

TRANSIT NEWS



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Skokie Swift Service Inaugurated on April 20

CTA'S NEWEST rapid transit route, the Skokie Swift, was officially unveiled at inaugural ceremonies held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the Dempster terminal in Skokie.

Master of ceremonies was Chicago Transit Board Chairman George L. DeMent. Speakers at the ceremony were William B. Hurd, deputy assistant administrator, Transportation Division, U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency; Ray Simon, administrative officer, representing Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago; and Mayor Myron Greisdorf of Skokie.

Invited guests included civic and business leaders, federal, state, county and municipal officials, including representatives from Chicago and neighboring suburbs in the Skokie Swift service area.

The official party from Skokie and adjoining suburbs boarded a special train at Dempster street and rode to Howard station to meet the official party from Chicago. Together the two official par-

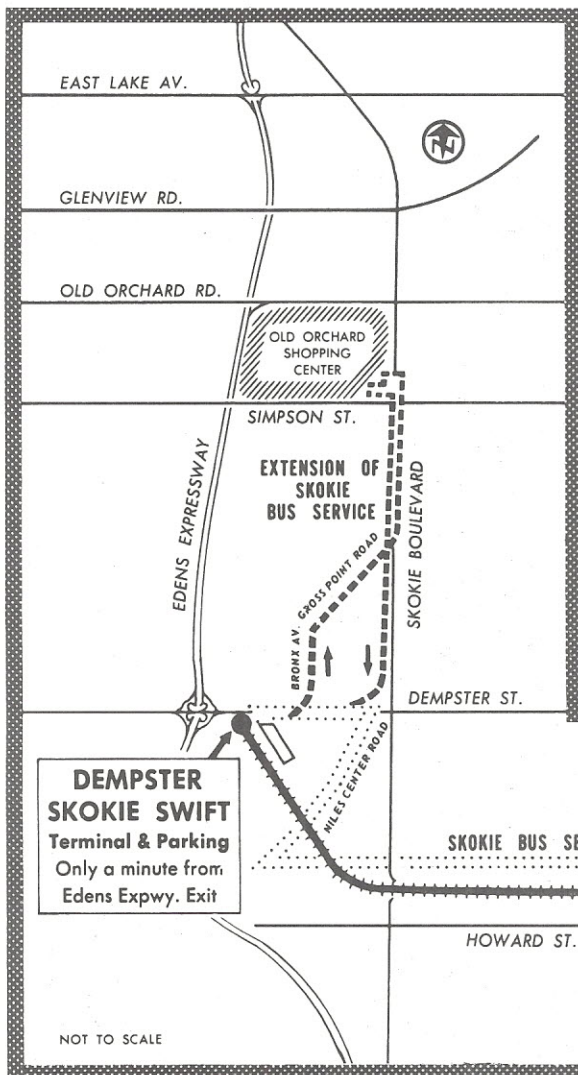
ties rode the high-speed train to the Dempster terminal for the ceremonies.

Following the ceremony trains operated from Dempster to Howard and return until 4:30 p.m. giving free rides to all comers.

Regular operation of the Skokie Swift, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays, started two days later on Monday, April 20. During rush hours one-car trains operate at 10-minute intervals; 30-minute headways are maintained during non-rush periods.

The Skokie Swift service is a demonstration project, two-thirds of the estimated net cost of the two-year operation is being financed by a federal grant. The remainder of the cost is being borne by CTA and the Village of Skokie, the co-sponsors of the project.

The inaugural ceremony will be covered by a story and pictures in the May issue of TRANSIT NEWS.



ROUTE: From Dempster Street, Skokie, to Howard Street L, Chicago, and return.

TIME: 6½ minutes nonstop (fastest terminal-to-terminal rapid transit speed in the world).

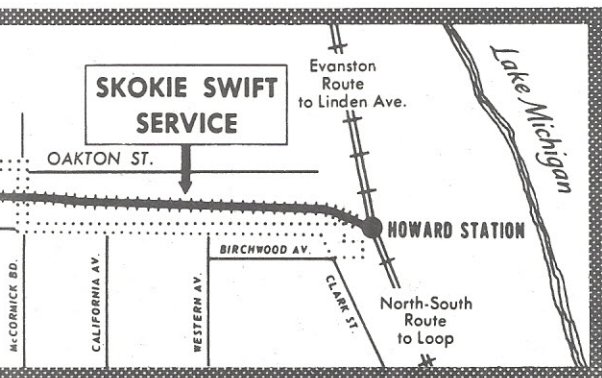
SCHEDULE: Every 10 minutes during rush hours; 30 minute intervals other times. 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FARE: Adults, 45¢; children and students, 29¢. Includes transfer privilege to all CTA trains and buses.

PARKING: 25¢ all day, in modern new lot at Dempster Station.

Free Kiss 'N' Ride Area for delivery and pick-up at station.

NOTE: The CTA Bus route, effective April 20, is extended to Old Orchard Shopping Center, via the Dempster terminal, and is co-ordinated with the Skokie Swift.



Skokie Shops Office Staff in New Building



IT WAS moving day recently for administrative and engineering staff members at Skokie Shops.

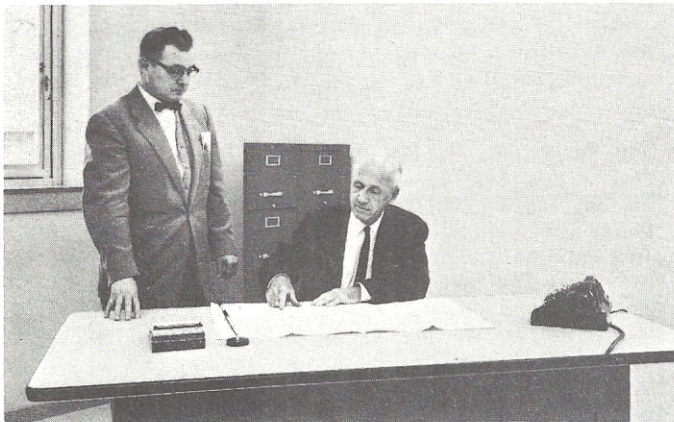
They shifted from their old quarters in the shops building to the new office building which was constructed at the cost \$73,554 on Oakton street in the lawn west of the shops building proper.

Modern in design and completely equipped and furnished throughout, the building covers 3,500 square feet and replaces obsolete second floor engineering department offices and inadequate facilities in the former location.

It features fluorescent lighting, a forced air gas-fired heating unit in which air-conditioning can be installed at a future date, three private offices, two semi-private offices with walnut paneled partitions, semi-closed receptionist area and accous-

tical ceilings. The exterior is highlighted at night by outdoor spotlights which illuminate stainless steel lettering spelling out Chicago Transit Authority. It has an office staff of 13, which includes superintendents, engineers and clerical personnel.

Interior views of the new facility are presented in the accompanying photos. At the top is the outer office. At desks from front to rear are: Mrs. Bea Susman, secretary; Everett England, shop clerk; Howard Jensen, shop clerk; Catherine Anna Hartnett, typist, and Robert Winther, development engineer. At the left, below, L. H. Reichard, Superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, and Heinz Doering, superintendent, Skokie Shops, discuss a problem relating to a rapid transit car in the shop for repair, and (right) Ralph Martz, assistant superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, checks out an engineer's drawing submitted to him for approval.



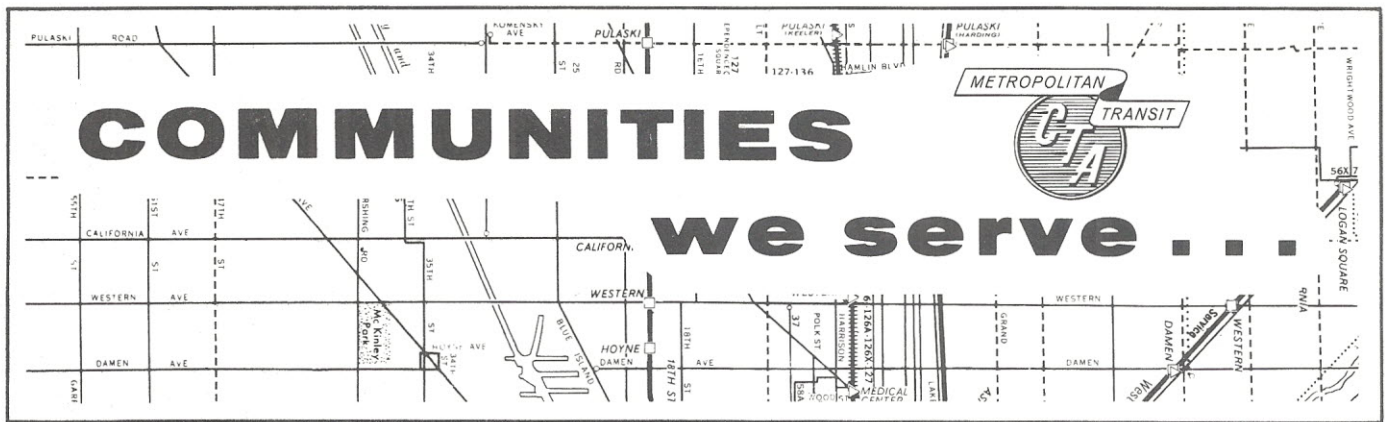
OUR COVER: A magnificent view of Chicago after dark, as seen looking east from the top of the Marina Towers, outlines famous landmarks in a spectacular manner. Against the dark background of the lake, a new dimension is added to the scene as familiar buildings at the north end of the Michigan avenue bridge, aglow with lights, stand out brilliantly in the night skies. The Chicago river is a mirror that reflects shimmering patterns on the surface of its waters and headlights of moving traffic create illuminated streaks on the busy thoroughfare below which is recognized as Wacker drive.

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ON THE map of the sprawling area that has become the North Side of Chicago, the community of Rogers Park is located in the extreme northeastern section of the city, some 12 miles from the Loop.

Fronting on Lake Michigan on the east, it is bounded on the west by Ridge avenue, on the north by Howard street and Juneway terrace and on the south by Sheridan road and Devon avenue.

The community traces its origin back to the purchase by Phillip Rogers in the 1830's of about 1,600 acres of land from the government, and it is from this pioneer landowner that the community derives its name. Early residents consisted mostly of farmers, who settled chiefly along what was then called the Ridge, now the west boundary, because it was the only north-south road running into the area and was important as a military, trade and mail road along which stage coaches operated.

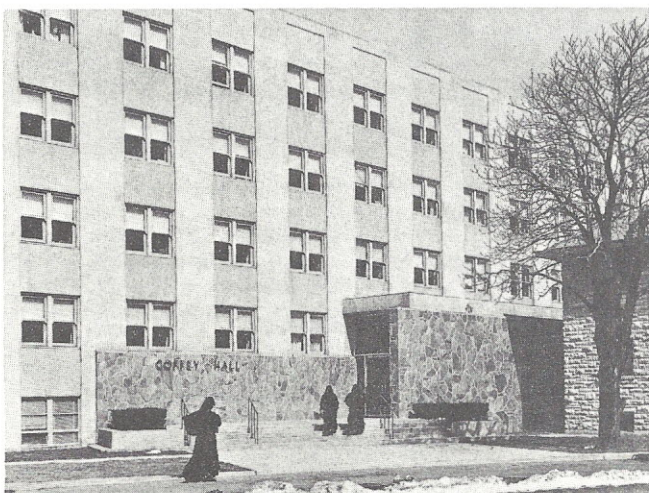
Incorporated in 1878, the population did not increase markedly until the 1888 to 1893 period. During these years Chicago was rapidly growing outward and Rogers Park benefitted. New subdivisions were opened, and though most of the

village was sparsely settled, some houses began to appear near Clark street and Greenleaf avenue. The land between Ashland avenue and the lake at the time was largely swamps, often lashed by the waves of the lake.

Annexation to Chicago in 1893 brought the first significant growth to Rogers Park. It produced a number of improvements and was partly responsible for a real estate boom. Population increased as new subdivisions were developed. The Chicago North Shore Street Railway Company, a predecessor of the Chicago Surface Lines, which had begun service in 1893, via Clark and Broadway was extended in 1894 to Wrightwood avenue when the Clark street line was also extended through Rogers Park. Transportation played another important role in the growing community when the Northwestern elevated line was extended to Howard street in 1908, opening up new developments in the eastern part of Rogers Park.

One of the most significant developments took place in the southeast corner, at Loyola, the first new neighborhood to be settled. In 1906, the Jesuit

THE SWELLING attendance of students at Mundelein college, on Sheridan road at the lake, has necessitated expansion of dormitory space. One of the newest buildings used for this purpose is Coffey Hall.



THE BUSY Howard street shopping district also is experiencing a change in appearance. An insurance company is erecting a new national headquarters office building on the former site of the North Shore theatre. This view looks west from the Howard 'L' station.



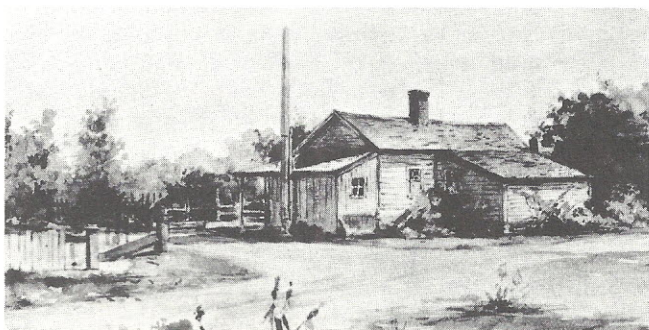
order which had operated St. Ignatius college on the near west side decided to open a new college. They purchased land in Rogers Park in the section east of Sheridan Road between Devon and Loyola avenues called "Hayes Point", which was covered mostly by sand and brush. Loyola Academy was opened in 1908 and Loyola University given a charter in 1909.

It was from 1910 to 1930 that Rogers Park experienced its greatest advancement as a city community. Before 1912, the Howard district in the extreme northeast section, had been part of Evanston, though isolated from that town by Calvary cemetery. Its secession from Evanston in that year led to its annexation to Chicago in 1915, when Rogers Park achieved its present boundaries. Between 1910 and 1920 the population, spurred by the boom created by World War I, increased by a spectacular 297 per cent. During the next 10 years it jumped another 112 per cent.

In recent years there has been a striking change in the character of the Rogers Park community. Mass movement of other population groups from other sections of the city has brought many new residents to the area. Before the 1910-1930 era a goodly portion of the families living there were descendants of the original German, Irish, English and Scotch settlers, while others were of second or third generation of Scandinavian, English, Irish, or German stock, who moved into the community from older communities closer to the heart of the city.

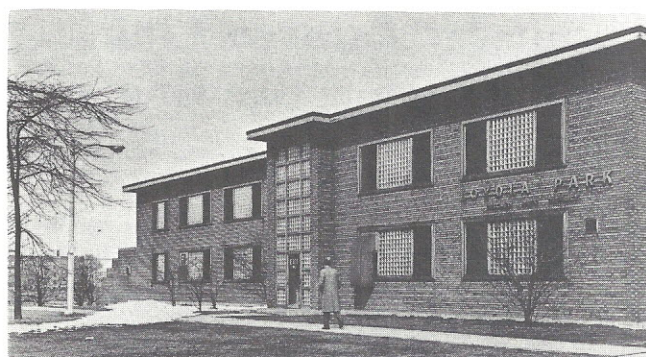
Once primarily an area of single family residences, Rogers Park today is to a great extent a community of large apartment structures, apartment hotels and kitchenette apartment buildings. Many old homes were sold and replaced by apartments. At first the changes were most evident in the Loyola and Howard sections, but gradually practically all sections of the community were affected.

Rogers Park today has ample transportation facilities. It is served by six surface routes and three rapid transit routes. The surface routes are: Skokie, No. 97; Lunt-Touhy, No. 96; Clark, No. 22; Devon-Sheridan, No. 155; Sheridan, No. 151, and Broadway, No. 36. The rapid transit routes are, North-South, Evanston and the Skokie Swift line.



ON RIDGE avenue, the western boundary of Rogers Park, a great many new homes and apartment structures have been built in recent years. This row of garden apartments near Jarvis avenue is an example of the modern housing units which have been developed in this area during the construction boom.

JUST NORTH of the Sheridan-Devon-Broadway intersection there is a cluster of small commercial buildings dominated by the Granada theatre, one of the few large neighborhood movie houses that has survived the competition of home television. In the background is the Loyola station of the North-South rapid transit route, a busy transfer point served by several CTA bus lines.



EXTENDING ALONG the lake front for several blocks is Loyola park, which has a stadium, an athletic field for outdoor sports and a large public beach. The field house, located on Sheridan road at Greenleaf avenue, is the center of many activities.

A PHOTO of historical significance is this sketch made in 1884. It shows the old north toll gate on Clark street. The view is looking northeast at the corner of Clark and the old Indian Boundary line, now Rogers avenue.

Launch Training Program for Line Instructors

AS PART of an expanded effort to provide the best possible training for new bus operators, a training program for line instructors was recently instituted by CTA.

Object of the program, developed and administered jointly by the Transportation and Training and Accident Prevention Departments, is to provide improved methods for the selection, training and placement of qualified line instructors.

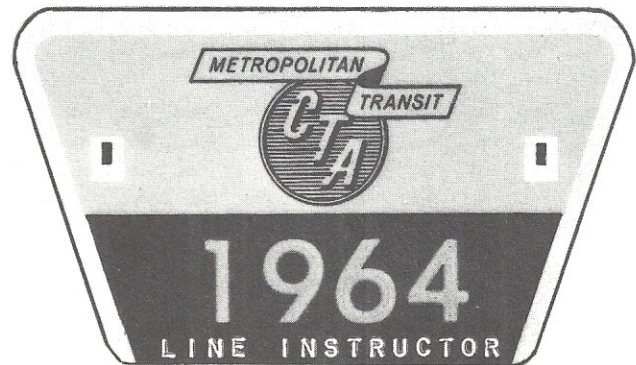
Line instruction is an extremely important phase of the bus operator training program since it is through supervised practice driving that the student develops the confidence, good driving habits and skills required when he starts driving a bus on his own.

During the 15-day training program, five and one-half days are spent in classroom instruction and practice driving in an out-of-service bus. These sessions are conducted by regular instructors. The other nine and one-half days are spent practice driving in regular service under the supervision of a line instructor. The line instructor works very closely with regular instructors in checking the students progress and correcting the student when necessary.

Before this program was inaugurated line instructors had no special training on how to conduct bus operator training. In October and November of last year, 337 operators were selected and trained at surface system stations, and began their duties as line instructors on the following December 1. Selection of operators to attend these training sessions was made by station superintendents from

applicants whose safe driving records and good-on-the-job performance qualified them for consideration. The training classes were conducted by regular instructors.

Line instructors are identified by a narrow adhesive strip bearing the words "Line Instructor" which is attached to their badges. They also re-



ceive a certificate of completion card when they finish their training. Previously, line instructors received \$1.00 per day in addition to their regular pay when they were working with students. Under the new program, the extra compensation has been increased to \$2.00 per day.

In addition to the initial training they receive, line instructors will, periodically, be given refresher training to help them increase their instruction skill. There have already been two such programs, one in December of last year and one during March of this year.

Courtesy Caravan Club Membership Growing

THE COURTESY Caravan Club is continuing to attract public attention.

This is evident by the March statistics, which follow: During March, 1964, 316 commendations were received, as compared with the 70 commendations received in March, 1963, a 351 per cent increase.

During the month there were 204 new members added to the total enrolled.

Leading station at this writing is Limits with 25 per cent of the 316 men at the station being members of the Courtesy Caravan Club.

System-wide, there are 933 individual employees in the club since September 1, 1963, when the club was established. This number represents 12 per cent of the operating personnel.

Add Two New Awards for Suggestions

TO STIMULATE participation in the Employee Suggestion Plan, the committee has authorized two additional incentive awards for ideas that merit suggestions submitted through the plan for consideration.

They are a smart-looking Naugahyde "tote bag" ideally suited as a bowling shoe carry all, lunch tote, camera case, etc., and a newly-designed Paper-Mate pen. These pens are "Profile Trio" that are made in three sizes to fit your grip. The slender "Slim Grip," the popular "Regular Grip" and the sturdy "Husky Grip."

Employees who win any of the several incentive awards may also win a cash prize in addition if their idea proves workable.

Lake "L"

Realignment Project Underway

CTA'S "NEW LOOK" air-conditioned rapid transit cars soon to go in service on the Lake rapid transit route will glide swiftly and smoothly all the way between Harlem avenue and the Loop over new or rehabilitated right-of-way.

Realignment of the track and structure is now underway between Clinton street and Laramie and will be completed before all of the new cars are delivered by Pullman-Standard, the manufacturer. In the stretch between Laramie avenue and Harlem avenue, where the ground-level section of the route was shifted to the Chicago and Northwestern embankment, the right-of-way is new.

First of the new cars are expected to go into service in May or June, and the remainder as fast as cars are delivered and processed.

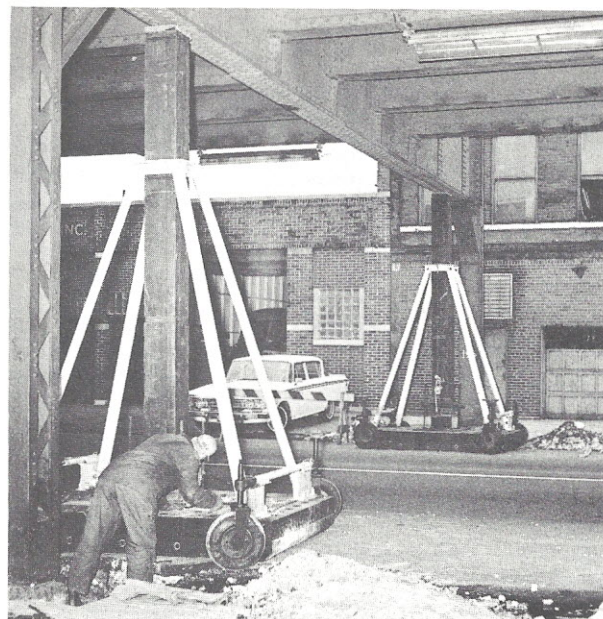
The work of structure realignment has been completed westward as far as Paulina street and will be on a continuous schedule until the entire section to Laramie avenue has been realigned.

The project encompasses the renewal of rail and deck, which includes replacement of ties and guard rail at certain locations, and structural leveling where supporting columns have settled irregularly and caused slight deviations in the riding surface of the rails. The work of leveling the structure was initiated in 1963.

As of December 1, 1963, the number of columns raised was 183 between Halsted street and Paulina street. The crews are now working west from Paulina.

The first step in the leveling procedure is to survey and record the existing profile of the structure and from this compute the necessary raise for each supporting column to realign them to the indicated height. When this is determined the column base is exposed to the top of the concrete footing, checked for condition and if deteriorated, marked for replacement. Anchor bolts are adjusted to accommodate the proposed raise and movable jacking rigs are used to raise the structure, two bents at a time, to the required level. Shim plates are then placed under the steel column base to bring it up to the required elevation. When this is accomplished, the shim plates are welded together and anchor bolts tightened to secure the supporting column.

The work of leveling the structure, as well as renewing the deck and replacing ties where required is done without service delays. All the work is being done by Track and Structure Department



PREPARATIONS FOR realigning the structure include removal of pavement and sidewalk to expose the footing and positioning a jacking rig on each side of the steel bent. Work on this project is being performed by Track and Structure Department crews.

personnel. The method for accomplishing the realignment was developed by H. T. Luebeck, assistant superintendent of track.

Preliminary to the present phase of the realignment project, new rail was laid from Clinton street to Rockwell street and deck work had been completed west to Paulina street during 1962 and 1963.

Objective of the program is to stop the sway of cars and uneven wear on the head of the rail and provide a smoother ride for passengers.

Pertinent to the general improvement of the Lake street properties is repainting of the "L" structure which is to be completed this year under two contracts awarded by Chicago Transit Board at its March 2 meeting.

The sections of the Lake street structure to be painted are between Halsted and Wood streets, including the Ashland avenue station steel; between Rockwell street and St. Louis avenue, and the bridge over the Pennsylvania and North Western railroads, including the structural steel at the California, Kedzie and Homan stations; and between St. Louis and Kostner avenues, including the steel at Pulaski station.

Cost of the work on the basis of the lowest bids will total \$88,475. Contractors are the Atlantic Painting Company of Chicago and the Roseland Painting and Decorating Company of Evergreen Park. The work also includes cleaning and painting a section of the Logan Square "L" structural steel at Western avenue, including the station steel.

OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS



COMMENDABLE ACTS are being performed daily by CTA employees throughout the entire system. Many such acts are noted by appreciative passengers, but many of them go unrecorded because the patron fails to write or telephone of their favorable reaction.

However, one such act observed and reported by mail recently is a striking example of the unusual incidents operating personnel encounter in their day's work. The writer lauded the manner in which the operator met the emergency. He is Operator D. R. Corona, badge No. 2915, Limits. The following letter of commendation tells the story:

"Tonight as I was on my way home from school on South Ashland a young mother boarded the bus at approximately 69th street. The mother made no comment to the operator as she boarded, but the operator observed that the young girl was ill. I did not notice this, nor apparently, did any of the other passengers. However, at Marquette Road the operator saw the girl in a prone position on a rear seat and also noticed that the mother did not know what to do. He stepped to the rear of the bus and asked the mother what was wrong. She replied that the girl had swallowed a bottle of tranquilizers. The operator immediately left the bus and summoned an ambulance.

"This young man may well have saved the child's life by his alertness. The mother did not know what to do but the operator did. You can be proud of this young man."

A very observant rider wrote this letter commending Operator Allen Jackson, badge No. 8826, Keeler:

"I take this opportunity to commend Operator Jackson who drives an Addison 152 bus. I have ridden with him for two and one-half years and have a high respect for him as a CTA driver. This had been elicited during these years in the form of: (1) maintaining discipline and orderliness from rowdy students riding to and from school (2) requiring students to show their identification cards at all times (3) guiding a blind man across the street after leaving the bus, and (4) maintaining clear vision at all times from both the front and rear views regardless of the bus.

"These are only a few of the observances that I have made occasionally and I am sure there are many more to his credit. The most credit that could be given Mr. Jackson, or any CTA driver, is the fact that he has the responsibility of 50 or 60 passengers at one time to see safely off the bus. This is a great responsibility for one accident can kill or injure persons. In my estimation all bus drivers are to be highly respected."

Annoying procedures on the part of operating personnel, such as the one cited below, help to build up the total of complaints and create illwill among our customers. A letter like this could have been avoided if the operator had shown a little consideration for the transferring passengers.

"On Sunday, March 1, we rode the Higgins bus to Milwaukee and Lawrence. At the corner we desperately tried to catch the Milwaukee bus just in front of us, but the operator was merely going through 'motions' like a robot. He pulled right out without glancing back to see if anyone was coming to board his bus. As you well know, Sunday mornings the buses run far apart and we had to wait a long time for the next one to come along. Sundays there is little traffic, and it seems to me the operator could have waited a few seconds to see if anyone was going to transfer from the Higgins bus."

COMMENT: It is regrettable that the operator of the Milwaukee bus did not give the writer and other patrons sufficient time to transfer from the Higgins bus to his. Our regulations require operators to wait for a reasonable time for transferring passengers, especially during the hours of the day or night when service intervals are extended.

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

	March 1964	February 1964	March 1963
Commendations	341	357	93
Complaints	1,142	1,053	1,008

Skates for Fun as Child; Lands Job with Pros

FROM THE time she first put on a pair of skates at the age of eight, Marie Leon has been gliding gracefully over the ice and has become so proficient in her performance that she landed a job with the famous entertainment extravaganza, the Ice Capades.

The 22-year old daughter of CTA Operator Herbert and Mrs. Opferdgeld has been a professional ice skater since she was 14 years old, the last three years of which have been with the Ice Capades cast and she loves the hectic routine that a road show requires. Things like rehearsing in the afternoon and performing each evening as the cast did during a 14-day engagement in the Chicago Stadium recently. The rehearsals were for next year's show which will premiere in New York next August.

As a member of the chorus she is in eight production numbers every night with eight separate changes of costume, some of them exceptionally fast to maintain the rapid pace of the show. There is scarcely a let-up in the activity when the show is on the road.

Marie Leon, which is Miss Opfergelt's professional name, comes from a skating family. Both her father and mother are figure skaters. So are her two brothers, Bob, 15, Bill, 10, and her younger sister, Rita, 12. Bob also plays with the Rainbo Rangers in the Amateur Hockey Association of Chicago, which finished in first place this year.

Miss Leon first started skating at the old Arena on McClurg court when eight years old, studying with the Chicago Figure Skating Association for four years. She then took lessons at Rainbo Arena and with Michael Kirby, former world champion and producer of many ice shows.

At the age of 14, during the summer after her freshman year at Siena high school in Chicago, she started skating professionally when she joined her first tour show. For the next two summers and for a year and a half after her graduation, Miss Leon worked in "tank shows" at conventions, home



FIFTEEN YEAR-old Bob Opferdgeld is the talented goalie for the Rainbo Rangers in the Amateur Hockey Association of Chicago. Last year Bob's team won the Illinois State Championship.



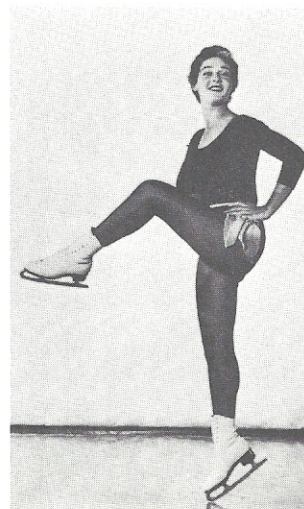
WHEN MARIE Leon was in Chicago recently with the Ice Capades a reunion provided this photo of the family group, all of whom are figure skaters. They are, left to right, front row: Marie Leon, Bill; second row: Rita, Bob, and rear row: Mrs. and Mr. Opferdgeld.

shows, fairs and nightclubs. Then she decided to try out for the Ice Capades. Her travels with this show has taken her to all major cities in the country and to Europe.

About her future career she said: "I enjoy the traveling, the skating and the people I work with. Eventually, I'd like to work in the office in connection with the show. Being a star isn't that important to me."

Her father has been an operator for CTA for 17 years and is now stationed at Forest Glen. He is presently on the Peterson route.

MARIE LEON, 22-year old daughter of Operator and Mrs. Herbert Opferdgeld, demonstrates her gracefulness on ice in this photo taken during a rehearsal for the Ice Capades show, with which she has been appearing professionally for the past three years.



MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin
CTA Medical Consultant

OUR BODY'S "MASTER GLAND" - THE POWERFUL PITUITARY

IN A recent newspaper article it was emphasized that scientists are beginning to unlock the secrets of the pituitary gland, which is the "master-gland" of the human body. The rapid progress now being made in understanding the pituitary will have profound implications for the science of medicine. The hormones it secretes may help treat many illnesses, already it is an aid to dwarfs. Studies are also being made to determine its relationship to obesity, hardening of the arteries, heart trouble and diabetes. It is one of the most important organs of the body.

The pituitary gland lies in almost dead center of your head, deep behind your eyes just beneath the brain in a little pocket of bone at the base of the skull. It is a small pea-sized gland weighing about one-fiftieth of an ounce. It secretes several hormones directly into the blood stream to help control body growth, sexual development and many other functions. A certain amount of growth hormone is needed to develop a normal body. Too little of it produces dwarfs and too much is a factor in giants.

A recent article of the Colorado State Medical Society describes the pituitary as a "master gland" because it conducts the symphony of hormones and keeps man's inner workings in tune. It presides over the complex interlocking system of endocrine or ductless glands, pancreas, thyroid, adrenal, sex glands, and others and acts on them and is in turn acted upon by them. Thus, it helps regulate man's growth and his general level of activity. In other words, it is sort of a relay station from the brain in controlling our emotions.

As stated earlier in this article the pituitary secretes a number of hormones into the blood. One of the hormones which we know something about is ACTH, which stimulates the adrenal glands to produce natural cortisone. While there is much to be learned about this latter hormone, we do know that it has a relationship to asthma, arthritis and blood pressure. Most of the disorders of the pituitary are either due to over-activity or under activity of the gland. However, tumors either benign or malignant are found in this organ sometimes. Sometimes these tumors press on the optic nerve and produce blindness. Such tumors can be treated successfully sometimes by X-ray or, rarely, by surgery.

The pituitary gland has important functions in connection with sleep and with regulation of body temperature.

It is also known that function of the pituitary gland changes in pregnancy. For example some hormone created during pregnancy apparently stimulates the pituitary to act on the adrenals to produce more cortisone. This has a definite beneficial effect on arthritis during pregnancy. After the pregnancy is over the patient often has a return or worsening of her arthritis.

Conclusion - the pituitary gland is a tremendously important gland. Its relationship to body function, general intellect, growth and disease is just beginning to be scientifically understood. Research in the years ahead will, I am sure, develop information about the pituitary which will improve our general health and even increase our span of living.

Five Named to New Job Assignments

FOUR APPOINTMENTS affecting general office supervisory personnel were announced recently.

In two of them, effective March 15, E. C. Somers was named chief investigator, and M. J. McDermott named chief adjuster in the Department of Investigations and Claims. Both announcements were signed by E. J. Healy, general superintendent of the department and approved by T. B. O'Connor, acting general manager.

The third was the appointment of Thorvald G. Haaning as coordinator of the newly designated Reproduction Services Section, which will administer the following functions: stenographic and duplicating, photographic, microfilming and employee and student cards. The bulletin was signed by P.

J. Meinardi, comptroller, and approved by Mr. O'Connor.

The fourth was the appointment of George P. Mikota as assistant to the superintendent of stores, effective April 1, replacing R. E. Buckley, retired. The announcement was signed by J. T. Harty and G. S. Graybiel, superintendent of stores and general superintendent of purchasing and stores, respectively.

A fifth announcement, affecting the Shops and Equipment Department, named John Burke as assistant foreman, North Avenue garage, with the approval of E. E. Olmstead, assistant superintendent S & E Department, Surface Division, and L. G. Anderson, superintendent, S & E Department.

QUESTION: Did the recent report on cigarettes and health change your smoking habits?

INQUIRING REPORTER: William J. Donahue

LOCATION: 69th Street

ARTHUR BUESING, operator: "Yes! My wife, two sons and I realize the report confirms what we heard all along. Now if the health service keeps the pressure on, it may prevent others from forming a habit we find so hard to give up."

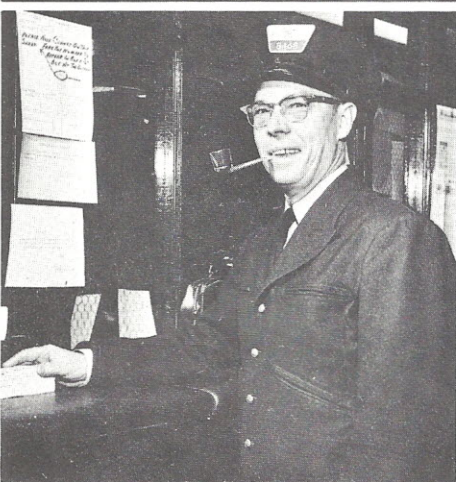


JAMES KELLY, operator, (with Reporter William Donahue): "I have quit smoking on three different occasions for periods of from one to two years previous to the government research report. It seems I always quit when I start feeling bad and start when I am feeling good. Although I believe the report is absolutely correct it did not make me quit. That is something I will have to do entirely on my own."

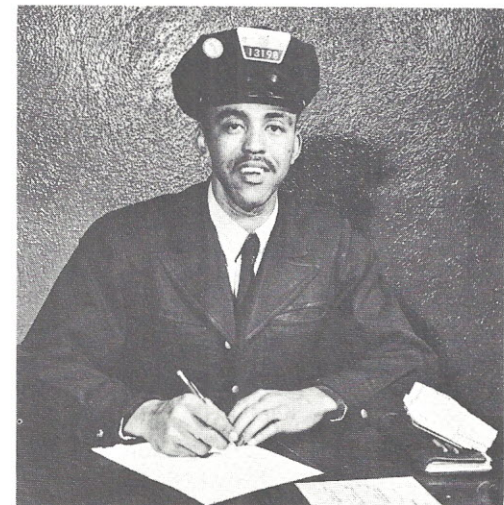


STANFORD ROGERS, operator: "The government report on smoking causing cancer did not affect me at all. I had decided to quit smoking just before the report was released because I wasn't eating as I should have been. I would get hungry and settle for coffee and cigarettes. When I got home I couldn't eat a proper meal."

JOE TROTTER, operator: "I had been smoking about two years or less when the report on cigarettes and cancer came out. During that time I became a pack-a-day smoker. I also smoked a pipe at times. When the report came out I decided to stop completely. I haven't achieved my goal yet but I've cut down to three or four cigarettes a day. Some days I don't smoke at all but at times I have nothing better to do so I light up."



EARL CAMPBELL, operator: "I believe that cigarettes cause cancer and are very hard on the heart. I have smoked a pipe and cigarettes on and off for years, but since the doctors came out with their report I have smoked only my pipe. It is more satisfying and I feel much better."





AN AMERICAN Transit Association bronze certificate award for completing 250,000 consecutive man hours of work without a disabling injury was recently claimed by CTA's electrical substations. The no-injury record started October 17, 1962, and the quarter-million mark was reached on December 31, 1963. Witnessing the presentation of the award by H. B. Storm, superintendent of insurance and pensions, to Richard Dorgan, supervisor of substation personnel, are, left to right, J. F. Boyce, coordinator of safety and fire prevention; C. W. Wolf, electrical engineer, and C. J. Buck, power engineer.

Operator Recalls Scouting Days of 45 Years Ago

A BIG booster for the Boy Scouts of America is Operator Edward Matthias, badge No. 13924, Forest Glen, who often reminisces about the days when he was an active member some 45 years ago.

He first joined the scouts in March, 1918, and in the following month qualified as a tenderfoot with Troop No. 26 of Humboldt Park. Later that year he started to work for Swift & Company, meat packers, as an office boy for G. F. Swift Jr., and the late John Holmes, chairman of the board of the packing concern, and a former member of Chicago Transit Board. Matthias recalls that the four biggest packing concerns had two troops of scouts each, and on meeting nights each scout would get a free meal ticket entitling them to eat as much as they could hold as an inducement to attend. This resulted in near perfect records of 100 per cent nearly every time, he said.

While a scout, he sold \$25,000 in Liberty Bonds during World War I and received a medal from the government for a job well done. His greatest thrill, he remembers was a march down Michigan avenue on a Memorial Day behind the G. A. R., veterans and the Stock Yards Fife and Drum Corps. of which he became a member.

"I still say the Boy Scout movement was the greatest and still is," Matthias declares, and he means it.

Operator's Son Hits Big Time as Major Leaguer

A YOUNG man who made an auspicious start for himself the first time he came up to bat in a major league baseball game is John Kennedy, third baseman for the Washington Senators in the American circuit, and son of Operator Edward Kennedy, Archer.

The first player without professional experience ever to be signed by that club, he boomed a home run in a pinch-hitting role in his debut appearance as a big league player on September 5, 1962, at D. C. stadium.

This year, his fourth as a professional ball player, will be his first full season in the majors, having played last year with Hawaii in the Pacific Coast League, where he hit .290. With that average, baseball experts say he's a cinch to make it as the Senator's starting third baseman.

John, a graduate of Harper High school, Chicago, and his wife, Betty, also a Harper graduate, spent this past winter at the home of his parents at 7311 S. Claremont avenue. Prior to the opening of the season he took spring training with the Senators in Florida, where his performance was impressive.

It can't be anything but a coincidence, but his father drives a 35th street bus - right past Comiskey Park, the home of the White Sox!

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—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

ALICE NOVALICH transferred to the Voucher Section from Tabulating. Welcome to your new job, Alice . . . MARY BLACKMORE returned from her vacation in Florida, brown as a berry and full of vim and vigor . . . RAY SCHRAMM is enjoying a short spring vacation . . . FRANCES TIDWELL is back on the job after being on the sick list . . . HELEN LOWE is recuperating at home after a short stay in the hospital.

- Mable Posthast

(Material & Supply) -

We welcome JOAN GEORGESON, who transferred from voucher into our section . . . MARGARET TIMMONS, who recently retired, and her husband left for an extended trip to California on March 3. They plan to go to San Francisco before visiting their son and his family in San Pedro, California.

- Clara Lawrence

(Payroll) -

Your reporter and her hubby, while enroute to Long Beach, California, to visit her father, toured the southern states to avoid the bad weather. She watched more TV weather forecasts than scenery this trip; ask her about high and low pressure areas! . . . One of our boys, MARK PIZZA, awaits our magazine eagerly to keep up to date on the office news. He is now stationed in the army at Kitzingen, Germany . . . We had a card from Pensioner ART BRESIN, who is visiting in Glendale, California. He informs us that if all goes well -- he and the wife will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. Good luck and congratulations!

- Eileen Neurauter

(Revenue) -

Another card came to us from TED KAWOL, electrical retiree, living in Phoenix, Arizona. He had been ill but he is back to his old self. We are always glad to hear from our retirees . . . We would like to say welcome to ESTELLE LUCAS, who has transferred into our depart-

HAVING ANTICIPATED the birth of a daughter, CYNTHIA and CHARLES VRANA were prepared to name GINA MARIE soon after her arrival on March 3 in McNeal Memorial hospital of Berwyn. Cynthia was formerly a dictaphone typist in CTA's Reproduction Services Section; her father, who is now a proud grandfather, is South Shops Painter TED KULMA. The baby's godparents are RON GANCARCZYK, traffic planning technician, and Cynthia's sister, CATHERINE.



ment from the Payroll Section . . . Good luck to DORIS YOST, who is getting a new job in the Payroll Section . . . We welcomed back MARY KAY CURTIN after a short bout with the measles . . . We're all glad that's behind you, Mary . . . New Revenue employees are ROSEMARIE DESTEFANO, key punch operator, and Transfer Counters GERALD LALES and EUGENE WOLK . . . JOHN LYNCH and DENIS LISTON transferred to the Shops and Equipment Department.

- Mary Kay Curtin & Betty Suhr

(Tabulating) -

Despite recent wintry blasts, DAN PROFFITT, tab operator, along with sons, PAUL and MARK, are eagerly awaiting the umpire's call "play ball." Paul hopes to better a satisfactory year last season, while the younger Mark is striving to break into the lineup in the powerful Lyons, Illinois, Peanut League. Cubs and Sox scouts, take notice.

- Marion Sutherland & Edward O'Rourke

BEVERLY -

The Knights of Columbus, La Rabida Council, recently named a chapter in memory of our late supervisor, MIKE STENSON. MIKE STENSON JR., on behalf of his mother, MARGARET, thanked our grand Knight, HENRY MATICK, and all the officers and men. Mike was well liked by all the men at Beverly and had a good word for everyone. This is a great honor to be conferred on one of our CTA men, as all the men who have been through the four degrees know . . . Supervisor JACK NICHOLSON received his third degree at one of the largest turnouts ever assembled in the Dan Dowling Council . . . Thanks again to JERRY GLEASON, of the Union Leader, for being your scribe's sponsor through the degrees.

Everyone is eagerly awaiting the big golf tournament between WALTER "Night Car" BAROWSKY and RED "White Shirt" RICKER. Walter, who shoots in the 70's claims he can beat Red left handed. Red boasts that he was playing shillelagh long before Walter was chasing the little white ball around. All we need now is a nice quiet caddy like L. "Frenchie" ARSENEAU. O. "Preacher" LEE has volunteered to preach a few words on profanity . . . EARL TIBBITTS, our union steward, thanks all the men who have been turning out for the union meetings. If you need a ride to the hall be in front of the depot at 6:45 p.m. . . FRITZ JOIKE likes to ride out to the country to get fresh eggs, but the only thing is the roads are pretty rough. Fritz decided to take a short cut through a prairie and got stuck up to the hub caps. He got out of his car in desperation and was looking for a 20-mule team to back him out. A kindly farmer came along with a tractor and pulled him out for a small fee . . . Clerk BILL "Double Date" MURPHY likes to sit in the front seat with the driver when he goes out on a date, leaving the girls in the rear seat. When it comes to paying the check, Bill hesitates and says Dutch treat . . . Supervisor BILL FLYNN was rerouting buses during a recent delay, and asked J. "High Lift" MAHONEY if he could make it to the end of the line. The mighty mite of the salt crew replied, "I'd rather fight than switch."

- Tom Daniels

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CLAIMS -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to EDWARD KAR-KOCKI, adjuster, on the sudden loss of his wife on March 12 . . . Congratulations are in order for our new Chief Investigator and Chief Adjuster, EDWARD SOMERS and MICHAEL McDERMOTT JR., respectively . . . JAMES HICKEY, former night clerk, recently visited his friends in the Claim Department. Looks like the army has been treating him very well . . . If you weren't wearing a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day, it was because you weren't in our office. LOIS POTTS, index clerk, was tagging everyone within arm's distance . . . Now that JOHN DALY, adjuster, got his new station wagon, he can take all the Dalys out at once.

- Barbara Mika & Sylvia Uspel

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE -

Welcome to GEZA BAKA, a new structural engineer who started on March 2 . . . ANN FARRELL just returned from two wonderful weeks of skiing in Aspen, Colorado, where they had 32 inches of new snow in two weeks. Ann also traveled uphill on a gondola at Vail Mountain in Colorado . . . JIM JOEFFREY and his wife, along with another couple, vacationed at Lake Lawn Lodge in Lake Delavan, Wisconsin, relaxing in steam baths and the indoor pool . . . Surveyor GEORGE SULLIVAN's son, Wilmette Policeman PETER SULLIVAN, halted the escape of a Chicago man charged in the shooting of two guards during a robbery attempt in Evanston hospital. According to the North Shore Gazette, Policeman Sullivan gave the robbers quite a chase and George can be very proud of his courageous son . . . Welcome back, JACK O'REILLY. It's good to see you back and looking so healthy . . . We are very sorry to report that THULS RUSING, construction line truck chauffeur of the Utility Division, is in the hospital with a broken hip . . . Congratulations to FRANK MENDYK, supervisory chauffeur, also of the Utility Division, who became a grandfather for the first time this month.

- Carmella Gargano

ELECTRICAL --

Apprentice Operator WARNER MOORE and his wife, ALFREDA, are the proud parents of VICTOR, born on March 5 . . . Mr. JOHN MICHNICK, Electrical Engineer, retired March 1 . . . On February 29 both he and his wife, NATALIE, were guests of honor at a dinner held at the Little Village restaurant. More than 250 friends gathered to wish them happiness as they began a life of leisure . . . During his 33 years of service John made a host of friends. Many of those friends, although now retired, were among the dinner guests. His wife, Natalie, has endeared herself to the CTA Electrical Department. Through the years her luncheons for men about to retire have become famous. Because of this it was decided to honor both at John's dinner. They received matching luggage and a Polaroid camera as gifts. Best of luck, John, to you and Natalie, good health and happiness. CLARENCE HOSANG, still convalescing, would welcome visitors.

Lineman GERALD PEPPARD flew down to Jamaica, where he is spending his vacation. We all hope that he has a wonderful time . . . DENIS DOBBYN, "B" helper, recently transferred to the Signal Department. We all wish Denis the best in his new job . . . TOM CALMELAT,

retired general maintenance foreman, paid us a visit recently. Tom looks real good, and he says that he never felt better . . . Lineman WILLIAM MAROSE and JOHN ULANSKI returned to work recently after being off on the sick list . . . Many happy returns to General Maintenance Foreman WILLIAM SHEAHAN, who celebrated a birthday on February 26, and also to Design Engineer H. D. WILSON, who celebrated his birthday on March 13 . . . As of this writing the following men are on vacation: W. DUNN, H. GOBERNATZ, J. FRIEDMAN, and D. SCUCIMORI.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

PAT NEDVAR was hostess to ten of the Insurance Department girls on March 20. She invited them to spend the evening, but much to RONNIE BRUCKER's surprise, it turned out to be a bridal shower for her. She was really speechless (for once) and received many lovely gifts. Ronnie was married on April 4, and Pat was her maid of honor. Ronnie was also one of 20 lucky girls to win a prize in a drawing held at the Flower Show recently at McCormick Place. She won two \$50.00 checks, one to be used for flowers for her wedding and the other for the pictures . . . The welcome mat was out for JOHN BOYCE this month. Mr. Boyce left the Insurance Department in 1958 to work in the Employee Relations Department. He is back with us again and we're glad to have him aboard.

(Reproduction Services) -

The girls in the department and several of their friends went to Ireland's for dinner on February 28 and topped the evening off by seeing one of the last performances of "Pajama Tops." . . The boys in the multilith section have been very quiet during the past month, no doubt due to the Lenten season. However, now that Lent is over, we can expect a lot of interesting news from them.

(Transportation) -

Switchboard Operator ANNIE ALTER flew down to Memphis, Tennessee, to visit her children during her vacation. From there, they drove to New Orleans for some sightseeing and came back to Chicago by plane . . . Information Clerk JOAN KELLY spent her vacation in and around good old Chicago.

- Ann Golding

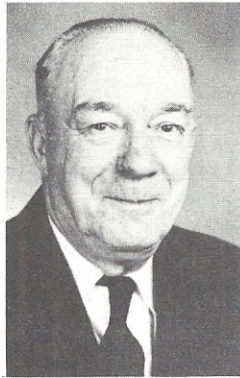
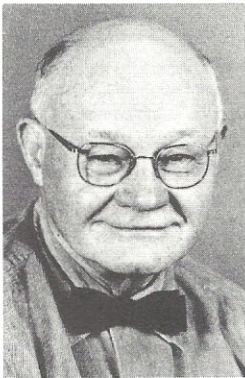
FOREST GLEN -

Operator and Mrs. ANTHONY TUCCY became proud grandparents for the second time. This time it was a boy born on February 26. We will miss a couple of familiar faces around the depot as WILLIAM VLASAK and LOUIS CYGAN have gone on pension. We wish them the best of luck in their future plans. Speaking of pensioners, congratulations are in order for EDDIE and LEE LAWRENCE, who celebrated their 45th Anniversary on March 8. Eddie looked real sharp and I asked him how he does it. He replied "I keep young by doing things I did years ago." So I assume the same applies for Lee as she always looks charming . . . Congratulations are in order for a member of our Sanitation Department, WILLIAM WAESCHE, who took the marriage vows with MITZI KARNER on April 4 at St. Paul of the Cross church in Park Ridge . . . We wish the happy couple many years of good luck and good health.

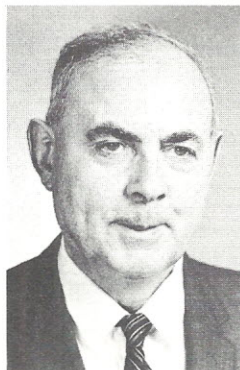
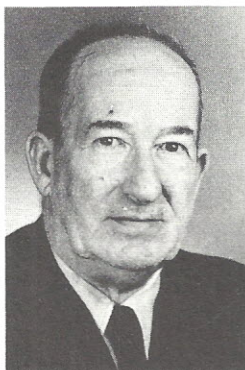
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NEW PENSIONERS

CHARLES A. ADCOCK, Motorman,
Douglas, Emp. 11-09-20
FRED BALDWIN, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 11-24-25
SANTO BARBARO, Laborer,
South Division, Emp. 8-22-29
JOSEPH BIRMINGHAM, Operator,
69th street, Emp. 6-16-43
CLARENCE A. BRUHN, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-18-33
PETER BUCHANAN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 3-12-24
ROBERT BUCKLEY, Assistant Superintendent,
General Office, Emp. 6-21-16
JOHN H. CAMPBELL, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 10-10-44
PATRICK CLARKE, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 11-24-26
EDITH M. EDBROOKE, Ticket Agent,
Loop, Emp. 6-08-25
LEW P. ELIAS, Gateman,
North Section, Emp. 10-08-41
NORA D. ELWARD, Ticket Agent,
Loop, Emp. 10-20-43
THOMAS G. GRIFFIN, Switchman,
Lake Street, Emp. 5-22-26
PATRICK HARRIGAN, Operator,
69th street, Emp. 7-10-23



FOUR TRANSPORTATION Department employees who joined the ranks of pensioners on April 1, after 40 or more years of service with CTA and predecessor companies are (left to right): above, Charles Adcock and Henry Ross; below, Peter Buchanan and Patrick Harrigan.



PATRICK KELLY, Collector,
Limits, Emp. 6-08-26
MICHAEL J. LESNER, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 5-29-44
ALEXANDER McERLEAN, Bricklayer,
Building, Emp. 4-10-41
JAMES E. NOLAN, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-22-34
JOHN OSVALD, Carpenter "A"
South Shops, Emp. 6-18-23
HENRY E. ROSS, Janitor,
77th street, Emp. 10-08-23
RUDOLPH W. SEILHEIMER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 12-20-43
ALFRED J. SMITH, Operator,
69th street, Emp. 2-07-44
ERNEST L. WALTHERS, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-03-26
CHARLES M. WENZEL, Repairer "A"
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-04-43

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JAMES F. HARRINGTON, Ticket Agent,
West Side, Emp. 3-30-53
THOMAS J. MAHONEY, Ticket Agent,
South, Emp. 4-11-23
WOODROW PENDLETON, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 2-13-45
JOHN F. WEGER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 9-25-42
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-15-27

TWO LOOP ticket agents who retired March 1 were feted at a dinner held at the Chateau Royal restaurant on March 22 by their friends and former associates. They were Magdeline Burggraf, who had 21 years of service, and Edith Edbrooke, who had completed 38 years of service. Both women received corsages and checks. There were 94 people at the dinner party, including retired agents from the "Met" and the "Loop," Union officials and personal friends of the two guests of honor. Magdeline is planning a quiet retirement in Berwyn with her family and Edith is moving to Sarasota, Florida. Presenting them with their gifts here is Dorothy Parker (left) Loop Agent. Miss Burggraf is in the center and Miss Edbrooke at the right.



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We would like to congratulate EMMETT KANE for his spectacular bowling fete in the Friday Night League. He bagged himself a 675 series, with a high game of 268. Very good indeed; that man has a lot on the ball . . . Operator CLIFFORD PRENTISS passed away suddenly. JOSEPH BENEDICT, formerly of Forest Glen Station, and FRANK AHERN, brother of Operator WALTER AHERN, also passed away . . . Received a card from BILL LYONS and GEORGE MEYER, who vacationed in Florida (accompanied by their wives). They also took the cruise to Nassau which they enjoyed very much. While in Florida they visited a couple of former employes and businessmen in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, NORGE ANDERSON and EDWARD MUCHA. Operator MIKE HUNT sent a card from Salt Lake City, Utah, of the Mormon Tabernacle. He was on his way to Frisco and said he had to be back in Salt Lake City on St. Patrick's Day to sing in the choir . . . Operator GEORGE BENSHISH came back from Florida with a wonderful tan. He also took the cruise to Nassau along with his wife and they enjoyed themselves very much . . . Received a postal card from Clerk LOUIS TIGNAC who is vacationing in Reseda, California. I guess he wanted to put some mileage on his new Buick and put it through a good test. Heard from Pensioner FRANK ALLEN who is down in St. Petersburg, Florida, visiting Pensioner HAROLD LIZARS. The men, accompanied by their wives, visited the Schlitz Brewery in Tampa, Florida. What a wonderful way to enjoy one's self while on pension.

- Frank Carpins

GENERAL OFFICE (Staff Engineering) -

L. M. TRAIER, staff engineer, motored to the southwestern states during his recent three-week vacation . . . GEORGE MACAK and his wife embarked on a train tour of the Confederate land after making sure their dog, Fluffy, was well on the way to recovery after a leg operation . . . TOM HARTNETT returned to work after a painful bout with blood poisoning of his elbow . . . CHARLES LAPP and his wife just completed refurbishing their home . . . BOB SHAGEMAN has purchased a new Fairlane 500 . . . TOM HENNINGSSEN is making plans for a more substantial home in Morton Grove . . . We welcome JEAN TALUSEK to the Staff Engineer's office.

(Job Classification) -

On March 15 JOHN BOYCE left this department to become fire prevention and industrial safety coordinator in the Insurance Department . . . ELEANOR WEBER returned to her home in Effingham, Illinois, for the Easter weekend to be with her family during the holiday . . . ANNE ZAHUMENSKY recently returned from a vacation spent in Westchester working around home . . . BILL PLATT is getting under way again this season as president of the Gresham-Oakdale Little League . . . ARLENE ZITTMAN has been spending most of her time lately cheering the Blackhawks on to victory. We hope they come through for you, Arlene . . . It has been rumored that the Employee Suggestion System will be coming out with some new merit awards. Keep your eyes open.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

Congratulations were extended to BURTON BOSAN and his wife, EVELYN, on the birth of their third child, GABRIELLE RENEE, who was born March 14 in the Lying-In hospital. The Bosans have two other children -

HERE'S A picture that is a puzzler - a puzzle as to who is the smiling little miss and a puzzle as to how the snapshot came to be where it was found, in a pile of rubbish being removed from Tower 12 at Van Buren and Wabash on the elevated loop when the tower was being dismantled recently. C. M. SMITH, coordinator of safety and fire prevention, noticed the picture in the rubbish pile and brought it to the TRANSIT NEWS office, suggesting that maybe some reader would recognize the girl and be able to identify her. Is it the child of some CTA family? Or did someone working in the tower have it tucked away in a wallet and unknowingly lose it? These are just guesses, of course. But if anyone recognizes the little girl, the editor would like to have the information about her. WHO IS SHE?



SHARON who is 11 years old and BURTON who is seven . . . MARK MAGINNIS, son of STU MAGINNIS, was awarded a week's scholarship to a summer music camp at Elmhurst college. Mark has been playing the trumpet for three years. This scholarship is awarded by the Band Parent's Association of the Forest Park schools . . . MARTY O'SULLIVAN, son of Training Assistant JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN, was awarded a partial scholarship to St. Mary's college in Winona, Minnesota, and will enter in September, 1964. His brother JOSEPH JR. is a senior at St. Thomas college, St. Paul, Minnesota, and will not only be graduated in June but also will leave the ranks of bachelors to be wed in August.

Since the annual meeting last January, several changes have occurred in the CTA General Office Federal Credit Union. CLARK JOHNSON, president, has resigned and the Board of Directors was increased from five to seven members. The officers serving currently are: Harold R. Donihi, president; William Dentamaro, vice-president; Mable I. Potthast, secretary; Harold F. Ebeling, treasurer; and James E. Touhy, Herbert Schomer, and Clara J. Lawrence, directors, Supervisory Committee: Michael Verdonck, chairman; Frank Tamburrino, and Chester Skora. Credit Committee: Albert Lathouwers, chairman and loan officer; John Schwartz and Daniel Arnold.

Members' share accounts are now insured up to \$10,000 similar to the FDIC coverage carried by other banking institutions. In another action taken recently, the Board of Directors declared a 4-1/4 per cent dividend for the first half of 1964.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEDZIE -

The Little Flower Communion Sunday on March 22 was attended by a very large crowd. FATHER PAUL and the committee members wish to thank everyone for their fine cooperation . . . At this writing, Board Member CHARLES SEEBOCK is still in the hospital and is well on the

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road to recovery. We hope to see you around soon, Charlie . . . At this writing, Janitor JOSEPH SHEA is confined to the Walther Memorial hospital with a broken ankle. A speedy recovery to you, Joe. JOHN HANILY is pinchhitting for Joe and doing a fine job . . . Operator JOHN CAMPBELL took his pension on April 1. Many healthy and happy retirement years, John . . . Our sympathy is extended to Former Conductor EUGENE GIBBONS in the loss of his wife and to the families of the following: Former Janitor ROBERT FELDMAN, Motorman JOSEPH COURRIOR, TIMOTHY CORCORAN, Former Conductor DANIEL MUSKER and JOHN WERNERT formerly of Blue Island Station. Also to Operator TIMOTHY HEFFERNAN and his wife, CATHERINE, in the loss of Mrs. Heffernan's father, FRED LANG. Relief Receiver ARTHUR COOPER spent a few days vacation down in San Antonio, Texas . . . Received cards from Vacation Relief clerk RAYMOND KOCMOUD, who toured the West Coast on his vacation. He reports that he and his wife had a grand time.

- C. P. Starr

KEELER -

A farewell dinner was held for General Foreman JOHN J. MURRAY, who retired March 1. CTA and union officials together with personnel from various departments were present to wish John a long and enjoyable pension . . . Operator AL HOYER vacationed at St. Petersburg, Florida . . . He reports getting sunburned while bathing and had to stay another week. He also visited Marineland . . . ROSETTE GOLDMAN, daughter of Janitor SI GOLDMAN, was honored with a wedding shower on April 5 at Kings Tables given by her Aunt, LILLIAN GOLDMAN . . . Operator LLOYD CORNMAN and his wife announced the birth of a baby girl on March 3 . . . Receiver JOHN DAVID and his wife celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on March 21 . . . Relief Receiver ED McDERMOTT celebrated his 58th birthday on March 10 . . . ART SCHNEE wishes to thank all members and new members for their participation in the Little Flower Society . . . We are sorry to report the death of Operator DAN KEEDWELL and Operator RICHARD KLINE. Our condolences to their families.

- Elmer Riedel

LIMITS -

Limits Credit Union received a letter from Retired Operator EMIL SCHREIBER, and his wife, OLGA, who are very happy in their home named Rustic Retreat near Hendersonville, North Carolina. Their home is situated in the valley overlooking Mount Pinacle, which is 3,500 feet high. They enjoyed a pleasant winter. Emil kept busy clearing the land of trees and brush to make room for some gardening . . . Collector PAT KELLY retired on April 1 after 38 years of service . . . Mayor Daley's annual St. Pat's day parade was well represented by CTA employees. The 241 float was glamorous as always and admired by all . . . Schedule Maker PAT BRADY is a very important man at Limits Shop. While we are sleeping, Pat is assigning buses to the various runs which start at 4 a.m. He has to assign them to bring them back if necessary for the mechanical department to work on . . . Operator FRED NELSON and his mother vacationed during April at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Fred golfed, boated and went swimming under the beautiful Florida sun.

We met retired Operator JESSE AX recently. He feels good and says hello to all at Limits. His son RONALD, is in the rapid transit shops . . . Superintendent HERMAN ERICKSON and his wife, MARTHA, vacationed for five weeks at their Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, home . . . Bus Placer L. O. BILLSTEN is a very busy man - 8:30 until noon. His job is to spot about 80 pull-in buses . . . We reduced our accidents by seven in January and February over the same months in 1963. If we can keep up this quota we will have a splendid record in 1964 . . . We extend our sympathy to the family of Janitor ROBERT FELDMAN, who passed away in March. Robert was sergeant at arms of Division 241 . . . Operator ANDY WENDT, who is on disability, attended our last credit union meeting. Andy is on the board of directors. He feels fine and says hello to all his friends at Limits . . . Operator PELLEY retired on April 1.

The Society of the Little Flower had their semi-annual communion breakfast on Sunday, March 22. Limits had a turnout of 45 men. Our chartered bus was driven by LOUIS GEISHEIMER. At the head table was Mr. T. B. O'CONNOR, Mr. DAN McNAMARA, FATHER PAUL, and other officers of 241 and 308. Father Paul gave a most interesting talk on education that everyone enjoyed very much. We were glad to see Superintendent of Instruction TOM STIGLIC, Superintendent GEORGE MAY of North avenue also Superintendent ED LOUGHRAN of Keeler and Retired Operator AL KRIEMAN and last but not least our own amiable and smiling receiver, GEORGE SINGER from Limits . . . Operator LEMAR HAMMON, his wife and two children and Operator ELIJAH WESTBROOK and his wife also attended . . . We had expected our most courteous operator, CLEVEN WARDLOW, but he was unable to come due to work as was Operator JESSE BRODNAX. Our board member CHARLES HEROLD wishes to extend his gratitude for the fine attendance from Limits.

- George Clark

LOOP (Agents) -

Several agents have been guests of ANN WASTIER in her beautiful Marina City apartment. We would love to take this opportunity to thank Ann very much for her kind and gracious hospitality. We enjoyed every minute of our visit in her gay colored apartment of various shades of gold and green. The view from her balcony is breathtaking . . . Loop Agent JOHN FILIPEK's daughter, CHARLOTTE, will graduate in June from Sacred Heart Grammar school. She has enrolled in St. Joseph's High. Charlotte came out second in the high school examinations. Good luck, Charlotte, keep working hard . . .

New pensioners include NORA ELWARD, who is traveling and visiting her son, daughter-in-law, and grand-

ANNOUNCING THE birth of his third child recently was 77th street Repairman JOSEPH MACIUSZEK, whose wife, SHIRLEY, gave birth to APRIL MARIE on March 6 in Mother Cabrini hospital. The event was also a happy one for Shirley's father, 77th street Clerk LEONARD DEL VICARIO, who became a grandfather again.



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A SURPRISE luncheon was held recently for SYLVIA USPEL, Claim Department clerk-typist, who took the marriage vows in St. Rita's church on April 4 and became Mrs. Savaiano. The luncheon was held at Henrici's in the Merchandise Mart and was attended by many of her friends and co-workers from the General Offices.

children in Michigan. Also Agent M. C. BURGGRAF, who went on pension March 1. We wish all of you many years of happy retirement.

Congratulations to Agent KATHLEEN (Byrns) JOYCE, who last month boarded the Courtesy Caravan . . . We were sorry to hear that DAVE GRAFFMAN was in an auto accident. We hope you are up and about or even back to work by now. Dave, don't ever trust a woman driver . . . We saw Retired Agent KITTY CONROY a few weeks ago. She looks real good. Hope all is going well for her and her husband . . . Sorry to hear that part-time Agent DANIEL O'CONNOR's wife is in the hospital. Hope by this time she is back home with Daniel and their two lovely daughters.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Congratulations to Operator JERRY VANEK and his wife, who celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on March 27, and Operator RAYMOND ZIELINSKI and his wife, who celebrated their 22nd on May 2. Ray remembers that he ran out of cigars when their first child was born. Anyone who failed to get one 20 years ago may still get in line for free smokes as Ray is finally paying off. He told me to invite Pensioner BILL ECHOLS to drop in for a box of stogies . . . Operator BENJAMIN GERACE received three commendations in the Courtesy Caravan Club for January, which makes a total of 51 commendations during his six years of service. Try and top this, men. Two new street collectors are former Operator BENJAMIN KEIFER and Operator GEORGE WYERS . . . Congratulations to MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM, who was promoted to assistant general foreman for North Division garages, and to PATRICK CLANCY, who was appointed day foreman, North Avenue garage . . . MICHAEL HARTNETT is now sanitary engineer for North Avenue depot, under the guidance of EDWARD J. RILEY . . . Everyone at the depot is wondering how come DAN LYONS is walking around with a larger smile than usual. Well, he finally got to be top man on the seniority list and is laughing because he won't give Operator HAROLD KING a chance to be top man, as he is younger than King. So we are saying to King, take that pension so you can stay home with GERT and take over the household duties.

Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN and his wife visited Nogales, Mexico, and stopped off at Phoenix and Tucson,

Arizona. They send their regards to their friends at North . . . Operator PETER STURM went back home to Mammoth Springs, Arkansas, for a short visit and found that he has two more mouths to feed due to the birth of two calves . . . Operator JAMES FOX was on a two-week vacation in March . . . Operator DON SHEEHY was in Manchester, Ireland, where he visited his sick mother . . . Senior Instructor EDWARD BRODD's daughter, who is Sister EDWARD ANN, is at Purdue University studying for her PHD in chemistry . . . Instructor EDWARD WEHMEYER has a two week vacation in April. He is catching up on his golf lessons and touring Chicago's North Side . . . Operator AL WALKER's wife, MARY, was confined to Bethany hospital for surgery on March 4 . . . Operator DAVID McGRATH underwent surgery at St. Anne's hospital . . . District "C" Relief Superintendent MAURICE VAN HALL spent some time in the hospital during March.

Supervisor JAMES O'MAHONEY was also in the hospital. We hope all are enjoying good health now, or will be soon. We are glad to report that Operator JOSEPH DePAULA is back on the job after being hospitalized, and that Pensioner HUGH GARRY is looking and feeling fine. Hugh became a grandpa again in February . . . Operator HENRY KUGELBERG passed away on March 13 . . . Operator FRANK AHERN passed away on March 8 . . . ROBERT FELDMAN, warden for Division 241, passed away March 6 . . . Operator ARTHUR MOILANEN lost his sister recently. He had to battle snowstorms and blizzards to get to Lanse, Michigan, for the funeral. Our sympathy to the bereaved families . . . Our best wishes to Operator JAMES WHALEN, who took his pension on March 1, after 41 years of service: Operator



IN COMMEMORATION of their 50th wedding anniversary, FRANK "Chick" and GERTRUDE THULSTRUP were honored at a dinner on February 21 in Evansville, Indiana. Both are former rapid transit employees, Frank was assistant general superintendent of RT transportation. The couple have resided in Newburgh, Indiana, since retirement.

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CHESTER NEUGEBAUER who took his pension April 1; and Operator JAMES NOLAN who took his pension April 1 after 40 years of service. May all have many happy years . . . Pensioner PATRICK O'DONNELL, former North avenue sanitary technician, paid us a visit in March.

The following is from GEORGE "Sinatra" KUENSTLE, repair department, "Even with the bus operators' stiff driving schedule, I see them help disabled and blind persons. They deserve credit and I think there should be a special day to give bus drivers special recognition. And don't forget the men in the repair department who maintain the buses and keep 'em rolling." George is one of them . . . Welcome to new operators E. Woodside, J. Tunno, M. Reilly, E. Zullo, C. Johnson, J. Hamilton, G. Robinson, J. Verville, L. Boyd, F. Richards, and H. Jacobsen. We're glad to have you aboard.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH PARK -

As I am your new scribe for the magazine, I would appreciate your help in sending news to me. The little box by the instructor's window is the spot to drop any items that you have . . . Operator PAUL GUNTHER, with 41 years of service, is going to retire May 1 and join his lovely wife, JEANETTE, at their hacienda in Hollywood, Florida. Paul has a few rooms available and will be glad to accommodate any operators that travel out that way . . . Mr. and Mrs. HERMAN SCHOLL, parents of Board Member WARREN SCHOLL, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and also their 80th birthdays at a party hosted by their many friends and relatives. May they have many more years of happiness . . . HENRY ZIOLKOWSKI fell off a ladder while house cleaning and fractured his arm. Leave that hard work for your wife, Hank . . . Operator EUGENE BRUDNEY and his wife, SUSAN, celebrated their 17th anniversary on April 17. Happy returns, Gene and Sue.

Operator MEL KARSCHNICK is spending his vacation at Pompano Beach, Florida . . . GARY KEMP, son of Operator CHARLIE KEMP, received a new rod and reel from his dad on his 13th birthday. Good fishing, Gary! . . . IRV SHER's father is in the hospital recovering from a serious illness . . . Everybody is wondering why the "Head" is buying coffee for Pete at the Howard "L" terminal . . . EARNIE HUCKSOLL had a hernia operation at Resurrection hospital and is recuperating at home at this writing . . . LEN BAEUCHLER and LEFTY BRUBACH are spending their vacations at Phoenix, Arizona, sharpening up their golfing skills. Lefty and Len are gunning for the depot championship this season, hoping to beat Scholl and Laske for the title . . . VIC MICETIC, North Park's most eligible bachelor, after spending his vacation visiting Chicago's beautiful islands, Blue, Stony and Goose, is now ready to turn his attention to his duties as a manager and official of Little League baseball. Vic invites operators living in the vicinity of Hiawatha Park on Chicago's Northwest Side to contact him or the park for information . . . Clerk BOB PETERSON, the sweet tooth of North Park, will be glad to test taste any lemon cream pies that you fellows have your wives bake and bring to the depot . . . Our sympathy is offered to the families of the following operators who have passed on: AL SCHWEGER and JAMES MONOGHAN. Also to Operator ED McDONALD, on the loss of his mother, ROSE . . . Operator ARTHUR L. JAMES is to be married on March

22 to Miss SYLVIA BRODDIX . . . Operator JOE (One Pint) GRASSL became a great-granduncle March 1 . . . Operator KEN PROCTOR and his wife, NANCY, recently became the parents of a daughter, NATALIE ANN . . . Operator PETE BUCHANAN, our high lift operator for snow work, who has 40 years of service, retired April 1. We sure will miss Pete's excellent job of loading our trucks.

ALFRED E. WATSON II, son of Operator AL WATSON, celebrated his third birthday on March 5 . . . Fellows, how about dropping a card or a line to the following operators who have been off sick for a long spell? They are FRED FRIEB, EARL STEVENS, STANLEY KOPINSKI, JOHN PRINZ, A. KRUSE, FRANK NEISIUS, VIRGIL WOLFE, JOHN WAGNER, FRED LEDER . . . Chief Clerk RAY SIMON will be glad to supply addresses . . . Operator HANK SCHRAM spent his vacation visiting his son, CHARLES, in Travis, Michigan.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

Operator and Mrs. WILLIAM SHEEHY were blessed with the arrival of their second daughter, KATHLEEN RITA, on March 6. Conductor GUS PANUCE and his wife, FLORENCE, spent 16 days vacationing in Miami Beach. Conductor ART GISINER spent a weekend with the apple of his eye, his two-year old granddaughter, PAMELA . . . Congratulations to BOB LYKINS, on his appointment to the supervisory force . . . Station Superintendent K. L. MANAUGH, who has been disabled since New Year's day, is expected back at the Howard street helm in mid-April. As of this writing, Conductor NORMAN KLEFBECK and Switchman HOWARD JOHNSON were convalescing at home from their recent illnesses. GEORGE BETTERMAN, retired Kimball motorman, returned from Florida and reported all are in the best of health. At a pensioners dinner which he attended, the guest speaker was Mr. JOHN FRANCIS HIGGINS . . . Motorman and Mrs. BILL MESCHER made a trip to the West Coast to visit their son. We all hope that the daughter of Conductor ABE PETAK continued to show improvement in her fight with arthritis.

- Jim Thomas

JOHN RUZICK, father of RAY RUZICK of the Employment Department, is pictured above with Ray's two children, LYNN and CARL, as they related to him and the Easter Bunny how they won the Easter Egg hunt prizes. Mr. Ruzick Sr., and other members of the Monticello Convalescent Center, Oak Lawn, colored eggs and hid them as part of their occupational therapy. Later, the senior Mr. Ruzick joined the family for a holiday dinner at the home of another son, Dr. S. E. RUZICK. John Ruzick is a retired CTA employee since August 1, 1949. He was formerly general foreman in the Way and Structures Department and retired after 47 years of service.



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NORTH SECTION (Agents) -

JEAN HAMILTON and ANNABELLE DREW made a weekend trip to St. Louis to visit with Jean's son, DANIEL WEBSTER. They had a great time shopping and spent a pleasant evening at chic Gaslight Square . . . The Oblate Fathers held their dinner at the Grand Ballroom in the Sherman house. It was attended by North Siders STELLA GIBES, FEDELMA HENRY, MARIE PASS, MINA KING, KATIE O'DONNELL, MARY CASSELLS, MARY DONAHOE, JOHN ELLIS and his wife, and porter PAUL FERRIGANT . . . Pensioners GREG BOJAN, IRMA LUDWIG, JULIE O'BRIEN, MARGARET LAVIN were also there enjoying the festivities. Mina King was introduced to the very Reverend JOHN E. TAYLOR, Bishop of Stockholm, and they had a very interesting conversation in Swedish.

Students MIKE O'CONNELL, CATHY PODLASEK, and myself took GAYLEE HILDBOLD out on the town for her 21st birthday . . . MARY CASSELLS, PEGGY ROCHE, STELLA GIBES, MARY DONAHOE and A. DAILY were among those present at the Little Flower Communion breakfast . . . R. PEARSON, H. SIEBERT, L. CLIFFORD, C. MARCKS, L. CHRASTKA, F. DETMAN, H. SCHERMERHORN and I. TRAPPER are on the sick list at this writing. We wish them a speedy recovery.

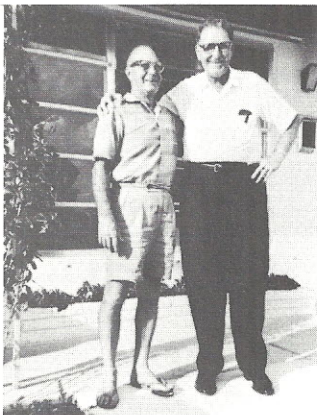
- Ted Brennan

PURCHASING & STORES (Purchasing) -

DAGMAR McNAMARA and SHIRLEY GUERTIN, Executive, recently returned from a 10-day skiing vacation in Canada. After making their headquarters at the Alpine Inn in Ste. Marguerite, which is just North of Montreal, they skied and curled to their hearts content. They returned looking wonderfully rested and tanned and said it was one of the best vacations that they'd ever had. NANCY McDONNELL was their traveling companion. She is the daughter of SARA McDONNELL, who is one of the receptionists in Purchasing . . . RODNEY RUSAKIEWICZ, file clerk, transferred to Storeroom 42, Skokie, as a Stock Clerk I, to replace LEONARD SKRINE.

(North Division)-

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to the wives of A. A. BIEVEER and VINCENT SCIMECA, who are in the hospital at this writing . . . The welcome mat was put out for DAVE STETCHER when he returned to work after having been on the sick list for quite a spell . . . Nobody knew it except the people at STOREROOM 42 -



WHILE ON his recent Florida vacation, Skokie Shops Upholsterer ALPHONSE SCHMITZ (right) visited the home of ERNEST JONES (left), retired Wilson Shop foreman. Ernest and his wife, LOIS, are residents of West Hollywood, Florida.



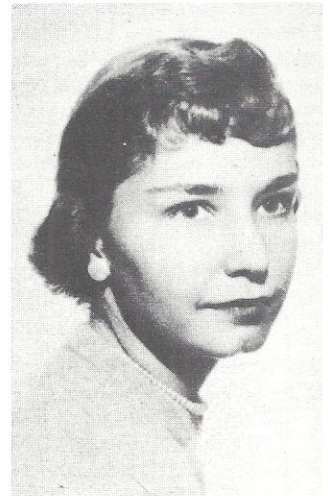
A VETERAN general offices employee who had completed 48 years of transit service was honored by his co-workers on his last day on the job before his retirement on April 1. He is R. E. Buckley, assistant superintendent of stores, who started with the former Chicago Surface Lines on June 21, 1916. At an open house arranged by his fellow employees he was presented with a gift by (left) G. S. Graybiel, general superintendent of purchasing and stores, and (right) J. T. Harty, superintendent of stores.

but the easter bunny came early this year and made his home somewhere on their property, so they claimed him for a pet, putting out straw for him every day, and living in hopes that he would not only remember them at Easter - but continue to live there even after his special day.

- D. Jane Bell

SCHEDULE - TRAFFIC -

Schedule Maker WILLIAM DEVEREUX's son, JOSEPH, passed the CPA test, congratulations! . . . C. T. JAKALE, traffic checker, underwent surgery in the West Suburban hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery . . . JAY KELLY, traffic checker, is back to work from the sick list . . . F. J. GROLL, W. A. LOVELESS, and W. J. STOLTENBERG, traffic checkers, are on a vacation doing spring cleaning . . . Former Schedule Clerk EDWARD JOYCE moved back to Chicago from California. . . Congratulations to M. B. O'NEILL for keeping a sunny disposition after giving up smoking. Did L. C. DUTTON. CLARK JOHNSON and a few more give up smoking?



THE RECIPIENT of a bachelor of arts degree recently conferred upon her by Iowa State university is MARY LOU DORGAN, the daughter of HELEN and RICHARD DORGAN. Dick is the supervisor of substation personnel.

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RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

FRANK J. AHERN, 58, North avenue,
Emp. 10-30-33. Died 3-08-64
IGNACAS ALDONIA, 73, Archer,
Emp. 9-06-10. Died 2-16-64
FRANK AMBROSE, 67, West Section,
Emp. 3-02-43. Died 2-07-64
ALFRED BARBER, 62, North avenue,
Emp. 3-12-34. Died 2-20-64
AUGUST C. BECKER, 79, Throop street,
Emp. 9-08-09. Died 2-25-64
JOSEPH BENEDICT, 58, North Section,
Emp. 11-20-28. Died 2-18-64
NIELS N. BORCK, 87, North Section
Emp. 3-09-18. Died 2-03-64
DAVID E. CARLSON, 83, 77th street,
Emp. 8-08-11. Died 2-13-64
JOSEPH CATANESE, 62, Track,
Emp. 7-22-41. Died 2-25-64
JOHN F. CONWAY, 65, Devon,
Emp. 7-14-20. Died 2-24-64
TIMOTHY J. CORCORAN, 83, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-13-18. Died 2-12-64
JOSEPH D. COURRIER, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-18-22. Died 2-28-64
GILES C. CRAWFORD, 81, South Shops,
Emp. 2-10-21. Died 2-25-64
LAWRENCE J. CROWLEY, 77, Electrical,
Emp. 3-30-08. Died 2-21-64
PATRICK DURKIN, 57, 77th street,
Emp. 8-22-42. Died 2-22-64
ROBERT FELDMAN, 50, Limits,
Emp. 8-25-41. Died 3-06-64
CARMELO GANGITANO, 84, Metropolitan,
Emp. 6-23-24. Died 2-03-64
WALTER J. HANLEY, 63, Archer,
Emp. 10-05-23. Died 3-11-64
GEORGE JURICH, 82, Track,
Emp. 10-22-23. Died 2-26-64
A. J. KALINICH, 82, Track,
Emp. 4-20-21. Died 2-12-64
DAN KEEDWELL, 58, Keeler,
Emp. 5-21-31. Died 3-03-64

RICHARD A. KLINE, 30, Keeler,
Emp. 3-05-56. Died 2-27-64
MATTHEW KRENGLE, 80, North Division,
Emp. 4-21-20. Died 2-29-64
ALBERT T. KRICHMAS, 77, 69th street,
Emp. 7-20-11. Died 2-08-64
HERMAN C. KUGELBERG, 61, North avenue,
Emp. 4-22-25. Died 3-14-64
GARRY E. KUICK, 65, South Section,
Emp. 12-06-26. Died 2-01-64
ALICE S. LARDINER, 78, Mart,
Emp. 5-15-33. Died 2-14-64
DOMINIC A. MOLIS, 75, Blue Island,
Emp. 11-06-24. Died 2-22-64
JAMES MONAGHAN, 64, North Park,
Emp. 3-23-26. Died 2-26-64
MERRITT D. MORTLOCK, 76, West Section,
Emp. 3-10-10. Died 1-30-64
DANIEL MUSKER, 65, Mart,
Emp. 10-30-22. Died 2-02-64
EDWARD NIEMIEC, 52, Kedzie,
Emp. 12-15-45. Died 2-18-64
TIMOTHY O'DONOGHUE, 68, North Park,
Emp. 2-11-38. Died 2-11-64
CLIFFORD PRENTISS, 60, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-21-26. Died 3-07-64
STEPHEN RAYKO, 58, South Section,
Emp. 8-17-43. Died 3-09-64
DOMINIC ROMANO, 85, North Division,
Emp. 4-16-20. Died 2-23-64
ALFRED C. SCHWEGLER, 55, North Park,
Emp. 8-15-42. Died 2-21-64
FRANCIS SHANLEY, 68, South Shops,
Emp. 11-03-25. Died 2-12-64
GEORGE SWEDEK, 71, Limits,
Emp. 3-29-17. Died 2-08-64
CLARENCE G. TUTT, 78, North avenue,
Emp. 11-07-22. Died 2-26-64
ANTON T. VLASTELICA, 75, Track,
Emp. 5-07-27. Died 2-02-64
LOUIS VOLIN, 68, West Section,
Emp. 6-15-17. Died 2-24-64

Have not received an official notice . . . MARGARET VIDAL's mother and father celebrated their 40th anniversary. Their family surprised them with a dinner party at the Martinique . . . The daughter of W. C. PANTLE, traffic checker, presented them with a fine granddaughter. Many thanks to KAY BATINA, BERNADETTE KIZIOR and MARGARET VIDAL for taking your reporter out to dinner on her birthday. I truly enjoyed the evening.

- Laura Schrecke

SKOKIE SHOPS .

L. H. REICHARD, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, returned from a vacation in Florida with a nice tan . . . JOSEPH BARO, assistant air brake foreman, reports a nice vacation through the southern states and a relaxing stay in Florida . . . RAYMOND NOWOSIELSKI, laborer, returned to work after a gall

bladder operation . . . EDWARD O'GRADY, laborer, returned from Ireland, where he enjoyed a five-month visit with relatives . . . ROBERT METROW, painter, is enjoying his new Rambler Classic . . . DANIEL FLANNIGAN, electrical worker, returned to work after a few days off for removal of his tonsils . . . GUS HYDE, retired electrical foreman, sends his regards from Dania, Florida, where he and his wife spend their winters . . . Fellow employees please send in some news items.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

Spring has finally sprung to everyone's delight. You find that your heart is lighter, your step a little faster, and your laughter a little gayer . . . The GEORGE DE-YOUNGS (papa is a trainman at Loomis street) are joyous over the birth of a little boy named TODD JOSEPH, born February 27. Now they have two boys . . . Switchman JOSEPH HEROLD vacationed down in Phoenix and

INSIDE NEWS



A MEMBER of the armed forces who recently completed basic training and radio school is P.F.C. CHARLES LEMKE, the son of South Section Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE. Charles is stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, where Mr. and Mrs. Lemke visited him on their vacation.

Scottsdale, Arizona, and soaked up the warm sunshine while there. He says Arizona is really the place to live . . . We all were so shocked and saddened over the sudden passing away of Conductor STEPHAN RAYKO on March 9. He worked at Loomis street for many years. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to his family. . . Welcome back to Supervisor MAURICE MURPHY, who is working on the South Section once again . . . The STIPATIs, Agents ANTONIETTE and SAM, have just moved into a new home. They said they are busy as beavers fixing it up, but they enjoy being homeowners . . . It is good to see our sick list finally being depleted, now that our boys are back to work: Motorman EDWARD HENNESSY, Switchman NELSON ANDERSON, Conductors P. R. HARDLEY and JOHN HAMILTON, Agent CHARLES FRANK, and Porter PATRICK HARRISON.

Part-time Agent GENE BARRY, son of our clerk, JOHN BARRY, has resigned to accept another position. . . Supervisor JOSEPH TROSPER and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on March 10. They went to their church and renewed their marriage vows . . . The South Section is well represented in the Courtesy Caravan Club. The commendations are coming in fast and furious. Keep up the good work everybody. It is so much easier to smile than to grumble. Newest members to receive commendations are: Conductor ROBERT MORTON for his courteous actions while performing his duties, Agent CECILIA MORAN for assisting a passenger, and Trainman JIMMIE COLLIER for his clear and distinct station announcements . . . Best Wishes to Agents THOMAS MAHONEY, WOODROW PENDLETON, and JAMES HARRINGTON, who are going on disability pension April 1. All three have been on the sick list for many months. We wish a speedy recovery for each of you.

District Supervisor ART JOHNSON is a mighty happy man these days. His wife presented him with twin sons recently. They have named the boys ROBERT and RICHARD . . . At this writing, Conductor ROBERT HARPER is home from the hospital. Here's hoping by the time this reaches print Bob that you will be back working. . . Talked with Mrs. JOSEPH NONKOVICH, wife of our deceased superintendent of agents and porters, recently. She says she is living in Desplaines with her daughter and wishes to say "hello" to everyone . . . Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER has a two-car family now. Not only did he purchase a new 1964 Pontiac, but he also got a used car to run around in and to take to work. Some

people are really lucky. . . Conductor PAT NOLAN was telling us that his wife is ill and in the hospital. We all hope that she will be home from the hospital soon . . . Had a nice chat with Retired Switchman FRED McDOLLE recently. He was looking real good for himself. He said he just returned from visiting his sister out in California.

Received word that Retired Agent LEONA JENDERSAK is ill and in the Evergreen Gardens Convalescent home. Also Retired Agent MARY DONOHUE is ill. Let's all pull for our girls to get on the road to recovery soon . . . Retired Conductor WILLIAM MANNICH was visiting the boys at Loomis street recently and he is looking younger and spryer than ever and says he is really enjoying his pension.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

KAY GUZOVICH left to join the staff of Public Information. Kay has been a reporter for this column and her enthusiasm will be missed. Kay will assume the duties of KATHY O'BRIEN from Public Information, who in turn will join the Technical Services staff here at South Shops. Good luck Kay, we all hope you will be happy with your new duties and welcome, Kathy, we hope you will be happy too . . . MAUREEN SCANLON left the staff of Industrial Engineering to assume household duties. Here's wishing her well on a new career . . . After several painstaking attempts to place KAREN HOFFMAN's rabbits in suitable homes - they were then contributed to a laboratory for their use in experimental tests . . . GEORGE HAMILTON and his wife are enjoying four sun-filled weeks vacation in Hawaii at this writing. All our thoughts are with you and wishing we were there . . . Congratulations to JOE and JOAN CARLYON on the birth of their first baby, a little boy born on February 24 in the Ravenswood Hospital . . . DAVID MICHAEL tipped the scales at 7 pounds even. His daddy, Joe, is an apprentice mechanic.



INSIDE NEWS

ED WENDT, chief clerk, celebrated 46 years with the CTA on March 12. Ed started with the Chicago Surface Lines in the days when knickerbockers were famous. . . The South Shops bowling team outing was held at Archer-Kedzie Lanes. Over 60 of our shopmen participated in this event. First place trophy was presented to JOSEPH KOPINSKI of the Engine Line in Bay 6. Everyone who attended received some kind of prize. Following the bowling outing a snack was served. Bowling committeemen are CARL LIDZBINSKI and ALEX ANDROULIS. Response was so great that another such sweeper is being contemplated in the near future. Needless to say, a grand time was had by all.

- Diana McLemore

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

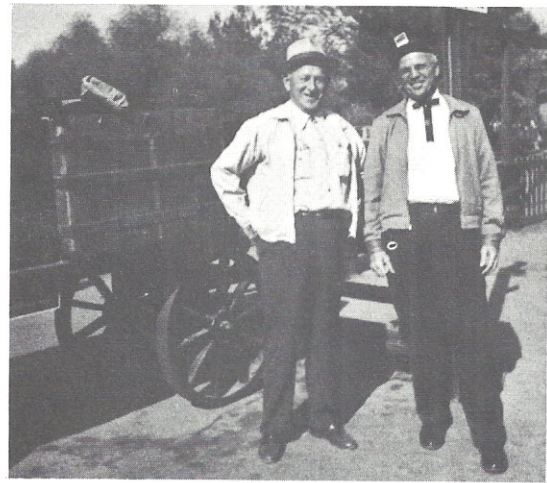
Kimball Car Cleaner MIKE McCORMACK retired March 1, after 34 years of service. Mike started at 12th street and worked on the North Shore cars until the line was discontinued. Then Mike transferred to Kimball Shop where he spent the remainder of his working days. The boys at the shop gave him a going-away party and presented Mike with a token of their esteem. We all want to wish Mike the best of luck and don't forget to drop in for a visit once in awhile. . . After 18 years of shop service, 61st street Repairman JAMES RUDDY also retired on March 1. . . E. R. HENDRICKSON, general foreman, A. J. PORCARO, assistant to the general foreman, and C. J. DOWLING, foreman at 61st street, presented Jim with his pensioner's billfold. The fellows are going to miss Jim, especially repairman MARTIN CONNEELLY, who was his work partner for the past 13 years. The boys had a small farewell party and extended their good wishes. Jim said he hopes to visit his native homeland, Ireland, in the near future. All the men at Congress Terminal merited the Industrial Safety Award. Speakers at the presentation were Messrs. REICHARD, HENDRICKSON, BURKE and LORIMER. A hearty congratulation is extended to the workers on their fine achievement.

- Ray Bryczek

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

Pensioner MARTIN TEZAK paid a surprise visit recently and wishes to say hello to all his old friends. He has just returned from visits to Florida and California. . . I had a pleasant chat with EMIL KLIPP, retired, who had just returned from a brief sojourn in not-so-sunny Florida and he was happy to return home and enjoy our sunshine and mild weather. He, likewise, wishes to be remembered to all. . . Many happy returns of the day to FRANCIS PAYNE, member of the porter staff, who celebrated the anniversary of his birth on February 27. . . Agent GEORGE BOHAKEL flew to New York City to attend the funeral of a relative. . . Agent B. KAIN, accompanied by her husband, motorman and board member JAMES, returned from a few weeks vacation in St. Petersburg, Florida. . . Most of us are grateful for the mild winter we have so far experienced, but Agents ED CORRIGAN and JIMMY GEORGE would both liked to have seen a little more snow in order to give their newly purchased snow tires a real try out. . . Glad to see Agent P. REILLY back to work after being absent because of illness.

Many claims have been made recently about the number of shaves certain blades have been capable of pro-



PENSIONERS REUNITE at Knotts Berry Farm in southern California when they pass the entrance to the narrow-gauge Denver & Rio Grande railroad because the collector stationed there is JOHN LOUGHLIN (right), a retired 61st street motorman. Pictured here with John is another CTA pensioner, Douglas Motorman GEORGE RANKIN.

ducing, but we believe the use of one such blade experienced by Porter JOHN BARRETT should earn some sort of recognition. For full details, I suggest you ask John the next time you see him. . . Congratulations to Porter JIM COLLIER, who became a grandfather for the first time with the birth of a grandson February 27. While Jim is elated over his newly-acquired title he has been having a tough time explaining to his fellow workers that it is not the custom for the grandfather to pass out cigars.

- Gordon Kelly

69TH STREET -

By this time all our winter vacationers should have all their pictures developed, and looking forward to the next vacation like the rest of us. Your credit union can help with the financial angle. . . Collectors EARL MURPHY and GEORGE ZERBIAN are recent pensioners. We wish them both a happy everything. . . Ran into GEORGE GRINDLER, another rookie pensioner, recently and he says that he still hasn't time to do all the things he'd want to do, but now he doesn't do them more leisurely. . . Happy birthdays to former Scribe TOMMY ELPHICK, on his 43rd (he says) and to SAM VALLONI on his?? . . Retired Superintendent E. C. TOCCI and Operator JIM HAWORTH were both sashaying around the depot recently. . . Grandpaw congratulations to Operator LEE GRIFFIS on his new and first grandson; the little guy joins two granddaughters. Also to Operator TONY LEHRMAN on his granddaughter who checked in on Friday the 13th, but to offset this bad luck superstition hit the scales at 7 pounds 11 ounces.

Congratulations to GEORGE and LOTTIE JAROS on their wedding anniversary. May they have many more. Also to JIM GEARY on his re-election as president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Hibernian he may be, but ancient he is not. . . Our sympathies are extended to the family of PATRICK DURKIN, retired, and to THEODORE RAYMOND JR. on the death of his father.

- William J. Donahue

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