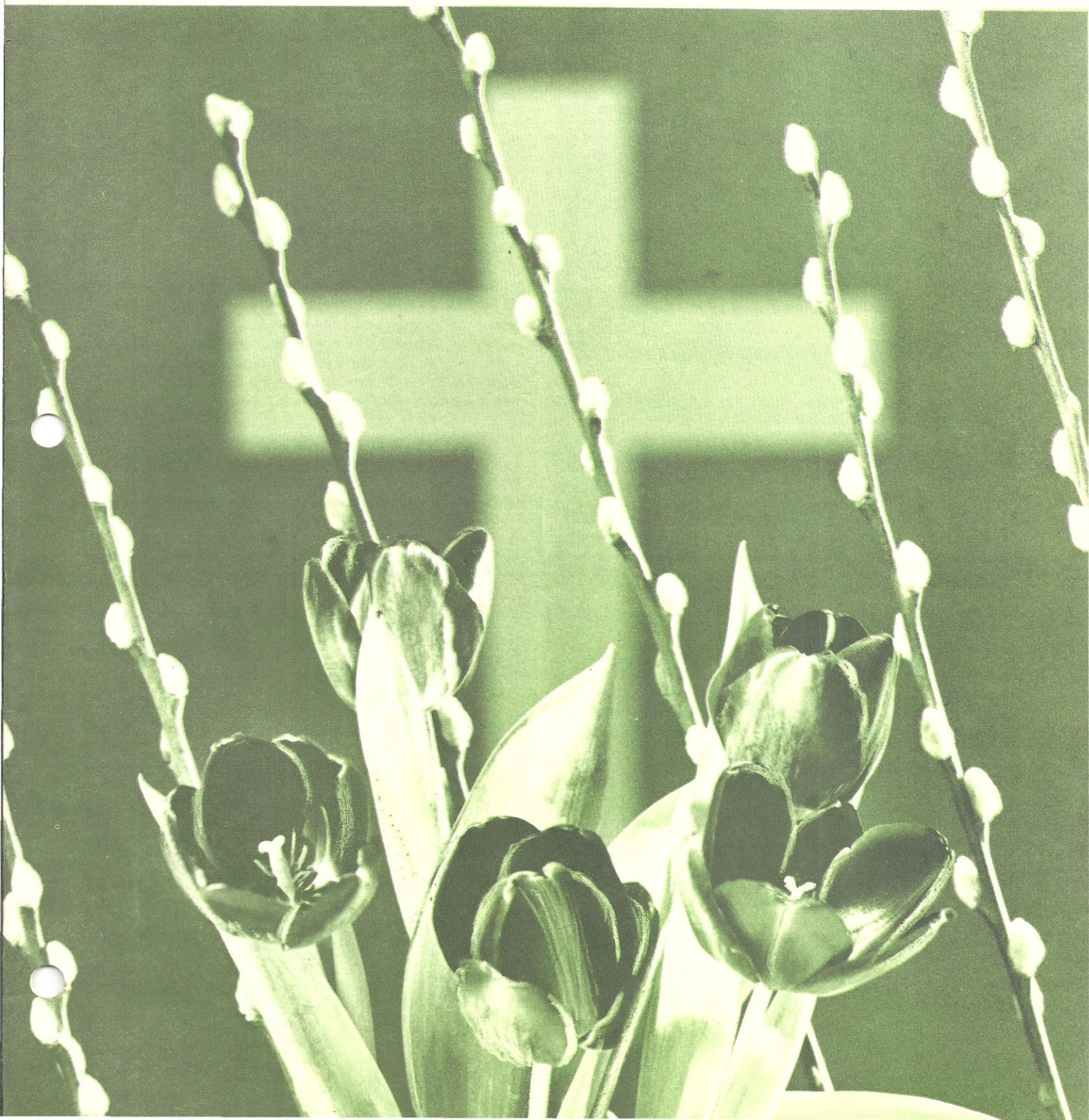


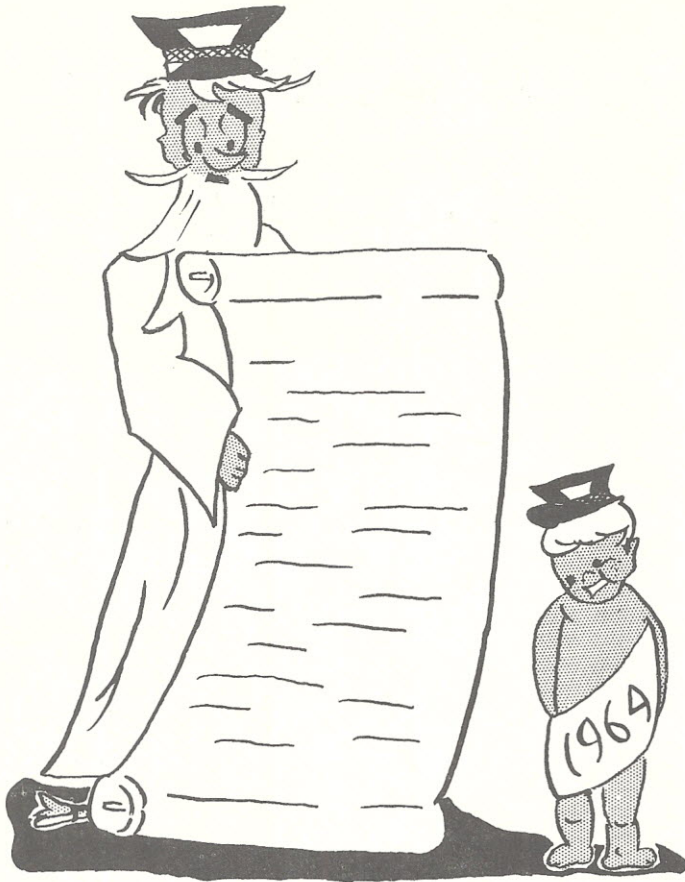


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1963 IN REVIEW -



TRANSIT HISTORY was made by Chicago Transit Authority in 1963 when 90 2-car units (180 cars) of air-conditioned "New Look" rapid transit cars costing \$18,990,000 were ordered from the Pullman-Standard Company of Chicago.

This was the first purchase of a fleet of air-conditioned cars by any U.S. authority-type urban rapid transit operation and was the largest single order for rapid transit cars ever placed by CTA.

When these "New Look" cars go into service on the Lake rapid transit route, CTA will go into the transit record books on two more counts:

1. It will be the first U.S. urban rapid transit property, either publicly or privately owned, to install and operate air-conditioned cars on other than a test basis;
2. It will become the operator of the largest fleet of air-conditioned cars and the longest route served by air-conditioned cars of any urban rapid transit company in the U.S.

The "New Look" in Chicago rapid transit, following the "New Look" introduced in the surface fleet in 1961, is being accomplished by modest streamlining through artistic use of steel and aluminum, and by painting exteriors of the cars an attractive combination of green and off-white. With each car equipped with four highspeed motors,

"New Look" trains will be capable of a speed of 65 miles per hour, but scheduled speed will be restricted to fix the existing pattern of station spacing.

During 1963, delivery of the second fleet of 300 "New Look" buses--150 diesel units manufactured by General Motors at Pontiac, Michigan, and 150 LP-gas (propane) units built by the Flxible Company at Loudonville, Ohio, was completed. These 300 units cost \$7,795,359.

Now in its 17th year of operations, Chicago Transit Authority has invested or obligated a total of \$185,520,000, in addition to \$16,400,000 paid for the Chicago Motor Coach Company, for new cars and buses and other modern facilities. In the 38 years preceding the start of CTA's modernization program, two of the three predecessor companies, the Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Rapid Transit Company, had invested only \$46,000,000 for new rolling stock.

In 1963, passenger and other revenues totaled \$134,080,218, a decrease of \$3,760,731, or 2.7 per cent, compared with 1962 but were sufficient to cover operation and maintenance expenses, debt service requirements, and the full provision for depreciation. There remained a balance of \$19,483 available for other charges of lower priority.

Passenger revenues alone totaled \$131,806,187, a decrease of \$3,773,000, or 2.8 per cent, compared with 1962. Other revenues, however, increased \$12,300.

Operation and Maintenance expenses of \$115,211,157 for 1963 were only \$50,936 greater than in 1962. Substantial increases in wage rates and increases in group insurance and social security costs were almost entirely offset by operating economies and by decreases in materials used, in motor bus fuel and electric power purchased, and in the cost of removing snow and ice from transit streets and the Authority's property.

Originating revenue passengers in 1963 totaled 492,231,532, a decrease of 12,679,445, or 2.5 per cent, compared with 1962. Surface system revenue

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A YEAR OF ADVANCES FOR CTA

passengers decreased 9,676,434, or 2.5 per cent, and rapid transit revenue passengers dropped 3,003,011, or 2.6 per cent.

On October 1, 1963, CTA observed its sixteenth anniversary by holding "open house" at its South Shops, 78th and Vincennes, formally to place in use a modern \$4,000,000 bus overhaul shop equipped with the latest in machinery and tools.

Activation of the new bus overhaul shop was the final step in consolidating CTA's two surface system shops into a single surface system shops complex at 78th and Vincennes. The West Shops at 3901 West End avenue have been closed, effecting savings that will amortize the cost of the new bus overhaul facility within four to five years.

The new bus overhaul shop covers an area of about 174,800 square feet and is "H" shaped with wings on the east and west sides of the central area. The building is constructed of dark-colored face brick.

The central section is occupied by storerooms and general shop facilities, including upholstery, woodworking, blacksmith, tin, welding, machine and door shops. Chassis shops are located in the east wings and body shops in the west wings. These duplicated shop areas are designed for more efficient repair operations and easier supervision. The paint shop with its traveling paint spray booth and drop-table and infra-red drying facilities is in the south part of the west wing.

Another phase of the modernization of the Lake rapid transit route was launched on September 5 when Chicago Transit Board awarded contracts for construction of a substation-transportation office building at Harlem and Circle avenues, Forest Park, and purchase of electrical equipment for the substation were awarded. The two-story brick substation and transportation office building is be-



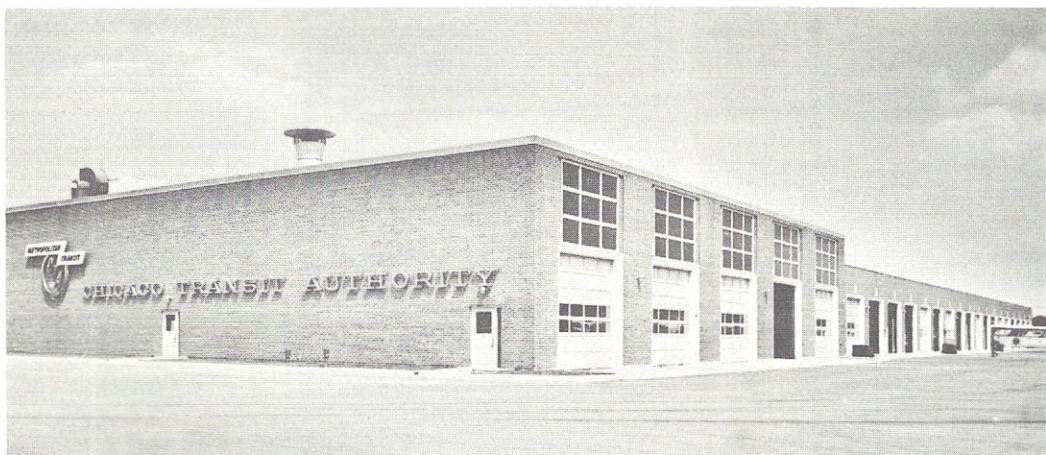
A new Park-'N'-Ride lot was opened at Linden avenue, Wilmette.

ing constructed by Teheny Brothers Company, of 3944 W. Rosemont avenue, for \$244,000. The substation equipment is to be supplied by the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company of West Allis, Wisconsin, for \$339,178.

The next and final phases of Lake route modernization are installation of the substation equipment and construction of yard and shop facilities in the new terminal area. When these units are added, the shop facilities at Lake and Hamlin will be closed. Modernization of Lake rapid transit route began with elevation of the two-and-a-half mile street level section of the route between Laramie avenue, Chicago, and Harlem avenue, Oak Park. Lake trains began operating over the newly elevated section October 28, 1962.

At Howard rapid transit terminal, where modernization of the station and other improvements are underway, a canopy was erected over the bus berthing locations in the new off-street terminal, and the south parking lot was paved during the year. In 1964, a one-way escalator is to be installed in the modernized station building, and a

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A \$4,000,000 bus overhaul shop completed at the South Shops was the final step in consolidating two surface system shops.

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canopy is to be erected over the walkway between the station building and the bus berthing area.

At the Linden avenue, Wilmette, rapid transit terminal, parking facilities for CTA customers were expanded and improved. A new west lot with a capacity of approximately 250 automobiles was added, and the original lot east of the terminal station was expanded and improved.

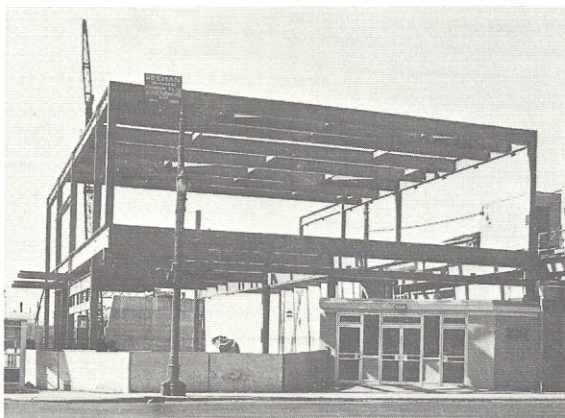
Purchase of North Shore right-of-way and related property that would be required for the proposed test operation of rapid transit train shuttle service between Howard street, Chicago, and Dempster street, Skokie, was authorized October 3, 1963.

The negotiated price for the five-mile stretch of property was \$2,000,000. Net cost to the CTA, however, will be \$1,700,000 since the Commonwealth Edison company, which has power transmission lines along the property, is to pay \$300,000 to CTA for converting its easements into perpetual rights.

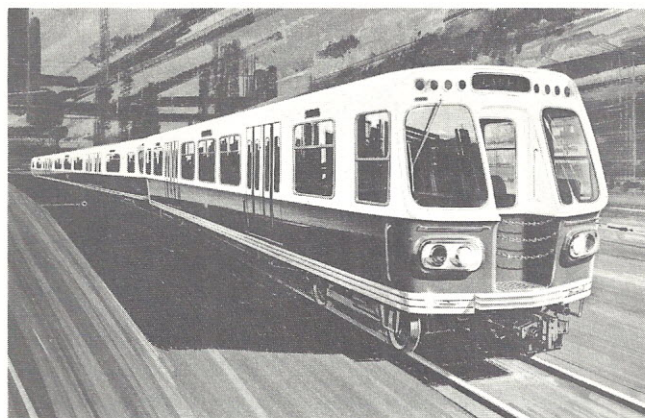
To help finance inauguration and operation of the highspeed rail rapid transit between Howard street, Chicago, and Dempster street, Skokie, CTA filed a proposal for Federal aid of \$349,217 on the \$523,825 estimated net cost of the project.

On March 21, 1963, Chicago Transit Board suffered the loss of its chairman, V. E. Gunlock, who had been a member and chairman of the Board since 1954. Mr. Gunlock died following a heart attack ten days earlier. On July 2, he was succeeded as member and chairman by George L. DeMent, a long-time friend and professional associate of Mr. Gunlock. Mr. DeMent had succeeded Mr. Gunlock as Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, City of Chicago, when Mr. Gunlock became chairman of Chicago Transit Board.

Construction of a combined substation-transportation office is underway at Harlem avenue on the Lake rapid transit route.



Delivery of 300 more "New Look" buses was completed.



An order was placed for 180 air-conditioned rapid transit cars.

A canopy was constructed over the bus berthing area at the Howard street rapid transit-bus terminal.





AWARDS OF CTA Industrial Safety certificates to various shop units and areas were made recently in recognition of their records of no lost-time accidents over a 12-month period. In the photo at the left, presentation of a certificate is being made to John Danloe, paint shop foreman at South Shops. He is standing between C. M. Smith, coordinator of safety and fire prevention, and L. G. Anderson, superintendent of shops and equipment. In the back, from left, are Joseph Hecht, general foreman, South Shops; E. E. Olmstead, assistant superintendent, surface division, S & E; J. T. Burke, coordinator of safety and fire prevention, and J. J. Replinger, superintendent of South Shops. Pictured at the right at Keeler station, are J. J. Murray, general foreman, west and northside garages; Henry Blau, assistant foreman; Mr. Smith, Mr. Olmstead, Mr. Burke, and John Murray, relief foreman.

New Award Promotes Safety in Shop Units

RECOGNITION OF outstanding safety performance by small shop units having few employees is being given through a new award instituted by the Insurance Department to encourage and promote greater efforts to reduce on-the-job accidents.

The new award is a CTA Industrial Safety certificate signed by T. B. O'Connor, superintendent of transportation and shops and equipment, which is presented to each unit or area completing 12 months without a lost-time injury among its workers regardless of how small the number of employees assigned to the respective unit.

Nineteen locations have already received the award since it was established in late 1962, and others are well along on the way to the 12-month record.

Establishment of the award for the small units and areas does not conflict with the American Transit Association industrial award plaques because

these are based on man-hours worked without a lost-time injury. To achieve recognition for the first, or bronze, award necessitates that an installation complete 250,000 man hours without a lost-time accident before it qualifies for an ATA plaque.

This eliminates the smaller areas and units within the larger installations as obviously it would take years to accumulate the required man hours needed for such an award. However, if in the course of time the small units continue to work without a lost-time accident for a total of 125,000 man hours, the CTA has a special citation which is presented for this accomplishment.

According to H. B. Storm, superintendent of insurance, the new award is not limited solely to shop installations but also is available to other areas and units. Among the winners to date in this latter category are the tire center at Archer garage, Keeler garage and Congress terminal.

S and E Department Reassigns Four Garage Foremen

FOUR APPOINTMENTS affecting foreman personnel in Shops and Equipment garages were announced recently.

Effective March 1, Michael Cunningham was named assistant general foreman, North Division garages, replacing John J. Murray, retired, and Patrick J. Clancy was appointed day foreman, North avenue garage, replacing Mr. Cunningham.

Effective February 1, the following changes in assignment of garage foremen were made: Thomas P. Carroll was named p.m. foreman of North avenue garage, and Joseph H. Ward was appointed relief foreman of North avenue garage.

The appointments were made by E. E. Olmstead, assistant superintendent, S & E Department, Surface Division, and approved by L. G. Anderson, superintendent, S & E Department.



Board Members Host Test Run on New Skokie Line

CONDUCTING THE tour over the five-mile Skokie line were officials of CTA and the Village of Skokie. Pictured here (from left to right, front to rear): are CTA Board member Joseph D. Murphy, Board Chairman George L. DeMent, Mayor Myron Greisdorf of Skokie, Board members James R. Quinn, James E. Rutherford, and Raymond J. Peacock.

MEMBERS OF Chicago Transit Board and officials of the Village of Skokie were host to newsmen and press and TV photographers on February 12 when a test run was made over the right-of-way of the high-speed Skokie rapid transit line, where regular service will start during April.

The line will serve as a two-year demonstration project, showing the effectiveness and economic feasibility of linking a fast-growing, medium-density suburb, the Village of Skokie, with the central city, Chicago, and its vast transit network. The non-stop service will operate between Dempster street, Skokie, and Howard street, Chicago.

Two-thirds of the cost of this project are being financed by a federal grant of \$349,217. The remainder of the net cost, \$174,608, is being borne by CTA and the Village of Skokie, the latter contributing \$37,193 in cash and service.

Using two of the high-performance cars that will provide the service, the test train pulled out of Howard street at 10 a.m. and accelerated rapidly to 70 miles an hour, giving passengers a feeling of the speed at which the service will operate. In actual operation, however, service will be provided by one-car trains using cars 1 to 4 which were acquired in 1960.

Car No. 4 was operated under the overhead trolley wires west of East Prairie road to demonstrate the motor-operated bow trolleys which were constructed and installed in CTA's Skokie Shops. Similar devices are being installed on the remaining cars to start the Skokie service. Lightweight, motor-operated pantographs ordered from a firm in Zurich, Switzerland, will replace the bow trolleys and permit a change from trolley to third rail to be made at high speed between East Prairie road and Crawford avenue.



TWO CTA officials who accompanied newsmen throughout the tour, describing the facilities and answering questions, are General Manager Walter J. McCarter (right) and Skokie demonstration project manager George Krambles (left), who used the public address system to speak to passengers in the two-car train.



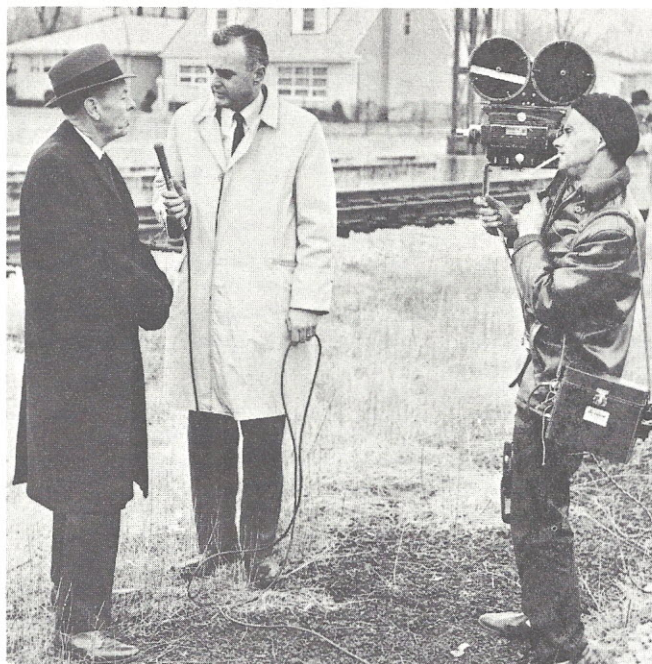
Passengers alighted from the train along the route to view the progress in restoring the former North Shore Line facilities to usable condition. At Kostner avenue, a pair of motorized work cars were pulling CTA's two Cycle rail grinders in tandem over the rust-covered rails which had not been used since January 21, 1963. Rust was being removed to permit a positive contact between car wheels and rails, a contact necessary to operate automatic block signals, crossing gates and flashers, and for the negative return of 600 volt traction power.

CTA's new line car, S-606, was also in operation at Kostner avenue, where inspection of the catenary-type overhead trolley system was in progress. For a description of the new line car please turn to page 9 of this issue of TRANSIT NEWS.

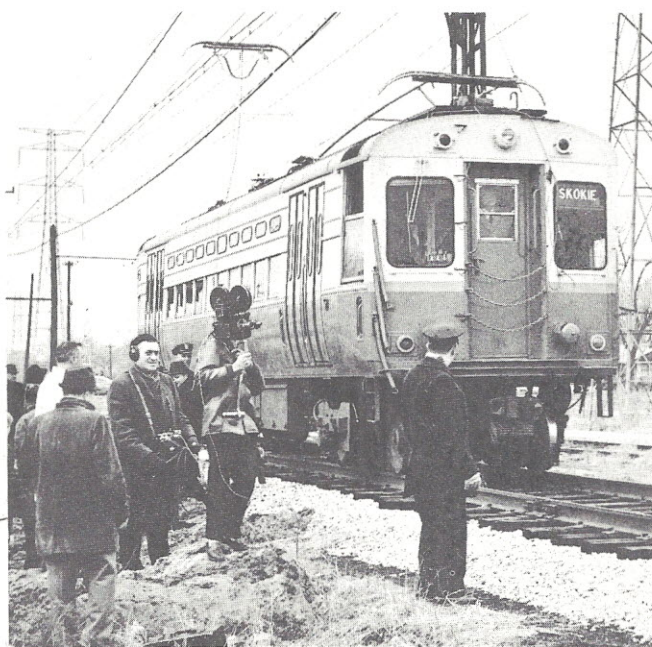
At Niles Center road, passengers disembarked to tour a former North Shore substation which is being reconditioned to supply power to the new line. Operation of the automatic substation will be controlled by the power supervisor in the Operations Control Center in the Merchandise Mart.

A meeting of the Chicago Transit Board was held in the train at Niles Center road, with Chairman George L. DeMent presiding. James R. Quinn, vice-chairman and member of the Board since its inception in 1945, made a motion that General Manager Walter J. McCarter negotiate with officials of the Village of Skokie and Old Orchard Shopping Center for a terminal for CTA buses in the shopping center. The terminal would be used by alternate trips on the Skokie (No. 97) bus line if it should be extended north from the Dempster rapid transit terminal. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

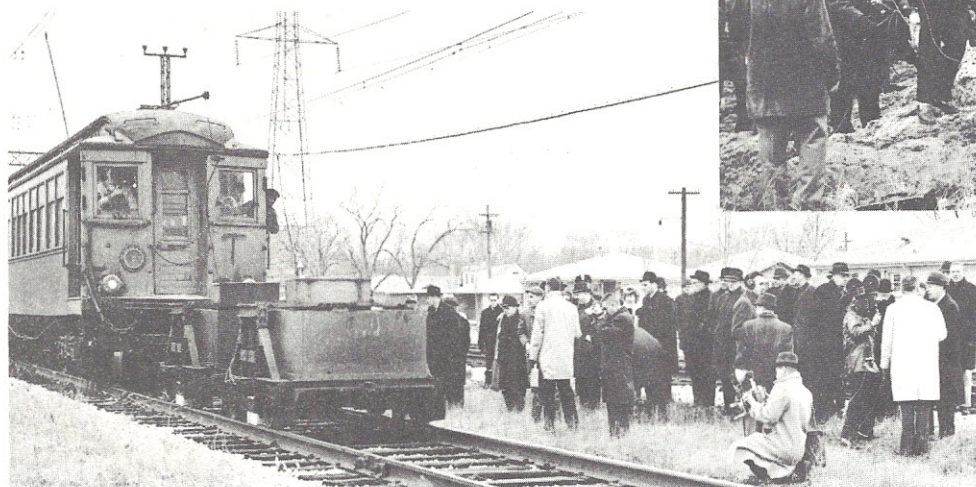
A DEMONSTRATION which was viewed with much interest was the operation of a single car equipped with a motor-operated bow trolley constructed and installed in Skokie Shops. All four high-speed cars, which will provide the Skokie service, are being equipped with the power-collecting devices, but they will be replaced when sleek foreign-made pantographs become available.



AN INTERVIEW with Board Chairman George L. DeMent by CBS-TV reporter Jerry Harper was filmed and taped, and appeared on television several hours after the inspection trip was completed.



PASSENGERS ALIGHTED from the special train at Kostner avenue to watch CTA crews renewing the running rail surface with a pair of rail grinders.



OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS



EXCELLENT RESULTS are being achieved by the Courtesy Caravan Club since it was first launched last September.

The public, the press, the radio and TV have all cooperated in making it successful, but the greatest amount of credit must be given to the operating personnel who have gone all out to provide the kind of service the public likes and deserves.

Since the start of the campaign, 1,056 commendations have been received from satisfied riders as of February 29, of these, 283 were received in February. Employees who have become members of the club total 812. Of this number, 160 employees became members in February.

The interest and response by the public to the Courtesy Caravan Club is not only encouraging, but proves that acts of courtesy and proper performance of duty do not go unnoticed. However, it took such a campaign to remind our riders that a job well done deserved something more than quiet recognition and brought the awareness that a personal commendation would be a fitting acknowledgement of good personal service.

The following letters from riders are a case in point:

"In connection with your 1964 Courtesy Program, I wish to take this opportunity to commend Ray Simon (Chief Clerk, North Park) of your Lost and Found Department for his courteous service. He was most helpful and accommodating in locating a package which I left on a Howard-Western bus. When Mr. Simon learned that I resided in Evanston he stated that he did also and would be glad to deliver it to me. He did so last evening. You are fortunate indeed, in having an employee who will go beyond the line of duty to serve your customers. I am very grateful to him and wish you every success in your courtesy program."

Another letter tells of the good impression made by Operator L. R. Evans, badge No. 1838, 77th:

"This morning I was an hour later than usual as I had failed to set my clock-radio last night. Naturally my morning started off hectic and I was feeling a little exhausted from rushing.

"I boarded the Cottage Grove bus at 83rd street about 8:05 a.m. and encountered a very

pleasant, courteous, happy, singing bus driver. When he reached the Loop area he called all the stops. By the time I reached Washington street which was my destination, I was actually feeling happy and perfectly relaxed. Though the temperature was around 12 or 15 degrees above zero, his sunny, warm, radiant disposition made everyone seem very much alive. He actually charmed everyone on the bus.

"I probably will not run into this driver again as I ride an hour earlier every morning - but I certainly will not forget him and his effervescent smile. He is a credit to the CTA and definitely deserves honorable mention as a courteous operator. We need more like him."

How not to win friends and influence people is illustrated by the following letter:

"I boarded the bus at 75th and Greenwood avenue going east and got off at 75th and Stony Island, then took the Stony bus and got off at 64th street. When I boarded the bus at 64th and Harper, your driver would not accept my transfer saying he was going west in the same direction I had come from. I have worked at the same location for the last two and one-half years and have never been told I could not use my transfer."

COMMENT: While reverse riding is prohibited, a short reversal at the beginning or at the end of a trip is permitted, upon satisfactory explanation to the employee collecting fares. In this particular instance a reversal is the only way in which the rider could have reached his destination and the 63rd street operator should have accepted the transfer upon receiving an explanation.

SHOWN HERE is a comparison of commendations and complaints received by Chicago Transit Authority for the months of February, 1964, January, 1964, and February, 1963.

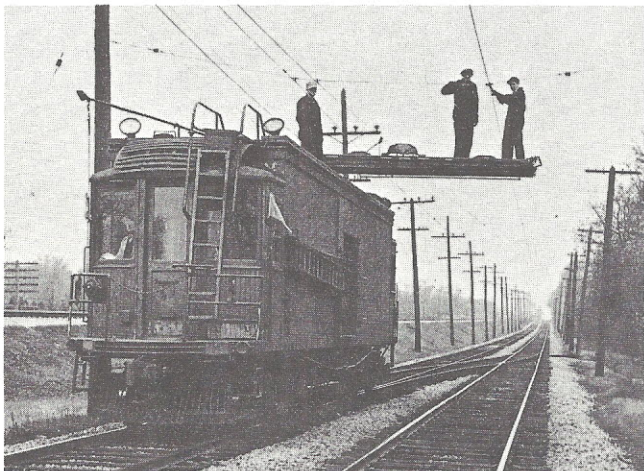
	February 1964	January 1964	February 1963
Commendations	357	376	94
Complaints	1,053	1,190	1,082

Ex-North Shore Work Car Added to CTA Fleet

NEWEST ADDITION to CTA's fleet of rapid transit work and service cars is a line car purchased for \$5,000.00 from the defunct North Shore line to maintain overhead trolley wire on several North Side rapid transit lines.

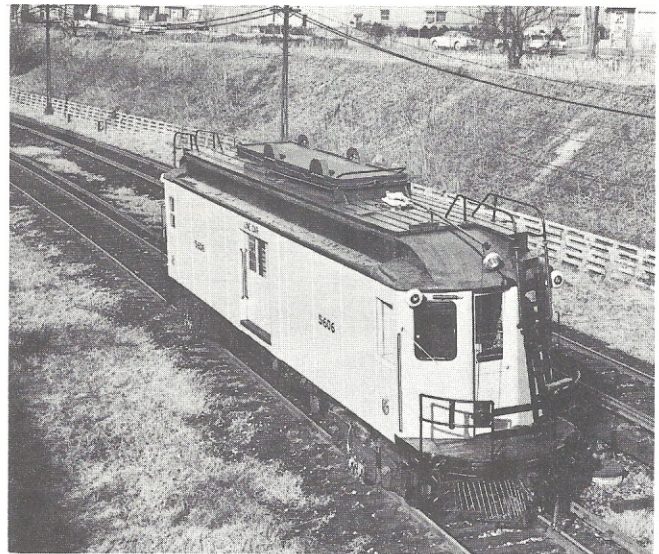
The car was manufactured in 1923 by the Cincinnati Car company while 4000-type cars were rolling off the production line for the Chicago Rapid Transit. Although the carbuilder was committed to building all-metal car bodies, the line car was constructed almost entirely of wood to afford the greatest possible insulation from broken or dangling live trolley wires.

After acquisition, the car was rebuilt in CTA's Skokie Shops and numbered S-606. Rebuilding the exterior included the installation of insulated trolley blocks (third rail power-collecting devices), replacing the car ends, cutting down the roof to clear platform canopies, and repainting the body in bright yellow. Bins have been installed inside the



AS NORTH Shore Car No. 606, the line car faithfully served that railroad for 40 years maintaining trolley wires on the 90-mile, double-track railway between Skokie, Illinois, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The car is pictured here on the old Shore Line route, which was abandoned in 1955.

Photo from collection of Charles E. Keevil



AFTER BEING rebuilt and painted in Skokie Shops, the line car was pressed into service inspecting the power transmission facilities on the portion of the former North Shore Line which has been acquired for the operation of the new Skokie Line.

car to hold tools and materials necessary in maintaining trolley wires. A low-voltage battery circuit was installed to operate sealed beam headlights and taillights and to power trainphones which are used to maintain direct contact with CTA's Operations Control Center in the Merchandise Mart. Electric heaters were installed in the car to replace an old pot belly stove.

An air-operated tower on the roof of the car can be elevated to the height of trolley wire or supporting messenger cables and can be swiveled sideways to work above an adjacent track. Trolley wire from a reel inside the car can be fed through the roof to the tower when wires are being replaced.

Although third rail power transmission is used on most of the "L"-subway system, trolley wire is in use on a portion of the Evanston line, between South Boulevard, Evanston, and Linden avenue, Wilmette; on the soon to be completed Skokie line, between East Prairie road and Dempster street, and on the freight track between Howard street and the Milwaukee Road interchange at Irving Park road.

RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

ALEXANDER, RICHARD A., Operator, North avenue
DARDY, MELVIN L., Conductor, West Section
DUNN, THOMAS M., Combination Clerk, South Shops
HNILO, ROBERT JR., Graduate Trainee, Training
HOWARD, HAROLD R., Operator, 77th street
O'BRIEN, MARTIN J., Extra Guard, West Section
PHILBIN, M. J., Trackman, Cons. & Maint.
PICTOR, HENRY A., Operator, Beverly
WEIGLEIN, RAYMOND R., Operator, Forest Glen

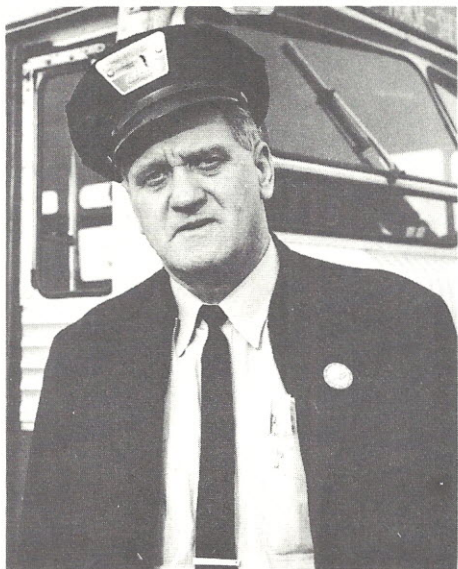
RECENTLY RETURNED

BUETOW, WILLIAM C., Traffic Checker, Schedule
COATS, CHARLES, Operator, Kedzie
COLLINS, CHARLES E., Operator, Kedzie
JOHNSON, CORNELIUS, Operator, 77th street
LEEK, BERNARD C., Operator, 52nd street
MORRIS, BENJAMIN C., Motorman, West Section
SMITH, MAURICE, Operator, Kedzie

QUESTION: From your observation, who are better drivers in city traffic, men or women?

LOCATION: North Park station

INQUIRING REPORTER: Leonard Lohn



EDWARD PALEN, operator: "Men are the best drivers, because they are more at home with machinery. Women drive scared and react badly in critical situations."

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JACK T. SMITH, operator, (with Reporter Leonard Lohn): "Men are better drivers in city traffic because they possess that magic combination of alertness, skill and timing. Man's skill and timing in using the control and safety devices of his car makes smooth driving possible."

ULYSSES BROWN, operator: "I would have to go along with men, but not 100%. I'd put some men in a category with or even lower than women. Most women have slow reflexes, but are quick to get excited and use poor judgement."

JOHN SIMONS, operator: "I think that they are the same. The so-called bad woman driver is just the image of her teacher. The same goes for men."

HARLAND J. SMITH, operator: "I think men are better drivers than women due to the fact that most men are out in the traffic daily, thus giving them a little more experience in it."



MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin
CTA Medical Consultant

SLEEPLESSNESS - WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

SLEEPLESSNESS OR insomnia is one of the most common disorders known to man. It ranks next to headaches and constipation as a frequent complaint. Generally speaking, the origin of this condition can be traced to some nervous upset. Actually, the thought processes are aroused to the stage where they will not quiet down. The mind seems to be in a whirlpool of agitation and, regardless of the exercise of will power and the effort to relax, foaming ideas refuse to subside.

Insomnia can be divided in a broad sense into three main types: First, the type in which the person has difficulty in falling asleep but once sleep is achieved there is no problem for the rest of the night. Secondly, there is the intermediate or intermittent type insomnia which is characterized by restless, broken sleep with many awakenings and thirdly, there is the terminal insomnia which is characterized by awakening earlier than usual and not being able to fall asleep again.

These three types are typically associated with particular kinds of problems. The first is seen in patients with marked anxiety and fears. The second is seen in those who are disturbed but who are denying or fighting their problems and difficulties. In such people disturbing dreams break through to awaken them. In the third type one finds the older age group who have cerebral arteriosclerosis and depressions associated with approaching old age.

There are several theories about sleep. One of the most popular of these is that sleep comes not from the stimulation of a "sleep center" but more likely the depression of the "wakefulness center." Among a few causes which may depress the wakefulness center are the increased fatigue and toxic products in our system which come from 12 to 15 hours of body activity, exercise, slowing of heart action, decrease in blood pressure and other causes. The depression of the wakefulness center theory seems to be supported by the effect of stimulating drugs, coffee, liquor, nervous tension and worry. All of these tend to prevent depression of the wakefulness center and therefore keep you awake. It could well be that some natural body chemical-physiological product controls the wakefulness center.

Normal sleep is an everyday occurrence from the first to the last day of life. Therefore, it is assumed to be essential for good health and well-being. It is also thought to be associated with growth and repair of the body as youngsters require more sleep than adults. Once a person falls asleep, sleep is deepest during the first two hours.

What to do about sleeplessness. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Establish a bedtime routine and follow it regularly. Stop anything that requires intense mental effort. Shed your cares before you shed your clothes.
2. Go to bed at a regular hour every night. Regularity in living habits fortifies a whole set of daily rhythms.
3. Keep bedroom temperature between 60 and 65 degrees.
4. Wear comfortable and loose fitting bed clothing.
5. Make your bedroom as restful as possible. Avoid bright colors.
6. Keep the room quiet and dark.
7. See that the mattress is comfortable. Generally speaking a firm mattress is more conducive to sleep than a soft one. Humps or hollows in a mattress are certainly not restful and may even cause muscle disorders.
8. Do anything you can to encourage a good mental attitude toward sleep. If you find reading before retiring makes you sleep then by all means read. If you find that having a snack, walking a half-mile or taking a warm bath helps you to sleep, be sure to do these things, but go to bed prepared to drop off to sleep.
9. If after following the above program you fail to achieve a good night's sleep, then by all means see your physician.
10. Do not take sleeping pills unless prescribed by him.
11. One of the best sleep producers I know of is a good, hard day's work.



TIPS FOR TAXPAYERS - April 15 Deadline Nears

(This information has been compiled from material contained in "Your Federal Income Tax, 1964 Edition" published by the U.S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service.)

EVERYONE UNDER 65 years old, whether single or married, who resided in the United States and had a gross income of \$600 or more during the year, must file a Federal Income Tax Return. If you are 65 or older on the last day of your tax year, you are not required to file a return unless you had gross income of \$1,200 or more during that year. A person under 21 years of age must file a return if his gross income for the year amounted to \$600 or more.

Your social security number, which is also your Taxpayer Identifying Number, must be shown on your individual income tax return Form 1040 or 1040A. A penalty of \$5 must be assessed for each failure to include this number on a return, unless a reasonable cause can be shown for not including it.

If your gross income for the tax year was less than \$600 - \$1,200 if you are 65 or older - you should nevertheless file a return and claim your own exemption to obtain the refund of any income tax which was withheld from your salaries or wages. You are entitled to this refund even though you are claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer.

In the case of husband and wife, if each spouse had gross income of \$600 or more - \$1,200 if each was 65 or older - they must either file separate returns or combine their income and file a joint return. If one had income of less than \$600-\$1,200 if 65 or older - he or she may file a separate return in order to obtain a refund of tax withheld, but

only if they do not file a joint return. A husband or wife may not, after filing a joint return, also file a separate return for that year in order to obtain a refund.

As an example: Both you and your wife are over 65 years old. You received wages of \$1,500 and your wife received wages of \$500. Neither of you had any other income. You must file a return since your gross income was over \$1,200. Your wife is not required to file but she will probably want to file a return to obtain a refund of tax withheld from her wages. If you and your wife file a joint return, you will obtain a refund of all the income tax withheld, since your combined income is less than \$2,400. But your wife may not file a joint return with you and also file her own separate return to obtain a refund.

If you are married, you may owe less tax if you file a joint return with your husband or wife. You may file a joint return even though you or your spouse has no income or deductions. You must include all the income and exemptions of both you and your spouse if you file a joint return. You may file a joint return on Form 1040A or Form 1040. The social security numbers of both you and your spouse should be entered on a joint return, even though one of you had no income. The word "None" should be entered for a spouse who has no social security number.

And finally, when you have completed filling out your return form, don't forget to enclose your W-2 form before mailing. This is the form furnished by your employer or employers which show how much you have earned and how much has been withheld for income tax during the year.

Retiree Feted on 60th Wedding Anniversary



FEBRUARY 13 was a big day in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holtz who celebrated 60 years of marriage on that date.

A day earlier they were honored at an anniversary and open house given by their daughter, Opal, and were greeted by many friends of long standing.

Mr. Holtz, a retired CTA employee, took his pension in 1950 after serving as a conductor on the Milwaukee avenue streetcar line for 37 years. The couple were married in 1904 in Atchison, Kansas, and spent their early years in St. Louis, Missouri.

They reside in their own home at 3902 N. Kostner avenue, and have lived within a quarter mile of the six corners at Irving Park, Cicero and Milwaukee avenues for the past 50 years. Their daughter, who lives with them, is principal of Mozart school at Hamlin and Palmer streets. The picture was taken on their anniversary day.

5,000 Girl Scouts See Chicago by Charter Buses

FIVE THOUSAND uniformed Girl Scouts from Milwaukee who came to Chicago for a sightseeing tour and a visit to the Museum of Science and Industry were among the large groups to take advantage of CTA charter service recently.

The girls arrived on four special Milwaukee Road trains - two on Saturday, February 22, and two on the following Saturday, February 29 - at the Union station, where they transferred to CTA buses for the round trip to the Museum. One hundred chartered buses, 50 on each of the two days, were required to transport the young visitors.

Arrangements for the trip were made by CTA's Charter Service Department in cooperation with the Milwaukee Road Passenger Traffic Department, which organized the tour. It was the first trip to Chicago for many of the group.

The loading and unloading of the buses was directed by CTA supervisors and district personnel, who handled some 2,500 of the visitors on each of the two days.

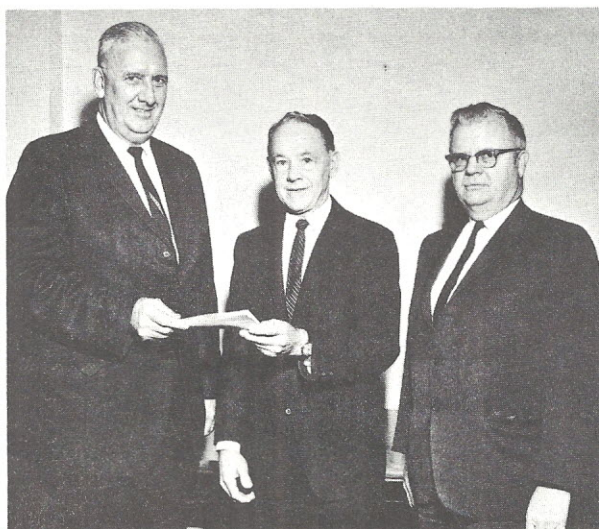
Another large group of Wisconsin residents are scheduled to come to Chicago on April 11 on a student tour sponsored by the Milwaukee Road. This group, however, will use a combination of bus and rapid transit service for the trip.

AS TRAINS arrived at Union station, the girl scouts alighted from them and formed an orderly line which filed through the station to the Canal street side, where chartered buses were waiting.



Charter buses will meet the incoming train at Glenview and passengers will transfer to the buses for a trip to Howard terminal of the North-South where they will board special trains for an "L"-subway ride to Jackson Park station. There other CTA charter buses will meet and take them to the Museum of Science and Industry, where they will spend four hours. After that the buses will deliver them to the Union Station for the trip back to various Wisconsin destinations.

Suggestion Worth \$50.00 to Skokie Shop Employee



PRESENTING A \$50.00 Suggestion Award check to Paul R. Ehmke, (center) machinist, Skokie Shops, is T. B. O'Connor (left) general superintendent of transportation and shops and equipment. At the right is L. G. Anderson, superintendent of shops and equipment.

A \$50.00 award for a suggestion submitted by Paul R. Ehmke, machinist, Skokie Shops, who devised a modified procedure in the overhaul of axles for rapid transit cars was announced recently.

The suggestion outlined a method of salvaging for reuse of a part which previously had been scrapped and which by a simple straightening out on a hydraulic press could be restored as a working part at a considerable saving in cost, labor and purchase of new replacement units.

The parts affected are known as water flingers, of which there are two on each axle. These move with the axle and prevent water from entering the gear housing, similar to an oil seal on an auto.

To replace these parts under the former procedure the cost was \$5.75 for each flinger. Under the new method this cost has been reduced to \$1.00 per flinger, and since this runs into the replacement of some 400 of these parts each year, maintenance costs on the account were cut back by a substantial amount.

Ehmke, who became a CTA employe 14 years ago, has won cash suggestion awards three times before. However, this was the largest he has received to date.

North Park Operator Commended for Helpful Deed

AN UNUSUAL deed of kindness by a CTA operator in helping a bus rider in a critical family situation is reported in a letter of commendation received recently.

It concerns Operator Mel Karschnick, badge 13828, North Park, and the details related in the letter follow:

Operator Karschnick has a customer who rides his Sheridan road bus every morning and it became customary for him to always extend her a cheerful greeting, which was returned in kind.

One morning, however, she was very dejected as she boarded and she told him it was because her 12-year old grandson in California would have to undergo open heart surgery and it would require 24 pints of blood to perform the operation. She said there was little hope of obtaining that many donors.

Karschnick, upon learning of the situation, offered to become a donor in behalf of the young boy he had never met and in all probability would never see. On his day off he appeared at the Edgewater hospital and donated a pint of his blood, credit for which was transferred from the Chicago hospital to the U.C.L.A. hospital in Los Angeles, where the surgery was to take place.

Operator Karschnick's considerate and sympathetic interest in the boy's condition assumed greater significance in the happy ending to the story.

The boy was successfully operated on some weeks later. He has recovered and is now in good physical condition and back at school. The gratitude of his grandmother, who still rides Karschnick's bus every morning, can be easily understood.



Scholastic Record

Wins Honors

for Girl Student

AMONG THE top-ranking graduates from Chicago high schools earlier this year was 17-year old Carolyn Ruth Wilson, daughter of H. D. Wilson, planning engineer, Electrical Department, who was an honor roll student at Sullivan high school.

Her scholastic record is studded with achievements which enabled her to complete the four-

year course in three and one-half years, and brought her other honors.

Miss Wilson was a member of the National Honor Society, which is limited to not more than 15 per cent of the graduating class. In this case 14 were chosen from a class of 101. She was rated number four in her class and had been on the honor roll or super honor roll all the time she had been at Sullivan. To attain the honor roll a student must have all "E's" or better, and to be named to the super honor roll the student must take five major subjects and maintain good grades in all of them.

She also was picked by Illinois State Scholarship as a finalist, which entitles her to an honorary, and perhaps a monetary, scholarship. She plans to go to the University of Illinois for one and one-half years and hopes to complete two years work in that time and has been appointed an "Edmund J. James" scholar at the pier. This gives her special privileges in her class work.

After this period, Miss Wilson plans to take three years of nurse's training at the University of Illinois Research hospital which will give her a Master's degree in Nursing.

Former "L" Employee Named Circuit Court Judge

WAYNE W. Olson, son of Walter F. Olson, power supervisor in CTA's operations control center in the Merchandise Mart, was recently named chief judge of the 4th district of the new Circuit Court of Cook County.

From 1950 to 1953, while attending DePaul University College of Law, from which he was graduated with a bachelor of law degree, he worked as a

student conductor on the Douglas Park branch of the rapid transit system. Judge Olson had previously served as visiting judge in the Municipal Court of Chicago and as police magistrate and village court judge in North Riverside, where he resides.

His father, a 42-year veteran of transit service, is the president of the Metropolitan "L" Credit Union.

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—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

MARY BLACKMORE, voucher, RITA DEAKIN, revenue, and JOSEPHINE AUGITTO, payroll, tossed their cares to the four winds when they took off on a flight to Miami Beach, Florida, on their mid-winter vacation. There they will swim and sun and enjoy the pleasure of this resort area . . . GENE WRIGHT and her husband drove to Mauston, Wisconsin, for a short visit with Gene's mother and other friends. They also drove to Marshfield and Lena, Wisconsin, before their return . . . HILDUR OLSON, formerly of the billing section, and VERN B. OLSON, former special project coordinator, structure and building department, surprised their friends when they announced their marriage in the early part of January.

- Mable Potthast

(Material & Supply) -

On January 30 a great number of friends and co-workers of MARGARET TIMMONS honored her with a retirement luncheon at the M & M Club. She was pleasantly surprised to see quite a few former employees present to welcome her into the "Leisure List." The gift she received was presented to her by P. J. MEINARDI. She will be greatly missed in our department, but remembered with the warmest thoughts and will always have our best wishes. . . IRENE WENKE, one of our pensioners, is enjoying a month's visit with her son and his family in Phoenix, Arizona.

- Clara Lawrence

(Payroll) -

A pleasant and interesting trip was recently made by CHRISTINE CAMERON to San Francisco and the golden state of California. Some of the places visited were Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, and the University of California. After trudging around San Francisco's hills, Christine is convinced that the best way up and down is by cable car. From the San Francisco region, she motored down to the Los Angeles area, where she visited Disneyland and rode on the monorail. The return drive to San Francisco was made along the coastal highway, stopping at Carmel-by-the-Sea, to watch the sea lions. . .



A DEGREE of bachelor of science in nursing was awarded recently to MARY DURR, the daughter of Lake street shop clerk JAMES DURR, by Loyola university at ceremonies held in McCormick Place. Mary, a former employee of the CTA Medical Department, is a graduate of St. Theresa School of Nursing in Waukegan, Illinois.

Our retired employee, NAOMI BOHLIN, is enjoying a leisurely trip in the desert and mountain country around the Tucson-Phoenix region of Arizona.

- Eileen Neurauter

(Revenue) -

We would like to congratulate MARY ALICE CLEARY, who after four grandsons, now has a granddaughter, MARY PAT HARR. . . AFC ROBERT KOZLOWSKI married the former LT. PEGGY HEFNER of North Carolina (no relation to Hugh!) on January 16 in the chapel at George Air Force Base in California. The young couple honeymooned at Disneyland and are expected in Chicago in March or April to introduce the bride to the groom's clan. Mother, LORRAINE KOZLOWSKI, revenue, finally has a daughter and she loves it . . . We take great pleasure in announcing the engagement of SHARON KRAUSE to GERALD BLAIR of the Revenue Accounting, which took place on January 22. As yet no wedding date has been set . . . RAY CORBEL's wife, CONNIE, is now home recovering from an operation. We were all happy to hear that she is doing very well . . . BETTY SUHR is enjoying her vacation visiting friends in and around Chicago . . . We are happy to have HELEN FRANSON back at work after a minor operation.

- Mary Kay Curtin & Betty Suhr

(Tabulating) -

CARMELLA PETRELLA traveled by train to Taos, New Mexico, for skiing. Unfortunately the skiing was poor because the temperature reached 58 and melted the

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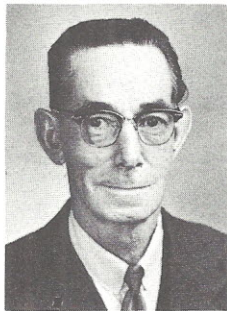
NEW PENSIONERS

J. F. ANDERSON, Chief Adjuster,
Claim, Emp. 7-01-29
M. C. BURGGRAF, Ticket Agent,
Loop, Emp. 12-28-42
E. M. COLBERG, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 5-10-20
LOUIS CYGAN, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 7-22-29
A. E. DAKER, Service Truck Helper,
Utility, Emp. 10-10-35
JAMES FAKAN, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 1-11-34
T. J. FAY, Porter,
Congress, Emp. 8-04-43
J. J. FLORIAN, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 9-12-43
A. H. HOUGH, Supervisor
Mail Room, Emp. 7-24-42
P. S. JOHNSON, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-28-23
D. R. LONG, Conductor,
Howard, Emp. 1-07-29
MICHAEL McCORMICK, Car Cleaner,
Kimball, Emp. 4-29-29
J. M. MICHNICK, Electrical Engineer,
Electrical, Emp. 2-06-31
F. J. MOHN, Tool Maker,
Skokie, Emp. 3-02-38
E. T. MURPHY, Collector,
69th street, Emp. 1-07-20

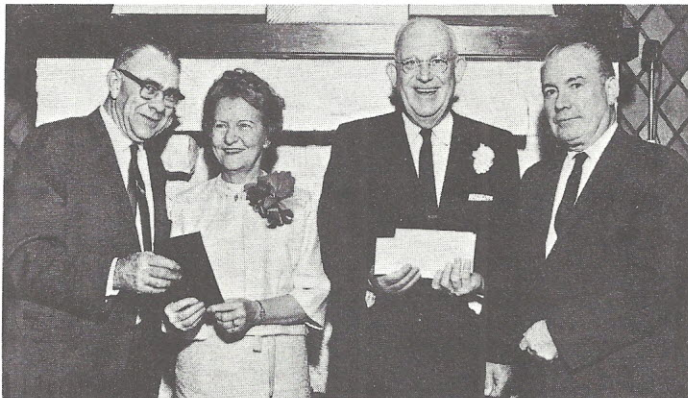
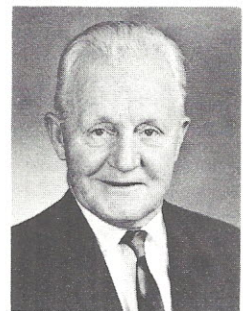
J. J. MURRAY, General Foreman,
Shops & Equipment, Emp. 12-10-25
W. J. MURRAY, Service Truck Helper,
Utility, Emp. 10-15-20
ADOLPH PAOLINI, Repairman,
North Avenue, Emp. 5-22-43
AUGUST SCHWARTZ, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-03-44
WILLIAM VLASAK, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-12-24
R. H. WAKEFIELD, Switchboard Operator,
77th street, Emp. 6-12-43
J. T. WHALEN, Operator,
North avenue, Emp. 2-12-23
R. M. WHITELAW, Signal Maintainer,
Electrical, Emp. 8-18-22
F. B. WOLFF, Conductor,
Archer, Emp. 3-17-43
G. H. ZERBIAN, Collector,
69th street, Emp. 2-05-37

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

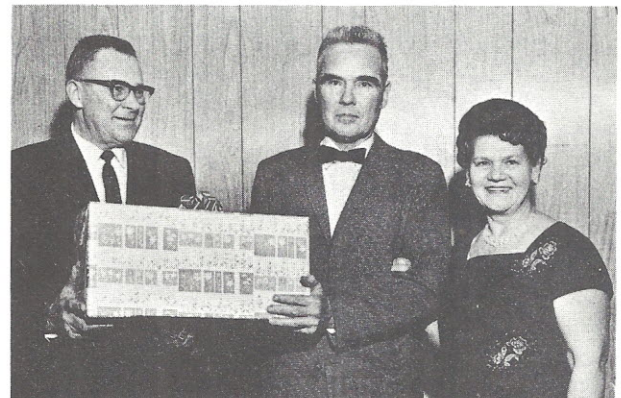
E. L. HINES, Blacksmith & Welder,
Skokie, Emp. 4-14-47
H. B. LOWERY, Fork Lift Operator,
South Division, Emp. 9-21-36
H. J. RILEY, Operator,
52nd street, Emp. 2-05-37
J. T. TOMS, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 4-08-24



IN THE roster of employees who took their pensions on March 1 are four men who retired with 40 or more years of service. They are (from left to right): PAUL JOHNSON, JAMES WHALEN, EDMUND COLBERG, and EARL MURPHY.



THE ANDERSONS, GERTRUDE and JIM, were feted recently at a retirement dinner held in their honor. Gertrude, a stenographer in the Schedule Department, received a gift from L. C. Dutton (left), Superintendent of Schedule and Traffic, while Jim, chief adjuster, received a gift from E. J. Healy (right), General Superintendent of Investigations and Claims.



AN ELECTRICAL engineer who retired March 1, is JOHN MICHNICK, who is pictured here with his wife receiving a gift from General Line Foreman CLARENCE MALOTTKE. The Michnicks were guests of honor at a dinner held at the Little Village restaurant.

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snow, but Carmella spent some time visiting the village of Taos, 22 miles from the Taos ski area. In the town she visited the Indian Pueblo art galleries and met some of the artists and woodcarvers. Dinners were by candlelight at the St. Bernard hotel, where she stayed, and the food was delicious. One night was devoted to a costume dinner which she enjoyed very much. . . . EMIL RUSINAK, tab operator, was recently acclaimed as "devotee of the year" by the Lombard Park Players for his untiring efforts in gathering memorabilia, uniforms, etc. for their use in a skit depicting transportation back in "the good old days." Thank you, Emil. . . . ALICE NOVALICH transferred to the Voucher Department.

- Marion Sutherland & Edward O'Rourke

BEVERLY .

Every station is finding out that Beverly is the station to beat when it comes to inter-station awards as we have won five quarterly awards out of twelve. Our safety record is so good that it is hard improving month after month and this makes it tougher for us to win. . . . Superintendents J. J. O'CONNOR and J. S. FARRIS extend special congratulations and said if we could also be tops on the Courtesy Caravan they would treat us to coffee and rolls. Commendations come very easily after you get one or two, and I am sure that everyone in the depot could get one with just a little effort. So let's go, men, and show everyone that Beverly can be tops in this award, too. . . . Supervisor FRANK McGLYNN marked this 25th wedding anniversary, and Frank and his beautiful wife, KATHRYN, celebrated by going to Miami Beach to soak up the sunshine. . . . Superintendent GEORGE EVANS of 77th depot, formerly of Beverly, celebrated his 27th wedding anniversary. . . . JERRY GLEASON, our Union Leader scribe, is receiving his fourth degree from the Knights of Columbus at the Conrad Hilton. Jerry is a pretty smooth talker and bought himself a new tuxedo from Lynch the Tailor at a terrific discount. Lynch even threw in new studs as he was going out the door.

H. J. TALUZEK, of south Halsted street, is very proud of his daughter, Jean, who recently graduated from high school. Jean didn't waste any time as the next day she went to work for the CTA as a clerk in the Engineering Department. . . . JACK "Nite Car" FALSEY, of 95th street, has decided to stop the smoking habit after seeing the new flip top box. For those who haven't seen it, it is on display everyday at all the funeral parlors and is commonly known as a coffin. . . . GEORGE "BabyDoll" HARDY found out that his foreign car can't be driven without gas. . . . ART "Grandpa" GIBSON has a large wonderful family and looked very proud sitting at the head of the table at the credit union party. JAMES HILL, financial secretary; ED GRAY, first vice president, and our own PETE FLAHERTY, who is recording secretary, was also at the party to greet everyone. . . . LOU FURLEN and H. BOREN are still on the sick list and we hope they will be back with us soon.

SAFETY HINT OF THE MONTH: Defensive drivers are always on the alert for the motorist ahead who has his signal light to turn left and then decides to make a right turn. And there is also the little woman with the cigarette in her mouth and the baby standing on the front seat who will pull out in front of you and say to herself "the bus will stop." A good way to serve your passengers better is by passing new information on to them about our new services. For example, the new Ashland bus ser-

vice which now stops in front of the Beverly House and runs north to Clark and Southport. The hours are 6:05 to 9:13 a.m. and from 2:15 to 6:50 p.m.

- Tom Daniels

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE .

J. B. O'REILLY sends his thanks to all his fellow workers for the many appreciated cards and telephone calls received while he was off sick. He hopes to be with us in the very near future. . . . Congratulations and best wishes to VERNER B. OLSON, former Superintendent of buildings, and HILDUR OLSON, formerly of the Accounting Department, who were married on January 14 at the Unity Evangelical Lutheran church. . . . Double cause for celebration--congratulations and best wishes to PERRY BIGELOW, student engineer, on his marriage to NANCY WESTERBERG at the Central Avenue Baptist church on February 22. The newlyweds left for Ohio State university where Perry will be studying under a business administration fellowship awarded him by the university. Best of luck to them both. . . . We are happy to report that D. E. McCAULEY is home from the hospital and is doing fine. . . . Welcome to ROY T. SMITH, new student engineer from Illinois Institute of Technology. . . . I hear TOM WOLGEMUTH, a student engineer, is living in Carl Sandburg Village. Must be pretty breezy in that high rise apartment. How's the view from the 23rd floor, Tom?

- Carmella Gargano

CLAIMS .

JAMES F. ANDERSON, chief adjuster, was surprised by his fellow workers with a retirement party. Mr. Anderson was taking his wife, Gertrude, to what he thought was her surprise retirement party. They are motoring to Florida for a while in their brand new air conditioned Impala. . . . Congratulations to our new Assistant Superintendent of Investigations and Claims, E. F. WEINGARTNER. . . . We would like to welcome JO ANNE NOWOSIELSKI, who is taking BOB LAMONT's place as clerk-typist. Bob is now receptionist. . . . There is also a new face in the vault, it's that of DANIEL SCAKONYI, file clerk. . . . That handsome gentleman you see driving around in a brand new Pontiac is our EDWARD KAR-KOCKI, adjuster. . . . Your scribe, BARBARA MIKA, is back without any broken bones from a weekend ski trip to Boyne Mountain. The snows were deep, ski lifts high, and the falls were all too many. But they tell me this is how the Olympic champions started. . . . Congratulations to GERRY SONSONE, steno I, and TOM CAROLIN, former file clerk in the Law Department, on their marriage February 3. Best wishes to you both.

- Barbara Mika & Sylvia Nspel

ELECTRICAL .

S. DANECKE, superintendent of electrical construction, along with his wife recently drove down to Miami, Florida, on his vacation. Mr. Danecke told us that they spent an enjoyable time in the mild 85-degree weather, while admiring the beautiful picturesque scenery. . . . Congratulations to Lineman JOHN O'SHEA, whose wife gave birth to a baby boy on January 29. The new arrival makes it five now for the O'Shea family. . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lineman Helper JOHN FRIEDMAN, on the loss of his brother, who passed away on

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February 5. . . Many happy returns to "B" Helper BILL LUBY, who celebrated a birthday on February 5. Bill's fellow co-workers helped him to celebrate the occasion with cake and coffee. . . At this writing the following men are on vacation: B. EGAR, M. DOLL, S. GAFFEN, R. PAOLICCHI, J. SHEA, and C. KNUTSON.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

FOREST GLEN -

KENNETH (Hot Rod) POLAN, one of RED BARRETT's finest bus cleaners, is to be married in the near future. You men in the repair department keep an eye out for the cigars. Operator and Mrs. ART GODBER were the guests at a surprise 25th anniversary party atop the Marine Terrace hotel and lounge in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Their host was M. BOLDT, a member of Amalgamated #998 in Milwaukee for 30 years. Many friends and relatives attended the happy occasion and presented the couple with a 12 place setting of silverware. The orchestra obliged the happy couple with a waltz, which must have brought back many fond memories. Congratulations to the happy couple and may they enjoy many more happy years together. P.S. a note to Wilbur: Art tried his darndest to bring back a vivacious bunny from the club, but was unable to leave the premises with her.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. VICTOR ANDERSON, parents of Supervisor JOHN ANDERSON. The couple celebrated their 60th anniversary on February 6. Victor, a CTA Pensioner, was 79 years old when he retired from the Skokie Shops. . . It was good to have the medical bus at Forest Glen. It gave us a chance to see an old friend, AL (Doc) GLUECKERT. I guess the thought of being on a medical bus alone would keep one physically fit. . . Operator LALA SMOOT joined the ranks of pensioners. A farewell party was held at the Smoot residence, attended by 14 couples. Operators who attended were FRED HERRMANN, HAROLD CHILDERS and LeROY NELSON, in the company of their wives, of course. We wish Operator Smoot many years of happy retirement. . . Received a card from Clerk TED HOELLEN, who flew to Florida. Ted remarked that the jet ride was very nice, but the freight bill left the biggest impression. Remember, idle money doesn't only draw interest, it also grows moths. The money you



AN OPERATOR from 69th street who recently came back to work with a Florida tan is DICK CAWLEY, who spent his vacation at Boynton Beach, Florida. Dick is pictured here between two retired motormen from 38th & Cottage Grove, MICHAEL HANLEY (left) and JOHN CLARKE (right), who live next door to each other. Although Mike is 78 and John is 84, Dick said he had a difficult time keeping up with the two of them.

put into circulation helps to keep the nation's economic situation stabilized. Another bright outlook is that you have that much less to account for to "Uncle Sam." I guess Ted got the idea on television - "Be the man with the Florida tan." . . . In spite of all the confusion before departure time, Clerk HADDON PHILLIPS and wife motored to Florida in a nice big Cadillac. This enabled Haddon to cut down on the travelling expenses so he could have a little more of that green stuff to spread around in Florida.

At this writing, Superintendent BAILEY is strutting about the office with a top hat, which is very becoming. The top hat is the prize in a dispute between Forest Glen and North Park in a defensive driving contest. Mr. Bailey claims the hat is now where it belongs and intends to keep it for the rest of the year because he knows he has the best group of defensive drivers on the system. Come on men, back up Mr. Bailey's statement and prove your defensive driving ability. . . Will miracles ever cease? Operator JASPER LOMBARDO was seen working on a run on Lawrence avenue. After all the years he spent on Central avenue it appears that he is ready to make a change for some reason.

Had the honor of attending the Stewart Club annual corn beef and cabbage dinner and had a very enjoyable evening. The food, music and refreshments were very good. It was good to see Pensioner JOE PFLUM and his wife, also to learn that Joe was feeling fine, as he was a long time on the road to recovery from a lengthy illness. Another year has rolled by and the time has come for membership renewals in the Little Flower Society (St. Joseph Branch). Remember, your cooperation is needed to assist young men to become priests. A St. Joseph membership decal for your auto is given to you with your renewal. Display your decal in honor as a tribute to God's work. . . If you don't have an auto, see RAY (Friendly Bob) GRAY and he will solve your financial problems towards the purchase of one. He is the most obliging man when it comes to being liberal with money. I guess that is why the Forest Glen credit union is so successful.

- Frank Carpino

GENERAL OFFICE (Traffic Engineering) -

HAROLD ROWBOTTON and his wife, LOIS, can well be proud of their sons, MICHAEL, age 16 years, and GARY, age 13 years. Michael received the first place award for his essay describing the young pioneers historical cruise. This cruise is conducted yearly by the Illinois Squadron of the Navy Club of America, and is open to boys throughout the state. Michael was sponsored by GEORGE CLARK, CTA's equipment engineer, and received his award at the Navy Club's annual dinner. Gary, who has been busy in boy scout endeavors out in Rolling Meadows, has recently earned the star scout award which is the third highest award for boy scouts. Gary was also the first in his troop to achieve this award.

- Mary E. Clarke

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

We were sorry to hear of the death of ALICE LARDNER, who passed away on February 14. Alice was em-

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ployed by the old Chicago Surface Lines on May 13, 1933, and worked in the Insurance Department until she retired in February, 1957. Alice made many friends during her 24 years of service and we all regret her passing and extend our sincere sympathy to her family . . . TERRY LOCOCO is back at her desk after surgery and looks in the peak again . . . We still have ADRIANNE TRASKUS on the sick list. Adrienne has been home for several months suffering with a broken hip. We wish her a speedy recovery.

(Stenographic-Duplicating) -

PATRICIA O'CONNELL and TONY BARRETT were married on February 8 at 11 o'clock mass at St. John Fisher Roman Catholic church. A reception for 300 people was held at the Vasa club following the ceremony. The happy couple honeymooned at Lake Lawn, Wisconsin . . . JOHN GRITIS won a 11" portable TV in the Jewel sweepstakes. John and his wife shop at the Jewel store at Archer & Damen.

(Transportation) -

LARRY STEPHENS, dispatcher, had great news from California recently which accounts for that smug look he's been wearing lately. His daughter, LAVERGNE, presented him with his 10th grandchild on February 8. There are now 9 girls and one boy in the family . . . EVERETT HEADLEY is now back at home after a long stay in the hospital and is recuperating nicely. Hope he will soon be well enough to be back to work . . . Many happy returns to MARGE ROCHFORD, COLETTE SZCZEPANEK, and ALICE MILLER, who had birthdays during the past month. They celebrated by serving coffee and cake to their co-workers in the Transportation office.

- Ann Golding

KEDZIE -

Operator EDWARD NOLAN, Operator JOHN HEELAN and their wives toured the south where Heelan visited his brother in sunny Florida. They all reported a wonderful trip . . . Operator RICHARD KOBYLECKY and JANET KIRIN were united in marriage on February 8 . . . Congratulations, may you have many years of happy wedded life . . . Our sympathy is extended to the following operators who lost their wives recently: MICHAEL GORCZYNSKI, EDWARD BARRY and THOMAS HENNEBERRY. Also to the family of Operator EDWARD NIEMIEC, who passed away suddenly on February 18 . . . Receiver EDWARD O'KEEFE at this writing is home from the hospital after a long siege and is still confined to his home. Hope you have a speedy recovery, Ed . . . Operator and Board Member CHARLES SEEBOCK at this writing is confined to Belmont Community hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

- C. P. Starr

KEELER -

Operator JOHN ZYCH is vacationing at Clearwater, Florida, and making the rounds visiting all of his buddies . . . Operator LEO RAKOWSKI, the second victim of the love bug this leap year, married JOYCE KULIK on February 1 at St. Genevieve church. To top it off the couple took a plane headed for Ocho-Rios in the Jamaica Islands . . . Operator JOHN AMBROGIO became a grandfather for the third time when his son, FRANK, and daughter-

in-law, DIANE, became parents to a baby boy named MICHAEL on February 5 . . . Operator LEVY FOSTER has taken up smoking. He purchased a briar pipe with a leather covering . . . Operator JULIUS BRAZIL has developed a hobby making various types of kites, bow, flat, box and non-rigid ones. He is waiting for spring weather and will soon have them up in the air . . . Operator JOHN GRYS celebrated his 28th wedding anniversary on January 28. His wife became seriously ill and was taken to the Illinois Masonic hospital. Here's hoping she will soon be on the mend.

Superintendent and Mrs. E. C. LOUGHRAN were pleasantly surprised recently when their youngest son, GARY, who has been serving with the 3rd Marine Division in the far East for the past year, returned to state-side and flew home for a 30-day furlough. At the end of his furlough he will be reassigned to the 5th Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California.

- Elmer Riedel

LOOP (Agents) -

On March 12 Trackman JOHN PARNELL enrolled at Dunbar evening school. He wanted only to complete his grammar school education but by January 30, John had not only completed grammar school, he also had the highest grades in his class. He graduated and now is going on with his high school education. Keep up the good work and lots of luck . . . Our congratulations to student Agent DANIEL BROSNAN, who graduated on February 9, from DePaul university. By the way, Daniel, keep on singing we need another Elvis . . . Student Agent PAT SPAK has found herself a painless dentist. He is RALPH MODONNA, who is studying dentistry at Loyola. Ralph is also a student agent . . . Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of ANTONIO TORTORRIELLO, who passed away February 7 . . . On the sick list at this writing is J. GIRTH, who just came home from St. Francis hospital, Evanston. Hope your wife is up and around after her illness . . . Good luck to Porter TOM FAY, who took his pension on March 1.

- Mildred Doyle

LIMITS -

Operator GEORGE LUKA had quite a siege of illness. First he suffered a badly sprained ankle and when he recuperated from that he submitted to major surgery. He is now back to work and says he's feeling in the best of health. Can't keep a good man down . . . Operator PETE KEANE vacationed in January and enjoyed touring his own neighborhood and relaxing at home . . . Operator CLARENCE BUTHMAN was on the sick list at home. He returned to work and then enjoyed his picked vacation during February . . . Operator PAT CRONIN's son, DENNIS, is now an employe in the shop at North Park . . . We welcome 51 new men to our depot from Kedzie. Due to an allotment of Ashland avenue line, we have more territory to cover. We also lost 33 men to North Park due to the transfer of the North Damen line to that depot . . . The wife of Operator CONRAD JOHNSON submitted to major surgery at Lutheran Deaconess hospital and is improved at this writing . . . Operator ROBBIE ROBINSON was hospitalized recently but after all the tests were made they discovered he was disgustingly healthy . . . Operator PAT CRONIN's daughter, KATHLEEN, had minor surgery and is in tip top shape once more.

INSIDE NEWS

Mechanic EARL RODGERS drives daily from Paddock lakes, Wisconsin - 62 miles - loves that country air and healthy living and thinks it's really worth it . . . A certificate of merit was awarded to Operator R. MOORE, who lives on West Fletcher street by the south Lakeview neighbors of the Lakeview Citizens Council. The award was for the Yuletide decorations on the outside of his home. He came in No. 4 and he and his wife were feted at a dinner in a local restaurant . . . Coffee and rolls were served all day at Limits club room on February 19 as a courtesy of the management and Limits credit union. It was in appreciation to the men of our station for a splendid accident record in January - only 25 traffic and passenger accidents. Our previous best was in May, 1961, when we had 31 accidents. Our new par is 25 for February and let's hope we can report that record beaten.

- George Clark

NORTH SECTION (Agents) -

GRACE LESLIE is the proud owner of an engagement ring given to her by CLEMENT MOUNTS. Now Grace is hearing wedding bells rather than register bells. Congratulations, Gracie! . . . We wish to extend our sympathy to ELIZABETH and DAN DONOHUE on the loss of their brother, TIMOTHY. The Donohue's asked me to thank everyone for their kindness and consideration . . . PEARL MALOWITZ's aunt, pensioned agent ANNA HURWITZ, is spending some of her free time selling magazine subscriptions for the Curtis Publishing company. Anyone interested in magazines can contact her at home . . . Happy birthday to MIKE O'CONNELL; he was 22 last month . . . We understand that the North Side's blond bombshell, MARIE TOWNSEND, has been temporarily sidelined by low blood pressure. We wish Marie a speedy recovery. . . DICK MERCER is back at work after an operation. He asked me to thank everyone for all those cards and phone calls.

The north side ski team, JIM TUCCY, BILL GILL, MIKE O'CONNELL, PAT EGAN, and myself, had another rollicking weekend in Wisconsin. Luckily no one has broken a leg yet . . . BETTY MEER, our lovely p.m. agent at Bryn Mawr, is back from her vacation . . . RUTH LEE's son, former student agent BILL FIELDS, is back from his hitch in the coast guard. . . FEDELMA HENRY celebrated her 39th birthday again this year.

- Ted Brennen

NORTH AVENUE -

Congratulations to INSTRUCTOR WILLIAM KENNEDY and his wife, MADELYN, who celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on March 2 . . . OPERATOR HUGH MASTERSON and his wife, NORA, welcomed a baby boy at Loretto hospital on February 5 . . . OPERATOR MICHAEL MCCARTHY and his wife, BONNIE, welcomed their baby boy at St. Anthony's hospital on February 12. Our best wishes to all . . . Good luck to Register Clerk JAMES HAASE, who was inducted into the armed forces and is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky . . . OPERATOR JOHN JENDRZEJEK and OPERATOR EDWARD RUTKOWSKI and their wives had an enjoyable trip. They visited St. Petersburg and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. They paid a visit to Nassau, and had a few deep-sea fishing trips. They saw the underwater show at Weeki Wachee, and the dog and horse races. The



WITH POM-POM in hand, Cheerleader DOTTY ANDERSON is pictured here alighting from the University of Illinois float after the recent tournament of roses parade. Dotty is a sophomore at the university and the daughter of L. G. ANDERSON, superintendent of shops and equipment.

ladies attended some fashion shows . . . OPERATOR FRANK ZIONTS vacationed at Pompano Beach, Florida . . . OPERATOR JOSEPH COVAIS spent a brief vacation in California . . . Night Foreman ERNEST PEARSON reports a successful fishing trip, a good catch of northern. The ice isn't too safe, soon he'll be renting a boat. Fishermen, it looks like an early spring, so be ready to take advantage of it . . . INSTRUCTOR CLARENCE LEMKE and his wife, MARIAN, will spend their vacation touring Illinois . . . OPERATORS EDWARD HEIDENREICH and FRANK BJORNSON and their wives are touring California . . . JANITOR FRANK BRAMAN and his family are visiting Nassau in the Bahamas.

REPAIRMAN JOSEPH WARD was promoted to relief P.M. foreman. THOMAS CARROLL was promoted to BARNEY CALLAHAN's P.M. foreman's spot when Barney took his pension. Tom has been in Martha Washington hospital for surgery, we hope he'll soon be back . . . Welcome to REPAIRMAN RICHARD KARRAS who came to North Avenue from Keeler . . . GEORGE "Sinatra" KUENSTLE, repair department, went to investigate what he thought was a cat in Bay 7. It turned out to be a not-too-friendly raccoon. George was swift and outran the raccoon. He took refuge in a switchman's shanty, and the disappointed raccoon walked slowly away and hasn't been seen since . . . SUPERVISOR EDWARD WOLSKI and his son-in-law, OPERATOR MARTIN DEL CONTE, were patients in the hospital . . . OPERATOR WILLIAM NEHLS' wife had a brief stay in the hospital. . . OPERATOR GERRY KLAMP was in Alexian Brothers hospital for a check-up . . . REPAIRMAN WALTER O'CONNER had surgery in Columbus hospital . . . CLERK JOSEPH DILLON is at home after a stay in the hospital. . . PENSIIONER JOHN WNUCK of Aurora, Indiana, is recuperating after surgery . . . STARTER ANTHONY GLOPPE had surgery in Augustana hospital. We wish all a speedy recovery.

We are glad to report OPERATOR JOSEPH PELIKAN is back to work after a brief stay in the hospital . . . Schedule Man GEORGE ANDERSON took his pension February 1, after 21 years of service. George and his wife, MILDRED, plan to stay in Chicago after touring all of the states . . . Our condolences to OPERATOR EDWARD T. BARRY, who lost his wife, MARY FRANCES, on January 26; SUPERVISOR CORNELIUS O'SHEA, who lost his 93 year old father in Newmarket, County Cork, Ireland, on January 10; INSTRUCTOR ARTHUR HIGGINS, who lost his mother, ALICE, on January 30; CLERK JOSEPH DILLON, who lost his mother-in-law, MARGARET

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ARTHUR BAEHREND, 60, Medical,
Emp. 2-12-24. Died 1-28-64
AUGOSTINA BAFFA, 73, 52nd street,
Emp. 3-09-43. Died 11-25-63
MICHAEL BALICH, 75, Track,
Emp. 6-23-27. Died 1-05-64
FRANK J. BILEK, 53, Archer,
Emp. 8-26-43. Died 1-19-64
L. J. BRADY, 74, 77th street,
Emp. 3-07-23. Died 1-28-64
F. J. CARMICHAEL, 82, Lincoln,
Emp. 7-22-05. Died 1-28-64
J. L. CROSS, 60, North Park,
Emp. 2-14-27. Died 1-04-64
J. A. CROWLEY, 73, Wilson,
Emp. 10-11-19. Died 1-05-64
JOHN DODIG, 78, Track,
Emp. 5-04-22. Died 1-14-64
JAMES DUFFY, 78, Garfield Park,
Emp. 10-16-36. Died 1-08-64
THOMAS FEE, 86, Lawndale,
Emp. 8-19-16. Died 1-23-64
JOHN FELIX, 88, Metropolitan,
Emp. 1-05-16. Died 1-06-64
SAM GENENDER, 51, Instruction,
Emp. 1-12-42. Died 1-18-64
A. L. GORMAN, 78, South Section,
Emp. 7-14-19. Died 1-10-64
T. G. GRIFFIN, 86, 69th street,
Emp. 6-11-09. Died 1-11-64
C. W. GUILLIAMS, 91, Claim,
Emp. 10- -92. Died 1-12-64
F. F. HAVEL, 64, 77th street,
Emp. 11-16-24. Died 1-05-64

JERRY HRDINA, 69, Lawndale,
Emp. 1-06-20. Died 1-08-64
N. G. JANKE, 84, 39th & Halsted,
Emp. 5-11-99. Died 9-26-63
A. N. JOHNSON, 82, Wilson,
Emp. 5-04-03. Died 1-06-64
W. H. KNUST, 70, South Section,
Emp. 11-10-15. Died 1-26-64
JERRY KOSTAL, 74, South Section,
Emp. 9-02-10. Died 1-30-64
H. W. KOVERT, 94, Devon,
Emp. 3-1-02. Died 1-10-64
N. C. NEWMAN, 69, 52nd street,
Emp. 6-25-37. Died 1-10-64
A. F. REESE, 78, 69th street,
Emp. 3-30-15. Died 1-23-64
L. M. RENFROW, 72, Devon,
Emp. 1-14-21. Died 1-12-64
PETER ROBACK, 68, Keeler,
Emp. 4-22-27. Died 1-11-64
JOSEPH SEMON, 47, Howard street,
Emp. 2-17-42. Died 1-21-64
CARL SMITH, 71, Lawndale,
Emp. 7-19-26. Died 1-20-64
JOSEPH SPINA, 79, Track,
Emp. 5-09-24. Died 1-09-64
ALVIN STROHMEYER, 81, North avenue,
Emp. 10-20-15. Died 1-17-64
ANTONIO TORTORIELLO, 54, West Section,
Emp. 1-13-42. Died 2-07-64
H. H. UHL, 71, North Section,
Emp. 2-02-16. Died 1-09-64
N. J. VALLE, 48, 61st street,
Emp. 4-15-43. Died 1-26-64

REIFEIS, February 18; the family of OPERATOR JOSEPH PESZEK, who passed away on February 15; the family of OPERATOR ALFRED BARBER, who died suddenly on February 20, and PENSIONER CORWIN WEIDLER, who lost his wife . . . We hope all of our brothers had a jolly St. Patrick's Day. We wish all a glorious Easter as we celebrate the day when our Lord arose from the dead.

- Bill Miedema

PURCHASING & STORES (Purchasing) -

A proud father in the Purchasing Department is TOM GALANTE! His son, Fire Lieutenant LOUIS T. GALANTE, commander of a shift in the Fire Department's elite Snorkel Squad No. 1, was written up in the magazine section of the Chicago Sunday Tribune on February 23. It was a terrific article - hope you didn't miss it!

(North Division)-

Friday, February 21, was the last day for LEONARD SKRINE at Storeroom 42 as he transferred to the mail room as supervisor. Our best wishes go with him . . . DAVE STETCHER is back on the sicklist - all his friends wish him a speedy recovery . . . TONY DIGIOVANNI, Storeroom 43, returned recently from a week's vacation at Las Vegas! TONY GORZKIEWICZ transferred to

Storeroom 42 from Storeroom 43 . . . After the closing of Storeroom 14, CHARLES KLIMCKE transferred to Storeroom 43 and Storeroom 42's family increased when CARMEN CARDOMONE and SAMUEL INGRAFFIA joined the group.

(South Division) -

All our good wishes go with HAROLD LOWERY when he takes his T and P Retirement on March 1. We will miss him!

- D. Jane Bell

SCHEDULE - TRAFFIC -

A husband and wife retirement dinner was held January 29 at Gus' Restaurant for GERTRUDE and JIMANDERSON. Gertrude, stenographer in the Schedule Department, completed 25 years of service and started retirement February 1. Jim has been identified with Claims and Investigation for his entire career, he retired March 1. We wish many happy years of the leisure of retirement to this fine couple . . . ESTHER O'BRIEN transferred from Shops and Equipment back to the department where she started her career as stenographer. Welcome back, Esther . . . JOHN FRANZEN, pensioner, bought a new Chevrolet Biscayne . . . FRED WALPOLE, traffic checker, bought a new Dodge Dart . . . WILLIAM

INSIDE NEWS

WORCESTER was promoted to schedule maker . . . We welcome WILLIAM BUETOW, traffic checker, back from the armed services . . . JAY KELLY, traffic checker, is on the sick list and we wish him a speedy recovery. . . KAY BATINA, MARGARET VIDAL and LAURA SCHRECKE had a birthday party for BERNADETTE KIZIOR at Cafe Bohemia . . . DENNIS J. VANCE, son of L. VANCE, traffic checker, was promoted to corporal in the marines at Okinawa . . . JOSEPH BILLIS, traffic checker, celebrated his sixth wedding anniversary.

- Laura Schnecke

SKOKIE SHOPS -

GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, recently became a proud grandpa again. Congratulations to you and Mrs. Kimmske upon the birth of RICHARD LESLEY HALL, born February 2 . . . VICTOR ANDERSON, retired blacksmith, recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary. Vic is now 82 years old . . . Vacationers in Florida now are JOE BARA, assistant airbrake foreman, JOSEPH PERILLO, electrical worker, and ALPHONSE SCHMITZ, upholsterer . . . Recently heard from pensioners AUGUST NIMTZ, J. J. DWYER and WILLIAM MEWS, who are all enjoying their pensions . . . The electrical workers and machinists had their fifth annual bowling match on February 16 at Norridge Lanes. The electrical workers won two out of three and took the series with a score of 2594 to 2536. EVERETT ENGLAND finished up with a 557; AL KRZEMINSKI was close behind with a 554.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

With our beloved Cubs and White Sox off to their spring training camps, it means that springtime can't be too far away now . . . Happy, happy news. Our station superintendent, RICHARD MEISNER, who was on the sick list for a couple of weeks, is back working and says he's feeling much better and glad to be back . . . Best of luck to Switchman THOMAS DOMIKAITIS, who transferred to the Shops and Equipment Electrical Department on February 11. Tom will be missed by all of us. He is a real likeable guy . . . CONDUCTOR PHARAOH CAIN took a little winter vacation and went down to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to take the baths. He said the weather down there was great and he enjoyed the baths . . . Our sincerest condolences to CLERK JOHN BARRY, whose mother passed away recently . . . "Hello" to our newly-transferred agent from the surface system, EDWARD STEPNIKA, and to newly-hired part-time agents ROBERT O'NEILL and JESSE RICHARDSON . . . We should have all the luck that TRAINMAN BOB JOHNSON has! For his two-week naval reserve training he was stationed down in New Orleans, Louisiana, and right at Mardi Gras time. He said that the Mardi Gras is just fabulous, with all the costumes and gayety. . . MOTORMAN MARCUS WALKER and his family have purchased a new home and are busily working and fixing it up . . . SWITCHMAN ROBERT PIPOWSKI, who has been in the U.S. Army for a couple of years, was home on furlough and he has decided to make a career for himself in the army so he resigned from the CTA. Good luck to you, Bob, in your army career.

SUPERVISOR DON MURPHY and his wife, GEN, are having a nice winter vacation. They motored down to

Miami Beach, Florida, to visit with their son, BILL, who is stationed at Homestead Air Force Base. While there they are also going to visit with retired supervisor HUGH KELLEY and retired towerman PAUL ZOSEL, who both live in Florida. While writing this they are probably out fishing in Hugh's boat, basking in warm sunshine while we're all working. Oh, that nice warm weather! . . . Our sympathy goes out to MOTORMAN EARTHON JOHNSON, whose father passed away recently and to AGENT ODELL THOMPSON, whose mother passed away . . . Back at their posts and off the sick list are: SWITCHMEN JOSEPH TRIBETT and THOMAS SCHWARZ, TOWERMAN ROBERT HENDRICKS, and AGENT FRANK CHURCHILL . . . More new members for our Courtesy Caravan Club: CONDUCTOR COSTELL SWAIN received a passenger commendation for his courteous treatment to passengers when his train became defective and was delayed. . . TRAINMAN EVERETT JAMES received a passenger commendation for his capable manner in handling a disturbance on his train . . . PORTER HENRY SOMMERVILLE was commended for his courtesy and assisting a woman passenger and her children to reach their proper destination.

Part-time Agent MARTIN MORAN, son of our MOTORMAN PATRICK MORAN, resigned to go into the military service . . . CONDUCTOR RALPH VERNON while on vacation made a trip out to Zanesville, Ohio, to visit his grandparents whom he had not seen for some time . . . CONDUCTOR MERRITT MARKS has resigned to accept a position with another organization . . . MOTORMAN LANEY McDONALD is in "seventh heaven." Recently he bowled seven strikes in a row when bowling one night with the 61st street bowling team, which is captained by MOTORMAN SAM JONES. Keep up the good work Mac. . . COLLECTOR AUGUST GRABE is just raving about the purchase of his new color TV set. He said the colors show up so nice especially on the variety shows . . . Here's hoping for a speedy recovery for AGENT CHARLES FRANK, who at this writing is on the sick list . . . Received word that Retired Agent THOMAS FRANCO is living down in Phoenix, Arizona, with his son and enjoys the Arizona weather . . . Retired Switchman ROBERT JOHNSON was in town recently from St. Petersburg, Florida, because his sister passed away. While here he renewed old acquaintances . . . Retired Switchman JOHN LEVINS is now home from the hospital and is improving . . . Three of our pensioners passed away recently: CONDUCTOR ARTHUR MADDEN, MOTORMAN VINCENT VALLE, and PORTER AMBROSE DUFFY . . . I met retired motorman PATRICK GALLAGHER recently and he says he's enjoying his pension and is planning to make a little trip down to St. Petersburg, Florida, in the spring . . . Retired switchman GEORGE LaFAIRE and his wife, who live in Hollywood, Florida, celebrated their 61 years of wedded bliss at Creighton's restaurant along with some other CTA pensioners who live in Florida. The LaFaires have 8 children, 23 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

The lucky winner of the Pentron tape recorder that was raffled off by the Bus Overhaul picnic committee was EVELYN HOWE, former shop clerk, who resigned to assume household duties. EVELYN is the wife of VERNON HOWE, a painter at South Shops . . . Congra-

INSIDE NEWS

tulations to the BILL WEBB family on the birth of their fourth child, a daughter whom they named DIANA LYNN. The couple's other children are named LAURA, BILLY and PHYLLIS . . . JOHN DANLOE, foreman of the Paint Shop, and his wife spent a one-week vacation with their son, daughter-in-law, and five grandchildren in Phoenix, Arizona. John and his wife travelled by train to the sunny state. The only part of the trip that they regretted was coming home . . . TIMOTHY JAMES is the newest addition to the JOHN NEWMAN family. He was born January 31 in the South Chicago hospital. His proud father is a machinist in the Brake Department.

ESTHER O'BRIEN has left our office force for a job in the Schedule & Traffic Department, where Esther informed us she first started out with the company. Assuming Esther's duties is HELEN DOHERTY, who worked in the Technical Services Division . . . ED EVANS spent some of his time in Little Company of Mary hospital during the first part of February. We are now happy to report that Ed is back to work and feeling just about as chipper as ever . . . TOM GIBSON and LEROY ALBERS are still on the sick list. If you read this fellows, we all wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back to work by the time this is printed in the magazine.

- Kay Guzovich & Diana McLemore

WEST SECTION -

Congratulations are in order for three of our men who recently added a son to each of their families . . . Extra guard MARKO FRANCISKOVICH and his wife, NADINE, announced the birth of their son, RICHARD BRYAN, who was born at Northwest Community hospital on January 13. This is the second son for Marko - MARK JR. is 21 months old . . . ROBERT LINDSAY was born to Douglas Extra Man and Mrs. ROBERT THOMAS on January 17 when he arrived at the Michael Reese hospital. Douglas Conductor JOHN TYK and his wife, FRANCES, brought JOHN MICHAEL into the world on February 10. Little John has a 21-month old sister, ANN MARIE . . . With regret we were informed of the death of Chief Clerk JOHN HANNING's mother, ETHEL. Mrs. Hanning passed away on January 13. We are all with you in this time of bereavement, John.

Chief Collector JOSEPH GAVIN is recovering quite well from his shoulder wound. Joe is at home but must return frequently to the hospital for required treatment. Perhaps some of you may wish to take time from your busy schedules to call Joe as we are sure he would appreciate hearing from you, and it would help him in the marvelous job he is doing in keeping his spirits up. Your scribe takes this opportunity to express his appreciation and thanks for the visits, telephone calls, and get well cards received.

- Richard Martin

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Your reporter would like to extend his sincerest thanks to all who paid their respects to my father, STANLEY L. BRZECZEK, who passed away on February 10 . . . Clerk CLIFFORD VANDERVEST was away on a short vacation doing jury duty . . . Congratulations to Wilson Repairman and Mrs. FRANK FAWCETT, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on February 21 . . . Congress Repairman HERMAN IZZO became a

proud papa for the sixth time when his wife gave birth to a baby boy. The little star, named ANTHONY, was born at Christ Community hospital on February 14. How do you like your Valentine present, Herman? . . . Sorry to hear that Lake Street Repairman LLOYD ROBINSON was on the disabled list with a double fractured arm . . . Our sincerest condolences are sent to the families of Repairman GARNER PLEASANT, whose niece passed away in St. Louis, Missouri, and Repairman JAMES WILLIAMS, whose uncle died in Chicago . . . Congratulations to Car Cleaner WALTER SESKO, who became a grandfather for the 12th time.

- Ray Brzezczek

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

Sympathy is extended to Superintendent WILLIAM MURBACH and his family in the loss of his beloved mother, who passed away February 3 . . . All were grieved to learn of the untimely demise of Agent ANTHONY TORTORIELO, who was laid to rest on February 10. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family . . . It is good to see Agent LOUISE DREWS back on the job after an extended illness . . . I understand that Agent BEULAH FIELDS spent her vacation visiting Portugal and Spain . . . It is impossible to mention each individual, but a warm welcome and hearty handshake is extended to all the new agents.

- Gordon Kelly

69TH STREET -

Again fickle Dame Fortune thwarted our efforts in the interstation accident prevention campaign. After losing the quarterly title by just one measly accident in December, came January and we again with the odds in our favor could have beaten our combined accident and passenger low. But, we got our last day jitters and blew it. This time we tied, but according to Hoyle, you either beat it or you don't. Perhaps with a little extra effort on our part we'll get out of this "bridesmaid but never a bride" rut. Dear Boss: Maybe in case of ties we could bring our own cream and sugar, if you could get the coffee?

Congratulations to all the lads who boarded the Courtesy Caravan last month, due to the large number of them and lack of space we cannot acknowledge them individually. They are however posted alongside the receivers cage. Nice going, and may your clan increase. . . Congratulations are also in order to STAN PROSEN, on his appointment to district supervisor, and to AL PAVLIK on his fourth grandchild. Keep up with your lullabys, Grandpa . . . Operator HOWIE (Ding-Dong) BELL and his cub scouts first cook-out of the year was a howling success. The howl was supplied by Scoutmaster Howie when he unknowingly intercepted a flying saucer (tin) pass, heaved by one of his aspiring quarterback proteges . . . GEORGE ERIKSEN was a recent Florida visitor during his vacation and looks it. George spent three weeks in the Sunshine State and was accompanied by his wife and golf clubs . . . Two of our supervisors are celebrating wedding anniversaries on St. Pat's Day. They are Mr. and Mrs. RALPH ZIMMER, 20 years, and Mr. and Mrs. MAURICE O'DONNELL, 22 years. We wish them much happiness.

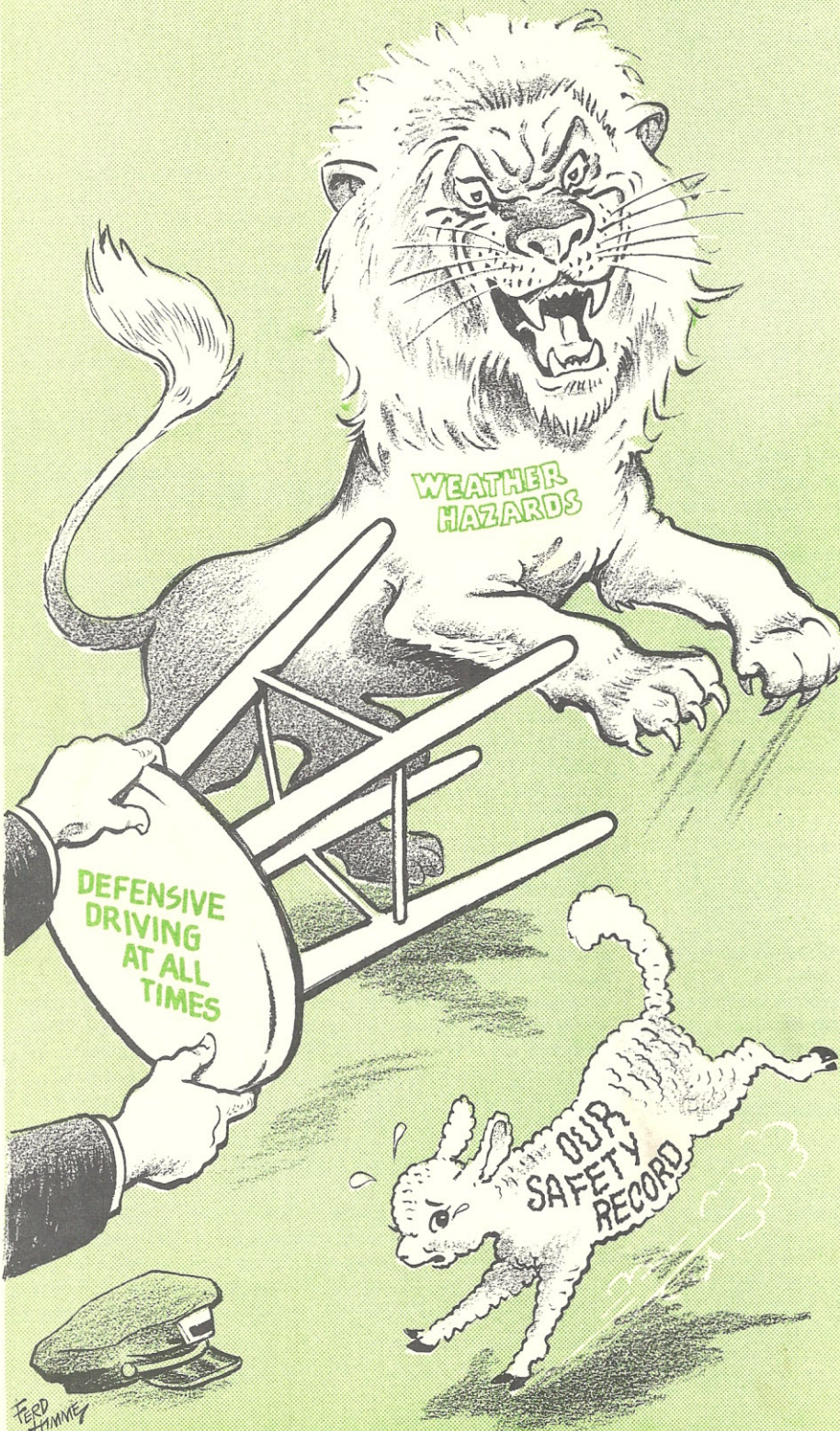
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