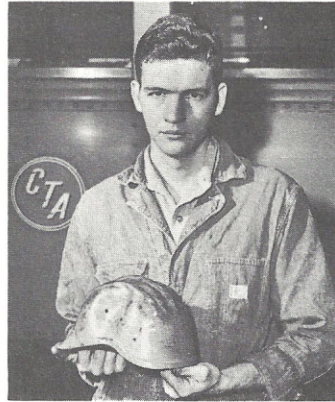


## Shopman Learns Value of Wearing Safety Hat

THE HARD, protective shell of the turtle has often saved the life of that creature of nature when confronted by danger, and the hard, safety hat has proven just as efficient in protecting workmen from on-the-job injuries in many cases noted in industrial safety reports.

Thus it is by no simple coincidence that the turtle has become a symbol of one phase of the safety movement, and resulted in a CTA employee being awarded a new safety hat by an organization called the "Turtle Club."

HERE GREEN is being presented with a membership certificate and a new safety hat from the "Turtle Club," a national safety organization, by (front row) E. R. Hendrickson, general foreman terminal shops, and L. H. Reichard, superintendent rapid transit shops and terminals. Observing the presentation are (left to right) John Burke, safety coordinator; C. M. Smith, fire prevention and industrial safety coordinator, and Martin Shannon, shop foreman.



The employee, Edward S. Green, "B" repairman, Wilson avenue inspection shops, was working with a crew which was testing a fire hose on July 26. The hose broke at the coupling and whipped around, striking Green on the side of the safety hat he was wearing with such force that the hat was badly dented. Green, however, was not injured. It was the case of doing a simple job which developed a hazard which might have resulted in a permanent injury.

The incident was called to the attention of the "Turtle Club," a national organization sponsored for several years by a manufacturer of safety hats, and the award of the hat with a turtle emblem and a lapel pin was made to Green recently.

Green becomes the second CTA employee to receive the award. Thomas Curran, a lineman in the Electrical Department, also became a member of the club some months ago. He was saved from a possible serious injury when a timber fell on his safety hat and he remained unscathed.

The moral is obvious: Don't underestimate the value of wearing safety hats, shoes or goggles when on the job. It's better than wearing a hospital robe.

## Expanded Parking Lots Serve Two Terminals

ADDITIONAL PARKING space for Park-'N'-Ride customers was made available at two rapid transit terminals recently when new parking facilities were opened at Linden avenue, Wilmette, and in the Cicero-Berwyn area adjacent to the Douglas terminal of the West-Northwest route.

A fully-improved lot, accommodating 224 cars, was opened December 1 at the Linden avenue terminal of the Evanston route. This lot was closed last August 31, when a new lot was opened on Fourth street, south of the Linden station, on former Wilmette Park District and CTA property. The lot has since been paved and stalls have been marked for orderly parking. The two new lots together provide parking space for 474 cars at the Linden terminal.

A fee of 25¢, payable upon entry, is charged for all-day parking at both lots.

At Douglas terminal, CTA leased 425 feet of land on the south side of 21st place from 56th avenue to about 55th avenue to the Town of Cicero for a term of 10 years at a total rental of \$10.00. The metered parking area will provide CTA customers with 50 additional parking spaces.

The parking area, opened November 10, is operated by the Town of Cicero, has meters with a maximum time limit of 12 hours at a rate of 25¢. These meters will be enforced between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays, by the Cicero Police department. CTA operates a parking lot at the Douglas terminal at 21st and 54th avenues that can accommodate 310 cars.



ARTHUR JOHNSON

## Retirees Include Two 46-Year Service Veterans



JAMES HIGHAM

NINETY-TWO YEARS of transit service are represented in the careers of two CTA employees who retired on pension December 1.

They are: Arthur E. Johnson, supervisor, miscellaneous payroll section, Accounting Department, who completed 46 years of service, and James Higham, motorman, North Section of the rapid transit system, who also marked up his 46th anniversary this year.

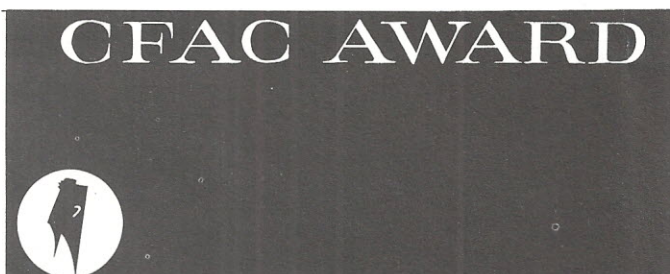
Mr. Johnson started with the former Chicago Surface Lines as a payroll distribution clerk at the old Clark and Division offices on December 7, 1917. He became chief distribution clerk on April 1, 1927, and supervisor, labor and material distribution, on December 1, 1940. He was appointed supervisor of distribution clerks for the CTA on January 1, 1951, and to the position he held at the time of his retirement on October 31, 1960. Mr. Johnson and his wife, Elizabeth, have two daughters, Mrs. Irene Ruth Reed and Mrs. Shirley Zarbock, both living in Elmhurst, six granddaughters and one great grandson.

The Johnsons are planning to go to Arkansas for a short stay, and then to visit Florida, where they eventually hope to settle.

Mr. Higham, who was No. 1 motorman in seniority on the CTA's North Section, started as a motorman on the Evanston branch on October 22, 1917. At that time, Evanston trains operated straight through the Loop over the elevated to the 63rd and Stony Island terminal of the Jackson Park Branch.

In 1921, he began working from the Kimball terminal as a motorman on trains running through to the Englewood branch terminating at 63rd and Loomis. Mr. Higham has been on Ravenswood since then and was involved in two major service changes on the rapid transit system. First, in 1943, when Ravenswood-Englewood and Evanston-Jackson trains were rerouted through the State street subway, and second, in 1949, when the Ravenswood was separated from the North-South route and began operating around the Loop.

Mr. Higham has two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Kafka, living in San Bruno, California, and Mrs. Norma Martin of Elk Grove Village, and a son, James K., 3847 North Richmond Street. His present plans include travel, with Miami and Hawaii his immediate objectives.



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1963

THE NEWEST addition to awards won by CTA in the business and commercial field is this merit certificate presented by the Chicago Federated Advertising Club for a series of radio spot announcements designed to increase the volume of rapid transit riding. It cites the series as an example of exceptional and creative work in the presentation of visual sound communication within the scope of advertising. The scripts for the series were developed by the John W. Shaw Advertising Agency of Chicago in cooperation with CTA's Public Information Department.

# Employee Pledges to Mercy Campaign Top \$80,000

TOPPING ALL previous years in their contributions to support the annual charity drive, CTA employees pledged a total of \$80,411.00 to the 1963-64 Crusade of Mercy combined appeal campaign of the Community Fund and Red Cross in the recent system-wide solicitation.

Employees pledges through authorization of payroll deductions amounted to \$6,395.50 per month which projected over the year, if all authorized deductions remain in effect for the 12 months, totals \$76,746.00. An additional \$3,665.00 was collected in non-recurring cash contributions to reach the final figure.

Of the total of 12,865 employees on the payroll as of November 1, 11,302 or 87.85 per cent, are actively participating in the Crusade of Mercy campaign, either through monthly payroll deductions or cash contributions.

Specifically, a total of 9,898 employees as of November 1 had authorized the monthly payroll deductions. This included 810 new pledges secured during this year's campaign.

A breakdown of the contributions show that Keeler for the fourth straight year had 100 per cent employee participation attributed entirely to monthly payroll deductions. Employees of Forest Glen, Limits and Lawndale also achieved 100 per cent participation through a combination of individual cash contributions and payroll deduction pledges. Other stations were well over the 90 per cent mark.

The money contributed will help support the year 'round programs of 142 local health and welfare agencies of the Community Fund plus Chicago's share of Red Cross needs. During the year to come, about 600,000 Chicagoans will receive help through the agencies represented in the campaign.

THIRD-QUARTER WINNERS in the Interstation Safety Contest received recognition of their fine safety performance at presentations of plaques held at Congress terminal and 52nd station in mid-November. At the left, (holding plaque) CTA Board Chairman George DeMent congratulates W. B. Hornkohl, station superintendent, 52nd, and J. J. O'Connor, assistant superintendent, on

winning in the surface system competition. At the right, D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, presents the rapid transit plaque to W. G. Murbach, superintendent at Congress terminal, and M. J. Veltri, assistant superintendent. In both pictures operating employees, whose safety records were best in the respective station competitions, are the pleased onlookers.



# MUSIC AT CHRISTMAS

THE SCENE: a white sparkling Christmas Eve in 14th century Chester, England. The rowdies in the audience at the Chester miracle play, however, were not mellowed by the Christmas spirit. Fancying that the manager of the play was not giving enough time to their favorite carol singers, they wrecked the stage, destroyed the properties and costumes of the performers, and beat up the players.

To side-step this danger, the play manager incorporated the between-the-acts carol singing into the play. The singers became actors as well as musicians.

They had their accompaniments, for most churches had portable organs. One of the performers would carry this organ by a strap thrown over his shoulder, working the bellows of the instrument with one hand while playing the melody of the carol with the other.

Over the centuries Christmas and carols have become inseparable. Yet researchers say that first known English Christmas carols were not written - in Anglo-Saxon - until twelve centuries after the birth of Christ. The first printed collection of Christmas carols was not published until 1521.

Francis of Assisi started the modern custom of carol singing in Italy in the 13th Century. It soon spread all over Europe. Today no Christmas service is complete without the singing of Christmas anthems, hymns and carols to organ accompaniment.

The word carol comes from the Middle English "carolen" - to sing joyously. Yet its meaning is by no means simple. Over the years it has been linked with ballads, hymns, folk songs and dancing.

The earliest English carols were round dances with recurrent refrains. This form remained fixed until the end of the middle ages.

The great age of the English Christmas carol was the 15th Century. Carols then were simple, fervent and full of fun.

Then came the Reformation and the growth of Puritanism and carols became gloomier and gloomier. By 1647 the Puritan Parliament had abolished the observance of Christmas and forbidden any form of celebrations. Carols were out. So were organs.



Puritanism brought anti-Christmas feelings to New England with the Mayflower. As early as 1621 Governor Bradford rebuked "certain lusty young men" for celebrating Christmas. In 1659, the General Court of Massachusetts enacted that anybody observing Christmas Day should be fined five shillings.

The restoration of English royalty brought about the restoration of the English carol. But it was not until 1681 that Massachusetts repealed its 1659 ordinance.

Many of the early carols were not recovered until 19th Century researchers restored them. Some of them were even rediscovered in the woods of New England and the mountains of the American South.

A broken church organ was responsible for the most popular of the more recent carols - "Silent Night, Holy Night." Christmas 1818 was near and the organ in the little Austrian church was still not mended. So Father Josef Mohr sat down and wrote the carol. He sang it at this Christmas midnight service to music by organist Franz Gruber who played it on a guitar.

If carols and Christmas are inseparable, organs and Christmas are even more so. Some historians say that the organ was used in the Western church from as early as the sixth century. And no midnight service at Christmas time is complete without an organ pealing out in all its glory.

And music is, after all, one of the greatest tributes to Christmas. At its most delightful, it has offered our Christmas carols. At its noblest it has risen to the heights of Handel's "Messiah" and Bach's "Christmas Oratorio."

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# OUR *Public Speaks*

THE END of a year is a time for retrospection and resolution, the time to look back on what we have accomplished in the year behind us and to look forward to what we hope to accomplish during the months which lie ahead.

In all our plans for the future, a primary consideration has to be our job, the means by which we earn our living. Our attitude towards it is all important. Since so much depends upon it, it would seem that a fair question for consideration is: Are we doing the best we can to fulfill the job responsibilities entrusted to us? In other words, are we helping to build good will for CTA in on-the-job contacts with the public we are paid to serve?

In dealing with the public we have to evaluate ourselves by the standards of personal service. Tact, consideration, courtesy, a pleasant manner are valuable assets in promoting better employee-customer relations. The attitude towards riders displayed by an employee as a representative of CTA is often the difference between a complaint and a commendation. The year 1964 and the Courtesy Caravan Club provide opportunities to strengthen public esteem by good job performance.

The following letters of commendation are acknowledgements that people do appreciate good personal service:

"For the past 20 years I have used public transportation in Chicago, and I want to say a great big 'thank you' to the motormen and bus operators. I have traveled from one end of the system to the other and in all directions, and I always found the service A-1. When your men, seeing that I had a handicap, would help me and say 'Watch your step' I always thanked them and meant it sincerely. I am now retired and again say 'thanks' for all the courteous men on your payroll."

From an out-of-towner comes this note of appreciation for personal service rendered by Conductor Martin A. Cooke, badge No. 22049, North Section:

"A pleasant experience during a recent visit to Chicago prompts me to write this note of commendation. My wife and I were anxious to see the Brookfield Zoo. Since we were on the near North side at the Drake hotel, this was to be quite an undertaking.

"We boarded an elevated train and presented our problem to your conductor. He found time, between his many other tasks, to chart our

course, and he even went so far as to supply us with a CTA brochure. All this was done with the utmost courtesy and consideration. We arrived at the zoo without a hitch and had a wonderful day, thanks to Conductor Cooke."

Two employees of the West-Northwest branch of the rapid transit system are the subjects of this commendation. They are Agent Charles J. Norek (Tag 1147) and Porter Austin E. Young (badge No. 25996):

"For more than two years I have been using CTA transportation from the Kildare station of the Douglas route, and I just want to tell you that the agent at that location is one of the most pleasant people I have had the opportunity of meeting in many a year. He is always congenial and seems to take a personal pleasure in greeting everyone with cheery 'hello' or 'good morning' each day.

"In addition, I would like to comment upon the cleanliness of the station. Although this is an old stop on the line, the porter does an exceptional job of keeping the whole station clean. It is a genuine pleasure to tell you what a good job I think these two individuals are doing."

A federal government official wrote this letter, which speaks for itself:

"I take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge to your organization a service rendered to me by one of your operators, George Ochotnecki (badge No. 3669, Kedzie).

"Recently I had the misfortune of dropping a case folder in the vicinity of 5400 W. Roosevelt road. Mr. Ochotnecki retrieved the folder and made the necessary arrangements to return it to me. Since the folder is government property, the return saved me considerable embarrassment in explaining its loss, and I repeat my grateful acknowledgement to Mr. Ochotnecki and your organization."

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

	November 1963	October 1963	November 1962
Com- mendations	112	119	122
Complaints	1,063	1,003	1,210

# CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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

(Revenues Applied in Order of Precedence Required by Trust Agreement)

	Month of October		Ten Months Ended October 31,		Twelve Months Ended
	1963	1962	1963	1962	Oct. 31, 1963
Revenues	\$11,927,178	\$12,027,513	\$112,001,920	\$115,341,928	\$134,500,941
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	<u>9,856,297</u>	<u>10,661,157</u>	<u>95,880,279</u>	<u>95,563,242</u>	<u>115,477,258</u>
Available for Debt Service	<u>2,070,881</u>	<u>1,366,356</u>	<u>16,121,641</u>	<u>19,778,686</u>	<u>\$19,023,683</u>
Debt Service Requirements:					
Interest Charges	310,946	327,181	3,175,376	3,347,601	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond Maturity Fund	166,667(1)	166,667	1,666,667	1,666,667	
Deposits to Sinking Funds (2) - Series of 1947	156,045	144,887	1,493,500	1,392,827	
Series of 1952	33,333	31,250	333,333	312,500	
Series of 1953	<u>10,145</u>	<u>9,510</u>	<u>101,449</u>	<u>166,631</u>	
	<u>677,136</u>	<u>679,495</u>	<u>6,770,325</u>	<u>6,886,226</u>	
Balance Available for Depreciation	1,393,745	686,861	9,351,316	12,892,460	
Provision for Depreciation	<u>954,174</u>	<u>962,201</u>	<u>8,960,153</u>	<u>9,227,354</u>	
Balance Available for Other Charges or Deficit in Depreciation Provision (3)	439,571	275,340 r	391,163	3,665,106	
Accumulated Deficit in Depreciation Provision at beginning of Period	48,408 r	-	-	843,082 r	
Appropriated for Revenue Bond Amortization	-	-	-	<u>950,141</u>	
Balance Available for Other Charges or Deficit in Depreciation Provision at Close of Period	<u>\$391,163</u>	<u>\$275,340 r</u>	<u>\$391,163</u>	<u>\$1,871,883</u>	

r - Denotes Red Figures.

### PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers	<u>44,190,469</u>	<u>44,430,915</u>	<u>410,637,241</u>	<u>421,797,030</u>	<u>493,751,188</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, 1964.
- (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.

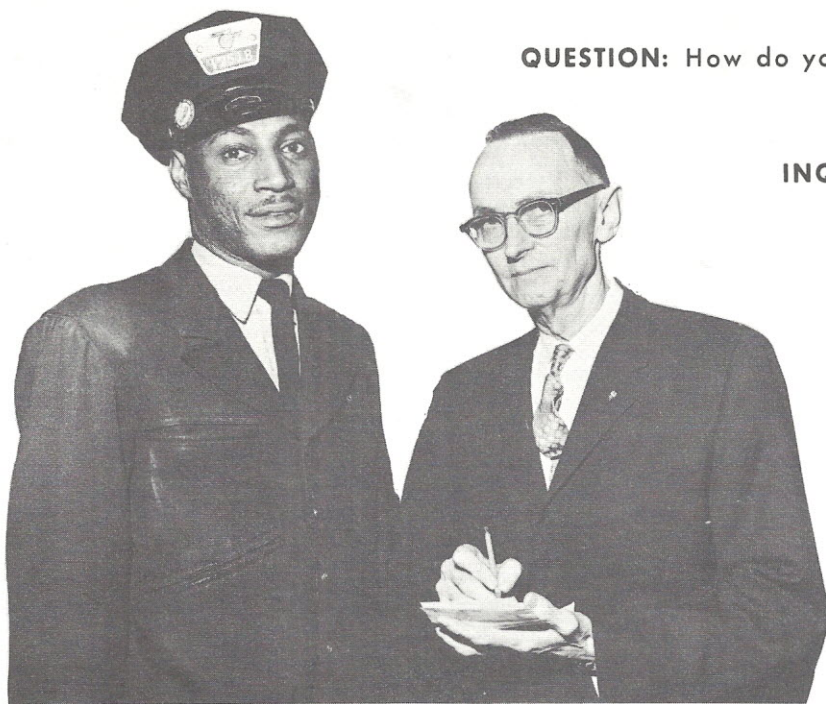


IMPROVED BUS-rapid transit passenger exchange facilities are being provided at Howard terminal of the North-South route by the construction of a canopy over the loading area. The roof, consisting of steel columns and green vinyl panels, covers 9,500 square feet of the area immediately adjacent to the south entrance of the station and permits passengers transferring between "L" and surface routes to board and alight with full protection from inclement weather conditions. It is north of the parking lot and is a phase of the station improvement program announced recently. The view shown here is looking east from Hermitage avenue, with the elevated tracks in the background.

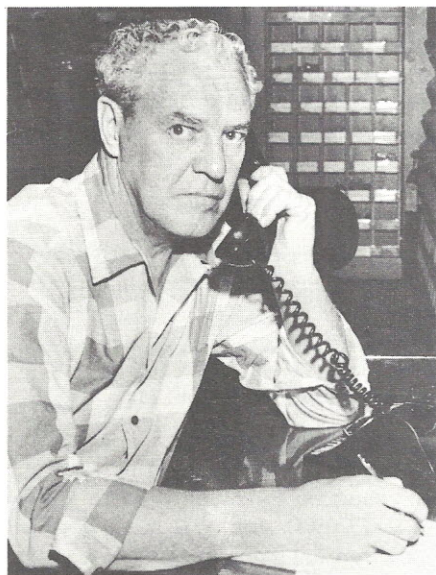
**QUESTION:** How do you and your family spend Christmas?

**INQUIRING REPORTER:** C. P. Starr

**LOCATION:** Kedzie station



JOSEPH ABERCROMBIE, operator (with Reporter C. P. Starr): "Christmas eve we go to midnight mass. Friends come home with us and we open presents and have refreshments. When everyone else is getting up, we are going to bed. We eat Christmas dinner at 4:00 p.m."



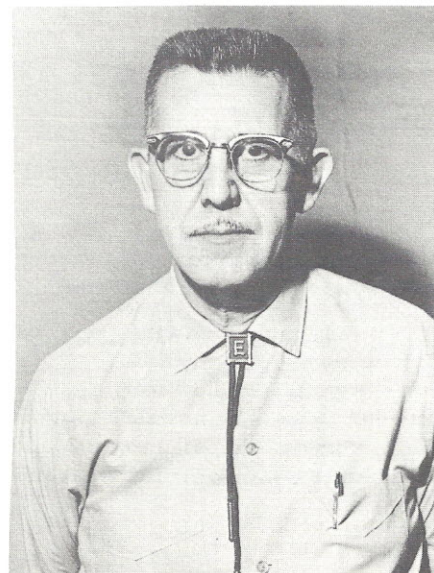
JAMES STAFFORD, stock clerk: "My son, his wife and two children, and my wife and I all go to church together. Then we come home and prepare dinner and after that exchange gifts, watching the young ones and admiring their gifts. Then we watch and listen to Christmas programs on TV."



VICTOR JUKNUIS, operator: "After attending church services, we have a many course dinner with something special for everyone. We just enjoy being home all together having fun with our children and talking about everything wonderful that happens on Christmas Day. That is one day we have company all day long and everyone has a good time."



WILLIAM NEAL, operator: "Our Christmases are mostly spent just about the same each year. That is in exchanging gifts and admiring the ones that we might get ourselves. Then the remainder of the day is spent preparing the dinner. We then sit around waiting for the sound of the dinner bell, which will just about bring the day to a close."



ART ECKER, receiver: "For the past 27 years my wife and I have entertained our families and some friends at our home with Christmas dinner. This year will be no different, for my wife, God bless her, believes that on this day, the nicest day of the year, no one should be alone."

# MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin  
CTA Medical Consultant

## RESOLUTION FOR BETTER HEALTH IN 1964.

THIS IS the time of the year when many of us think of resolutions. The most important New Year's resolution you can make would be to help yourself to better health in 1964. A recent news release from the American Medical Association emphasizes the benefit and value of making and sticking to a sound resolution to improve your health. Good health is the most precious gift we have.

It should be remembered that good health is more than the absence of disease. It is also a state of physical, mental and moral well-being. The following suggestions may be helpful.

There are two main avenues of approach to this better health resolution or program. The first includes all of the conditions or factors through which the individual can do something about himself. The second covers the illnesses and the diseases which are in most cases beyond the person's control. These are only revealed by a physical check-up.

Under the first heading all the responsibility lies in the hands of the individual. Among these rules are:

1. A strong will and resolution to improve their health.
2. Select a simple well-balanced diet which is in keeping with your age, body build and general circumstances. Avoid excessive overweight or underweight. For example we know persistent and excessive overweight predisposes to diabetes, heart trouble and high blood pressure.
3. Learn to relax. Proper relaxation improves your health and increases your efficiency.
4. Dress properly. Too many clothes will overheat your body. Too few clothes will cause body chilling. Either one tends to lower your resistance and helps to bring on colds.
5. A good night's rest or regular sleep does a lot to maintain good health. A comfortable

bed in a well ventilated and quiet room are important.

6. Do not worry. This habit or emotional state can do a great deal of harm to your general health. Counteract it by keeping busy and doing kind deeds for someone else. Remember we all have troubles; the way we accept and handle these troubles makes the difference.
7. Temperance in all habits is essential to good health. Everyone should realize that excess in any habit, whether it be eating, smoking or drinking, is injurious.
8. Proper and regular exercise gives one a feeling of well-being, promotes the circulation and muscle tone and good body function.
9. Act your age. This may appear to be unnecessary advice but it is well to remember that in youth and adult life the body requirements and the vitality of body functions change with the years.
10. Avoid prolonged fatigue and large crowds. Either one can help to spread illness.
11. Take restful vacations. It breaks the monotony of long hours of work and improves your health.

The other phase of your resolution for good health has to do with periodic checkups. All you need to do is to make an appointment with your physician. He will do the rest. This should always be a beneficial procedure. If nothing abnormal is found there is no problem. If some defect is discovered have it corrected and you will have the peace of mind that goes with good health.

In conclusion: Remember, generally speaking, that your health pretty well parallels the habits you live by. In short, guard your health with good health habits. If you do this, you will have better living and greater enjoyment of your day-to-day activities. Wealth and prosperity are unimportant without good health. Therefore, make your resolution for good health Number 1 on your list. No one but you can bring you lasting peace of mind and good health.

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## Ten Employees Awarded Suggestion Plan Cash

TEN EMPLOYEES were among the winners of \$115.00 in cash prizes awarded recently by the Employees Suggestion Plan committee.

Names and amounts received by each are: \$25.00 award, George Kuenstle, Shops and Equipment, North avenue; John Cacciato, South Shops, \$20.00; John Kalinowski, South Shops, Edward Cook, Skokie Shops; James Madden, General Office; James Samson, North avenue Transportation

Department; Mary Traxler, General Office, and Edwin L. Olsberg, retired stock clerk, \$10.00 each; James Golden, motorman, Kimball terminal, and Edward Henry, General Office, \$5.00 each.

Other suggestions are now under consideration by the committee and reports of the action taken will be forwarded to the employees concerned as soon as evaluation of the suggestions is completed.

# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY



## ...Your "Inside News" Reporters

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MARY E. CLARKE  
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DON CRANDALL  
TOM DANIELS  
MILDRED DOYLE  
THOMAS ELPHICK  
EVERETT E. ENGLAND  
ANN GOLDING  
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VERNA HARTNEY  
GORDON KELLY  
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WILLIAM REHDER  
ELMER RIEDEL  
FRANK SEPANSKI  
CHARLES P. STARR  
ROSCOE WAKEFIELD

### ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -

ART JOHNSON, control clerk II, retired after 46 years of material and labor distribution duties. Art's wife, BESS, and daughter, SHIRLEY, accompanied him to a farewell luncheon on November 27 at the Wagon Wheel restaurant. Art, when you're fishing on the Gulf of Mexico with the waves splashing up to the shores and the wide blue bay fringed by yellow sands beyond a tree shaded grassy slope, won't you miss the gray Chicago winter mornings? . . . STANLEY MAILUCK, payroll accountant, has recently returned from a Florida vacation. One of the highlights of the trip was a 12-mile canoe trip down Juniper creek in the Ocala National forest. Although he encountered numerous river bends, low hanging branches, water hyacinths, sand bars, and cypress knees, the river trip was successfully navigated in the record time of four hours. Along the way they saw deer, water birds, eagle nests, fish, turtles and various water plants.

A former employe, ANDY CAROLAN, came to renew old friendships. His father has retired from this company. We are glad Andy's position with the railroad has really agreed with him; he is looking well . . . On December 8, the Financial Femmes Investment club went to the Museum of Science and Industry where Christmas trees and creches from world-wide countries were on display. The national meal of that day, from Sweden, was served in the cafeteria and dining room. Later, in the theatre, they saw a show comprising Christmas customs contributing to American traditions . . . DENNIS ROGUS, ROGER TORBIK, EMILY KRAUTSAK, and JOSEPHINE AUGITTO are our payroll clerks. Welcome!

### (IBM) -

EDDIE O'ROURKE's blue-gray hair had everyone turning their heads. Apparently Ed's role in a neighborhood skit necessitated the added color.

- Marie Coari & Eileen Neurauter

### ELECTRICAL -

EBON FRANK, third rail maintenance foreman, came home from the hospital recently and is now convalescing satisfactorily from his illness . . . Power Supervisor WALTER OLSON and Power Clerk MARGARET KINSEY returned to work after being off sick . . . Retired Third Rail Foreman WILLIAM WATERS paid us a visit recently to say hello to all the boys. Bill looks real good . . . As of this writing H. D. WILSON, design engineer, is at home recovering from his recent illness. We all wish him a quick and speedy recovery . . . Lineman Helper RONALD NELSON, along with his wife, drove down to Florida on his vacation and reported having a very enjoyable time . . . JOHN WILLIAMS, lineman helper, spent his vacation taking in the sights in and around Chicago, and in catching up on some work around the house . . . As of this writing CHARLES SALVATORE, lineman helper, is in the Wiess Memorial hospital being treated for a slipped disc. We all wish Charlie the best and hope he gets well real soon . . . On vacation at the present time are the following men: J. KELLY, W. DROBENA, and E. KRUYNA. We wish them and their families a wonderful time.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

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# NEW PENSIONERS

EARL BARNTS, Operator,  
North avenue, Emp. 2-15-27  
JOHN BENANTI, Laborer,  
North Division, Emp. 5-06-36  
T. L. BROWN, Janitor,  
69th street, Emp. 10-24-24  
JAMES CARPINO, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-14-26  
L. F. FERRIS, Conductor,  
North Section, Emp. 6-27-28  
THOMAS FLANAGAN, Operator,  
69th street, Emp. 5-29-43  
C. O. HAERLE, Operator,  
North avenue, Emp. 5-21-24  
THOMAS HEALY, Laborer,  
Track & Struct., Emp. 4-21-38  
JAMES HIGHAM, Motorman,  
Kimball, Emp. 10-22-17  
F. J. JANATA, Motorman,  
Douglas, Emp. 5-28-18  
A. E. JOHNSON, Control Clerk,  
General Office, Emp. 12-07-17

A. O. JOHNSON, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 11-28-42  
MARGARET LAVIN, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 4-21-45  
F. T. MUCYNSKI, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 1-09-29  
A. A. POSTELANCZYK, Operator,  
77th street, Emp. 11-06-23  
P. W. PRADELT, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-11-29  
MATTHEW RIORDAN, Repairman,  
77th street, Emp. 7-27-35  
HUGO RUEDIGER, Conductor,  
Kimball, Emp. 9-12-46  
JAMES TENUTO, Repairman,  
South Division, Emp. 12-05-41  
GIUSEPPE VECCHIOLLA, Track Wkr.,  
Track & Struct., Emp. 2-24-43  
W. H. WHITE, Conductor,  
West Section, Emp. 4-14-47  
M. A. ZICH, Painter & Finisher,  
South Shops, Emp. 6-27-23



TWO TRANSPORTATION Department employees who retired December 1 with 40 and 45 years of service, respectively, are ANTHONY A. POSTELANCZYK (left) and FRANZ J. JANATA. Tony, an operator at 77th, was formerly a motorman out of Burnside. Franz has always worked as a motorman on the Douglas.

### FOREST GLEN -

When OPERATOR GEORGE WILLIAMS and his wife celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary, George took the family out to dinner at The Diplomat . . . CAROL KRANZ, daughter of OPERATOR and MRS. BLAINE KRANZ, and RONALD GUISTI will take the wedding vows on November 23. We wish them many years of happiness and good health . . . SHIRLEY, daughter of OPERATOR LEROY and MRS. OWENS, was married November 17 to KENNETH BOLDING in the First Methodist church in Peoria, Illinois. A reception was held at the Bolding residence in Peoria. The couple motored to Tampa, Florida, on their Honeymoon . . . Thanksgiving Day will be a special day to OPERATOR PATRICK JOSEPH FOLEY, for on that day he will be wed to MAUREEN FRANCES McPARTLAN. We wish the couple many

years of good health and happiness... Relief Superintendent MILES DE WITT and his wife motored to Hot Springs for their vacation. Mr. DeWitt had his share of steam and whirlpool baths and returned with a nice tan. He claims he is physically fit to fight whatever snow storms come our way this winter . . . CLERK LOUIS TIGNAC and his wife took a short jaunt to Canada in their new Buick Electra. While in Canada, Louis put in an order for some "Christmas Cheer", which is obtainable at a wholesale price.

OPERATOR and MRS. GEORGE SPORLEDER drove to Nashville, Tennessee, to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Peggy. Don is stationed at Stewart air force base . . . This is a note of retraction regarding an item in our magazine last month. Our Head Receiver FRED MURBARGER was not a father, but a grandfather. Fred was very happy about the statement as it was, and ordered five more copies of the magazine. He was all set to claim another dependent and there were inquiries as to what was needed in the way of furnishings for the new born baby . . . Fathers of OPERATOR PHILLIP NOWAK and OPERATOR EDWIN SZACIK passed away recently . . . In closing I would like to say each operator has a big job to perform. In serving the public, you come in contact with all types of personalities. Many are burdened with problems of some sort, as we could very well be. A pleasant smile or a kind word may change the outlook of a person's day. Treat your public the way you would like to be treated.

*- Frank Carpino*

### GENERAL OFFICE (Staff Engineering) -

BERTRAND J. MISEK, son of FRANK J. MISEK, operations planning engineer, was recently elected to the TAU BETA PI, engineering scholastic honorary fraternity. Bert is also a member of PI MU EPSILON, honorary mathematics fraternity; PHI ETA SIGMA, freshmen men's scholastic honorary fraternity, and

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Triangle Fraternity for engineers and architects. Bert is on a "co-op" program where his time is divided equally between study at Northwestern university and working on various projects at Argonne National laboratory . . . HERMAN ANDERS and his wife piloted their Chevy to Mexico City and Acapulco, Mexico, in the initial stage of a four-week motoring tour . . . An exciting week at fabulous Las Vegas was enjoyed by BUD WOOL, who flew there and back with a couple of pals . . . TOM HENNINGSSEN is making a rapid recovery from two serious operations. Tom is home now but champing at the bit to get back into action . . . RONNIE BRUCKER and BOB HNILO are welcome additions to SEO . . . MARY JANE TRAISSER, daughter of L. M. TRAISSER, staff engineer, was married to DR. ERNEST C. DEEDS on September 21 in St. Giles church in Oak Park.

### (Employment) -

The red carpet was unrolled for DOROTHY MORAN COUGHLIN, who replaced EVELYN KAROSS, who retired from CTA as clerical supervisor. Dorothy formerly worked at South Shops. Also welcomed to the department was BARBARA ANN BURNS, a newcomer to CTA. Barbara graduated from Trinity High school and attended Loyola university.

### (Employee Suggestion System) -

Newcomers welcomed were NOREEN BYRNE CLARK, who transferred from the Insurance Department and MARGE SCHINTZ, who formerly worked in Steno-Duplicating.

### (Transportation) -

A get-together of CTA and former rapid transit women co-workers surprised JULIE PRINDERVILLE, who recently graduated from CTA, at a dinner held at Binyon's restaurant on November 21. All enjoyed being with old-time friends who came out to extend Julie the best of wishes, including FRANCES SCHOFIELD McQUILLAN, HATTIE PREMO, MARGARET ALLEN, MARGIE ROGERS, NELLE ROCHE, ANN SCHLEITER, VERA CRIDER and DOROTHY DOCKHAM CROWLEY.

### (Training & Accident Prevention) -

JIM TRETTON and his wife, ELIZABETH, vacationed recently at Tupelo, Mississippi, where Mrs. Tretton was able to enjoy a good rest after undergoing a recent operation.

*- Mary E. Clarke*

### GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

AUDREY SZCZEPANEK and GERALD ANDERSON were united in holy matrimony on October 26 at the 12 o'clock mass in Our Lady of Grace church in Chicago. About 100 people gathered at Cragin hall to help Audrey and Jerry celebrate . . . LELA LYONS attended the Army-Air Force game on November 2. Her seat was on the Air Force side just six rows behind where President Kennedy would have sat and three rows in front of Senator Goldwater. Lela says she is really an Army fan but her ticket was a gift and she was happy to accept.

### (Transportation) -

That diamond on the third finger of ALICE MILLER's left hand was put there by BILL CRAWFORD. They became engaged on November 13 but their wedding plans

PICTURED HERE with his parachute is PFC ROBERTE. LAGERSTROM, an avid sky diver and the son of OPERATOR EDWIN LAGERSTROM of Beverly Station. Bob is in an army auto maintenance group stationed in Bad Kreuznach, Germany.



will be delayed until Bill finishes his hitch in the navy. . . That new voice on the switchboard belongs to ANNIE ALTER, a former ticket agent on the South Section. She replaces WANDA KRAUSE . . . Our sympathy to DISPATCHER VINCENT RUTKOWSKI on the death of his mother, who passed away on November 6.

### (Medical) -

When PATRICIA SCHULGET transferred to Public Information, her place as receptionist was taken by MARYANNE CALPIN, who transferred from Employment.

### (Stenographic-Duplicating) -

MARGE SCHINTZ and CYNTHIA VRANA were feted at the Rivers Edge by their friends. Marge is moving to Job Classification and Cynthia is leaving to prepare for her baby which is due next spring . . . The Steno Girls, always looking for unusual places to dine, traveled south to the Barn on October 30. It was a long trip for the gals who live north, but all reported it was worthwhile and highly recommend the Barn to anyone who enjoys elegant dining.

*- Ann Golding*

### KEDZIE -

Our sympathy is extended to the family of EX-JANITOR TOM MORAN, who died November 10; to OPERATOR JOHN STACK on the loss of his aunt, and to OPERATOR SALVATORE MONTELEONE on the loss of his brother . . . The Christmas spirit is once again displayed in the trainroom with decorations through the courtesy of the Kedzie credit union, to whom we are most grateful . . . The bad weather will soon be here so please be on your guard and drive defensively to avoid accidents.

*- C. P. Starr*

### KEELER -

CLARENCE BARTNICKI and his wife celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on November 18 . . . CHRISTINE, daughter of TED PYZYNA, was married to RICHARD RYCHLICKI on November 16 . . . FRANK CALDERON became a grandfather for the eighth time

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when his daughter, PAULINE, and son-in-law, JACK LIEHT, became parents for the sixth time. It was a baby girl. Congratulations, grandpa, and best wishes to the happy parents . . . We extend our sincere sympathy to ROBERT GREENWALD on the loss of his stepfather and to JERRY JEARIS on the loss of his mother.

- Elmer Riedel

### LIMITS -

OPERATOR CONRAD JOHNSON bagged a 300-pound buck deer on his recent hunting trip to Canada. He says the deer were so plentiful that you could take your choice as to size, quality, etc. He also did some fishing and had very good luck. He and his party rented a houseboat with all the comforts of home. They would float to any desirable spot, drop anchor, and hunt or fish. He saw another hunter kill a 1,200 pound moose. Conrad did not carry a moose license which is separate and costs \$101 . . . OPERATOR TOM GUINAN's son, JOE, recently retired as a little leaguer. He received a letter from a scout for the L. A. Dodgers because of his future capabilities as a pitcher. The scout stated they had no camp in Chicago but that he would be glad to come here and work him out personally. He advised him to use the fast ball only as the slider; curves, knuckle ball, etc. would come later. He stated that the fast ball is most important to any pitcher and that scouts are always looking for someone who throws hard. Joe is determined to be a big leaguer and when he finishes high school there will be some scout there to sign him up . . . Congratulations to OPERATOR L. MORNENO and his wife, who are the proud parents of a baby boy . . . Operator and Board Member CHARLES HEROLD vacationed for four weeks. He visited relatives in Detroit, Bay City, Saginaw and Roscommon, Michigan . . . OPERATOR RICHARD STEPHANS hunted for pheasant on opening day in Champaign County. His mother returned with him for a visit in Chicago . . . OPERATOR ED KUEMMEL has been called as a permanent supervisor . . . OPERATOR WILLIAM ALBRO submitted to major surgery and is recovering nicely at this writing . . . OPERATOR ROY KLINGENMAIER's wife, VIRGINIA, is recuperating at home following a major operation . . . OPERATOR DAN O'LEARY's son, DENNIS, is now a member of Uncle Sam's army at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He will enter

Officer's Training School soon . . . OPERATOR ELMER MALMIN and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl born November 6, their third child . . . CLERK LAWRENCE MILLER had the misfortune of cutting several fingers while sharpening a knife in his home. Why didn't you wait and sharpen it on the turkey, Larry? . . . We were very sorry to lose our very competent shop superintendent, TIM RIORDAN, who has been appointed acting general foreman of South Division Garages. PAT HIGGINS will be in Tim's place as temporary day foreman at Limits and FRED DRAG will replace Pat as assistant day foreman.

MARY SULLIVAN is our only female employee at Limits. She is a 20-year veteran and has a son and two grandchildren. She is going to night school to earn her high school diploma and is now in her second year . . . OPERATOR ED NOWICKI is confined at home with an infection in both hands. Hope you will be back soon, Ed . . . Did you know that OPERATOR HAROLD MILLER ran for alderman in the 48th Ward in 1948? . . . Schedule Maker PAT BRADY spent his final two-week vacation at home . . . JANITOR ED FEDEROWITZ's daughter, DARLENE, took her seven-year old sister, KATHY, by jet to New York City and spent the Thanksgiving Day weekend attending a few stage plays. They also saw the famous Macy Department store parade . . . Our instruction department has been busy training operators for snow plows and salt spreading . . . This is the twelfth month and my twelfth column.

- George Clark

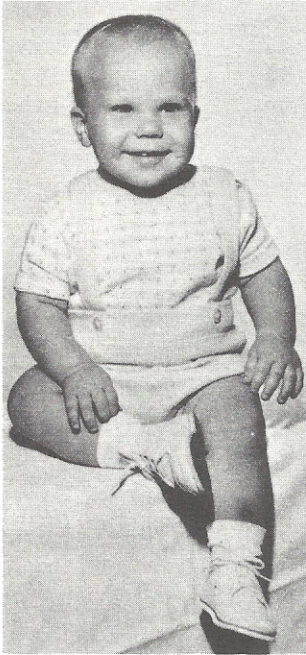
### LOOP (Agents) -

Student Agent GERRY GRANT, after three and one-half years of employment with the CTA, resigned on November 14. After a few days of relaxation, she assumed the duties of a social worker under the auspices of the Illinois Public Aid Commission. All of her former co-workers wish her happiness and success in her new work . . . On October 23 the stork delivered a baby boy to PATRICIA ANNA EPLEY and EDWARD EPLEY. Patricia is the daughter of Logan Square Clerk DANIEL E. DOYLE and your reporter, West Side Agent MILDRED DOYLE. Edward is a former switchman at Logan Square, now serving in the U. S. Army in South Viet Nam. The baby was named DANIEL EDWARD after his father and grandfather. The mother and baby are with Dan and Mildred until Ed comes back to the states . . . JUNE BAREKMAN and MARY RAFTERY, West Section agents, are transit token collectors. While Mary has been collecting for about six years, June became interested just three years ago. Neither girl knew the other was a collector. Finding that they had a mutual interest led to a lively discussion, and a keen rivalry soon existed. Both girls have traveled a great deal, and many odd and old patterns were available to both girls. Small Southern towns yielded old horsecar tokens, most of them were exchanged with other collectors in Illinois and Indiana small towns. Tokens were found as far away as San Francisco and Quebec, Canada. Mary, having a head start, has over 400 individual tokens. Mary and June are wondering if others along the line share their interest. If there are others who would like to share this hobby with co-workers, just drop a line to Mildred Doyle, assignment office, or Daniel E. Doyle, Logan Square...

MARRIAGE VOWS were taken on October 12 by KAREN NULLMEYER and TONY CURCIO, who were united in matrimony in Good Shepard Lutheran church of Berwyn. On their honeymoon, the newlyweds drove to New York and boarded a plane bound for Puerto Rico, where they stayed for one week. Karen is a stenographer in the Insurance Department and Tony is a former General Office employee.



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IF HE is influenced by the employment of his father, grandfather, and uncle, 14-month old GREGORY ALLEN MROZ may very well find CTA in his future. His father, RONALD MROZ, is a South Section motorman; his grandfather, LOUIS MROZ, is an operator at 69th street, and his uncle, GERALD MROZ, worked at South Shops until he recently went into the army.

Porters of the month are PATSY CARBONARA and JOSEPH PARTIPILO, of the Logan Square office, who are both doing an outstanding job in keeping the office, tower and trainroom at Logan Square in a neat, clean, orderly fashion. Keep up the good work boys, especially the heat . . . PORTER O. BUCHANAN spent his vacation down home in Tennessee. He caught up on his hunting and spent many happy hours with his six grandchildren.

AGENT DIANE HARRIG had a very nice Thanksgiving. She went to New Jersey to spend the holiday with her husband, GEORGE, a former ticket agent now serving in the armed forces at Fort Dix . . . TOWERMAN PETER CHRISTY, now in the armed forces, is stationed at Stuttgart, Germany. His wife, LYNN CHRISTY, left Chicago December 8 after resigning as a ticket agent. She spent a few days in Quebec admiring its quaint provincial ways, then went on to Montreal. On December 12 Lynn sailed on the Ryndam, Holland-American Christmas sailing. On December 21 she will arrive in Rotterdam. From there she will board a train to the town nearest to where Peter is stationed. Lynn plans to stay in Germany a year, until Peter returns to the United States. All your friends wish you both the best of luck in all you do . . . As of this writing the following people are on the sick list: G. SOSIN, T. JARVIS, J. KOVANDA, J. HARRINGTON, V. LE BEAU, W. FITZGERALD, P. REILLY, E. HASBROUCK, H. COTTON and P. MILLER. We hope to see you all back to work in the near future and able to enjoy the upcoming holidays.

- Mildred Doyle

### NORTH AVENUE -

Winter is here! Operating conditions will be more hazardous during the next few months. More hours of darkness and slippery conditions caused by snow and ice will prevail. Run on time, keep your distance from parked and moving vehicles, drive carefully and help each other whenever possible. Remember, "Headlights

On" when snow falls or street conditions are treacherous. Help North avenue station improve its safety record . . . OPERATOR FLORIAN DWIEL and I left Michigan and continued our fishing at Woodruff, Wisconsin. We were after musky. During one week I caught five and Florian caught eight. All were about 29 inches long, one inch under the legal limit. We did catch two big ones. The first one towed our boat around for ten minutes before we felt something snap. On retrieving our lure we found that the hooks were pulled out of the lure. The second big one we held onto for a while, but he straightened the hook out. The bigger the fish, the smarter the fish, and that, boys, is why the big ones get away . . . OPERATOR GERALD SYPIAN married SANDRA LOUISE TARANKO, daughter of MRS. FLORA TARANKO, on October 9 . . . OPERATOR MODST KOZAK wed ANNE YARMUSZ on November 16 in St. Stanislaus church. The reception was held in Falcol's hall. Our congratulations and best wishes to both couples. Also to CLERK JOSEPH DILLON and his wife, MARGUARITE, who celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on November 16.

We welcome ROY HART to North avenue repair department. He says "Hello" to his friends at Kedzie . . . OPERATOR ROBERT BYSTRICK has been seen driving his new Oldsmobile, and GEORGE BRAZINGTON, repair department, has been seen around in his new Dodge.

Many happy returns to SUPERVISOR EDWARD STRYZEWSKI, whose birthday was November 10. ANITA FELICE FOLINO was born in Puerto Rico on November 9. Her parents are Ed's daughter and son-in-law, BARBARA and PFC FRANK FOLINO, stationed in Puerto Rico. Ed's daughter, MARILYN, married PARATROOPER JOSEPH BALLARINI on November 23. Joe is stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky . . . Good luck to OPERATORS HENRY CHANDLER and CHARLES BOWEN, who are in the armed forces . . . OPERATOR JOHN O'CONNELL has been transferred to the sanitation bureau at North avenue depot under the supervision of THOMAS FREI. OPERATOR EDGAR M. HOLT started as a janitor on October 27. OPERATOR J. J. O'CONNELL started as a janitor on November 11. John and Edgar received their outside duty training under the watchful eye of CHARLES HUCK, brother-in-law of Chief Clerk KARSCHNIK . . . PENSIONER CULLY LUSSEM and his Mrs. spent 11 days at their lake cottage getting it in shape for next summer. Cully reports that PENSIONER HUGH GARRY is feeling well after his operation and wishes to thank all of his friends at North for their visits and get-well cards . . . PENSIONER GEORGE BUTLER was in Hot Springs, Arkansas, visiting PENSIONER BILL ECHOLS . . . GEORGE (Sinatra) KUENSTLE, repair department, took his granddaughter, LAURIE, to Lincoln Park for her first pony ride. George's nephew, CHARLES, has a part in the movie, "Captain Neuman, M.D." to be released soon . . . OPERATOR BERNARD KEIFER says he beat the hurricanes in from Florida where he spent his vacation fishing and swimming . . . OPERATOR EARL BARNTS was married 40 years on November 24. He started his vacation at that time and retired December 1 after 37 years service at age 62. He will spend the winter fishing in Florida.

PENSIONER HERBERT FOSTER was in to see some of his old friends at North avenue . . . PENSIONER

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THOMAS SCANLON had a visit with his friends when he paid us a visit on November 5 . . . CLERK JOHN STICH and his wife, MARY, had word from their son, J. J., that he will be with them Christmas while on leave from the Air Force Dale Process School at Greeneville, Mississippi . . . OPERATOR SAMUEL TAMBURINO visited us since being released from the hospital and looks good . . . OPERATOR SYLVESTER J. CAROLIN has been laid up with a broken arm . . . OPERATOR GEORGE WYERS is hospitalized recovering from a recent illness . . . OPERATOR MICHAEL HARTNETT is in West Suburban hospital . . . OPERATOR JOHN HOWLETT had surgery and is on the sick list . . . CLERK ARTHUR OLSON has returned to work after being laid up with a slipped disk . . . Sanitary Engineer WILLIAM FLEISCHMAN, who was on the sick list, paid us a visit and is looking fine . . . OPERATOR ERNEST BOCK is back after being on the sick list . . . OPERATOR LESTER McNAMERA retired on disability pension December 1, after 34 years of service . . . OPERATOR JOSEPH BEAUMEIER retired November 1 at age 62, after 37 years of service . . . OPERATOR EDWARD MOELLER retired November 1 at age 62, after 37 years of service. OPERATOR HAERLE took his pension December 1. We wish all many happy years . . . We extend our sympathy to the following in the loss of loved ones: the family of SUPERVISOR WILLIAM PATRICK MURPHY; the family of PENSIONER THOMAS CONLON, who passed away on October 26; OPERATOR WILLIAM MORRISON, who lost his father; OPERATOR NORMAN GNADT, who lost his mother on November 1; OPERATOR TOM CARMODY, who lost his father; the family of PENSIONER DANIEL CURTIN, who passed away November 9; the family of PENSIONER RUDOLPH POGGENSEE, who passed away October 22; the family of PENSIONER JAMES FILSON, who passed away October 11, and the family of PENSIONER HARRY JACKSON, who passed away November 8.

- Bill Miedema

### NORTH SECTION (Agents) -

November was a red letter month for IRA TRAPPER and his wife. They celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on the fourth, and then Mrs. Trapper's birthday on the sixth . . . Lawrence and Kedzie No. 2 isn't the same without RALPH GALLIMORE and M. LAVIN. They joined the pensioners' ranks the first of the month . . . Congratulations are in order for MARIE TOWNSEND, who is now a member of the exclusive Courtesy Caravan Club . . . Former Student Agent TOM



THE RETIREMENT of ELLA RALL on November 1 brought a close to her 44-year career as a typist with the CTA and former Chicago Surface Lines. She was feted at a buffet luncheon in the South Shops conference room, which was decorated for the occasion. Many of her friends, co-workers, and relatives were present. Pictured here with Ella are Chief Clerk ED WENDT (left) and L. GORDON ANDERSON, superintendent of shops and equipment. Ella started with the CSL in 1919 at Clark and Division and subsequently worked at West Shops and South Shops, where she was assigned at the time of her retirement.

LYONS was back in town on a 10-day leave from the navy. So BILL GILL, BOB ALLIE, JIM TUCCY, and this reporter got together and threw a homecoming party . . . TOM QUINAN's son is back after a three-year hitch in the armed forces . . . JOHN ELLIS tells me that his niece, THERESA CAFFERKEY, is sporting a diamond ring. But don't get excited, it's on her right hand . . . We wish to extend our sympathy to MARIE PASS whose husband GEORGE PASS died last month . . . VERN SEAVER, GRACE LESLIE, and FRED KING are back to work, and we wish a speedy recovery to JO O'SULLIVAN and R. PEARSON.

- Ted Brennen

### PURCHASING & STORES (Purchasing) -

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to SARA McDONNELL, receptionist, who is at the present time recuperating from recent surgery. Sara wishes to thank everyone for the many gifts, cards and get-well wishes.

(North Division) -

TOM BOLDT is the new man in Storeroom 42 who transferred from the Shops and Equipment Department

## RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

ADAMS, MARVIN H., Operator, Kedzie  
BOWEN, CHARLES I. JR., Operator, North avenue  
BRANNIGAN, WILLIAM J., Extra Guard, North Section  
BURTS, RALPH JR., Operator, North Park  
CANNON, JAMES PATRICK, Cleaner, 77th street  
CARROLL, ARCHIE JR., Operator, Kedzie  
CHANDLER, HENRY L., Operator, North avenue  
COSTIN, JOSEPH L. JR., Operator, 69th street  
GREGORY, JOHN, Conductor, West Section  
HORNE, JOHN D., Operator, Kedzie  
McGUIGAN, TERRANCE, Repairman, Limits  
RAND, JODIE A. JR., Extra Guard, South Section

RIZZUTO, JAMES C., Multilith Mach. Opr., Gen. Off.  
SOLOMON, HARVEY E., Repairman, Forest Glen  
THOMAS, HAROLD W. JR., Cleaner, Archer  
WHEATLEY, RONALD E., Operator, 69th street

### RECENTLY RETURNED

FUERY, NICHOLAS M., Extra Guard, West Section  
McKISSACK, EUSTACE, Operator, 69th street  
McSHAN, WENDELL L., Operator, Kedzie  
O'BRIEN, MICHAEL P., Operator, 69th street  
ROCHE, JAMES B., Token Delivery Clerk, Accounting

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to replace GEORGE LINDEN as Stock Clerk I. The Stock Clerk I missing at Storeroom 42 is DAVE STETCHER, who underwent recent surgery and is still in the hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Dave! Dave also suffered the recent death of his mother.

### (South Division) -

The following stock clerks returned from fall vacations: DICK LaFLEUR - Chain of Lakes; PHIL BOLZ - Smokie Mountains; BOB PIEPER - Kentucky and Virginia. HARRY SCHOBBER spent his vacation in New York and upon his return, found that he had become a grandpa for the sixth time when VICTORIA ANNE was born September 3 to his son and daughter-in-law . . . MR. and MRS. JOHN SHERIDAN recently added a new son to their family which also includes FRANK, UNA and EILEEN . . . C. ADAMOWSKI returned to work after being off six weeks for surgery . . . JOHN MARASOVICH's son, JOHN JR., recently married DIANA FREDRICO. The young couple honeymooned in Miami Beach, Florida.

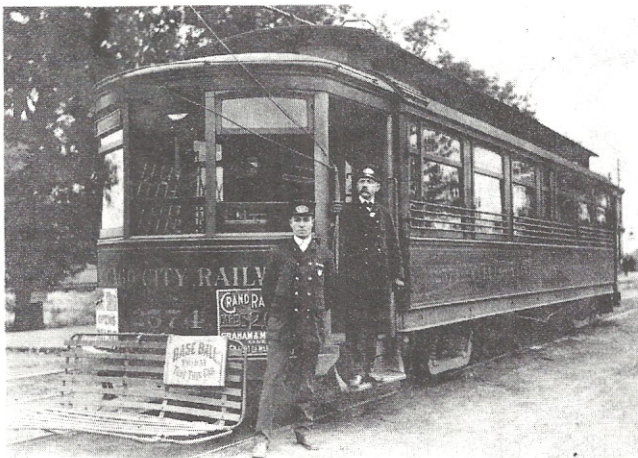
- D. Jane Bell

### SKOKIE SHOPS .

HOWARD JENSEN, clerk, is among the lucky people who attended the Green Bay Packer-Bears game on Sunday, November 17. He was seated on the 50-yard line . . . ANTHONY ARINI, electrical worker, recently attended "Dad's Weekend" at the University of Illinois where his daughter, GERALDINE, is attending, while IVO DI PIERO, carpenter, went to Western college at Macomb, Illinois, which his son, MICHAEL, attends. Recent visitors at Skokie were ANDREW UNICOF, retired electrical worker, and AXEL PETERSON, retired carpenter . . . EDWARD O'GRADY, laborer, is on a five-month furlough and is spending his time in Ireland . . . Your Scribe is sporting a new 1964 Rambler while GLENN ANDERSEN, engineer, has a 1964 Chevrolet.

- Everett E. England

DATING BACK to 1903, this picture of a Chicago City Railway company streetcar was taken on Wentworth avenue. The crew, from 77th street, includes Conductor FLOYD FORD and Motorman JOHN JOHNSON. Johnson retired in August, 1949, is now 90 years old, and is the grandfather of South Section Trainman ROBERT JOHNSON. Car #2574 was one of the 125 streetcars built for Chicago in 1902 by the St. Louis Car company. The folding gates and fender on each end were typical on streetcars at the turn of the century. The car lost these features and gained a trolley catcher when it was rebuilt to "pay as you enter" car standards in 1910.



### SCHEDULE - TRAFFIC -

LEROY DUTTON's son, CHARLES, and KATHLEEN MOORE exchanged marriage vows at St. Edmunds church in Oak Park, Illinois, on November 16 . . . PHIL LEAHY, schedule maker, drove to Springfield, Illinois, to see his brother, ANDREW, admitted to the Illinois Bar to practice law . . . WILLIAM WORCESTER, schedule clerk, and his family drove to Miami Beach, Florida . . . TONY HESS, retired schedule maker, visited his friends in the Schedule Department . . . GEORGE BRYAN, retired schedule maker, and Mrs. Bryan, who now live in Scottsdale, Arizona, sent us a card from California where they are enjoying a vacation.

- Gertrude Anderson

### SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations to Retired Machinist EDWARD MOORE and his wife, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 21. Ed has enjoyed 20 years of retirement at Peotone, Illinois. Many more happy years together are wished the fine couple . . . BILL MAYER, combination clerk, South Shops, is a very proud grandfather. His granddaughter, CAROL ANN MAYER, won the second prize in the "Miss Sparky" beauty contest in London. The tiny tot, age 5, was presented a pretty doll as a prize. Bill's son is in the air force, stationed in England . . . FRAN LOUWARD, shops office, enjoyed a 10-day vacation in New Orleans. While there, she visited the French Market, antique shops, and took a tour to the cemeteries where everyone is buried above ground. The highlight of her vacation was a ride on an old trolley car for 10¢, transfer included. When asked how she enjoyed the ride, Fran said it was like being on a "museum piece." The credit union annual meeting and dinner dance will be held Saturday, January 18, 1964, at the West Lane club, 5350 S. Kedzie avenue. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Dancing and refreshments until 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50 per person. Please contact your credit union board member.

Thanksgiving was a happier day for 50 employees who were winners in the South Shops turkey raffle. Because of limited space we are unable to list the names of all the lucky people, but we're sure they enjoyed their dinners all the more when they and their families gathered around the festive board . . . We welcome MARTHA JUGIN, Stores Department, who transferred to S & E Department. Martha will work as personnel clerk, the position vacated by LORRAINE BUEHLER who trans-

## PENSIONERS MEET

THE CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 7, at the new Odd Fellows Hall, 4140 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 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 17, 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.

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ferred back to the Mart . . . Working in the Shops Office as combination clerk is TOM DUNNE, who keeps everyone amused on coffee breaks with his monster stories . . . We also welcomed JOHN JANKUS, BILL KELLY and ED McELDOWNNEY who are making their permanent quarters at the shops office. They recently moved from the shops. This will make John's job of collecting payments for the CTA credit union a lot easier . . . TOM GIBSON, foreman of the Brake Department, is no longer in the Elmhurst hospital, he is back to work as of this writing. Good to have you back.

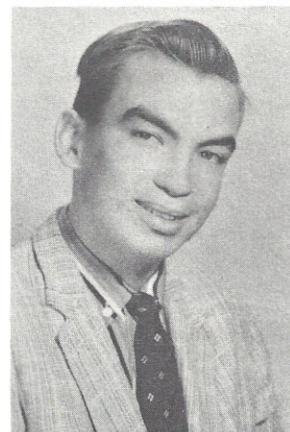
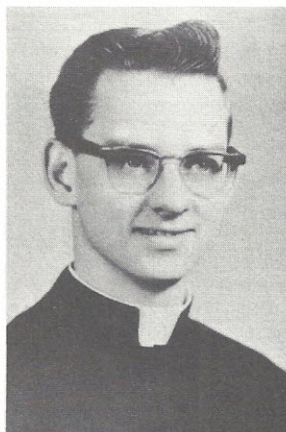
- Kay Guzovich & Diana McLemore

### SOUTH SECTION .

A hearty "hello" to our newly-transferred trainmen to the South Section: WILLIAM ROSS, RICHARD BRYSON, CHARLES TRIPLETT . . . Happy to see MOTORMAN HARRY BARTON and TRAINMAN HERB SMITH back at their posts and off the sick list . . . It is with sadness that we report that COLLECTOR THOMAS NOLAN passed away suddenly on October 29. Everyone that knew Tom thought he was a grand person. Our sincere condolences go out to his family . . . AGENT ANNIE ALTER is a happy girl these days. She recently was transferred to the General Office, where she is a telephone operator. . . CLERK JOE and AGENT ANN O'CONNOR have just left on a vacation trip to sunny Florida and said they will be thinking about all of us up here while they bask in the sun . . . AGENT CHARLES KEHOE went on pension November 1. May you have many happy years of retirement.

CONDUCTOR ARTHUR ROZEMA recently received a passenger commendation for the clear manner in which he calls stations . . . Belated congratulations to AGENT ENGLEBERTA WESTFIELD, who was married recently, and to AGENT KAY SMITH, who also walked down the aisle . . . AGENT LAURA PEPPERL, who was on the sick list for several months, passed away on October 28. She worked at Racine station for many years. All the girls will miss her. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family . . . Received a letter from MRS. LESTER HICKEY, wife of our deceased station superintendent. She is now living in Arleta, California. She wrote that she is getting along just fine and loves it living out in California. She sends her best wishes to all her friends back here in Chicago . . . On the sick list at this writing are: AGENTS THOMAS MAHONEY, JOHN DUNDON, WOODROW PENDLETON, ELMER KRAMBULE, LOR-ETTA POTVIN, and PORTER EVANS DRAPER. Here's hoping that each of you will regain your health and be back working real soon . . . Some people are really lucky! Retired Supervisor ED MUNRO has just returned from a dream of a vacation. He went on a Carribean cruise and stopped off at Jamaica and Cristobal in the Canal Zone and went thru the Panama Canal. Ed said that the boat was half the trip, it was so much fun, and going through the Panama Canal was really an impressive sight.

Around to see the boys recently was Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS; he is looking as spry as ever . . . Had a visit with Retired Motorman SETH FELLER and he really has been on the go since he went on pension. He was down in Florida for a while a few months ago and while there visited with Retired



THE SONS of two co-workers in the vehicle wiring section at Skokie Shops are destined to be classmates for the next five years at St. Mary of the Lake seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. Pictured above are CLEM HAMMERSCHMITT (left), the son of CLEMENS HAMMERSCHMITT, and DAN RAVEN (right), the son of STANLEY RAVEN.

Supervisor WALTER HILL and Retired Switchman ROBERT JOHNSTON and they both were doing fine. He still likes to hunt and fish and says that's what keeps him young . . . Also making the rounds visiting recently was Retired Supervisor BOB BROWN and he is looking good for himself and says he feels wonderful.

- Verna Hartney

### TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS .

General Foreman ED HENDRICKSON, and his assistant, TONY PORCARO, visited pensioner BILL FORD at the Bel-Air Nursing home in Chicago Heights. The retired foreman sends his best regards to all of his friends . . . Wilson Shops Repairman JESSIE WILLIAMS spent his vacation rabbit hunting in southern Illinois. Fellow employes RALPH SULLIVAN, repairman, and T. FARMER, car cleaner, also had some extra leisure time. . . PENSIONER GEORGE WHITE of 61st street shop is spending the winter months down in New Orleans, Louisiana . . . CLARENCE LUND, pensioner, was just released from the hospital. We hope he is back in top condition soon . . . REPAIRMAN MARTIN CONNEELY had his extra leisure days to rest up for another year of work.

Lake Street Foreman RALPH DANIELSON won the first place gold plaque award at the Sojex stamp exhibition in Atlantic City . . . CLEVELAND CLAY, repairman, spent his vacation installing a new furnace in his home. Someone should tell him that vacations are for resting and not for working. . . ROBERT FLOWERS, repairman, spent his vacation getting acquainted with his new baby. Thanks for the good cigars, Bob . . . Repairman JOE RANDAZZO, spent his vacation seeing the sights of Chicago . . . Congratulations to REPAIRMAN ED TAYLOR on being elected steward at Lake street shop . . . Sorry to hear that Congress Car Cleaner A. COSENTINO's daughter suffered a mild heart attack. Hope she is well very soon . . . FOREMAN PAUL LORIMER had one week of leisure in Wisconsin . . .

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### RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

FRANK BARBARO, 75, Track,  
Emp. 8-16-29. Died 9-63  
J. F. CHRISTOPHER, 79, South Section,  
Emp. 8-03-31. Died 10-01-63  
THOMAS CONLON, 88, North avenue,  
Emp. 5-22-00. Died 10-26-63  
CHARLES J. CONROY, 61, District "C",  
Emp. 1-06-25. Died 10-14-63  
GIACINTO DiBERARDINO, 79, Wilson Shops,  
Emp. 3-10-43. Died 10-12-63  
A. R. EVANS, 65, Limits,  
Emp. 7-01-25. Died 10-08-63  
J. H. FARRELL, 84, 77th street,  
Emp. 2-16-23. Died 10-15-63  
JAMES FILSON, 69, North avenue,  
Emp. 4-23-18. Died 10-12-63  
J. J. GALVIN, 61, 77th street,  
Emp. 11-10-28. Died 10-11-63  
JOHN GOLES, 85, Archer,  
Emp. 12-13-04. Died 10-29-63  
J. F. GOODWIN, 70, Devon,  
Emp. 10-21-19. Died 10-20-63  
BEN GRANA, 73, Track,  
Emp. 7-18-36. Died 10-26-63  
P. J. GRIMES, 79, Kedzie,  
Emp. 12-03-19. Died 10-22-63  
F. A. JENKINS, 81, West Section,  
Emp. 12-22-04. Died 10-26-63  
C. H. JOHNSON, 81, South Shops,  
Emp. 6-30-49. Died 10-04-63  
A. G. KALANTZOPOULOUS, 72, 77th street,  
Emp. 9-20-27. Died 9-30-63  
M. J. KENNEDY, 82, South Shops  
Emp. 4-08-24. Died 10-27-63  
WILLIAM F. KING, 60, Electrical,  
Emp. 1-27-44. Died 10-21-63  
W. F. KORNOSKI, 69, Devon,  
Emp. 12-31-19. Died 10-18-63  
A. T. LANE, 87, North Section,  
Emp. 4-10-19. Died 10-23-63

J. J. LAVERY, 66, Const. & Maint.  
Emp. 4-29-20. Died 10-15-63  
OSCAR MARTIN, 79, Cottage Grove,  
Emp. 7-08-07. Died 10-13-63  
A. P. MCGRENERA, 58, Chicago avenue Shop,  
Emp. 12-17-34. Died 10-10-63  
JOHN McVEIGH, 67, South Shops,  
Emp. 2-17-36. Died 10-28-63  
THOMAS J. MORAN, 59, 77th street,  
Emp. 4-21-42. Died 11-09-63  
J. J. MULCAHY, 62, Congress,  
Emp. 8-31-43. Died 10-07-63  
D. J. MURPHY, 82, 77th street,  
Emp. 4-02-08. Died 10-01-63  
W. P. MURPHY, 67, District "C",  
Emp. 1-12-23. Died 10-29-63  
THOMAS NOLAN, 59, South Section,  
Emp. 4-27-42. Died 10-29-63  
GEORGE PASS, 61, North Section,  
Emp. 1-10-36. Died 11-13-63  
MICHAEL PECORA, 79, Track,  
Emp. 8-08-29. Died 10-29-63  
A. L. PETERSON, 44, Kedzie,  
Emp. 12-05-47. Died 10-23-63  
LAURA PEPPERL, 63, South Section,  
Emp. 7-26-44. Died 10-28-63  
R. F. POGGENSEE, 72, North avenue,  
Emp. 2-23-23. Died 10-22-63  
JOHN M. RAU, 55, Claims,  
Emp. 12-28-40. Died 10-17-63  
MARTIN REIDY, 60, South Shops,  
Emp. 3-05-27. Died 10-20-63  
A. T. ROSELAND, 69, 69th street,  
Emp. 2-19-12. Died 10-12-63  
A. H. SAUER, 66, 69th street,  
Emp. 3-27-23. Died 10-05-63  
FRED SCHWEITZER, 58, Const. & Maint.,  
Emp. 5-02-36. Died 10-20-63

Our deepest regrets to REPAIRMAN ED SHIELDS, whose father-in-law passed away on October 22 . . . Kimball Car Cleaner JOE MORRISON spent his three-week vacation in New Orleans, Louisiana, while fellow Car Cleaner MIKE McCORMACK spent his one-week vacation seeing the sights of Chicago.

- Ray Brzezczek

#### WEST SECTION -

October seemed to be the month for births on the West Section. On October 12, Logan Square Conductor BUFORD and MRS. OLIVER announced the arrival of their third daughter, LENNELL. On October 5, Douglas Park Motorman ANTHONY M. and MRS. RUSSO became the proud parents of a son, ANTHONY MICHAEL Jr., their first child. Other proud parents were MOTORMAN RONALD SABOR and his wife, PATRICIA, who announced the birth of their second daughter, DIANE, on September 24 . . . We wish to congratulate COLLECTOR JOSEPH and MRS. GAVIN on their 38th anniversary. Helping

them celebrate the event were their five grandchildren . . . Logan Square Conductor STANLEY KAULES was ill for a time but we are glad to see him back again . . . Lake Street Conductors ED HOWES and HERBERT ELSNER were among our recent pensioners . . . PENSIONER GEORGE PRINZING, who was ill and had been admitted to Northwest hospital, has now been discharged and is home doing fine and feeling much better . . . INSTRUCTOR STANLEY CHRIST's brother, ORLAN, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to MISS JUDITH FOUNTAIN at St. Pius X church, Lombard, on October 5.

- Richard Martin

#### WEST SECTION (Agents) -

At this writing, AGENT HARRY COTTON is still on sick leave; we hope he will be able to resume his duties by the time this goes to press . . . It was gratifying to learn that AGENT WILLIAM FITZGERALD is now out of the hospital and recuperating at home. Best wishes from

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all of us, Bill . . . I was pleased to learn that AGENT LARRY SHALLBETTER is out of the hospital and doing nicely . . . AGENT PRU REILLY is still confined to her home due to illness and all of us join in sending her our best wishes for a speedy recovery . . . I was pleasantly surprised to receive a visit from EMIL KLIPP, retired agent, and am happy to report he looks in the pink of condition and extends his best regards to all.

It was good to see L. C. SMITH, member of the porter staff, back on the job again after being confined to the hospital for some weeks . . . AGENT GEORGE BOHAKEL is back on the job once again after being on sick leave for a week suffering from a virus . . . If any of you know where a used popcorn machine may be purchased we strongly advise that you get in immediate contact with PORTER CLARENCE JONES who has figured out a tremendous savings possible on a do-it-yourself basis to satisfy his inherent craving for this popular confection . . . Congratulations to AGENT BRIDGET KAIN, who became a grandmother for the 12th time when MICHAEL BRIAN WANGLER was ushered into this world October 28 . . . HERBERT ELSNER, board member, joined the ranks of the retired November 1, after a career of 45 years in transportation and we join in wishing him and his wife an abundance of good health and happiness in the relaxing years ahead.

- Gordon Kelly

### 77TH STREET -

Despite jets, missiles and such, it is our opinion that they still haven't invented anything that goes faster than a two-week vacation. We have returned from ours, which included a nice trip via train to New Hampshire. The weather was delightful, though very dry; the foliage had fallen from many of the trees early, on account of the drought, but what was left was very colorful. During our stay we had several new experiences, one of which was hearing and feeling the tremors of an earthquake which shook New England on October 16. The tremor was felt about 11:30 a.m. Along the Massachusetts North Shore the tremor was described as severe and some windows were shattered. Another new sight for us was to see how they bring up live lobsters from

THE APPROACH of the holidays has resulted in an air of peacefulness and quiet in the McCarthy household. However, normalcy is expected to return soon after Christmas when the children are off their "good behavior" and once again romping throughout the home. The McCarthy clan includes, from left to right (sitting), BRIAN, 22 months; THERESA, 6, and (standing) MARY BETH, 7, and ROBERT JOHN, 9. They are the children of BOB and ELIZABETH MCCARTHY. Bob is the sales representative in CTA's Charter Department.



traps anchored in the bay. On our last Sunday we drove up into Maine toward the White mountains to see the ski lifts, but owing to the drought and danger of forest fires, most of the eastern states had closed all the woods, so we only got to see the ski lifts from a great distance. Enough now of our trip. Oh yes, we overheard this on the train: "When you consider the price you have to pay for a steak, it makes it easier for you to understand why cows are sacred in India."

SUPERVISOR LESTER SAMUELSON retired November 1 after completion of 41 years service. He was formerly with the Motor Coach, and as he puts it, "was inherited" by CTA coming to District "A". A small "get together" was held in his honor in the district office with District Superintendent ANGELO TAGLER presenting a gift from his fellow workers. Coffee and cake was served, the cake being baked by Mrs. Brezek, wife of SUPERVISOR LEONARD BREZEK. We add our best wishes for a happy future to you, LES. . . RICHARD BASILE, son of OPERATOR and MRS. SAM BASILE, stationed in Germany with the 1st howitzer battalion, 35th Artillery, was one of ten American soldiers chosen to train with the West German army in the troop exchange program. He trained with the 245th artillery brigade, 1st mountain division, and was awarded the German mountain badge and panzer artillery pin. He climbed Mt. Esdentiny with the 245th mountain battalion and when he reached the top we are told, he kissed the cross that is placed there . . . It seems that quite a few supervisors have been wondering why SUPERVISOR JAMES GLYNN appears to have aged in the last few months. The mystery is now solved. Jim is now a grandpa, a baby boy having been sent to Little Company of Mary tagged for Jim's son and wife-the name, JAMES MICHAEL. That makes three James Glynn's now . . . Many more happy birthdays to Relief Superintendent JOHN LYNCH, who celebrated another year on Friday, December 13 (of all days). We looked up the date on our perpetual calendar, Mr. Lynch, and found that you were born on Saturday, not on Friday . . . Our sympathies are extended to CLERK WILLIAM MCCARTHY and family at the passing of his father, JOHN E. MCCARTHY, a retired CTA operator, on November 2. Also to CLERK ARTHUR ANDERSON, whose mother passed away in southern Illinois, November 7.

Assistant Superintendent FRANK KRAUSE and his wife left for a two-week vacation in Florida, flying as usual. They had planned to just enjoy the sunshine and naturally to visit the other flying KRAUSES, WANDA and JACK, in their newly established home in Miami . . . We are sorry to report that INSTRUCTOR CLARENCE (Butch) LUEBECK died on November 18 in Christ Community hospital, where he underwent surgery a second time. Our condolences to his family . . . SUPERVISOR MARTIN DURKIN went into St. Bernard hospital on November 11. Best wishes, Marty . . . OPERATOR RAYMOND CASTRO became a proud father when his wife presented him a baby boy, MARTIN RAYMOND, at South Chicago Community hospital . . . Wedding bells rang out October 13 when OPERATOR RAPHAEL WILSON and DOROTHY MOORE exchanged the traditional "I Do" at the home of the bride. The bride is the daughter of MRS. LUCY MOORE. The groom is the son of the late MR. and MRS. THOMAS WILSON of Gary. A small reception for immediate friends followed the ceremony.

- Roscoe Wakefield (The mysterious man of magic)



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