

# TRANSIT NEWS



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# Many Capital Improvements Listed for 1964



A DEFICIT budget for 1964, with estimated revenues of \$134,187,000 falling by \$3,549,500 to meet anticipated operation and maintenance costs, debt service charges and required deposits to depreciation reserve, was adopted December 5 by Chicago Transit Board. Board action followed a public hearing in the Board's offices at the Merchandise Mart.

## Third Largest Deficit Budget

"This is Chicago Transit Authority's third largest deficit budget since it began operations October 1, 1947," said George L. DeMent, Board chairman. "The anticipated deficit of \$3,549,500 is due principally to contract wage increases effective with the first payroll periods this December. A net average increase of ten and a half cents an hour, as compared with 1963, is anticipated for 1964. Some increase in material unit costs is also expected in 1964.

"Estimates of revenue for 1964 are based on riding volumes continuing at approximately current levels throughout 1964," Mr. DeMent explained. "We hope, however, to develop effective means of regaining riders that have been lost to our pri-

vate automobile competition since World War II. Furthermore, any additional improvement in employment, and an increase in business activities, should result in increased riding, and a consequent beneficial effect on revenues. Meanwhile, our vigorous efforts to achieve economies, without impairing the safety and efficiency of our services, will continue."

Larger deficit budgets, \$4,503,000 and \$3,745,000, were adopted by Chicago Transit Board in 1959 and 1957, respectively.

## Lower Revenues Anticipated

Of the \$134,187,000 in revenues anticipated for 1964, which is \$114,000 below estimated revenues for 1963, \$118,861,300 is budgeted for operating and maintenance expenses and \$8,140,000 for debt service, leaving only \$7,185,500 available to meet the \$10,735,000 required by law to be deposited in depreciation reserves in 1964. Annual deposits to depreciation reserves must equal eight per cent of gross receipts.

The \$118,861,300 budgeted for 1964 operation and maintenance expenses is \$3,449,300 greater than these estimated costs for 1963, and reflects the increased wage rates that will apply to most of CTA's approximately 13,000 employees throughout 1964.

Revenue passengers for 1964 are estimated at 489,523,000 -- 378,907,000 on the surface system and 110,616,000 on the rapid transit system. This is a decrease of .58 per cent compared with the 492,390,000 revenue passengers anticipated for 1963. The anticipated decrease on the surface system is 2,150,000 revenue passengers, down .56 per cent compared with 1963, and 717,000 revenue passengers on the rapid transit system, down .64 per cent. These decreases reflect the continuing competition from private automobiles, and the adverse effect of outlying automobile-oriented shopping centers on transit riding.

For plant improvements and purchase of new rolling stock in 1964, a total of \$28,784,000, including a carry-over of \$6,316,000 from 1963 and \$7,500,000 obtained from the sale of equipment

**OUR COVER:** The first heavy snow of the winter brought white beauty to the forest preserve areas in and around Chicago. Ponds and rivers were frozen over and though the trees had lost their summer greenery the blanket of snow created shadow patterns that softened the cold starkness of the wooded scene. Posed in the photo taken by CTA photographers is Marlene Kamholz of the Steno-Duplicating Department.

# As Board Adopts Budget

trust certificates, is budgeted. Funds for these purposes come primarily from depreciation reserves accumulated by charges against operating income in current and prior years. Many desirable improvements had to be eliminated because of the lack of funds.

Payment of \$18,990,000 for 180 "New Look" air-conditioned rapid transit cars is the major item in the 1964 capital budget. These cars are being built by Pullman-Standard of Chicago. Delivery is to start next April and to be completed late in August.

Other capital improvements budgeted are:

New Substation, Inspection and Yard Facilities at Lake Rapid Transit Route's Harlem-Circle Terminal -- \$790,000 to install electrical equipment in new substation and transportation building now under construction; \$250,000 to start installation of yard track and related electrical equipment, and \$150,000 for engineering plans and specifications for a new inspection shop.

## Escalators for 2 'L' Terminals

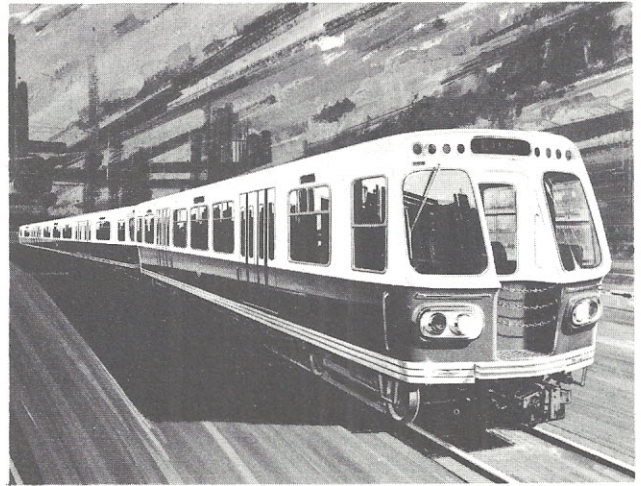
Howard and Logan Square Rapid Transit Terminals -- Installation of an escalator at each terminal station, \$130,000; installation of canopy at Howard terminal between off-street bus terminal facilities, where a canopy has been completed, and the station entrance, \$25,000; Howard terminal transportation office, \$100,000. Modernization of Howard terminal station is now being completed.

63rd and Loomis Rapid Transit Terminal -- Engineering work preliminary to extending the south track to west side of Loomis blvd. (the north track had already been extended), revising the stairs and platform serving the west side of the boulevard, and installation of an escalator, \$35,000.

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ARTIST'S CONCEPTION of the "New Look" rapid transit cars which will be delivered during 1964. Payment for these cars is the major item in the capital budget.

Trainphones -- Purchase and installation of trainphones for the West-Northwest rapid transit route, \$60,000. This installation will complete equipping the rapid transit system with trainphones. The North-South, Ravenswood, and Evanston routes now have trainphones, and this equipment is soon to be installed on Lake rapid transit route.

Track and Structure Renewals -- Work at various locations, \$1,260,000.

South Shops Modernization -- Improvements to existing facilities at 78th and Vincennes, \$220,000.

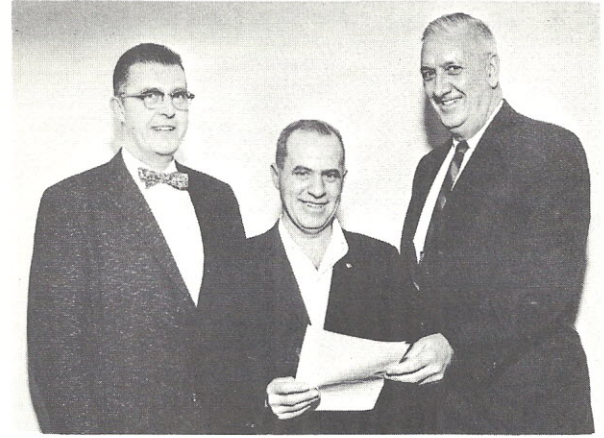
New Equipment and Improvements at Surface System Garages -- Expenditures at eight locations, \$215,000; new transportation office, Limits depot, \$74,000.

Substation improvements -- Installation of automatic D.C. circuit breakers at Lombard, Western and Illinois substations permitting a reduction in manpower requirements.

Installation of Third Rail, West Track, Howard to Granville -- Substitution of third rail for overhead trolley will permit trains not equipped with trolley poles to operate on this stretch of track.

Interlocking Facilities at Logan Square Terminal -- To complete work now underway, \$290,000.

Fare Boxes -- Payment for 600 fare boxes and pedestals, now on order. This is CTA's largest purchase of modern fare boxes.



CASH AWARDS recommended by the Suggestion Plan Committee helped make Christmas happier for three employees as they received checks for their prize-winning ideas. Pictured at the left is Willhem Behnke, repairman, North Avenue garage, being presented with a check for \$300.00 by T. B. O'Connor, general superintendent of Transportation and Shops and Equipment, and Rein Hirsch, machinist, fare box repair, South Shops, who is handed a \$50.00 award by E. E. Olmstead, assistant superintendent, Shops and Equipment, surface system. In the photo at the right, Edward DeStefano, stock clerk I, 78th and Vincennes, gets a \$75.00 award check from Mr. O'Connor, as J. T. Harty, superintendent of stores, looks on.

## Five Employees Share \$475.00 in Suggestion Awards

A \$300.00 award to Willhem Behnke, repairman, North Avenue Garage, topped the most recent list of employees whose suggestions were adjudged worthy of a cash reward by the Employees Suggestion Plan Committee.

Behnke's award-winning entry was submitted on June 4, 1962, and was referred to the Technical Service Division for consideration and follow-up.

The suggestion basically outlined a new procedure in the technique of replacing worn out rubber roofing on ACF-Brill trolley buses after deterioration of the original matting due to constant exposure to weather conditions. Behnke proposed that instead of re-covering the same area with new rubber matting, as had been anticipated, that certain portions of the roof be painted instead. He suggested installing a smaller mat behind the trolley bases, where a maintenance man would stand. The value of his suggestion was demonstrated during a test period when it was determined that a saving of approximately \$2,076.00 per year in material and labor charges would be realized by this method (See picture on page 5).

The committee also recommended distribution of \$175.00 in supplemental awards to four other employees for suggestions adopted previously which had proven practical in actual operations after extended tests.

They are: Edward DeStefano, stock clerk I, 78th and Vincennes, who was awarded an additional \$75.00 for an idea which brought him an original award of \$50.00; Rein Hirsch, machinist, fare

box repair, South Shops, who received an added \$50.00 for a suggestion supplementing an original award of \$10.00; Gerald Christensen, apprentice electrician, and Harold Kramp, armature winder, Electrical Department, who split an original award of \$175.00 last year, and who received a \$25.00 supplemental award each.

A simple revision of a form used by the Material and Supplies Department for the withdrawal of material resulted in the additional award for DeStefano. The new form simplifies and reduces considerably the paper work involved in processing requests. This in turn made possible an increase in the number of man hours available for stores personnel to perform other duties.

Hirsch collected his supplemental award when it was demonstrated under actual service conditions that the installation of a "delay unit" on Grant Fare Boxes eliminated troublesome jamming of quarters deposited in the coin register and greatly decreased the need for fare box repairs or replacement which previously had been as high as 150 fare boxes per week. It was found during a year-long test operation that the modification practically eliminated all jamming.

Christensen and Kramp teamed up on an idea for an improved method of repairing broken or burned out pins on rotary converters in substations at resulting savings in time and labor costs.

The five awards, totaling \$475.00, were announced on December 11 following approval of the Employee Suggestion Committee at an earlier meeting.

# Supervisors

## Complete

## Refresher

# Training Program



DUTIES OF supervisors were reviewed in a series of refresher training sessions held recently by the Transportation Department. This is one of the rapid transit groups which met in the Board Room at the Merchandise Mart. Elmer G. Milz, superintendent of rapid transit operations, is standing behind a slide projector which was used in showing visual presentations.

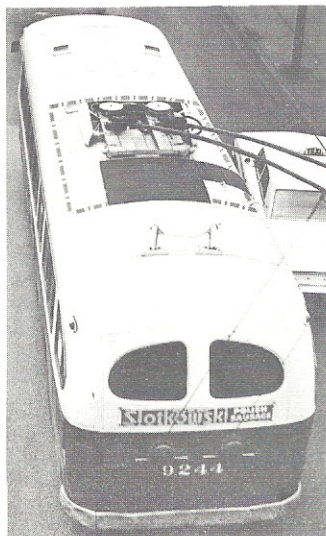
IN ANOTHER phase of the training activity, men who have previously qualified as members of the surface system instructors pool sit in for a class session at the training school at Limits station. Arthur Krickow, supervising instructor, is outlining the objectives of the refresher training to the group in attendance.

SOME 260 Transportation Department supervisors attended refresher training sessions held during November to discuss subjects pertinent to operations and review current rules and regulations affecting operating personnel.

Stressed were factors concerning improved safety, problems encountered during winter weather, reasons for standard operating procedures, proper handling of emergencies and similar matters designed to strengthen supervisory control of surface and rapid transit service requirements.

Twelve sessions for surface system supervisors were held at North Avenue and 69th stations over a four-day period from November 19 through November 22. About 200 regular supervisors attended. Four sessions for rapid transit supervisors, line supervisors and members of supervisors pool took place in the Board Room at the Merchandise Mart on November 26 and 27 with 60 attending the two-hour discussions.

Joseph J. Hemzacek, superintendent of surface operations, assisted by instructors, conducted the surface sessions, and Elmer G. Milz, superintendent of rapid transit operations, aided by an instructor, was in charge of the rapid transit program.



AN AWARD of \$300.00 to North Avenue Repairman Willhem Behnke was the result of his suggestion to install rubber matting behind the trolley bases on ACF-Brill buses instead of re-covering the entire area within the dashes on the accompanying picture. By decreasing the rubber-covered portion of the roof, CTA has realized material and labor savings.

# Lake Route is Fourth to Get Trainphones

TRAINPHONES WERE placed in use on CTA's Lake rapid transit route on January 13, establishing this as CTA's fourth rapid transit route to be so equipped. Installation of the communication system on the remaining route, the West-Northwest, is scheduled for later this year.

For the Lake route installation, 28 trainphones were purchased from the Union Switch and Signal company, of Swissvale, Pa., for \$12,775. Installation cost about \$17,225.

The trainphones provide direct communication between CTA's Operations Control in the Merchandise Mart and the motormen of trains on the road. The motorman of an in-service train is

able to report instantly and directly to Operations Control in emergencies such as illness of a passenger, equipment failure, a disturbance or other situations which cause delays or gaps in service.

The installation of trainphones is just one of several service improvements for Lake rapid transit riders. In October 1962, the street-level section of the route between Laramie avenue, Chicago, and Harlem avenue, Oak Park, was elevated to the North Western right-of-way eliminating 22 street-grade crossings. Beginning in April, the Lake route is to receive 132 of the 180 air conditioned "New Look" rapid transit cars which are being purchased from Pullman-Standard of Chicago for \$18,990,000.



PORTABLE TRAINPHONES of the two types pictured here are now in use on four CTA rapid transit routes. The WABCO trainphone units (left) are assigned as follows: 28 to the Lake route and 12 to the Evanston route. Thirty-two of the FEMCO trainphone units (right) are assigned to the Ravenswood route and 78 are used on the North-South route (Howard-Englewood and Howard-Jackson Park).



## South Side Collector Lauded by Students

A RECENT edition of the Bogan High school newspaper, "The Bengal Lancer," included an editorial naming Collector James Geary as CTA's most cheerful employe. Titled "A Smile Makes All The Difference," the article appeared as follows:

Mr. James Geary is known by many students who take the Pulaski bus home from school. Each school day, from 8th period on, Mr. Geary dutifully loads buses at the rear door, as a CTA Loading Supervisor.

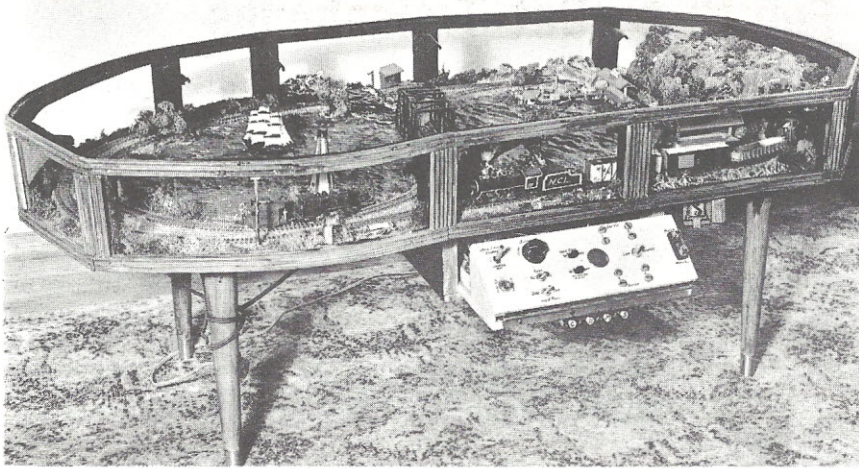
This dedicated man was assigned to Bogan two years ago December 1, and has served the students faithfully. He has been with the Chicago Transit Authority for 25 years, and has been a loading supervisor for the last 11 of them. Previously he was assigned to duty at Tilden Technical High School.

Mr. Geary was born in our windy city, and is married. He is President of Division 52 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Asked what comment he had concerning Bogan students, based on his 2-year experience, Mr. Geary replied, "There're no children in any other school as lovely as mine (referring to Bogan students)."



CTA'S EMISSARY of good will at Bogan High school, Collector James Geary, is shown here loading students on northbound South Pulaski buses at 79th street.



## Builds Table Top Railroad as Hobby Project

A UNIQUE coffee table featuring a model railroad installation on its top is a home workshop production of Alfred B. Giddins, legal investigator, Claim Department. The scale model, which took him three years to complete, is a decorative fixture in the living room of his home.

COFFEE TABLES come in many styles and designs, but it is not likely that you'll find another so unique as the one in the home of Alfred B. Giddins, legal investigator, Claim Department.

On the top of a coffee table, in an area only four feet long by two feet wide, Al has reproduced in precise detail a small scale model electric railroad complete with an oval-shaped, two-track layout equipped with auxiliary installations such as four separate blocks, a turnaround loop, two sidings, a bridge and a tunnel.

The story of the project dates back to 1956 when Al's wife, Marion, mentioned that she would like to have a coffee table for their living room. Al took the hint and being a handy man with tools decided it was a do-it-yourself job and busied himself in his home workshop.

It was then that he got the idea to build a different sort of a coffee table, a rather unconventional type, and he incorporated in its design the model railroad which, incidentally he named the "New Chicago Line."

Confined by the limitations of the table top area, Al had to purchase the smallest parts and units available. These were manufactured to the TT (table top) scale of 1/10 inch to the foot. To illustrate the small size of the material with which he worked, the track over which the trains operate are less than one-half inch wide.

The railroad is controlled from a switch panel which slides in and out under the table, and five side panels can be opened for easy access to the train. He has two complete trains, one pulled by an 0-6-0 engine, the other pulled by a "Tiny Tim" or dockside engine. These can be operated either singly or simultaneously. The sharpest curve radius is nine inches, which limits the size of the engine.

The entire material cost was about \$125.00, including the table top which is made from a piece

of one-quarter inch glass. The table itself is finished in honey maple.

It was a long and tedious job assembling and fitting all the component parts together. Never having seen a piece of furniture anything like the one he was planning, Al had nothing to guide him except his imagination, perseverance and the original idea. It took him almost three years to complete the unusual project, but he figures he could cut down that time considerably if he should ever make a similar layout.

Al organized the TT Railroad Club of Chicago in 1958 with nine members. He is interested in knowing if there are other coffee table railroad layouts and would be glad to exchange data and photos with others whose hobby is TT scale modeling. He is currently working on an operating model of the once famous "Toonerville Trolley" which he may offer for sale later on. This was featured in the popular cartoon "Toonerville Folks" that appeared in the daily papers several decades ago.



TO ILLUSTRATE the small size of the parts with which he worked in building the railroad Giddins, shown with his wife, Marion, holds an engine and caboose in the palm of his hand.

# Filmed CTA Story Added to Job-Training Program

A GROUP of newly-hired employes view the slide-sound presentation of the CTA story as part of their job-training program. The film is informational in content and is designed to acquaint new personnel with the responsibilities and opportunities of their CTA jobs. The orientation program, instituted recently, was developed by the Training and Accident Prevention Department.

AN ORIENTATION program designed to acquaint new employes with the responsibilities and opportunities provided by their CTA jobs has recently been initiated by the Training and Accident Prevention Department and is now a part of the regular CTA job-training procedures.

Presently limited to new personnel assigned to CTA general offices in the Merchandise Mart and members of Transportation Department instruction classes at the CTA Training Center, future plans call for the expansion of the program to all new CTA employes.

The program utilizes printed booklets and a slide-sound film projector in its presentation of the CTA story, which covers personnel policies, the CTA organization, the service provided to the metropolitan area and other salient facts about CTA operations.

Picture sequences trace the development and history of local transportation since the days when the first horsecars began operation in Chicago on April 25, 1859, on State street between Randolph and 12th streets, with original equipment consisting of an 18-passenger, 12-foot long bobtailed car.

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## Employee's Son Honored by Scouts

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AT THE recent recognition dinner held by the Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts, among the boys honored was Carl Helfrich, son of Willis Helfrich, Executive Office, who last year attained the coveted rank of Eagle scout.

In reaching this rank he became one of only 180 scouts of the 50,000 enrolled in the Chicago area to qualify for this honor. Nationally, only one per cent of the 4,000,000 members of the organization have earned this rating.

Carl also was one of four boys chosen to represent scouting on the "Off the Cuff" television show, where he was interviewed on scout activities by Norman Ross, local commentator.



Other portions of the presentation emphasize the important role played by public transportation in the development of Chicago, pointing out that it has been responsible to a great extent for the manner in which Chicago has grown. The pattern set in the early years of Chicago's expansion was for merchants to locate their establishments along streetcar lines to make them easily accessible to the public. Locations where two lines intersected were especially desirable. The lasting effects of these enterprising business concerns to take advantage of public transportation are evident in many of today's great shopping and industrial areas served by CTA routes.

The new era of growth and progress achieved since consolidation of transit facilities under CTA management and plans for future development to keep pace with the modern city also are highlighted in the CTA story.

Future plans include the expansion of the program on a system-wide basis to provide an opportunity for all employes to view the presentation. Showings will be made at all operating stations, shops and other installations and the use of mobile training buses at other locations is contemplated.

PICTURED HERE are the four scouts with the principal speakers at the dinner. Seated at the table, left to right, are James T. Griffin, chairman; Robert Mathias, Olympic decathlon champion; James W. Wittaker, famed mountain climber, and Alden G. Barber, scout executive. The boys are, from left to right, Daniel Haas, Pete Ganovich, Carl Helfrich and Edwin Ford.





# OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS



THE VALUE of good personal service is never more apparent than in the commendations received from customers who realize that a courteous, pleasant attitude in performance of duty reflects a sense of job responsibility that deserves recognition. Every employe who comes in contact with the riding public is provided with the opportunity to test and prove this statement.

Selling CTA service basically is a matter of promoting customer good will. Fundamentally, it adds up to the employes understanding of personal service. It is not simply the compliance with rules and regulations, though these are important, but an understanding of human nature. The moods of people are changeable. One day they may be ill-tempered and difficult to please. The next day they might be more affable and accept trying situations in a calm and unruffled manner. These opposing attitudes often depend upon personal problems which have nothing to do with their antagonistic outbreak of feeling toward others.

Employes who conduct themselves in a considerate, efficient, accommodating and helpful manner make their jobs much easier for themselves. These are "extras" that count in daily contacts with the public, as indicated by the following commendations received recently. This letter was signed by seven CTA patrons:

"There is a bus driver, badge number 553 (Willie J. Burns, 52nd) of whom we feel CTA should be proud. He has a smile for everyone who gets on his bus, the Number 5 Jeffery. We have never heard him get angry if the passengers don't have any change. It is always nice to get a greeting of 'good morning' from him.

If he knows a person gets on at a certain corner and finds he isn't there, he will slow down to see if he is coming. If he sees a person running and thinks he wants his bus, he will also wait. If the person finds out it is the wrong bus, the driver smiles and goes on his way. We know that sometimes he does not feel very well, but he still manages to greet us all nicely. He is a credit to CTA."

This commendation for a rapid transit system employe comes from an executive of a large downtown bank:

"I was so impressed on this morning's ride on an Evanston Express out of Linden Avenue by

the complete efficiency of your employe, No. 21701 (Conductor Luther Wakefield, North Section) that I decided to write this letter. From the moment I stepped on his train I felt an air of efficiency. His enunciation was perfect and his delivery loud and clear. There are so many people who make the mistake of getting on the wrong train, but after hearing him announce that this was an Evanston Express, an extra fare train, with no stops between Loyola and the Merchandise Mart, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that we were on the right train.

I think that this is so very important because I have seen so many people confused as a result of an improper announcement or no announcement at all. I also want to add one more bouquet: Your time schedules on this run are amazingly perfect."

Passups continue to be a major cause of complaints. During the winter months, when patrons are left standing in the cold, they are particularly aggravating. An example is cited in this letter:

"I am a regular CTA patron and have become very dissatisfied with a recent situation pertaining to buses passing up designated stops. Every evening at least a dozen of us have to wait for five or six buses to pass before one decides to stop. It's got to the point where we have taken turns signalling and waving to get the operator's attention. These drivers who pass us by are, by no means, operating crowded vehicles."

COMMENT: Passing up passengers, except under extreme circumstances, is the same as a salesman refusing to accept a needed sale. When an operator of an unfilled bus speeds past a regular stop without opening the door, he not only causes resentment against himself but also downgrades CTA service and harms CTA's public relations.

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

	December 1963	November 1963	December 1962
Commendations	138	112	104
Complaints	1,461	1,063	1,036

**LOCATION:** Electrical Department

**INQUIRING REPORTER:** Don Crandall & Bill Rehder

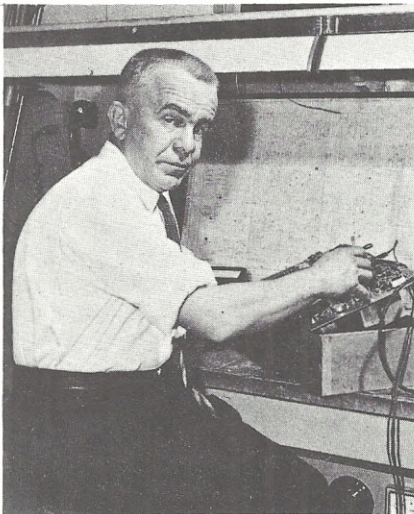
**QUESTION:** What major improvements instituted by CTA management do you think have contributed most to the betterment of service?



JOHN FRIEDMAN, lineman helper (with Reporter Don Crandall): "The greatest improvement was the institution of 'L' service in the Congress Expressway. The 6000-type cars and skip-stop service have contributed to faster schedules, and the CTA Courtesy, Training, and Accident prevention programs have resulted in all-around better service."



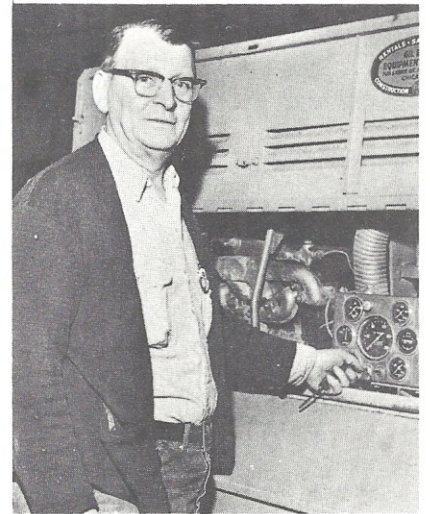
FRED MARIANE, distribution engineer (with Reporter Bill Rehder): "The inauguration of rapid transit service in the Congress Expressway and the Park-'N'-Ride facilities have contributed to more efficient service and convenience to our patrons."



FRED DAMROW, communication technician: "Communications is a tool of ever-increasing importance to CTA and the people it serves. An up-graded radio system and the new and expanding trainphone system have contributed much to improve schedule adherence."



BEN NIELSON, lineman: "I think that the purchase of new 'L' cars and new buses, together with the elevation of the Lake rapid transit route to the North Western right-of-way, has helped service considerably."



WILLARD LOOS, lineman helper: "The merger of the surface and rapid transit systems into one company made for better overall service and convenience."

# MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin  
CTA Medical Consultant

## HUMAN EMOTIONS - THEIR RELATION TO HEALTH

THE RELATION of emotions to health is an extremely important subject. According to a recent news release from the American Medical Association it was estimated that about 70 percent of all people, who consult their doctor for various aches and pains, have an emotional basis for their ailments.

An emotion is defined as the state of mind that manifests itself by a perceptible change in the body functions. These changes in body functions, especially when in the form of headache or stomach pains and other common complaints are real and may be more intense than the discomfort from a broken bone. Our emotions supply the energy which make the mind and body work. They are classified broadly in two groups.

The first group is the positive group which is composed of those emotions which stimulate good constructive thinking, such as hope, love, desire, joy, confidence, importance, pleasure, enthusiasm, courage, comfort and so on.

Then there is the negative group which stimulates destructive thinking and it is made up of such emotions as fear, anxiety, worry, revenge, anger, jealousy, greed, hate and hostility.

It must be obvious that when the constructive emotions are in command one usually feels relatively well and happy. On the other hand, when the destructive emotions are in control one feels depressed and sick. Unfortunately, fear and worry are two of the strongest and most dominating of all man's emotions. When they predominate a destructive effect is noted on the positive emotions mentioned above. Worry and fear, as we all know can lead to stomach ulcers, heart trouble, colitis, many other illnesses, and even suicide.

It is easily understood that proper balance of emotions is very important for good health. To avoid psychosomatic illness and its serious effects we must learn to control our thoughts and to think right. A few suggestions from the AMA article are:

1. Quit looking for symptoms of illness. Don't analyze your own feelings all the time. Think of your unfortunate neighbor. Help him and you will forget your own troubles.

2. Learn to like your work. Satisfaction at work is one of the most important methods to dispel fear and worry.

3. Try to develop a hobby. This helps tremendously to relieve stress and tension from any cause.

4. Learn to like people. Carrying a grudge against people is very destructive. Friendliness with admiration for people is much worth while.

5. Learn the art of adjusting to situations. If they are constructive much benefit will be derived. If adversity strikes adjust to that also.

6. Learn to control your talk. Cheerful remarks are stimulating and beneficial. On the other hand mean, hurtful remarks cause unhappiness and do no one any good.

7. In conclusion, keep your emotions well balanced for good health. Learn to face your challenges and problems with confidence, decision and action. Don't continue to postpone decisions. Take the necessary time to analyze what you are going to do, then do it and dismiss it from your mind.

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## RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

BELL, RONALD C., Operator, 77th street  
BRESLIN, WILLIAM J., Operator, 69th street  
COLEMAN, JAMES E., Operator, Archer  
COOKE, PATRICK J., Operator, North Park  
DARKE, JAMES C., Operator, North avenue  
DWYER, EDMUND M. JR., Cleaner, Kedzie  
GAEGER, KARL E., Invoice Post. Clerk, Accounting  
LORIMER, RICHARD J., Repairman, Congress Terminal  
MORRIS, LEONARD W., Operator, 69th street  
RICHARDSON, PONDER F., Operator, North avenue  
STINGLEY, HAROLD E. JR., Operator, Kedzie

## RECENTLY RETURNED

BOWEN, CHARLES I. JR., Operator, North avenue  
GUTHRIE, JAMES A., File Clerk, Claim Dept.  
HORNE, JOHN D., Operator, Kedzie  
LOVE, ROBERT A., Operator, 69th street  
PROCTOR, KENNETH D., Operator, North Park  
RAND, JODIE A. JR., Extra Guard, South Section  
SMITH, B., Operator, Forest Glen  
SPEARMAN, CHARLES E., Operator, Lawndale  
WATSON, WINFRED L., Conductor, South Section

# CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS  
MONTHS OF NOVEMBER 1963 AND 1962, ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1963 AND 1962  
AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1963

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

	Month of November		Eleven Months Ended		Twelve
	1963	1962	November 30,		Months Ended
	1963	1962	1963	1962	Nov. 30, 1963
Revenues	\$10,833,609	\$11,329,723	\$122,835,530	\$126,671,651	\$134,004,827
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	<u>9,454,126</u>	<u>9,512,593</u>	<u>105,334,406</u>	<u>105,075,835</u>	<u>115,418,791</u>
Available for Debt Service	<u>1,379,483</u>	<u>1,817,130</u>	<u>17,501,124</u>	<u>21,595,816</u>	<u>\$18,586,036</u>
Debt Service Requirements:					
Interest Charges	310,461	325,892	3,485,838	3,673,494	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond Maturity Fund	166,667(1)	166,667	1,833,333	1,833,333	
Deposits to Sinking Funds (2) - Series of 1947	156,045	144,887	1,649,545	1,537,713	
Series of 1952	33,333	31,250	366,667	343,750	
Series of 1953	<u>10,145</u>	<u>9,510</u>	<u>111,593</u>	<u>176,142</u>	
	<u>676,651</u>	<u>678,206</u>	<u>7,446,976</u>	<u>7,564,432</u>	
Balance Available for Depreciation Provision for Depreciation	702,832	1,138,924	10,054,148	14,031,384	
Deficit in Depreciation Provision or Balance Available for Other Charges (3)	163,857 r	232,546	227,306	3,897,652	
Appropriated for Revenue Bond Amortization	—	—	—	<u>950,141</u>	
Balance Available for Other Charges or Deficit in Depreciation at Beginning of Period	<u>391,163</u>	—	—	<u>843,082 r</u>	
Balance Available for Other Charges at Close of Period	<u>\$227,306</u>	<u>\$232,546</u>	<u>\$227,306</u>	<u>\$2,104,429</u>	

r - Denotes Red Figures.

#### PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers	<u>40,018,016</u>	<u>41,879,943</u>	<u>450,655,257</u>	<u>463,676,973</u>	<u>491,889,261</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.

## Eight Named to New Transportation Posts

EIGHT APPOINTMENTS affecting operating personnel were announced recently by D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation.

Effective December 15, R. W. Meisner became station superintendent at 61st; T. D. Boyle, assistant station superintendent at Howard; J. J. Tyrdik, relief station superintendent, North-South; J. H. Walsh, senior station instructor, South Section, and John Logay, senior station instructor, 69th.

On December 1, the following appointments went into effect: E. W. Novak, relief district superintendent, Districts A-B; Walter Prosen, district supervisor, District A, and William Mazeika, relief district supervisor, Districts A-B-C.

The appointments were approved by T. B. O'Connor, general superintendent of transportation, and General Manager W. J. McCarter.

# Sound Money Management

## Helps Family Budget

THERE ARE probably few New Year's resolutions that are as popular -- or as necessary -- as "I'll try to manage my money better next year." For many families, alas, this is one resolution that always seems to remain at the good intentions stage.

There is no magic formula to staying ahead of the bills, except perhaps the ability to say "no" to budget-busting expenses. But there are some common sense principles for sound money management.

The first, according to the Institute of Life Insurance, is to draw up some sort of realistic money management plan. This doesn't necessarily mean "living by the book." In fact, complex, overly-detailed budgets can sometime be more a burden than a help. The same goes for penny-by-penny accounting of daily expenses.

"Realism" is one of the key words in the vocabulary of budgeting. A good budget can't make two dollars do the work of three, or reform a spend-thrift, or change radically a family's ways of spending money. However, it can and should reflect the family's real goals, needs and interests. And, of course, it should take into account past financial history (for instance, debts to be paid off) and benefits available on the job (group life and health insurance, pension plan, Social Security, etc.).

Another basic principle is "first things first." Every family has fixed items, payments that have to be met -- rent, heat, utilities, insurance premiums. Then comes an emergency fund for the unexpected and the allocation for day-to-day expenses (food, running the household and the car). After these have been taken care of, any workable plan includes an order of priorities for the distribution of the remaining money.

In families, sound money management is accomplished simply by talking over proposed expenditures and keeping a sensible balance between income and outgo. Most families, however, use some form of financial records -- ranging all the way from a simple account book to complex ledgers where the amount of money available for each type of expense is carefully spelled out.

Many still prefer some variation of the familiar envelope system. Dad brings his pay home in cash, which is then parceled out into as many envelopes as there are major items of family expenditure.



Simple as this system sounds, it has a number of drawbacks -- apart from the obvious risk involved in keeping substantial amounts of cash around the house. This system probably made better sense in the days when money generally was earned -- and spent -- on a week-to-week basis. But nowadays more and more people are paid about twice a month, and some -- such as teachers and government workers -- just once a month.

A similar pattern can be seen on the spending side of the ledger as well. In addition to housing costs -- which traditionally have been on a monthly basis -- people now have car and installment loan payments, insurance premiums, charge accounts, etc., to the point that many families have a quarter to a third of their after-tax income committed to regular monthly expenses. To complicate matters further, most of those payments are generally made by mail.

All this helps explain the soaring popularity of personal checking accounts, which can serve as a kind of informal financial control or, better yet, as a supplement to a more formal type of budget.

Knowing where the money went is not quite the same thing as budgeting, but it's the first step in drawing up or revising a budget to make sure it's realistic -- and therefore more likely to work out over the long pull.

Perhaps the most important word in talking about budgets is "attitude." The actual system adopted makes little difference. What counts is how well and how consistently it's used. It's no coincidence that financial troubles seem to haunt families that resort to a budget only in times of difficulty and abandon it until the next crisis appears on the horizon. A wiser course, the experts say, is to use a money management plan not as a remedy but as preventive medicine for financial ills.

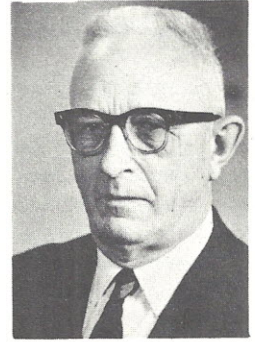
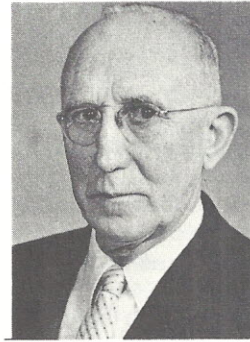
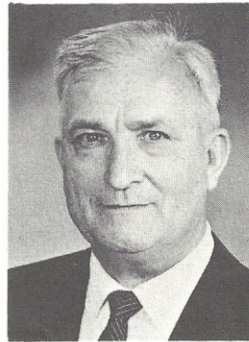
# NEW PENSIONERS

GEORGE G. BAEHR, Engine Blower,  
North avenue, Emp. 11-06-42  
JOHN E. BARRETT, Truck Helper,  
Const. & Maint., Emp. 8-15-18  
JOSEPH F. BRADY, Supervisor,  
Beverly, Emp. 7-22-27  
MILES D. COLEMAN, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-13-21  
ARTHUR F. FOX, Operator,  
77th street, Emp. 8-16-21  
JOHN A. GAMBLE, Gateman,  
Howard, Emp. 7-12-46  
ELMER W. GNECH, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-09-29  
CARMEN GUIDO, Machine Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 10-14-41  
LUDWIG GUST, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 9-10-29  
WILLIAM A. HEDEN, Collector,  
69th street, Emp. 1-04-24  
PETER HENRY, Bus Repairman,  
77th street, Emp. 8-16-26  
LOWRY L. JOHNSON, Operator,  
77th street, Emp. 9-19-23  
ROBERT J. JOHNSTON, Bus Repairman,  
North Park, Emp. 6-08-37  
THOMAS KERRIGAN, Bus Repairman,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-29-41  
MICHAEL J. KERSNICK, Laborer,  
Const. & Maint., Emp. 6-28-22  
EDWARD H. KREUTZ, Ticket Agent,  
Congress, Emp. 11-11-26  
JOSEPHINE V. MEYER, Ticket Agent,  
South Section, Emp. 2-28-44  
CLARENCE B. MILLION, Operator,  
77th street, Emp. 10-16-29  
ANN MURPHY, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 6-14-40  
JOSEPH A. MURPHY, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 12-07-28

MICHAEL PHILBIN, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 12-11-22  
GEORGE PILKINGTON, Laborer,  
Const. & Maint., Emp. 12-12-28  
ROBERT L. PROSSER, Asst. Supervisor,  
Const. & Maint., Emp. 12-15-20  
WALTER J. REDMOND, Conductor,  
Kimball, Emp. 12-30-44  
SYLVESTER ROLNICKI, Electrician,  
Electrical Dept., Emp. 3-20-36  
McKINLEY ROSS, Motorman,  
Lake street, Emp. 9-03-47  
ANDREW L. STEVENS, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 10-07-26  
MARTIN J. TEZAK, Ticket Agent,  
Lake street, Emp. 2-22-23  
HAROLD C. VANGEN, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 7-10-23  
LUTHER WARRICK, Repairman,  
Skokie, Emp. 10-15-46  
WILLIAM K. WOOD, Operator,  
77th street, Emp. 11-23-26

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

PATRICK DURKIN, Operator,  
77th street, Emp. 8-22-42  
LOUIS J. KUHN, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 11-25-36  
FRANK J. MAREK, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 1-14-29  
JOHN McDONALD, Janitor,  
77th street, Emp. 3-20-26  
LESTER I. McNAMARA, Operator,  
North avenue, Emp. 6-03-29  
STEPHEN B. SOMMERS, Collector,  
77th street, Emp. 10-06-26



FIVE TRANSPORTATION Department employes who retired January 1 with 40 or more years of service each are (from left to right): Martin Tezak, Miles Coleman, Harold Vangen, Michael Philbin, and Lowry Johnson.

# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING -

We are always glad to write about the outside activities of any of our employes, and word has come to us that our boy, ED O'ROURKE, has again proven himself to be an up-and-coming actor. His role was that of an Irish streetcar conductor, Peter Muldoon, in the play "Gone Tomorrow," presented by the Lombard Kiwanis Club. We are proud of Ed's work - he puts so much of himself into it. Even to scouting around to find an old surface conductor's uniform to authenticate the role. Good luck and keep up the good work . . . We offer our condolences to JEANETTE KELLY upon the loss of her mother last month . . . EVE LEU and PAULINE TORREY each took a vacation to ready their homes for the holidays and to do last-minute shopping . . . A little thing like a blizzard or a heavy snowstorm didn't keep BOB RISE and his roommate, DON WESTVELD, from flying to Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the Yuletide. Don's father, who lives there, has been very ill and the boys made up their minds to spend the holidays with him. We are sure he appreciated their efforts. But next time they fly, they are taking snowshoes along, too!

ART JOHNSON lost no time after retiring last month. He packed bag, baggage and fishing poles, and of course his little wife, BESS, and drove down to the land of sunshine and warm sands - where else - Florida. He has taken residence at Madeira Beach. He sends post cards to remind us - retirement is a wonderful life to look forward to. Just how lucky can one guy get? . . . We welcome JANTINA KIRK, our new key punch operator, and DENIS LISTON and JAMES BROGAN, new transfer counters at Division and Western. TOM KOZLOWSKI transferred to Steno-Duplicating Department, and WAYNE MATEJKA to the Shops and Equipment Department.

We have heard good news from DELORES HALPIN, a former employe. She had a baby daughter and called the little doll COLLEEN . . . Sorry to report that MARY KAY CURTIN's mother had a fall and is now home recuperating with a broken arm.

- Marie Coari & Eileen Neurauter

## CLAIMS -

We are sorry to report that FRANK SEPANSKI, chief vault clerk and former Claim Department scribe, died on December 9. Our condolences are extended to his family, and to JEANNE LUDMANN, release clerk II, and her family on the sudden death of her father on December 22 . . . VERNON THORNTON, blind case clerk II, and his wife traileered to Ft. Myers, Florida, in November. Vern reports fishing good at Lake Okeechobee and just picking up in the Gulf. Ft. Myers is recommended as the center of many attractions . . . ARNOLD GUSTAFSON, adjuster, and his wife just returned from a vacation in Palo Alto, California, where they visited their daughter, son-in-law, and four grandchildren . . . LORRAINE A. LUBAWY, daughter of JOSEPH R. LUBAWY, adjuster, was named 1963 winner of the Annual

Achievements Awards competition sponsored by The National Council of Teachers of English. Lorraine, a senior at Immaculate Heart of Mary High school, is one of 870 students who competed for the coveted NCTE citation. Lorraine plans to go on to a university to take courses in English literature and philosophy. Our wishes for her success go with her.

We welcome back JAMES GUTHRIE, vault clerk, who recently returned from the armed services . . . Your new scribes wish to extend their desire to everyone of much happiness and success during the coming year.

- Barbara Mika & Sylvia Uspel

## CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE -

Welcome to TERRI FEULNER our new steno from Stenographic replacing MARIANNE KOLZ, who left on December 13 to await the stork. Marianne, we hated to see you leave but we know you will enjoy being the perfect little mother. Best of everything to you . . . Congratulations to WALTER HALLFORD, draftsman, who was graduated from Chicago Technical college with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering on December 20, and who was elected vice president of his graduating class. Wally got his education the hard way by attending night school. It was a long grind and we wish him the very best of luck as a mechanical engineer . . . Congratulations to A. R. SANDBERG, planning and development engineer, on the marriage of his daughter, VIRRAY, to GEORGE PROW, of Barrington, on November 23. . . MR. and MRS. J. D. JOEFFREY celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on the 24th of November with 9:30 mass at the Immaculate Heart of Mary church. A reception followed at the Skorish Village on the Northwest side of Chicago . . . MARTY IMBRAGUGLIO, design draftsman, moved into his new house--ranch style with six rooms--in Norridge.

- Carmella Gargano

## ELECTRICAL -

Congratulations to LINEMAN HOWARD GOBERNATZ, whose wife gave birth to a baby girl on November 26. The new arrival makes it three now for the Gobernatz family. LINEMAN PATRICK CAGNEY also became the proud father of a baby boy on December 12 . . . LINEMAN DINO FUGGITI returned to work after a long illness . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Power Supervisor JOHN CHWISTEK, whose mother passed away on November 14, and also to Lineman Helper CHARLES SALVATORE on the loss of his brother who passed away on December 4 . . . H. D. WILSON, design engineer, and Lineman Helper CHARLES SALVATORE returned to work recently after being absent because of illness. . . Many happy returns to Third Rail Construction Foreman CHARLES KNUTSON, who celebrated a birthday on November 29 . . . Congratulations to Lineman Helper CHARLES SALVATORE, who recently became a grand-

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father for the third time . . . At this writing, "B" Maintainer W. CARLSON and LINEMAN G. BITTOURNA are spending their vacations in and around Chicago . . . The many friends and co-workers of Light Maintenance Foreman SIGMUND DOBOSIEWICZ helped him to celebrate his birthday with cake and coffee on December 18.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

FOREST GLEN -

Last week at this time, I was getting myself a good sun tan down in Florida. Upon returning to Chicago, with the temperature around zero, I had to wait until my fingers had thawed out so that I could write this column. I was in the company of OPERATOR EDWARD and MRS. MUCHA and DR. and MRS. LOUIS MICEK. I had a chance to visit PENSIONER ART PETERSON and his wife in Ft. Lauderdale. Art was very ill last spring, which I was very sorry to hear. He is making a very slow recovery but should be up to par soon. I was very sorry that I was unable to visit PENSIONER FRED BARTZ, who is in St. Petersburg, and LEO GOLONSKI, who is in the vicinity of Pompano Beach. We took advantage of our being located near Miami and took the four-day cruise to Nassau on the S.S. Bahama Star. In all my experiences of vacations this cruise offers (lodging, meals, entertainment, etc.) more for your money than you would get elsewhere. While in Nassau, we rented a car and toured

the whole island. We were able to see the luxurious estates, hotels and various points of interest, as well as the section that is primitive and quaint . . . PAUL PRADELDT went on disability pension December 1. The same for JAMES (Cuz) CARPINO who will be missed very much as he had a lot of action going between the depot and Ponty's restaurant. We wish them the best of luck in their future plans . . . Congratulations are in order for OPERATORS ROBERT and MRS. TAYLOR and JOHN and MRS. KORMAN, who were blessed with baby girls in November . . . Congratulations are also in order for OPERATOR ODELL ZEIGLER, who was married to LURA ANN WASHINGTON on December 6.

- Frank Carpino

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

The girls from the Insurance Department had their annual Christmas outing on the "Sari S," Chicago's own show boat, on December 19. A wonderful time was reported by everyone and prepared them all for the jolly man who descends the chimney on Christmas . . . CAROL SCHMIDT sang with the other members of Musichorale, at Orchestra hall on December 6, when "Musichorale Noel" was presented. Beforehand, Carol and her friends in Insurance had dinner at Berghoffs restaurant in order to sustain themselves for the event. This was Carol's third year with this singing group . . . Your scribe

Taxpayer's Guide to Local Sales Tax Allowances

ILLINOIS		RESIDENTS' AVERAGE GENERAL SALES TAX PAYMENTS*					1963
Income as shown on line 9, page 1, Form 1040	Single person	Family size					
		2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 or more persons	
Under \$1,000.....	20	30	45	55	60	65	
\$1,000 under \$1,500.....	33	46	60	70	75	80	
\$1,500 under \$2,000.....	41	57	71	80	85	90	
\$2,000 under \$2,500.....	49	67	82	88	95	100	
\$2,500 under \$3,000.....	57	78	92	98	105	110	
\$3,000 under \$3,500.....	64	88	101	108	115	120	
\$3,500 under \$4,000.....	73	98	111	118	125	129	
\$4,000 under \$4,500.....	80	108	120	128	135	139	
\$4,500 under \$5,000.....	87	118	128	137	144	148	
\$5,000 under \$5,500.....	93	126	137	145	153	158	
\$5,500 under \$6,000.....	98	137	147	154	162	168	
\$6,000 under \$6,500.....	104	142	154	162	172	177	
\$6,500 under \$7,000.....	110	150	162	170	180	188	
\$7,000 under \$7,500.....	115	157	168	178	189	198	
\$7,500 under \$8,000.....	119	163	177	185	198	210	
\$8,000 under \$8,500.....	124	170	184	192	207	220	
\$8,500 under \$9,000.....	128	176	190	199	215	229	
\$9,000 under \$9,500.....	132	182	198	206	224	239	
\$9,500 under \$10,000.....	134	188	205	213	232	248	
\$10,000 under \$11,000.....	138	196	215	222	245	262	
\$11,000 under \$12,000.....	143	207	228	233	260	278	
\$12,000 under \$13,000.....	150	217	239	242	272	293	
\$13,000 under \$14,000.....	153	229	250	252	284	308	
\$14,000 under \$15,000.....	156	239	259	262	295	321	
\$15,000 under \$16,000.....	158	246	266	271	304	334	
\$16,000 under \$17,000.....	161	253	272	279	313	345	
\$17,000 under \$18,000.....	163	260	277	287	320	353	
\$18,000 under \$19,000.....	166	267	280	293	327	361	
\$19,000 under \$20,000.....	168	273	287	301	332	368	

\*Based on the Illinois general sales tax rate of 3-1/2 percent, plus the city and county sales tax rate of 1/2 percent. Tax-payers not paying any city or county sales tax should reduce the figure in the table by 1/8.

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headed a group of V. F. W. post and auxiliary members who visited the DuPage County Convalescent home in Wheaton on December 12 for a Christmas party. An organ from the Hammond Organ association was arranged for, which contributed greatly to a delightful evening of Christmas carols and other group singing. Coffee and cake was brought by the group and served to the patients in the home and a gift was presented to each of them. The evening was a true expression of the real spirit of Christmas.

**(Transportation) -**

Congratulations to BOB LOUGHRAN on the birth of a girl born on December 8. This makes three girls and one boy for the Loughrans.

**(Stenographic-Duplicating) -**

We welcomed BARBARA JESIONOWSKI to the Stenographic Department . . . Multilith Operator MARTIN ORLOWICZ announced his engagement to ILONA TOBIAS on December 7. The wedding has been set for October, 1964. Martin's fiancée works at the Continental bank. . . The Steno Girls and several of their many friends chose the Gold Lion at the Union Station for their Christmas party and then went on to the Blackstone to see William Bendix in "Never Too Late." In spite of the cold, snowy weather a good time was had by all.

*- Ann Golding*

**GENERAL OFFICE (Training & Accident Prevention) -**

MARK DUNDOVICH was welcomed to the department after transferring from Revenue Accounting. Mark replaced JERRY DALTON, who transferred to Traffic Planning . . . On November 30, JERRY DALTON and PATRICIA LYNCH were married at a nuptial mass celebrated in St. Thomas Moore's church. A reception was held following the ceremony at Ridgeland Farm restaurant. The couple traveled to New York where they spent their honeymoon.

**(Job Classification) -**

TED O'CONNOR was welcomed back to work after a six-month hitch with the U.S. Army.

*- Mary E. Clarke*

**KEELER -**

SUPERINTENDENT E. C. LOUGHRAN became a grandfather for the seventh time when his son, ROBERT, and daughter-in-law, HELEN, became parents for the fourth time. It was a baby girl, SHAUNE MARIE. Just at the time son, CHARLES, and family were visiting from Kansas and left the three youngsters with grandpa and grandma and travelled on to New York. This made a happy family reunion for the Loughrans. Congratulations, grandpa, and best wishes to the happy parents. . . ROSETTE GOLDMAN, daughter of JANITOR SI GOLDMAN, won a state scholarship at the University of Illinois with high honors . . . MIKE SEVERSON enjoyed the sights at Disneyland in California. Rode the monorail and claims it's out of this world . . . We extend our most sincere sympathy to JOSEPH MOORE on the loss of his mother.

*- Elmer Riedel*

**KEDZIE -**

Our sympathy is extended to the families of the following who passed away recently: JOHN HARRINGTON, THOMAS BRADLEY, JOSEPH BRENNAN and Ex Board Member RAY McDONALD . . . CLERK ROBERT HEALY spent his vacation around the city enjoying the holidays and assisting Santa Claus . . . OPERATOR SALVATORE MONTELEONE is back on the sick list and we wish him a speedy recovery. Also on the sick list are FRED REED, JOSEPH VESELY and JOHN TOMS. Hope to see you all back soon.

*- C. P. Starr*

**LIMITS -**

CTA Policeman WILLIAM B. CANTER died very suddenly on November 27. Bill started his career as a driver in September, 1927 with the Chicago Motor Coach Company. He joined the CTA Police Force in 1953. We who started out with Bill had a lot of good times together. He loved his work as a CTA officer and his untimely death came as a great shock. He was laid to rest in St. Joseph's cemetery. His wife, GENEVA, asked me to thank all who were so kind during her bereavement . . . A quintet of men known as the campaign crew have been working at Limits shop on special work. They are from the Mechanical Department and travel to all shops. They are GEORGE SLATE, ED NOWICKI, GREG DALY, WESLEY WILSON, and ANTHONY ARDUINI. Anthony informed me that he left Limits shop in 1946 . . . All at Limits extend our sympathy to OPERATOR JOHN BRENNEN, whose wife, BRIDGET, passed away in December. Mass was at St. Vincent's church and she was laid to rest in All Saints cemetery.



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OPERATOR RICHARD STEPHENS went hunting deer in Pope County, Illinois. He missed the deer but was lucky on ducks and geese . . . OPERATOR GEORGE LUCA has been laid up at home with a badly sprained ankle . . . OPERATOR CLARENCE BUTHMAN was on the sick list during December . . . Limits credit union had a beautiful Christmas tree in the club room. The tree was decorated by OPERATOR WENZEL . . . I wonder how many hear CTA spot announcements on radio. They are really good and can give you a big laugh. The composer is really clever.

- George Clark

### LOOP (Agents) -

Many thanks to PORTER JOHN DOOREY for doing such a good job cleaning Madison and Wells stations while PORTER O. E. BUCHANAN was on vacation . . . A number of passengers remarked how cheerful the booth at Madison and Wabash was for the Christmas season. Thanks to DOROTHY PARKER for taking time to decorate the booth. It really looked nice . . . Congratulations to the West Section student agents on their "Student Spotter." This is one way to keep track of students who go away to school during the winter term. Also news about students working all year round. If anyone is interested in obtaining copies of the "Spotter," contact editor in chief PAT SPAK, PAT GRITIS, SUE REDDING, JIM DOLAN, or RICH McCARTHY.

PORTER C. REDMOND heads the porter of the month list. He did a tremendous job keeping order at State and VanBuren station the Sunday of the Santa Claus parade. Thanks a lot. Now that the bad weather is upon us let's all try and prevent accidents in our stations . . . Porters of the month are H. TROUTMAN, E. HERRING, C. WILLIAMS, and R. KELLY . . . So glad to see AGENT LeBEAU and L. SHALLBETH back ringing bells again.

- Mildred Doyle

### NORTH AVENUE -

JANITOR FRANK BRAMAN became a grandpa for the 16th time. Baby's name is JAMES MICHAEL. Frank has eight granddaughters and eight grandsons. Congratulations to all these parents and grandparents . . . CLERK RAYMOND STRATTON celebrated his birthday on December 7. Whipped cream cake and coffee were enjoyed. Many happy returns, Raymond . . . CHIEF CLERK JOHN SIMKO is taking over the duties of CHARLES KARSHNICK who is on vacation. Charles took a stroll to look over his old neighborhood at 95th and Pulaski. He will soon be leaving us for Beverly depot. We wish him luck and welcome CHIEF CLERK GENE PETERSON, who will be coming back to North Avenue . . . OPERATOR RALPH HARTSELL had a surprise when his son, DOUGLAS, who is in the U.S. Marines, came home on furlough for the holidays. He brought DOUGLAS, of whom he is rightly proud, to visit North Avenue . . . OPERATOR GERI KLAMP's son, WOLFGANG, became a star scout in December . . . RECEIVER LEE CUMBER is going to Limits depot. Best wishes to him. Hello to RECEIVER MICHAEL CALLAHAN who will replace him at North . . . GEORGE "Sinatra" KUENSTLE, repair department, is heading for Houston, Texas, for his vacation. George will see how the Texans operate their buses . . . Relief Clerk

ROY SOMMERS and his wife vacationed in Honolulu, Hawaii . . . While fishing in Wisconsin, I met PENSIONER JOE PERTL. A short time later I received a post card from Joe and his wife in Hawaii. He gets around . . . Sanitary Technician FRANK WEST visited his brother, JOE WEST, in Galveston, Texas. When Frank visited the downtown area, Joe gave him a walkie-talkie and directed him from his home radio station . . . OPERATOR EINAR PARSON's wife, DOLORES, has been moved from Edwards hospital in Naperville to Schwat Rehabilitation hospital in Chicago . . . JANITOR BILL FLEISCHMAN's son, RICHARD, is in Edwards hospital with respiratory trouble.

We were shocked by the death of our President, John F. Kennedy. How could such violence erupt in our Democracy? The destruction of the life of this fine, respected man was a great tragedy and reminds us that such terrible hate and desire to destroy are always with us. If only the Christmas message, "Peace on earth, good will to men," could really live in the hearts of men . . . North Avenue Credit Union had its annual meeting at La Follette Field house on January 10. A good time was had by all . . . OPERATOR DAVID BRANDENBERG and his wife, MARIA, welcomed identical twins, ROBERT and RICHARD, on December 13. Robert is older than Richard by three minutes . . . Switchboard Operator RAYMOND STRATTON and his wife, ANNE, report the arrival of a granddaughter, CAROLYN. The parents are MR. and MRS. VINCENT PIZZO. Carolyn was born December 9 at Cuneo hospital . . . OPERATOR EDWARD HOFF passed out cigars when his wife presented him with a daughter, CYNTHIA ANN, on December 9 . . . OPERATOR THOMAS YAPELLI reports that he became a grandpa for the first time. His son, THOMAS, and daughter-in-law, CAMILLE, are the proud parents of THOMAS III.

COLLECTOR JERRY BLAKE underwent surgery in St. Anne's hospital. We wish a speedy recovery to him. . . We are happy that INSTRUCTOR CLARENCE LEMKE is home after five weeks in Resurrection hospital . . . Chief Clerk GENE PETERSON, formerly of North Avenue, now at Archer, was on the sick list . . . SUPERINTENDENT GEORGE MAY was laid up and we welcome him back . . . OPERATOR S. J. CAROLAN is back to work . . . Anniversary congratulations to OPERATOR FLORIAN DWIEL and his wife; OPERATOR CARL RUSSO and his wife, and COLLECTOR JERRY BLAKE and his wife.

Our sympathy to the families of JANITOR JOHN HARRINGTON, who passed away November 17, and PENSIONER VICTOR COLSON, who passed away December 9 . . . Your scribe was hunting at Effingham, Illinois. I stayed at the Effingham motel and met ROBERT BUETOW, son of OPERATOR WILLIAM BUETOW, and Bill's son-in-law, EDWARD FLAHERTY. The three of us hunted together. They were enjoyable company and we got our limit on rabbits. We also went to the state hunting grounds at Cowden where there is pheasant shooting . . . P.M. Foreman BERNARD J. CALLAHAN is taking his pension on February 1 after 38 years service. He plans to take his wife, JOSEPHINE, to Arizona to rest up for a month. Then to Iron River, Michigan, for trout fishing. We wish them many happy years.

- Bill Miedema

# Christmas Greeting Conveys Thanks to North Damen Operators

CLASSIFIED IN the category of unusual commendations is a Christmas greeting received at Lawndale station.

It was a general commendation addressed "to all day and night bus drivers on Damen avenue" and came from a long-time patron as a personal note of appreciation for the service courtesies she had received from operating personnel. Quoting the card:

"I wish to express my deepest thanks for your services and good deeds to me through the past seven years. I am a handicap traveling on a bus in a wheel chair, requiring stops close to the sidewalk and you men surely oblige. May God bless and keep you all in the best of everything." (Signed) Jean.

Apparently the Courtesy Caravan Club idea is catching on.

## NORTH SECTION (Agents) -

MARTY HARTY, ex-student agent, was back in town over the Christmas holidays. He joined JIM TUCCY, BILL GILL, CATHY POLASEK, JACKIE NEWFIELD, and your reporter at BOB ALLIE's Christmas party... PEARL MALOWITZ is back from a one-week vacation... We wish to extend our sympathies to E. RENNACK upon the loss of her mother . . . JUNE CAMP did quite a decorating job at Thorndale. It's always nice to see true artistic talent . . . At this writing, JO O'SULLIVAN and DIANE WALSH are still on the sick list, so we wish them a speedy recovery.

- Ted Brennan

## PURCHASING & STORES (Purchasing) -

The new gal in Purchasing is DOROTHY WELCH. Dorothy was hired to replace BETTY HORNBECK who resigned to join the ranks of motherhood.

## (Stores) -

If you're wondering who our new clerk-typist is - it's JOANNE PYTLEWICZ! . . . MAUREEN BRENNAN transferred from G. O. to South Division as a Typist I, replacing MARTHA JUGIN who transferred to the Shops and Equipment Department.

## (North Division)-

The fellows in Storeroom 42 were happy to see GORDON LaCROSSE, who dropped in to visit them recently. Gordon was formerly a Stock Clerk here but went on disability pension in 1961 and is now residing in Green Bay, Wisconsin . . . We just received the good news that DAVE STETCHER is now on the mend at home, after being in the hospital for six weeks . . . Our deepest sympathy to W. E. MILLER, whose wife passed away November 26 . . . When LABORER JOHN BENANTI retired on December 1 he took with him a \$50.00 bond as a parting gift from his co-workers.

## (South Division) -

December 14 was the start of the Christmas season for the South Shops with the holding of their annual Christmas Party at Halleran's restaurant on 79th street. The attendance of some 60 people showed many employes had the Christmas spirit - dancing, drinking and good food were enjoyed by all. The celebration was a huge success and everyone is looking forward to another next year.

- D. Jane Bell

## SCHEDULE - TRAFFIC -

ANDREW DeGRAZIA, a 35-year veteran in the Schedule-Traffic Department, suddenly passed away on November 22. The entire department is saddened and extends sympathy to his wife and family... SAM DeSALVO, schedule maker, and MRS. DeSALVO flew to Miami Beach for a winter vacation . . . ELDEN C. McGHEE, traffic checker, and MRS. McGHEE celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary in Scottsdale, Arizona, where they were visiting with their son, his wife and three grandsons . . . WALTER SCHARP, traffic checker, went on a hunting trip to northern Wisconsin where he hoped to get a deer . . . JOHN JOYCE, traffic checker, vacationed by visiting with his son who is a priest in Oklahoma . . . JOE BILLIS, traffic checker, was another winter vacationer . . . The Schedule Department girls had a birthday party at the Top of the Rock, in the Prudential Building, for KAY BATINA.

- Gertrude Anderson

## SOUTH SHOPS -

MAURICE O'CONNOR, welder at South Shops, and his wife, ROSE, welcomed a new addition to their good-sized family. The new addition is a baby girl born December 5. The long awaited event took place at South Chicago hospital. In addition to having DENNIS, MAUREEN, COLLEEN, KEVIN and KELLY ANN there now is a BRIDGET O'CONNOR. Everybody is fine and happy and her father is very tired . . . Helping celebrate the 64th birthday of BILL MAEHR, electrical worker, on December 12 were his friends and co-workers in the electrical service area. They sang "Happy Birthday" and feasted on hot dogs and pie purchased by Bill. From all indications everyone had a wonderful time. Bill has been working for the CTA for 47 years - a record he is



PICTURED ON the transfer table in the old Armitage car-barn is NICHOLAS PAPPAS, who worked there as a car placer in 1928 when this view was taken. Nick retired as a bus repairman at Kedzie garage on July 1, 1963, after 39 years of service with the CTA and CSL.

## INSIDE NEWS



THE BIRTH of a son, PATRICK JOSEPH, to JOHN P. and ELIZABETH HALLAHAN recently evened up their family, which now consists of seven boys and seven girls. Number 14 arrived on December 27, weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces. Mr. Hallahan is the superintendent of agents and porters for the Lake, Milwaukee, and Dearborn subway sections of the rapid transit.

very proud of and deserves congratulations from all . . . Celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary and Thanksgiving in one gala week-end were BILL MACFARLANE and his wife, HAZEL. The Macfarlanes and their guests, MR. and MRS. RUSSELL SHANKLIN, Building Department, flew via Eastern Airlines to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on the 23rd of November to visit Bill's daughter, JEAN, and her lovely family of four beautiful children. It is reported that the turkey was delicious and everyone had the best time of their life . . . KAREN HOFFMAN, S & E Department, is the proud owner of nine frisky bunny rabbits - and is looking for owners for all of them. If you would like to take care of one and make a nice home for a bunny, do not hesitate to give Karen a call. Most important of all - you must be kind and a lover of animals.

*- Kay Guzovich & Diana McLemore*

### SKOKIE SHOPS -

BRUCE ANDERSON, switchman, again picked Skokie Shops for the winter months. We're real glad, Bruce . . . JAMES HICKS, electrical apprentice, and his wife are visiting his home in West Virginia for the Christmas holidays . . . CASIMIR TUREK, electrical worker, is visiting his brother in Florida . . . Welcome to WILLIAM UHL, material clerk, who recently transferred from Forest Glen to Skokie Shops . . . "It's in the bag for '64" quotes HOWARD JENSEN, clerk, "I'm going to spend my entire vacation at Green Bay with Coach Lombardi." . . . Skokie Shops has a lot of bowlers who are anxiously waiting to see how the champs bowl and are hoping they may have "Beat the Champ."

*- Everett E. England*

### SOUTH SECTION -

First of all, a Happy New Year to each of you and your families. May 1964 be a happy and prosperous year . . . Now the sad news, we were all shocked and saddened when our Station Superintendent WALLACE J. GILLIES passed away on December 11. Our hearts go out to Mrs. Gillies in her bereavement . . . Welcome back to TRAINMAN WINFRED WATSON, who finished his two years in the U.S. Army and is once again a CTA'er . . . Assignment Agent JERE VINZENS and Retired Agent ESTHER McDERMOTT enjoyed the holidays by traveling to New Jersey to visit Jere's daughter and her family . . . A hearty "hello" and congratulations to our new Station Superintendent RICHARD MEISNER, who formerly was the assistant station superintendent at Howard street, North Section . . . Also good luck to TOM BOYLE, who was our relief superintendent, and was appointed assistant station superintendent, North Section . . . Our sincere condolences to COLLECTOR AUGUST GRABE, whose wife passed away recently . . . Greetings to our newly transferred Agents on the South Section: CHARLES WILBURNE, ALOYSIUS SPILLMAN, and HAYWOOD OWNES, and to newly employed Agent DOROTHY BATES . . . Congratulations to JOE TVRDIK who was appointed relief station superintendent. He and his family spent the holidays down in Monterrey, Mexico, seeing all the sights and basking in the warm sunshine.

Two more members of our Courtesy Caravan Club are Conductors JOHN DANEK and RONALD HOWARD, who each received passenger commendations for their efficient operating ability and clear announcements . . . Back in the fold from the sick list are: MOTORMAN JOHN BURNS, FRANK POWELL, SWITCHMAN KEITH LaFAIRE, CONDUCTORS MICHAEL SHEERIN, MEGHELL BOYNES, and AGENTS ELMER KRAMBULE, JOSEPH MURPHY, and HENRY GALLOIS . . . MOTORMAN FRED KLOCKING is mighty proud of his nephew who was ordained to the ministry in the First Christian church in Lansing, Illinois, on December 22. He had attended the Cincinnati Bible seminary . . . Two of our former employes who had been ill for many months passed away recently: AGENT JEANNETTE FULSANG and MOTORMAN DONALD PENMAN . . . AGENT LOR-ETTA POTVIN, who is still on the sick list, is progressing nicely and hopes to return to work soon . . . Good luck to TRAINMAN JOHN LOSTER, who resigned recently to accept another position . . . Our chief clerk, JIM MARTINEK, is happy these days sporting around in his new 1964 Mercury . . . Sympathy is extended to AGENT NICHOLAS ROGERSON, whose brother passed away recently and to AGENT ALPHONSE DELCORSE, who lost both a brother and sister recently . . . The South Side "L" credit union is holding its annual meeting and get-together on Sunday, January 19, at 2:30 pm at Viking Temple, 69th and Emerald. Free refreshments will be served. Come one, come all. Everyone is welcome . . . Just heard the good news that Retired Agent MAE MURGATROYD is home from the convalescent home and is improving rapidly . . . Retired Conductor HARRY ANTONION is mighty happy these days with the new arrival of a grandson. This makes four grandchildren for the Antonions.

The Agents' Pension Club held their Christmas Party on December 8 at Nielsen's Restaurant and everyone attending had a ball. Talked with Retired Agents LIL-

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ANTONAS AGIENTAS, 75, 77th street,  
Emp. 1-10-29. Died 11-15-63  
W. G. ALBANY, 80, Devon,  
Emp. 4-16-17. Died 11-03-63  
S. C. BERRY, 68, Lawndale,  
Emp. 7-23-21. Died 11-25-63  
GEORGE BOORAS, 81, 77th street,  
Emp. 2-06-30. Died 11-23-63  
DENIS BRADLEY, 81, Kedzie,  
Emp. 6-03-07. Died 11-27-63  
JOSEPH BRENNEN, 75, Kedzie,  
Emp. 2-25-20. Died 11-17-63  
FELIX BRONKE, 73, Lincoln,  
Emp. 11-25-19. Died 11-26-63  
GIOVANNI CALURA, 71, Track,  
Emp. 8-24-29. Died 11-06-63  
WILLIAM CANTER, 55, CTA Police  
Emp. 3-24-27. Died 11-27-63  
W. V. CARROLL, 74, Wilcox,  
Emp. 11-26-19. Died 8-22-63  
DANIEL CURTIN, 80, North avenue,  
Emp. 3-24-09. Died 11-09-63  
JOSEPH COLEMAN, 47, District "A"  
Emp. 11-10-45. Died 11-28-63  
A. B. DAHL, 67, Devon,  
Emp. 10-29-29. Died 11-07-63  
A. J. DAWSON, 70, North Section  
Emp. 5-31-47. Died 11-07-63  
ANDREW DeGRAZIA, 55, Schedule Dept.  
Emp. 2-2-27. Died 11-22-63  
J. M. DONOHUE, 78, West Section,  
Emp. 7-31-28. Died 11-07-63  
JOSEPH FEDIGAN, 80, 69th street,  
Emp. 8-17-18. Died 11-04-63  
J. E. FIR, 73, Elston,  
Emp. 8-08-10. Died 11-27-63  
JOHN GASPARAITIS, 75, Blue Island,  
Emp. 10-15-19. Died 11-22-63  
WALLACE GILLIES, 55, South Section,  
Emp. 6-21-26. Died 12-11-63  
FRANK GLEIZNIS, 79, Material & Supply,  
Emp. 5-22-23. Died 11-17-63  
G. C. HANSEN, 80, 77th street,  
Emp. 7-08-10. Died 11-03-63  
J. J. HARRINGTON, 59, Kedzie,  
Emp. 1-24-25. Died 11-03-63  
G. F. IMME, 77, 39th & Halsted,  
Emp. 11-09-25. Died 11-28-63

FRED JACKSON, 46, North Park,  
Emp. 1-24-34. Died 12-5-63  
H. W. JACKSON, 69, North avenue,  
Emp. 3-07-28. Died 11-07-63  
FREDERICK KABANA, 75, 69th street,  
Emp. 1-11-17. Died 11-09-63  
MATO KRAVICH, 79, Way & Struct.,  
Emp. 5-01-26. Died 11-25-63  
WILLIAM KRUEGER, 80, Elston,  
Emp. 3-04-07. Died 11-29-63  
DAVID LANDIS, 72, West Section,  
Emp. 11-12-46. Died 11-02-63  
J. L. LATHOUWERS, 85, Road Dept.,  
Emp. 7-27-10. Died 11-08-63  
V. M. LEE, 79, Beverly,  
Emp. 11-29-07. Died 11-15-63  
CLARENCE C. LUEBECK, 64, Instruction,  
Emp. 11-06-24. Died 11-19-63  
F. P. McCARTHY, 84, Division,  
Emp. 9-29-45. Died 11-21-63  
J. E. McCARTHY, 60, Beverly,  
Emp. 2-28-24. Died 11-02-63  
EDWIN McCORMICK, 59, Archer,  
Emp. 1-24-34. Died 12-01-63  
JAMES McGUIRE, 77, Building,  
Emp. 1-02-22. Died 11-04-63  
T. J. McNICHOLAS, 73, 77th street,  
Emp. 10-20-15. Died 11-03-63  
JOSEPH SADULA, 71, South Shops,  
Emp. 4-16-45. Died 11-02-63  
FRANK SEPANSKI, 53, Claims,  
Emp. 3-24-45. Died 12-09-63  
GEORGE SCANLON, 62, 77th street,  
Emp. 5-15-35. Died 11-06-63  
E. H. SCHUTH, 73, West Shops,  
Emp. 6-05-17. Died 11-06-63  
D. T. SEIDEL, 62, West Section,  
Emp. 1-26-28. Died 11-11-63  
NICK SESTAN, 72, Way & Struct.,  
Emp. 7-19-27. Died 11-08-63  
C. W. STEINBRECHER, 81, Lawndale,  
Emp. 9-14-21. Died 11-22-63  
LOUIS UBIS, 77, Kedzie,  
Emp. 6-24-20. Died 11-22-63  
TOM VALICH, 74, South Shops,  
Emp. 7-17-25. Died 11-19-63  
KRIST VIDACICH, 71, Track,  
Emp. 5-16-21. Died 11-10-63

LIAN RUSSELL, HAZEL DUNN, MARY MURTAUGH, CATHERINE COLLINS and many others and they all looked so good and were enjoying their pensions . . . Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY, who lives in Florida, was in town for the holidays to visit with his sister. He is an orchardist now with his own orange grove. After leaving here he headed for Silver City, New Mexico, and then home to Florida . . . Our hearts are heavy with the news that Retired Agent EDNA BELL passed away recently. She worked at Jackson Park station for years and had scores of friends. We will miss her . . . Retired Clerk CHARLES SASSO and his wife flew out to California to spend the holidays with their son and his family . . . At this writing Retired Agent MARGARET McDONALD is in Illinois Masonic hospital and Retired

Conductor JOHN LEVINS is in St. Bernard's hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery . . . Division 308 Election Day brought out all the pensioners. Many of them stopped in for a nice visit. To name a few: Motor-men HENRY TASSAERT and STEVE KOTRIS, Switchman FRITZ McDOLE, Conductors THOMAS WHITE, RAY DOUGHTY, ERNEST HARDWIDGE, JOSEPH MASCOLINO, WILLIAM MANNICH, CARL MAGNUSON, RICHARD HOFFMAN, and JOSEPH WARSHAW, Towermen OTTO YOUNG and FRANK DIMMICK, and Clerks JOHN HEFFERNAN and WILLIAM GALLAGHER, and scores more. All the Pensioners looked so hale and hearty. It was a pleasure to see everyone.

- Vera Hartney

**TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -**

General Foreman E. R. HENDRICKSON and a group of other CTA officials made an inspection tour of the Safety Electrical Equipment Corporation at New Haven, Connecticut. The group inspected the air-conditioning system that will be installed in the 180 new "L" cars... Night Foreman ALFRED SCHNELL and Instrument Technician JOSEPH LELAKES had wonderful winter wonderland vacations . . . EDWARD GREEN, repairman at Wilson, was walking around in a daze and kept talking to himself because he became the proud father of a baby boy. The little tyke was the Green's first child. Congratulations to the new parents . . . Fellows who enjoyed winter vacations were GUY COLUMBO, HENRY DICKERSON, FRANK S. STEEN, NEAL MCGILL, repairmen, and GEORGE ANDERSON, and DOMINIC SCIMECA, car cleaners . . . GEORGE DAVIS, repairman at Howard, became the proud father of a baby girl who was born on December 10. Best of luck to the little princess.

JOHN MOLLOY, 61st assistant foreman, passed out cigars to celebrate the new addition to his family. His fellow worker, MARVIN BRINSON, repairman, went one step further to provide that baseball team for the CTA when he announced the birth of his son, HARVEY FITZGERALD. All the fellows at 61st street presented Marvin with a baby stroller and their best wishes . . . Congress Car Cleaner JOHN ODDO was promoted to a "B" repairman and transferred to 61st street shop. Best wishes were extended to John in his new position . . . REPAIRMAN NICK SUERO joined the ranks of home owners. Did Nick announce the open house yet? . . . RICHARD LORIMER, repairman, answered Uncle Sam's call when he was inducted into the army on December 9. Best of luck, Rich, and don't shoot your foot off . . . Sorry to hear that FRANK CHIAPPETTI's wife was in the hospital . . . Lake Street Repairman WILLIAM GEHRIG is sporting a new Chevrolet . . . LLOYD ROBINSON, repairman, had a wonderful winter vacation.

- Ray Brzezczek

**WEST SECTION (Agents) -**

All were shocked to learn of the sudden demise of SUPERINTENDENT WALLACE GILLIES, formerly of the West Section and more recently of the South Section, on December 11. To the bereaved we extend sincere sympathy . . . I hope that among the numerous presents strewn beneath the yule tree on Christmas Day at the home of Extra Agent FAYE CAPRIO was a compass, which she would find most helpful in giving her the right direction while working along the various lines . . . Glad to hear that AGENT VIC LE BEAU has sufficiently recovered to return to work again. Vic wishes to thank all of his friends for their remembrances . . . Sorry to learn that AGENT VERONICA NICHOLS had been on sick leave for some weeks due to a virus. She is now back on the job and extends her sincere appreciation for the many remembrances.

AGENT LOUIS BECK is back on the job after a week's battle with the flu bug . . . BARNEY WALSH, member of the porter staff, returned to work after an absence of some time due to an injury sustained in a fall . . . It is



R. L. PROSSER, 6410 S. Rockwell street, entered the employ of CSL on December 15, 1920, as a trolley tender in the Utility Division. On August 1, 1951, he was named assistant to superintendent of the Utility and Service Division of CTA's Construction and Maintenance Department, the job he held until his retirement on January 1.

good to see AGENT HARRY COTTON back on the job after an absence of several weeks due to illness; he wishes to thank all his friends for their many kindnesses . . . Received a letter from RUDY MILLER, retired superintendent, wishing to be remembered to all his old friends and revealing a checkup at Hines hospital showed he is making good progress . . . After a career of almost 41 years, AGENT MARTIN TEZAK joined the ranks of the retired January 1. The writer and Martin have been working together for some few years and his pleasing disposition and ready smile will be sorely missed by yours truly. He is taking an early retirement and may he enjoy the many years of good health and happiness he so richly deserves . . . Happy birthday greetings to AGENTS ED DURKIN and STEVE GIBBONS, who celebrated their natal anniversaries in December.

- Gordon Kelly

**69TH STREET -**

Due to circumstances, THOMAS ELPHICK was forced to submit a regretful resignation as scribe of the 69th street section of Inside News, with yours truly as his questionable replacement. His resignation leaves a pretty big pair of shoes to fill and I mean that with all due respect, and not just because Tom happens to have big feet . . . At this time our station is pretty much in contention in the Interstation Safety Contest, having shown a marked improvement this year over the same period of time in 1962. Superintendents THOMAS SCREEN, CARL GIBES and JOHN LYNCH want us to know that win, lose or draw they appreciate the efforts of all the men, and are very optimistic that we can go all the way and pick up the marbles. They also wish one and all the best for 1964 . . . That smiling countenance that has been missing from our credit union office, namely HERMAN JAMES, who has been ill, was at last reports well on his way to recovery. Hope to see him back at his old stand soon . . . Short as our initial column may seem, it is due to lack of news items. An appeal is made to everyone who may have an interesting item to please leave it with the clerk for future columns. Let us keep 69th street well represented with all the news.

- William J. Donahue

## INSIDE NEWS

### 77TH STREET .

Hi Everyone: Early in November, JEROME L. BREZEK, the son of Supervisor and Mrs. LEONARD BREZEK, left for Djakarta, Indonesia, to serve at the American Embassy there with the marine security guard. He was specially trained for this duty in Washington, D. C. He will serve in Indonesia for a one-year period, after which he will be reassigned for the same type of duty in a country of his own choosing . . . Doorman MICHAEL and MRS. LAVIN rounded out 35 years of happy married life on November 24. Their daughter and son-in-law, MR. and MRS. WILLIAM KLEINICK, counted their 12 years together on the same day. Then as an added attraction for that day, Mike also had a birthday anniversary, but since there was so much to celebrate, they waited until Thanksgiving day so they could all be together. Small wonder, Mike had to start his vacation on December 1, to rest up from all that . . . It may seem that November was a month of celebrations. OPERATOR and MRS. CHARLES GILTMIER marked the anniversary of their 26 years as husband and wife while their son, ROBERT, and his wife had their first anniversary on the 24th, so all celebrated on that date . . . CLERK ALBERT PORTER began one week of his vacation on December 17, and his plans were for him and his family to move but, as the old saying goes, "The best laid plans of mice and men--" applied itself again and he tells us he just stayed home and rested.

MRS. NORA MAHONEY, sister of SUPERVISOR JOHN J. NICHOLSON, passed away November 17, and MRS. DONNELLY, wife of Retired Motorman THOMAS DONNELLY, passed away on December 1. Tom retired when the streetcars were taken off . . . Relief District Superintendent JOE COLEMAN passed away November 28 after having worked in our area a short time . . . MRS. JULIA ROSS, wife of our night janitor, HENRY ROSS, passed away December 6, after a long illness. Also, the father of WILLIAM GARVIN died on December 15. To these families we offer our sincere sympathies . . . SUPERVISOR HERB JOHNSON and MRS. JOHNSON spent part of their vacation in Wisconsin and planned their tours to be able to spend Thanksgiving day with a son in Janesville. Herb tells us that some of their other time was spent around Chicago and preparing their home in Worth, Illinois, for the long winter . . . ELLIOTT

## PENSIONERS MEET

THE CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, 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, February 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.

HATCHETT, son of Supervisor and MRS. GEORGE HATCHETT, spent a Thanksgiving furlough with his parents and left on December 1 to return to Loring Air Force base at Limestone, Maine. He is an airman second class with the 27th fighter squadron. He will continue a school and work program as an electronic and radar technician. He hopes to return home in July, 1964, to enter Devry Technical Institute.

Our No. 2 night clerk, ARTHUR ANDERSON, entered the hospital on December 6 for eye surgery. Our last report was that he was doing nicely . . . Our credit union officers have requested us to remind all members to please leave their books with any of the officers, so that your dividends can be posted in your books . . . COLLECTOR LEROY HARPER entered Christ Community hospital on December 8 for surgery. He tells us that he is getting all mended for his intended retirement on February 1 . . . LAWRENCE ZIMMER, age 12, son of Supervisor and Mrs. RALPH ZIMMER is also in Christ Community hospital for a series of treatments for rheumatic fever. We sincerely hope he recovers completely and soon . . . CLERK JOHN THEIS started the last week of his vacation on December 15 and since his wife could not arrange a vacation at the same time the odds are that Jack will baby sit for their three boys. He may not make a profit for his services but it will give him plenty to do . . . DR. JOHN CROSSEN, son of Supervisor and Mrs. JOHN CROSSEN, has recently completed a residency and specialization work in radiology at Cook County hospital. He has joined a group of doctors in Long Beach, California, to pursue this type of work. He is a graduate of University of Illinois and Loyola Medical school . . . SUPERVISOR TERRY NICHOLSON began his vacation on December 15 and the man assigned to relieve him is his cousin, SUPERVISOR JOHN NICHOLSON.

The following note was received by Transit News from former Operator L. L. JOHNSON who retired January 1: "After a little over 40 years I have finally reached the top rung of the pension ladder. With the view of an optimist and the good Lord willing I hope to enjoy pension life for about 30 years, by then I will have lived a long and expensive life -- pension wise that is. Thank you, CTA and Division 241."

We congratulate and wish success to ED NOVAK, who assumed the relief district superintendent's duties in District "A" as of December 1 . . . After more than 42 years of service at 77th street, OPERATOR ARTHUR F. FOX took his pension on January 1. He started as a conductor on the cars during August, 1921, and broke in on the buses during 1947. He has worked on South Chicago avenue since then . . . Thus ends another column . . . so until next time, may we leave you with these thoughts . . . "Each day is like a furrow lying before us . . . our thoughts, desires, and actions are seed that each minute we drop into it, without seeming to perceive it. The furrow finished, we commence upon another, then another, and again another . . . Each day presents a fresh one, and so on to the end of life . . . sowing, ever sowing . . . and all we have sown, springs up, grows, and bears fruit, almost unknown to us . . . is there not a thought in this that should make us reflect?"

- Roscoe Wakefield (The mysterious man of magic)

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