

TRANSIT NEWS



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W. J. McCarter Resigns As CTA General Manager

WALTER J. McCarter, CTA general manager since October 1, 1947, resigned his post on August 6 to become effective September 30, and was promptly appointed by Chicago Transit Board as consulting engineer for CTA and for the First National Bank of Chicago, trustee of CTA's revenue bond issues.

The appointment as consulting engineer is effective October 1, when Mr. McCarter is taking a non-salaried leave of absence extending until his scheduled retirement on pension May 1, 1965. Employment of a consulting engineer is required by the trust agreement.

As consulting engineer for CTA and the bond trustee, Mr. McCarter will be paid a fee of \$5,000 a year for an analytical report on CTA's yearly budget plus other assignments that can be performed by letter or certificate.

The only general manager to direct CTA operations, Mr. McCarter has held the post since CTA began transit operations by purchasing the Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Rapid Transit company.

At that time, lumbering old red streetcars and clay-colored wood and wood-steel rapid transit cars dominated the surface and rapid transit fleets. In the intervening 17 years vast changes have been wrought in equipment and services provided by CTA.

The old red streetcars are long gone, their places being taken by modern motor buses, including the world's largest fleet of odorless LP-gas (propane) buses, and the 1,100 wood and wood-steel rapid transit cars' fiery end on the scrap heap is but a dim memory.

The equipment modernization programmed when CTA started operations has been completed, and equipment purchases are now confined to replacement of units as they become outmoded. Recently, on Mr. McCarter's recommendation Chicago Transit Board purchased 240 diesel-powered buses to replace a similar number of buses that have completed their service life.

This purchase comes fast on the heels of an expenditure of \$18,990,000 for 180 air-conditioned rapid transit cars, first in the nation's urban transit industry to be designed and built as air-conditioned units. First deliveries of these history-making cars are now operating on the Lake rapid transit route.



Altogether under Mr. McCarter's stewardship, more than \$202,000,000 has been invested in modern passenger equipment and other modern facilities. No similar period in the history of transit in Chicago has witnessed such a comprehensive and broad scale modernization of equipment and services. A total of 5,407 passenger vehicles has been purchased.

Improvements other than revenue vehicle modernization include the Congress route rapid transit service pioneering the coordination of rail rapid transit with a multi-lane expressway; elevation of the ground-level section of the Lake rapid transit route; construction of three large modern garages; consolidation of surface system shops in one modern facility equipped with modern tools to maintain modern equipment; construction of a rapid transit maintenance and inspection shop; construction of an under-shelter bus-rapid transit passenger interchange facility at the modernized Howard street rapid transit terminal.

In the area of transit service, all-express operation on the rapid transit system has now been established for approximately 15 years; bus service has been coordinated with rapid transit service; bus lines have been functionalized to assure a high standard of regularity and on-time performance; more than 100 off-street bus terminals have been established, ending the interference with street traffic at these terminals when buses and cars were parked in the streets; trainphones, the first in the industry, have been installed on rapid

transit trains and have substantially improved supervision, safety and security of operations.

Most recent service innovations planned under Mr. McCarter's direction are the spectacularly successful Skokie Swift rapid transit demonstration project between Howard street, Chicago, and Dempster terminal, Skokie, and the recent expansion of depot-downtown retail-business district reduced-fare services.

In the administrative field, CTA has established new safety records each successive year over a period of approximately ten years; accounting processes have been mechanized and costs of operation have been substantially reduced; stores have been centralized and stock-keeping and inventory practices have been modernized.

Through its accomplishments, CTA has achieved national and international recognition as a progressive, efficiently managed transit operation. Visitors from the nation's larger cities and from abroad come frequently to obtain information on CTA operations.

To achieve this recognition, Mr. McCarter had to weld into a single organization three complete sets of departments and their personnel that were acquired by CTA's purchase of the Chicago Surface Lines, the Chicago Rapid Transit company, and the Chicago Motor Coach company.

Mr. McCarter is a career transit executive. He started as an electrical engineer with the Milwaukee Transport company, and came to Chicago as CTA's general manager from Cleveland, Ohio, where, as general manager, he had the task of directing the change-over of the privately owned Cleveland transit system to public ownership and operation.

During his CTA career, Mr. McCarter has served under four CTA Board Chairmen: namely, Philip Harrington, 1945-1949; Ralph Budd, 1949-1954; Virgil E. Gunlock, 1954-1963, all deceased, and the present Chairman, George L. DeMent, who was appointed on July 2, 1963. Of the original Chicago Transit Board, appointed June 27, 1945, two members remain - James R. Quinn and William W. McKenna.

Transportation Department Names "Employees of Year"

A TOTAL of 991 Transportation Department employees have been named "employees of the year" in recognition of their outstanding job performance and good personal records as the first group to be so honored in CTA's continuing efforts to provide better service to the public.

Their selection was announced recently following a review of work records which indicated their alertness in all phases of their job responsibilities. The period covered by the review was from June 1, 1963, through May 31, 1964.

Personnel eligible for consideration were from the classifications of bus operators and rapid transit motormen, conductors and ticket agents who met the following qualifications: Worked at least 200 days during the June to May year, maintained good accident and work records, and demonstrated a cooperative attitude toward fellow employees and CTA customers.

To establish the "employee of the year" rating, standards have been set evaluating work records each year. The records of all eligible employees are then reviewed by station superintendents to de-

termine which employees meet the requirements for selection. Only those whose records are rated outstanding in the three general qualifications listed above receive the "employee of the year" recognition card.

Employees who have qualified on the basis of their records are notified by their station superintendent who makes a personal presentation of a congratulatory message and a wallet-sized card inscribed with the employee's name.

In all, 991 employees were selected from 6,770 employees who worked the 200 days necessary to qualify for consideration. A breakdown of the total figure of 991 employees who were selected in the first group shows that there were 644 bus operators, 203 rapid transit motormen and conductors and 144 ticket agents who qualified for "employee of the year" recognition.

In a letter to all Transportation Department personnel, General Manager Walter J. McCarter urged employees who were not represented in the first year presentations to make every effort to qualify during the 12-month period beginning June 1, 1964.

OUR COVER: August is the month for enjoying the outdoors - and especially for family picnics. Parks and forest preserves in and around the city are invaded by family groups, loaded with baskets, boxes and barbecue grills, who set a table under the trees and indulge their appetites, whetted by the open air activities. Such an outing is typified by our cover picture, showing the family of Robert W. McCarthy of CTA's Charter Service staff, consisting of his wife, Betty, and their four children: Robert Jr., 9; Mary Beth, 7; Theresa, 6, and Brian, 2.

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1963 Report Reviews Highlights of CTA Year

CHICAGO TRANSIT Authority's gross revenues for 1963 totaled \$134,080,218, a decrease of \$3,760,731 from 1962, but operating and maintenance costs and other charges were held to an increase of only \$50,936 despite contract wage increases aggregating more than \$2,800,000 according to the annual report by Chicago Transit Board.

Revenues were sufficient, however, to meet all costs, including debt service and the required provision for depreciation, leaving a balance of \$19,483 available for charges that are not mandatory.

Factors adversely affecting revenues for the year were a reduction in work hours by a noticeable number of factories, a prolonged epidemic of respiratory diseases, completion of the Dan Ryan Expressway connection with the city's expressway system, and a period of extremely cold weather during the Christmas shopping season. Fifty-seven per cent of the total loss in riding during the year occurred in the first three months.

Major Improvement Projects Cited

There were, however, a number of major plant and equipment improvements completed or undertaken to better transit service. Among the plant improvements were:

Completion of a new bus overhaul shop at 78th street and Vincennes avenue on October 1, CTA's 16th anniversary, at a total cost of \$6,100,000, including shop tools; award of contracts for construction of a substation and transportation building at the Forest Park terminal of the Lake rapid transit route, a \$604,425 project; expansion of Park-'N'-Ride facilities at Linden avenue, Wilmette; continuing modernization of the Howard street terminal of the North-South rapid transit route, and the installation of a new semi-automatic interlocking system and the extension of the station platform at the Kimball terminal of the Ravenswood rapid transit route.

Equipment modernization included:

Delivery of 133 "New Look" 50-passenger buses in January, completing an order for 150 diesel-powered units purchased from the truck and coach division of General Motors. Another 150 "New Look" buses powered by odorless LP-gas (propane) were received from the Flexible Company of Loudonville, O., during the period from April through July.

On July 13, 1963, a contract for the manufacture of 180 "New Look" air-conditioned rapid transit cars was awarded to Pullman-Standard

of Chicago on its lowbid of \$18,990,000. These units will replace approximately 200 outmoded rapid transit cars that have been in service 40 to 50 years.

By year end, CTA had invested or committed a total of \$195,724,000 since its inception for modernization of plant and rolling stock, and for replacement of vehicles that had become outmoded in the interim. This greatly exceeds modernization and replacement achievements during any similar period in the history of transit in Chicago.

By December 31, 1963, CTA had taken delivery of 4,987 new revenue vehicles, and had on order the 180 "New Look" air-conditioned cars. This completed the modernization program that began with CTA's inception, and provided 911 vehicles for replacement of units that had become outmoded in the intervening years. The modernization program called for the purchase of 4,256 units.

Cost of these 5,167 units totals \$146,731,000--of which \$85,064,000 is for 4,213 surface system passenger units and \$61,667,000 for 954 rapid transit cars. The net cost of all these units, however, was \$138,751,000, after giving effect to the value realized on PCC streetcar components used in the construction of 570 new rapid transit cars. The cost of plant improvements is \$48,993,000.

Originating revenue passengers for the combined system in 1963 totaled 492,231,532, a decrease of 2.51 per cent as compared with 1962. Of this total, the surface system accounted for 381,166,527 revenue passengers and the rapid transit system, 111,065,005, representing a decline of 2.48 per cent on the surface system and 2.63 per cent on the rapid transit system.

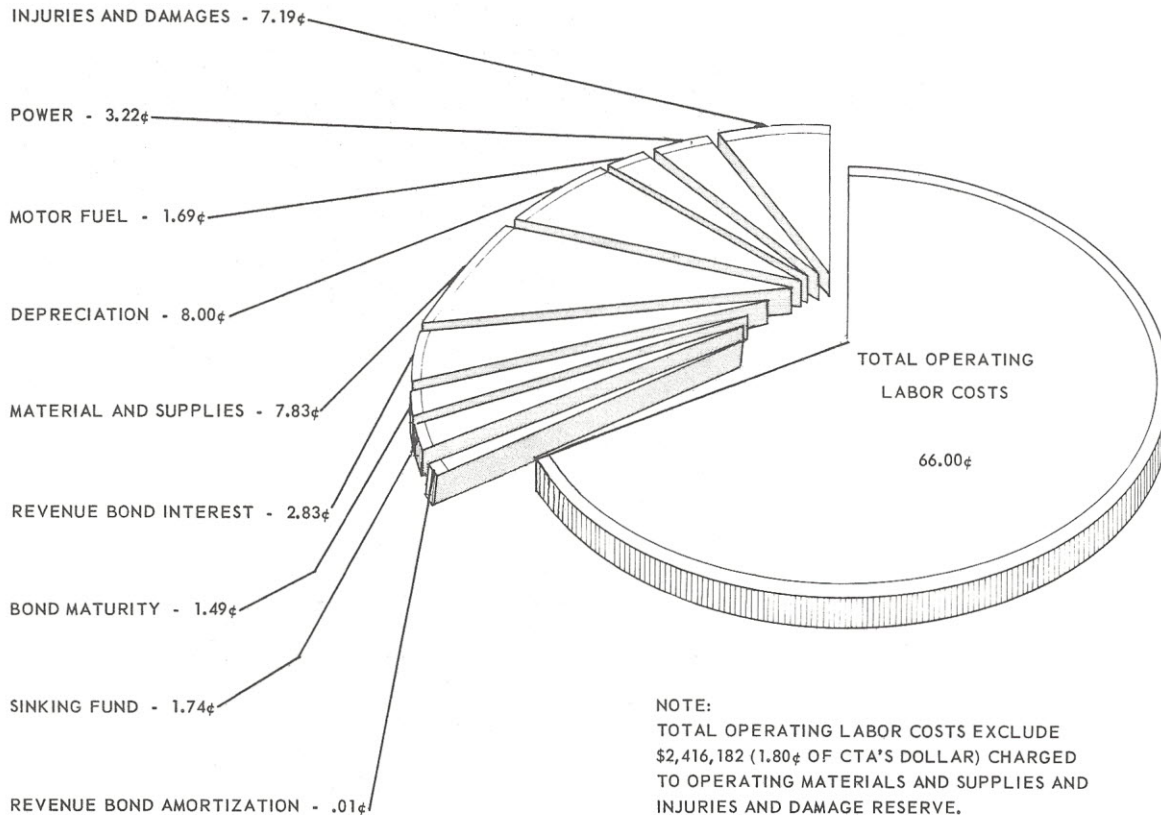
Skokie Swift Important Development

An important development during the year was the approval on October 3 by Chicago Transit Board of the purchase from the defunct North Shore Line of right-of-way and related property required for the proposed operation of the Skokie rapid transit service demonstration project between Howard street, Chicago, and Dempster street, Skokie.

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

Noteworthy during the year was the high degree of safety attained in surface and rapid transit operations. In 1963, CTA was involved in fewer reported traffic and passenger accidents than in any

DISTRIBUTION OF CTA'S 1963 REVENUE DOLLAR



year in its history, and the frequency rate of traffic and passenger accidents per 100,000 miles operated was the second best since the CTA take-over of its transit properties. For the third consecutive year, the traffic and passenger frequency rate was held below 10 accidents per 100,000 miles operated. The significance of this low rate is noteworthy when compared with CTA's experience in the years 1947 through 1954 when the rate fluctuated between 15 and 20. This is the result of the continuing intensive safety-training activity program conducted among operating employees in recent years.

The total number of employees in service at the close of 1963 was 13,005, an increase of 73 over the 12,932 employees at December 31, 1962, but a decrease of 10,363 from the 23,368 employees in service at dates of acquisition of properties from predecessor companies. During 1963, 377 employees retired on pension, seven employees drawing disability pensions returned to active duty, and 456 retired employees died. At December 31, 1963, there were 5,479 retired employees receiving pension payments.

Employees' group insurance costs for 1963 increased \$29,800 as a net result of liberalized benefits provided under the current three-year wage and working conditions contracts which became effective December 1, 1962. Sick and accident insurance payments were increased from \$50 to \$56

per week; life insurance was increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500; hospital insurance benefits were increased from \$6.00 to \$10.00 per day, extra charges from \$30 to \$100 per illness, and emergency allowances from \$10 to \$100. The increased annual cost for these added benefits is approximately \$276,000, which was partially offset by experience rating credits and other adjustments applicable to, or earned in, prior years.

George L. DeMent Named Board Chairman

During the year, on March 21, Virgil E. Gunlock, Chairman, Chicago Transit Board, was taken by death. He had been a member and Chairman of the Board since July, 1954. He was succeeded as a board member on April 29, 1963, by George L. DeMent, who was appointed by Mayor Richard J. Daley, and approved by Governor Otto Kerner. Mr. DeMent, who was commissioner of public works for the City of Chicago at the time of his appointment, was unanimously elected Board Chairman for a three-year term beginning July 2, 1963.

Raymond J. Peacock was reappointed a member of Chicago Transit Board, and James E. Rutherford was appointed to succeed Edward F. Moore, whose term had expired. Mr. Rutherford's appointment became effective May 22, 1963, and expires August 31, 1969. The appointments were made by Governor Kerner and approved by Mayor Daley.

ON THE first floor of the storage facility is this large area where payroll records, copies of reports from various departments and many other items dating as far back as 1947 are kept for ready reference when needed. Before being placed in storage, all records are identified and classified to provide easy access to wanted information. CTA's method of centralized storage of records is believed to be the first of its kind in the transit industry.



Central Record Storage Moved to Old West Shops



AN ARRAY of file cabinets arranged in seven-foot high rows fill one section in the new location of Central Record Storage at the old West Shops. In this room, where claims and legal files are kept, there are some 3,800 cabinets. Checking on some documents in the center foreground is Frank Wischler, custodian of records, and at the rear is Richard Warning, record clerk.

IN ONE of the most intricate moving jobs CTA has ever undertaken, Central Record Storage was moved recently from its former location in the old Division-Western carhouse to new quarters in the old West Shops at 3900 W. Maypole avenue.

Requiring three months to complete, the move of literally thousands of file cabinets, loose leaf binders, ledger books and other records was carried out in good order. As various sections were removed from the old location and transferred to the new, they were set up and properly placed in their right position in the new location. This permitted immediate access to all records by those needing reference to them.

The new storage facility occupies a large well-lighted, well-ventilated area formerly used as storage space by the West Shops Stores Department. It includes both the first and second floors of the building which is one city block long by 60 feet wide. The interior was repainted, renovated and re-wired and given a thorough clean-up. Rehabilitation cost approximately \$10,000.

An array of floor-to-ceiling storage shelves and row-on-row of neat file cabinets line the walls and aisles of the record center. Many records stored there date back to 1947, the year CTA took over and consolidated transit operations. Each year adds substantially to the material consigned to the center.

Before being stored, all records are identified and classified and then are placed in the proper files where they are readily available at any time for reference. Some of the larger items, such as office forms and loose-leaf binders, are of considerable bulk but they contain valuable information which can be produced on demand.

The general offices account for most of the records in storage. However, all departments are



IN ANOTHER section of the rehabilitated building is the transfer counting room of the Revenue Accounting Department. Here unsold transfers, including those returned by employees, are run through six special machines and the count verified. On an average weekday, a total of approximately 1,500,000 transfers are processed. Standing at the table at right center is Joseph Klein, supervisor.

represented in the multiplicity of items being held at the storage center.

Until the storage center was established in 1955 in the old Division-Western carhouse, records were stored at various locations over the system. To collect, consolidate and catalog them was an extensive undertaking. But by so doing the time involved in examining specific files has been greatly reduced.

In charge of organizing and maintaining the central storage area from the beginning was Ray Hynes, supervisor of office services. He was assisted by a two-man staff, consisting of a custodian of records and a clerk, who are assigned to the storage center.

There are a number of special sections in the overall set-up. One is reserved for X-ray pictures taken by CTA Medical Department technicians in connection with claim cases from the year 1947 to 1960. Law, general accounting, payroll, personnel, insurance, shops and equipment and transportation are among other departments represented in this category.

CTA's method of centralizing record storage is believed to be the first of its kind in the transit industry. It evolved from a decision to simplify the storage problem by concentrating all archives in one location. P. J. Meinardi, comptroller, whose office has jurisdiction over the storage center, was instrumental in its establishment.

Occupying space in the south end of the second floor is the transfer section of the Revenue Accounting Department.

This facility, also moved from the old Division-Western carhouse, performs an important function in the verification of employe reports on transfers sold each day in connection with fare collections.

Under regular procedures, all rapid transit ticket agents and surface bus operators are sup-

plied with sufficient transfers to cover their daily needs. The unused transfers are returned daily, a total of 76 bags of them, to the transfer section where they are counted to determine if they balance out with the employe's report. The transfers are processed on six counting machines, each capable of counting 900 transfer a minute.

The clock, or upper portion of the transfer, is torn in half by the operator of the machine and inserted in the counting machine for verification. In case of error, the remaining lower portion is re-counted and verified by another transfer counter.

Any shortages or overages disclosed in the count are reported on a list sent to the issuing station and the differences are adjusted with the employe on the basis of five cents for each transfer. The counting machines are identical to those used by all banks for the counting of paper currency.



IN THE voucher room at Central Record Storage, some 2,800 cabinets contain records dating back to 1947, the year of the CTA takeover of local transit properties. The contents of each drawer are plainly marked on label cards for easy reference. In the foreground is Ray Hynes, supervisor of office services, who organized and is in charge of the center.

OUR *Public Speaks*

WITH MORE and more emphasis being placed on good personal service as a key factor in public relations, it is evident that employees should be alert to the opportunities afforded them to build goodwill for themselves and for the CTA.

There are many ways to win the approval of the public, as shown by the commendations which come from appreciative riders. Among these are a cheerful manner, a courteous attitude, a tactful approach in handling difficult situations, and considerate treatment of the people whom we are hired to serve.

We should look upon our service as the product we are offering in exchange for their patronage and we must make every effort to sell them on the thesis that it is a good product. It is up to our employees who come in direct contact with our customers to prove the point. Courtesy and a competent job performance continue to be the standards and objectives of good personal service.

These letters from our files are examples of how patrons observe and react to courtesy and consideration shown them by CTA employees. The first is from a well-known Chicago journalist:

"Recently, I lost my wallet, containing over \$80.00 and all my identification papers, and never expected to see it again. The next morning, the CTA office at 3112 Foster called my office disclosing that the wallet had been found. The bus driver, Thomas Kaczynski (Badge No. 10113, North Park) had found it, and I picked it up later that morning. Everything was in it - money and all. I am naturally very grateful to Mr. Kaczynski and think you would like to know about this outstanding example of CTA courtesy and reliability."

In another letter, a former Chicago judge had this to say:

"Born in Chicago, I celebrated my 80th birthday anniversary last month. As a rider of public conveyances in the city during these many years, I cannot recall a single instance when a driver of a street car or bus greeted me with a cheery 'good morning.'"

"On boarding a Michigan avenue bus this morning, Operator G. E. Fels (Badge No. 9842, Keeler) the operator, greeted me most warmly - as he did every other passenger - with a most pleasant 'good morning' greeting."

A third letter, from a retired Brigadier General of the United States Army, contained this commendation:

"I wish to comment upon the outstanding courtesy displayed by your driver, Badge No. 3629 (Cleo Lenard, Kedzie) last evening.

"About 8:15 o'clock my wife and I boarded an eastbound bus at Washington Boulevard and Central Avenue in the pouring rain. I signaled the driver as we crossed the street and he waited for us with the door open so that we were exposed to the weather no longer than was absolutely necessary.

"This is in distinct contrast to the many times I have seen a bus driver utterly disregard the effort of a potential passenger to flag him down. Your driver No. 3629 is certainly a valuable asset to the CTA and a splendid example of good public relations in action."

While letters such as the above reflect credit on the employees named, other letters present a less favorable view of our operating personnel. Such a one is printed below:

"I boarded a Roosevelt road bus, paid for a transfer and rode as far as Halsted street. When I alighted, I immediately boarded a northbound Halsted bus. The operator, who obviously was mad at the world, took the transfer, looked at it and handed it back to me saying it was no good. Of course, I asked him why and, rather than answer my question, he told me to pay another fare or get off the bus. I paid the fare, but up to this point I still didn't know why my transfer was invalid."

COMMENT: Following this incident, the patron telephoned CTA and was advised to send the transfer and letter to the Service Section, through which the patron learned that the operator who issued the transfer mispunched the time. The patron's fare was refunded. However, the belligerent attitude of the second operator was not justified. It created a bad situation, which was due to an error on the part of the first operator.

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

	July 1964	June 1964	July 1963
Commendations	187	213	108
Complaints	1,509	1,329	998

Contract Awarded for 240 More "New Look" Buses

AWARD OF a contract to the Flxible company of Loudonville, Ohio, for the manufacture of 240 "New Look" 50-passenger diesel-powered buses at a cost of \$6,420,792 was voted August 6 by Chicago Transit Board.

At the same time the Board authorized negotiations with the Flxible company and with the Truck and Coach Division of General Motors for the purchase of 10 air-conditioned "New Look" buses, five from each company, for experimental operation in special service.

These ten buses will be CTA's first air-conditioned surface units, and it is planned to use them in express service to determine exactly how much air-conditioning increases operating costs per vehicle mile. This information is essential for the guidance of the Board.

On the 240 buses, the Flxible company was \$432 per bus or a total of \$95,080 lower than the only other bidder, the Truck and Coach Division of General Motors.

Delivery of the 240 buses is to start about mid-February and to continue at the rate of 12 buses per week until the order is completed in mid-July. The purchase will increase CTA's fleet of "New Look" buses to a total of 841 units, all purchased since 1960, and bring its investment in modern revenue vehicles and other modern facilities to a total of approximately \$202,500,000 since its takeover of Chicago's transit properties. CTA operates approximately 3,180 diesel, LP-gas (propane), and trolley buses. The new units replace an equal number of diesel-powered buses that are being retired after having served out their useful life.

Similar in design to the earlier "New Look" buses, the new units will introduce in the surface fleet CTA's new official colors, mint green and off-white, which were specified for the 180 "New Look" rapid transit cars now being delivered to CTA by the Pullman-Standard company of Chicago.

Another feature of the new buses will be back-lighted car-card racks which CTA is pioneering in its "New Look" rapid transit cars. Fluorescent tubes will give advertisements printed in color on translucent plastic the appearance of continuous rows of eye-appealing transparencies and also provide more than 20-foot candles of light at the riders' reading plane.

For signalling police in emergency situations, the eight turn signals of each bus are designed to flash simultaneously when an operator activates a

foot control switch. The number of buses equipped with an emergency signal will be increased to 951.

Enhancing the mint green of the painted areas of the exterior sides of the buses will be fluted side panels of anodized aluminum and skirts of plain anodized aluminum. The roof will be painted off-white.

Interior ceiling panels are to be of a high-strength, stay-clean plastic material in an attractive color and design, and the wainscot panels are to be embossed, anodized aluminum in a leather grain pattern.

The seats, upholstered in long-wearing plastic over fire-retardant padding and coil springs, are to be 36 inches wide. The aisle width will be 22 inches at seat cushion level and 28 inches at hip height.

Large picture windows will be equipped with push-out, sliding type sash which may be reset manually. All windows will be glazed with safety glass. The glass in the standee windows and the rear window will be tinted. The large windshield area is designed to minimize glare and provide maximum visibility.

For rider comfort, the buses are to be equipped with air springs and a thermostatically-controlled central heating and ventilating system with capacity to maintain a temperature of 60 degrees when the outside temperature is zero. A mixture of fresh and recirculated filtered air is to be distributed at the rate of 1,500 cubic feet per minute through openings in the wainscot panels. In the winter time, heated air will be blown across the front door and center exit door rust-resisting stainless steel step wells to melt snow and ice.

Front entrance and center exit doors will be of the single stream type. The center exit will be equipped with a push-type door interlocked with the accelerator pedal so that the bus cannot be started when the door is open, or when the door switch at the operator's control is set at the "open" position.

The diesel engine will be of the latest type. A governor will limit speed to 45-50 miles per hour. Other features are power steering and an automatic transmission.

Each bus will come equipped with a fare box registering pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters similar to the 600 fare boxes recently purchased by CTA from the Johnson Fare Box company of Chicago, at a cost of \$312,000.

INQUIRING REPORTER: Gordon Kelly

LOCATION: West Section (Agents)

QUESTION: What type of entertainment
do you most enjoy?

REDUS MOORE, porter (with Reporter Gordon Kelly): "I enjoy television and sports of all kinds, including ping-pong and hunting. But I most enjoy taking my family in the car for a trip to the country where the scenery and beauties of nature never cease to amaze us.



HELEN PALLISTER, ticket agent: "I like almost all music but enjoy most piano concerts, the old dance bands, and barber shop harmony."



ARLENE SWANSON, ticket agent: "I enjoy the band concerts that are given at Oakbrook Center once a week, but my greatest enjoyment is playing with my great-granddaughter - which I call real entertainment."



DOROTHY FORD, ticket agent: "To have company and fix a nice dinner is one of my favorite pastimes - or whenever possible to go for a nice long drive in the country. If that is not possible, then I watch TV and fall asleep."



LEONA NELSON, ticket agent: "In the summer - a trip to some lake or picnic ground, with cook-out equipment or a picnic lunch along with friends that enjoy a good card game. In the winter - dinner downtown, then a good motion picture or legitimate show."

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin, CTA Medical Consultant

VACATION TIME - MAKE YOURS A PLEASANT ONE

NOW IS the time that many families will have their vacations. More than half of the people in the United States now take at least one vacation trip each year. Much in the way of education, relaxation and pleasure is enjoyed by these people. However, many hazards are encountered on trips which, if ignored, may make the vacation unpleasant. Therefore, the purpose of this article is to bring to your attention a few suggestions to make your vacation an enjoyable one. This is a tremendously large subject so only the high points will be touched upon.

Boating and Fishing is one type of vacation which interests many people. In order to avoid accidents from this sport, the following suggestions should be remembered:

Good manners and common sense will prevent most boating accidents. Don't overload the boat; have life preservers for each occupant; don't stand up or change seats in a small boat while under way; keep a watchful eye out for other boats, swimmers and fishermen; don't travel in strange waters after dark. Follow these rules and many drownings will be prevented.

When fishing, follow the above rules of boating and be careful not to get hooked with a fish-hook. If the hook is deeply embedded see a nearby doctor. When hooks are not in use, cover them with a cork. If the boat overturns, hang on to the boat until rescuers arrive.

Swimming is a popular and beneficial sport. However, too many people ignore common sense rules and this is the cause of many vacation drownings each year. Drowning is second only to motor vehicle accidents as a cause of accidental death. Many adults know the rules of safe swimming but fail to teach their children these principles. Always determine the depth of the water before diving; do not dive into shallow water; do not swim immediately after eating; try to avoid swimming alone or swimming in treacherous waters or going in when chilled or exhausted.

In case of drowning (1) row as fast as possible to a position within easy reach of the victim, pull the person aboard, apply artificial respiration if needed.

(2) Go to the aid of the victim directly if you have had training in water safety but be careful you are not pulled under.

(3) Throw in a life preserver or an inner tube or anything which will hold up the victim.

(4) If the victim is near enough, throw a long pole, board or rope or piece of clothing and pull to safety.

Sunburn can spoil many vacations and is often associated with boating and swimming. Again follow the common sense rules of protecting the skin and avoiding over-exposure.

Automobile driving on vacations is a real vacation hazard. Follow the usual rules of safe driving whenever you go. Take your time going and coming. Have your car inspected before starting and don't drive when excessively tired or if you have been drinking.

Golfing affords a fine vacation for many persons. Occasionally it is overdone and heart attacks and sunstrokes may result.

Camping trips are enjoyable and relaxing. Use care in selecting proper locations or sites. Be sure sanitation is good and don't forget to put out fires.

Insect and snake bites are sometimes hazards in certain parts of the country. It is wise to see the nearby doctor for this type of accident.

Weed poisoning is sometimes a problem. In these cases an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Careful antiseptic care, cold packs and soothing lotions will often give relief.

Excessive eating and drinking in unknown places may cause much discomfort. Follow the same rules on vacation as you do at home.

To summarize, remember that vacation is a time for going places and doing things for fun, relaxation, pleasure and shedding of worries. In order to avoid the hazards which sometimes are associated with vacations plan your trips carefully. Supply yourself with a first aid kit and book of instructions. Above all use common sense in all activities. A good yearly vacation which avoids the potential hazards will increase your efficiency at work and also add years to your life.



77th, Lake ISC Winners for Second Quarter

CLIMBING FROM eighth place in the first quarter of the year, 77th station staged a big comeback to top all surface stations and win the Interstation Safety Award for the second quarter.

Scoring 54.18 points, 77th went ahead of runner-up Lawndale, which registered 52.55 points. Archer, winner in the first quarter, finished fifth with 44.71 points.

Lake, winning its third ISC award, came through with an outstanding safety performance in the quarter with a perfect score of 75.00 points, setting a

new quarterly low in number of accidents. Second place in the rapid transit competition went to Congress, six-time winner of the plaque, which marked up 53.65 points.

In the picture at the left, M. J. Veltri, assistant superintendent at Congress, accepts the quarterly plaque from D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, and at the right, Mr. Flynn presents the award plaque to G. E. Evans, station superintendent, 77th, as T. B. O'Connor, general superintendent of transportation and shops and equipment, and Chairman George L. DeMent of Chicago Transit Board, look on.

Service Increased on Skokie Swift

SERVICE ON the Skokie Swift, the CTA-Village of Skokie rapid transit demonstration project, was increased effective August 3, to meet growing traffic demands.

In the heaviest period of weekday travel, between 7:36 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. from the Dempster terminal in Skokie, and between 5:24 p.m. and 5:56 p.m. from Howard street, Chicago, trains now operate at a four-minute interval instead of six minutes. A train was added, making a total of six operating during these two periods.

Placed in operation on April 20, the Skokie Swift is still establishing new riding records. On July 29, a new all-time weekday high of 5,868 rides was set, exceeding the last previous high recorded on July 8. On July 30 the total of all since the service was inaugurated exceeded the 400,000 mark by 2,198 rides.

Thirteen Share Suggestion Awards

THIRTEEN EMPLOYEES received cash awards from the suggestion plan during the month of July in payment for ideas submitted for consideration by the committee.

Those to whom the awards were made, and their work locations, are: Frank Sprovieri, Shops and Equipment, Kedzie; William Rohe, Stanley Romanosky, Steve Matler and Walter Radke, Shops and Equipment, South Shops; Harry Herder and Anthony Spak, Construction and Maintenance, West Shops; Donald Murphy, 61st, and Vernon Seaver, ticket agent, on the rapid transit system, and Dante Brunod, Herman Wirth, Joann Brady and Theresa Lo Coco of the general offices.

Added to the 19 awards made in May and June, this brings the total to 32 winners during the three-month period.

THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

ARTHUR C. MUELLER joined the ranks of retirees on June 30. Arthur started service April 6, 1920, for the Board of Supervising Engineers, Chicago Surface Lines, and has been working as an accountant in CTA's General Accounting Section since 1947. He expects to spend some of his new leisure time in travel. . . HELEN LOWE has just returned from a trip to the New York Fair and a short cruise to Bermuda. The New York visit started off poorly as the hotel denied their room reservation, and for a while a park bench looked inviting. With the aid of friends, accommodations were secured at another hotel and the rest of the time things went smoothly. While on the ship she saw some of the sailboats coming in for the finish of the annual race from Newport to Bermuda and had an excellent opportunity to view the eclipse of the moon from the comfortable vantage point of a steamer chair. . . ROD HEFFERNAN and his family enjoyed fishing in Bemidji, Minnesota, during his vacation. . . BERNARD KANE spent his vacation catching up with a few chores around the house but enjoyed being his own boss. . . KENNETH McNEELY occupied himself while on vacation building a fence around his new home in Lagrange Highlands. . . MIKE VERDONCK chose Lauderdale, Wisconsin, for vacation activities. . . The father of RUTH HAVLIK passed away on June 30. . . LAWRENCE FRANCOEUR, retired general accountant, and his wife are home after a European tour. They enjoyed crossing the ocean on the S.S. United States and S.S. France and their bus trip through England, France, Austria, Germany, and Italy. They also had a fast tour of the New York Fair 'twixt train and boat. Now they are looking forward to another trip over when circumstances permit.

- Mable Potthast

(Material & Supply) -

MAE KEARNS was entertained by her many friends at several luncheons and dinners prior to her retirement on June 30, when she was presented with a gift by Mr. MEINARDI. Friends from near and far came to wish her well. It was pleasant to see IRENE WENKE, THERESA HAYES, and ANN O'BRIEN, who welcomed Mae into the "ranks of the retired." Although we will miss her quick wit, she will always be in our thoughts and the recipient of our best wishes. . . KATHERINE DWYER drove to Norfolk, Virginia, to visit relatives and while there managed to take a peek at our nation's capitol.

- Clara Lawrence

(Payroll) -

MARIE COARI decided upon a train ride to Denver, Colorado, for her current vacation. She then plans to take a bus ride to Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak, and surrounding countryside. . . We are happy to report RUTH BUSSE is improving from her accident, and we hope to see her back at work soon. . . VIOLA MEYER spent her vacation renewing old friendships. . . MARK J. PIZZA, on duty with the armed forces, recently became a PFC. He spent a 15-day furlough in his home town in Italy and visited with his relatives.

- Eileen Neurauner

(Revenue) -

Recent transfers included Transfer Counters ROBERT MARKERT and WILLIAM CLINE to Reproduction Services; JOSEPH CHIODO to Public Information; GERALD BLAIR to Training and Accident Prevention, and HAROLD DONIHI to the Treasury Department. . . RAYMOND CORBEL received a promotion within the department. . . JOANNE PARIS is the new tabulating machine operator. . . Our sincere sympathy to FRANCES HADDIX on the recent death of her sister, GLADYS WALTHER.

- Betty Sahr

ARCHER -

This has been a very busy and exciting year in the Repairman CLARKE D. WHITE household. The chain of events began when daughter No. 3, HOPE, had a lovely baby girl in February whose christening was on May 5. On May 30, the couple's 28th wedding anniversary, they saw the wedding of their oldest daughter to HENRY KURIC; and on the 20th of June their second daughter, JOY, was wedded to MARVIN SMITH. The White's youngest daughter, GAIL, got in on the excitement, too! She was featured in the Flower Vocational High school choir which was awarded an "S" in the city's competition for vocal high school groups. This event took place in May. . . Mrs. EUNICE MAKER, mother of Operator JOSEPH STEWARD, passed away Friday, July 17. She resided in Los Angeles, California. . . Our job as bus operators is a profession of which we can be proud, because it entails rendering a public service. In order to render the best service to the people entrusted to our care, we must call on our best skills, intelligence and personality. According to an opinion expressed on the TV program "First Freedom" by a CTA rider on July 17, a few thoughtless operators have brought discredit to our profession by being inconsiderate to passengers. Please fellows, let's keep our customers happy and at the same time keep our profession above reproach.

- John H. Tyler

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE -

Welcome back to Lieutenant C. HARE, service truck chauffeur of the Utility Division. . . LEO FELKOWSKI, construction carpenter foreman, vacationed in Florida and on his way home visited with a former employee, JERRY WYLER. He reports that Jerry is doing fine and sends his regards. . . JOHNNY UITZ, assistant engineer of the Building Division, vacationed in New York at the Worlds Fair. . . "Big Mike" DOLJANIN, foreman of building laborers, spent two wonderful weeks vacationing in Biloxi, Mississippi. . . Welcome back to BOB HEIDENBLUT, carpenter foreman, who was in the hospital for observation. . . Congratulations to JACK SULLIVAN, draftsman, on his marriage to HELEN BARTZ, July 6 at Holy Redeemer church in Evergreen Park. Their honeymoon was spent touring New York, the New England states, and Canada. . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to BILL VIGUS who is in the hospital for a gall bladder operation. Also to DAN BOAL of the Utility Division, RUSTY RUSAKIEWICZ, draftsman, and THULS

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RUSSING, construction line chauffeur . . . STANLEY KAMINSKY, road clerk, spent his vacation with his children at Fox Lake, Illinois . . . H. W. BUSCH vacationed in Lake Como, Wisconsin.

Congratulations to JOE URBASZEWSKI, draftsman, who was awarded a pen from the Suggestion Department . . . Blue Island received a card from WALTER J. BROGAN, service truck chauffeur, in Pennsylvania saying that his son is doing fine and that the skin grafting was successful and he is now enjoying his vacation . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to JOHN, superintendent of track and structures, JOE, general welding foreman, and WILLIAM RUZICH, welder, on the death of their sister . . . Congratulations to ELMER FEHLHABER, emergency line truck chauffeur, who retired July 1 and was presented with an after-shave case by his fellow workers at Blue Island . . . Congratulations are also in order for EDWARD J. FITZGIBBONS, service truck chauffeur, who retired on July 1 and was presented by his fellow workers at Blue Island with a radio . . . We extend our sympathy to the family of FRANK PELLICORE, pensioner, who passed away recently.

- Nancy Oberle

ELECTRICAL -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to General Clerk MARIE HAVLIK on the loss of her father who passed away on June 30 . . . As of this writing, "B" Helper PETE SZATKOWSKI, along with his family, is going by bus to an explorers scout camp in Owasippe, Michigan. Pete told us before he left that he plans to spend his vacation having fun, camping, hiking, and canoeing. We all wish Pete and his family a wonderful time . . . A testimonial dinner was held in honor of retired third rail foreman EBON FRANK on July 11 at the Gay Spot lounge. We had a wonderful turnout and everyone who attended said that they had a nice time . . . As of this writing CHARLEY SALVATORE, lineman helper, is spending his vacation along with his family in and around Chicago . . . Light Maintenance Foreman SIGMUND DOBOSIEWICZ, along with his family plan to drive up to his newly-acquired summer home near Hayward, Wisconsin. Sig plans to do a lot of hunting and fishing, and to relax and take in the beautiful scenery . . . Lineman JIM McANDREWS returned to work recently after his recent illness. Welcome back, Jim.

Happy to report that Power Clerk MARGRET KINSEY returned to work recently after being off on the sick list . . . As of this writing, "B" Helper JIM ROEBER is on the sick list. We all wish Jim a speedy recovery . . . As of this writing the following men are on vacation: PETE FARBER, PETE GRAF, CARL HIRSCHNER, BOB BOSCHERT, BILL LUBY, BOB PAOLICCHI, and JOE STUDLEY.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

FOREST GLEN -

Clerk HADDON PHILLIPS has been off sick since May 31. He is now at home convalescing. We hope he has a speedy recovery . . . We extend our sympathy to Chief Clerk FRED MEYERS on the loss of his brother who resided in Canada. Also to AL GLUECKERT, a former employe of Forest Glen and presently working on the medical bus, in the loss of his wife, EDITH . . . MIKE and KAREN McLAUGHLIN presented Receiver and Mrs.

EARL McLAUGHLIN with their first grandchild, MICHAEL, born July 13 . . . Operator GEORGE and MARY SPORLEDER drove to Nashville, Tennessee, to visit their son, DONALD, his wife and family . . . Received postal notes from Operators JOE LABIANCA and JOE ULASY who vacationed in Canada. Also, a card from Pensioner FRANK J. URBAN who was vacationing in Onalaska, Wisconsin . . . Operator HARRY KAUFMAN joined the ranks of pensioners. Harry had been on the disabled list for some time. We hope he is feeling better and is able to enjoy his retirement . . . FRED "Vegas Kid" MURBARGER, chief receiver at Forest Glen too, off for his annual jaunt to Las Vegas. He must have a running investment there. Only this time he added another leg to his trip. He and Mrs. Murbarger thought they would like to visit Hawaii, to see if there is a little spark left in the romantic side of life.

- Frank Carpio

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

AUDREY ANDERSON visited her sister, BERNADINE, in Algonquin during her vacation. On Saturday, July 25, she and the rest of her family gathered at the Stock Yards Inn to celebrate their parents 30th wedding anniversary. Audrey's husband, GERRY, and Bernadine's husband, BILL, celebrated their birthday on the same date . . . On Friday, July 25, five of the Insurance Department girls went to KAREN HARDER's home for an evening of "Girl Talk." Karen, who is now in Methods and Procedures, is a former Insurance Department employe . . . KAREN CURCIO and her husband, TONY, and several of their friends spent a weekend recently at the Flying Carpet motel. It was one of the very hot weekends we had in July and they enjoyed the swimming pool the most, but took advantage of all the other facilities the motel has to offer . . . Our sick list still includes RALPH UMSTOT, JAMES SHORT, and BILL NOTT. They are all at home recuperating after a stay in the hospital.

(Medical) -

Our sympathy to ALBERT GLUEKERT, medical technician, whose wife, EDITH, passed away on July 19 after a long illness . . . Dr. WILLIAM NOLD and Dr. R. BONAUE are the new additions to the medical staff . . . MARYANNE CALPIN spent her vacation in Braidwood, Illinois, visiting relatives. She also attended a wedding.

(Transportation) -

JOE TUNZI was on vacation for two weeks and he says he had a very good time just staying in Chicago, but he won't give any specific details . . . We'll miss ALICE MILLER, who left us to work for Mr. Anthon in Construction and Maintenance . . . JAMES ROBERTS, acting line supervisor, says that beautiful tan he has comes from all the time he spends in his new back yard pool . . . Both MAX WILLAUCZUS and ANDREW STOLZMAN from the information room spent their vacations in and around the Chicago area. Max had his parents visiting him from Azusa, California, and he took them to several ball games and made some trips to the lakes to cool off. Andy spent some of his time at Arlington, but mostly he baby sat for his grandchildren . . . EVERETT HEADLEY, radio telephone operator, who has been on the sick list for some time, retired August 1 . . . COLLETTE SZCZEPANEK drove to Spooner, Wisconsin, to do some fishing during her vacation and visited Park Falls while she was there. She also spent a day in Springfield, Illinois, sightseeing.

INSIDE NEWS NEW PENSIONERS

ERIC G. ANDREASON, Signal Maintainer, Electrical, Emp. 9-29-43
 AGATHA E. BARNSLEY, Stenographer, Purchasing, Emp. 5-04-42
 WILLIAM J. BOURKE, Motorman, Kimball, Emp. 11-03-42
 LOUIS S. BRICKSE, Trackman II, Const. & Maint., Emp. 7-09-42
 HAROLD A. BROWN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-19-43
 FRANK A. BURD, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 9-09-25
 ERNA E. BUCHHOLZ, Stenographer, Law, Emp. 2-12-30
 ETHEL CLATFELTER, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 7-11-44
 EDWARD COLEMAN, Porter, Congress, Emp. 10-28-47
 AMANDA B. DeFERE, Ticket Agent, Lake Street, Emp. 2-01-43
 ENAR G. ELLISON, Motorman, Lake Street, Emp. 11-11-27
 ANNE M. GORNEY, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 1-09-42

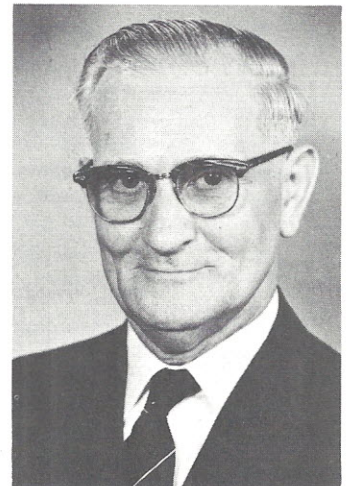
GEORGE HEVRDEJS, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 3-21-44
 ARTHUR W. JOHNSON, Elec. Worker A., Skokie, Emp. 4-19-21
 JOHN KACHLIK, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 12-15-42
 LeROY L. KIRCHHOFF, Freight Clerk, Purchasing, Emp. 2-03-36
 CHARLES L. MARKS, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 5-05-43
 WILLIAM M. PEABODY, Motorman, Kimball, Emp. 12-05-23
 LOUIS L. SMITH, Plant Guard, CTA Police, Emp. 4-17-29

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JAMES F. HAWORTH, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 3-23-42
 EVERETT M. HEADLEY, Radio Tel. Oper., Operations Control, Emp. 6-12-29
 MICHAEL HOGAN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-09-29
 ROY SCHARFENORTH, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 12-03-40



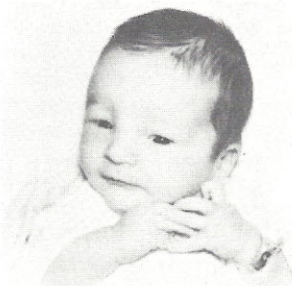
A STENOGRAPHER in the Law Department who became a pensioner on August 1 is ERNA BUCHHOLZ, who is pictured here receiving a gift from CTA Counsel W.S. ALLEN.



FORTY-ONE YEARS of transit service came to a close August 1 with the retirement of Motorman WILLIAM PEABODY, who has been assigned to the North Section since starting service in 1923.

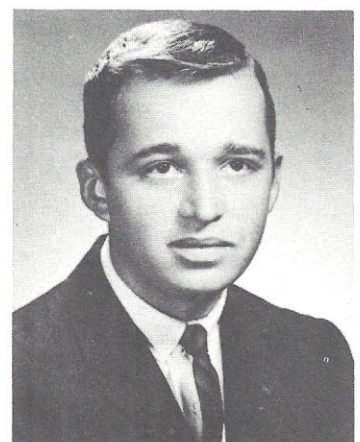


ARCHER STATION Operator JOHN H. TYLER Sr. (also a TRANSIT NEWS reporter) has been all smiles since his wife, QUEENIE, presented him with their first child, JOHN Jr., on April 30.



DOUGLAS PARK Motorman WALTER MAJCHRZAK and his wife, MARGARET, became grandparents with the birth of THOMAS ANTHONY to their son, ROBERT, and his wife, LYNN, on June 14.

PITCHING HIGH school and college baseball proved a good experience for KENNETH E. STOBART, son of ELMER STOBART, Forest Glen, who was selected as a pitcher for his national guard unit while in training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Ken was graduated from Northern Illinois university last June and was Captain and pitcher for Steinmetz High school before that. While at the university he was a pitcher on the baseball team and also was activities chairman of Sigma Pi fraternity.



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(Reproduction Services) -

We were all saddened by the death of CHESTER PAWLAK on July 21. He seemed to be in the best of health and his sudden death was a shock to all of us. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, ESTELLE, and to all his family . . . DOROTHY WILHELM and her husband, HARRY, just returned from a motor trip to Phoenix, Arizona, where they visited with Dorothy's sister, PAULINE . . . MARTY ORLOWICZ and RON BENSCHISH of this Department, JOE CHIODO of Public Information, BOB BRATEK of Accounting, and DON TARNOWSKI of South Shops all attended a surprise "Going Away" party for TOM KOZLOWSKI who left for the marine corps reserves last month. Marty and Don are leaving this month for Paris Island, South Carolina. After boot camp, the three hope to be able to get together again . . . We welcomed BILL CLINE, BOB MAKERT and PAUL KOVARIK to the Department.

(Methods & Procedures) -

DENNIS McFADDEN spent his vacation at camp at Ft. Leonard Wood, while DON LEMM spent his vacation going places and doing things around the Chicago area . . . GERALD CHISS was welcomed into the group as a summer employee. Jerry will be continuing his education at the University of Illinois, college of law, come fall.

- Ann Golding

GENERAL OFFICE - (Training & Accident Prevention) -

THOMAS McKENNA, son of JOHN McKENNA, training assistant, and brother of MICHAEL McKENNA of the Electrical Department was recently graduated from St. Rita High school. Thomas was a member of the school band for four years and was awarded a gold medal for outstanding service to the band at the graduation exercises . . . BRUCE JOHNSON, son of FRANK JOHNSON, supervisory training coordinator, and his wife, DODIE, was graduated from Glen Ellyn Junior High school and immediately took advantage of his free time by joining a 45-mile canoe expedition down the Rock river in Wisconsin. The Johnsons are a camping family so this was a new experience for Bruce. All equipment and supplies had to be carried with them and they slept on the ground without benefit of air mattresses, tents, or any of the luxuries of auto camping. Bruce was nominated for the title "best all around camper," so his previous camping experience with the family must have paid off. Not to be outdone in the outdoor field, his brother, DOUG, 9 years old, has been selected as a catcher on the Glen Ellyn midget league all star team.

GERALD BLAIR was welcomed to the department recently. Jerry transferred from Revenue Accounting and is replacing DAVID BARROWMAN who retired July 1. An open house party was held recently in honor of David Barrowman, who retired after 42 years of service. Dave expressed his many thanks to all his friends and co-workers for his gift and was especially pleased when Mr. DeMent, Chairman of CTA's Board, dropped in to extend his best wishes.

(Employee Relations) -

NOREEN and BOB CLARK recently returned from a two-week vacation in Las Vegas, where Bob's winnings had to make up for Noreen's losses . . . Also ED BOLE and his family just returned from a three-week vacation during which time they visited the Black Hills of South Dakota, where his seven children began the carving of another head on Mt. Rushmore. Fishing, swimming,

and relaxing in the sun were also enjoyed up in Wisconsin . . . RUSSELL WARNSTEDT was recently elected director of the National Association of Suggestion Systems, Chicago chapter. Congratulations, Russ . . . The welcome mat was out for our temporary summer help. Returning again this year are KATHY ASHLEY and JANET KINDERMAN. Also welcome to MARY KAY ORBON and CHESTER TYLINSKI, who are with us for their first year . . . ELEANOR WEBER became the proud aunt of a boy, GEORGE HENRY, born on July 10 to Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT THIEL. Mrs. Thiel is the former Lorrie Thiel of the Electrical Department.

(Staff Engineering) -

BUD WOOL and CAROL McSWIGGIN were married during 11 o'clock mass at Little Flower church on Saturday, July 18, and are honeymooning in Colorado. Congratulations to the happy couple.

TOM HENNINGSSEN is now settled in his new home in Morton Grove . . . AL PFEIFFER has purchased a home in Lombard and expects to move during his vacation early in August . . . Congratulations to MARION SHELTON, who announced her engagement to JOHN STENCEL . . . GEORGE MACAK attended the Train Collectors Association national convention held in Chicago . . . BOB SCHAGEMAN and family traveled to the New England states on his vacation . . . WALLY OQUIST is spending his vacation on the golf courses . . . THOMAS HARTNETT and his wife are motoring around Lake Michigan . . . JOE, son of C. E. LAPP, qualified for the Lexon Athletic club all star baseball team . . . F. J. MISEK attended the World's Fair while in New York . . . JOHN O'CONNOR is spending his vacation remodeling his home in Westchester . . . PETE MILLS of the Schedule Department, who has been temporarily working in the Staff Engineer's Office, is on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery . . . We are happy to report that HERMAN ANDERS' wife, ALICE, is doing fine after her recent surgery.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEDZIE -

Superintendent JOHN FRUGO and his wife are spending their vacation in Phoenix, Arizona. Filling in for Mr. Frugo is GEORGE MAY of North Avenue station . . . Assistant Superintendent OTTO BRUEBACH and Mrs. BRUEBACH are touring Wisconsin in their new Rambler. Filling in for Mr. Bruebach is GEORGE DAUBS . . . LILLIAN GOLDMAN, wife of Relief Clerk HERMAN GOLDMAN, had a fall in her home and injured her knee and ankle. We hope it is nothing serious and that you have a speedy recovery . . . Operator EUGENE NOLAN underwent surgery in Loretto hospital. We hope for a speedy recovery . . . Also undergoing surgery at West Suburban hospital is Operator PETER BARRETT. To him we wish a speedy recovery . . . Our sympathy is extended to the family of Retired Motorman ROBERT SINNOT, who passed away July 22 . . . Major R. H. WEST, son of Relief Janitor FRANKLIN and Mrs. WEST, was recently promoted to commanding officer, marine barracks, Moffett Field. Congratulations . . . Operator WILLIAM NAUGHTON and Mrs. NAUGHTON became grandparents of twin boys born to their daughter, Mrs. SHEILA HUGH, Sunday, July 19. They have been named TIMOTHY HUGH and WILLIAM JAMES. Congratulations ! . . . To those going on vacation in August we urge you to drive safely, keep well and enjoy every minute.

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Interesting photos will be appreciated . . . Janitor MICHAEL McNAMARA spent his vacation around Chicagoland . . . GEORGE LAST, father-in-law of Operator JOHN HAYES, passed away recently. To the bereaved family we extend our sympathy. Mr. Last was a plumber for the past 55 years and was the fourth oldest member of the plumber's union.

- C. P. Starr

KEELER -

LINDA, daughter of Operator NORMAN and Mrs. BRADBERRY, was graduated from Robert Morris school on June 24. LLOYD BOND, brother of ALEX, of Keeler, and HARRISON, of Archer, was graduated with honors from Hillsdale college in Hillsdale, Michigan . . . LINDA, daughter of Operator M. and Mrs. ROSELLI, was graduated from Giles Grammar school and will attend Ridgewood High in the fall. Miss BLYTHE M. OLSHAN, niece of Operator SY and Mrs. GOLDMAN, was graduated from Old Orchard Junior High school and will attend the new Niles Township High school in the fall . . . Operator HODGSON and his wife are proud of their daughter, JOHANNE, who was graduated from the Grant hospital nursing school in June . . . Operators J. J. JEARAS and E. R. STANLEY are celebrating their birthday this month . . . The Greater Chicago Council had its annual meeting last month. Superintendent E. C. LOUGHRAN represented Keeler Station. Mr. Loughran was presented with a plaque of outstanding safety performance during the year 1963. This honor was earned by all the men at Keeler who helped make 1963 our best year ever . . . Operator GEORGE KARRAS went on a weekend fishing trip to Wisconsin recently and reports that he caught 39 good size white bass and one big walleye . . . ELMER RIEDEL, chief clerk, just came back from his vacation in Silver Lake, Minnesota. While there he reports fishing was just great. Took little time to catch the fishing limits! . . . Operator A. K. GRABOWSKI's wife, HILDEGARD, passed the examination for citizenship. Congratulations, Hildegard, and best of luck in your future . . . E. E. EWALD from Ravenswood who is on pension, stopped at Keeler to say hello to all of us. Ewald is now living in Largo, Florida . . . Operator WEMMENBURG sends his best from Los Angeles, California, where he is spending part of his vacation.

- Robert Crepas

LIMITS -

JOHN BENSON, youngest son of Operator R. S. and Mrs. BENSON, was united in marriage to ELIZABETH BYRNES on June 20. Following the beautiful ceremony at Edgewater Baptist church a reception was held in the church parlor for 250 guests. The happy couple honeymooned at Niagara Falls and Washington, D.C., and will make their home on the far north side of Chicago. Congratulations to this happy young couple . . . Superintendent JACK MORRIS and his wife and two daughters vacationed in Louisville and Danville, Kentucky. They then travelled to Coldwater, Michigan, for a visit with relatives . . . Operator CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his wife, ZONA, spent a few days in Monticello, Indiana, with the latter's sister . . . Operator RALPH VENN vacationed in Chicago . . . Instructor BRUNO KARP's wife and son, KENNETH, travelled to Washington, D.C., and took a tour of various government buildings including the White House. They visited the grave of our late

President, John F. Kennedy. Then went on to the Smoky Mountains and stopped to see retired operator EMIL SCHREIBER at Hendersonville, North Carolina . . . Operator PAT CRONIN vacationed in Chicago. He took in a few ball games and helped EMILIE around the house.

Operator JOHN MARTEN vacationed in New Orleans visiting a niece. He also toured Florida . . . Operator TOM GUINAN and his family vacationed during July. They traveled to the Black Hills of South Dakota then to Yellowstone park. After a stay there they went to Las Vegas and spent two days. On their return they stopped at Springfield, Illinois, for a visit with Tom's mother. They motored 5,300 miles and enjoyed the trip very much . . . Mechanic EARL RODGERS and family came in from their home at Paddock Lake, Wisconsin, to see the sights in Chicago during Earl's vacation . . . Operator LOU SCHATZ received a letter from Retired Operator JOE LEE. He has arrived in Ireland safely after a jet trip from O'Hare field. His plans were to visit relatives and friends whom he hadn't seen for years . . . We welcome back TIM RIORDON, our shop superintendent, who spent eight days in St. Joseph's hospital for a medical checkup. As it turned out Tim is in tip top shape . . . Operator STANLEY TURK vacationed in Chicago and at his favorite fishing holes in Wisconsin and will entertain his two grandchildren at the beach . . . Our new modernization program at Limits is well under way. The clerks and receivers have moved into their new respective quarters. The superintendents are in temporary quarters, but it looks like it won't be long before completion . . . Our Division 241 attended a retreat at Villa Redeemer during August. Several men from Limits were in attendance . . . Schedule Maker PAT BRADY took a jet to his native Ireland in July. He visited the land of his birth and met a lot of his boyhood friends and relatives. He was gone four weeks . . . My daughter, MARILYN, and her husband, PAUL MURRAY, and their four youngsters left on July 25 for Fairbanks, Alaska, to make their home. They traveled by car and expected to take 14 days to make the trip. Paul was in the air force during World War II and spent two years in Alaska. His buddy made good in business there and made Paul an offer that he couldn't turn down. It was sad to see them leave.

All members of the Little Flower Society have received their books for the October Communion and breakfast. Turn in the money to CHARLES HEROLD anytime and receive your plaque of Saint Joseph. Limits' quota is \$390.00.

- George Clark

LOOP (Agents) -

Porter J. EVANS spent a quiet vacation at home with his family. His son, GERALD, was graduated from Hales Franciscan High school. He was one of the honor students in his class. Gerald will continue his schooling at Navy Pier. He hopes to become a highway engineer. Good Luck, Gerald . . . On July 19, Porter LOUIS CLAYTON GORDONHAY and his family went to O'Hare field to meet Louie's sister, Mrs. HAZEL PRUEFE. She is from Jamaica. After spending a month in and around Chicago with her brother she will fly to New York and meet her husband. Then they will go on and visit France, Spain, Italy, and Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Pruefe will return in October to their home in Jamaica . . . Our deepest sympathy to the families of Lake street Agent E.

INSIDE NEWS

BENSON and Agent M. DORIN, known to some agents as M. O'GRADY. Both passed away very suddenly . . . Agent W. STRASSER and his wife celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary August 15 while on their vacation. Wilbert said it's their second honeymoon.

Three cheers for Agent ANN WASTIER. She is riding high on the Courtesy Caravan. And if you saw Ann dashing about on her splits you'd know something was cooking with her. Now that I know I will pass it on to you. On the balcony of Ann's Marina City apartment she had a shrine set up of St. Francis of Assisi; around the shrine is a beautiful arrangement of rare flowers. It is a lovely sight to see. Your reporter sent Ann two sprays of red roses for the shrine. Ann was very pleased with the flowers . . . Thanks to DAVE GRAFMAN for the lovely cards and souvenir he brought back from Arizona for us. Sorry your vacation wasn't a more pleasant one. We hope your brother-in-law is feeling better by this time . . . On our sick list at this writing is platform man W. E. HOLMES, and Assignment Clerk MARGARET SHERHART. Both are home from the hospital and are said to be getting along very well . . . Agent DAVE GRAFMAN had a little party for his two sweethearts who have birthdays in July. He went out and bought them new dresses for the special occasion. They are AMY LISTETTE, 2, and LORA MARIE, 3, Dave's two and only grandchildren. You don't spoil them do you, Dave? . . . Your reporter and her husband, DAN DOYLE, Lake street clerk, say there's nothing like southern hospitality. For a number of years we have spent our vacations in the south. This year was one of the most scenic trips of all. We drove through the Great Smokey Mountains in Tennessee and North Carolina. South Carolina was to be our destination.

For many years the Smokies have been the treasured gardens of famous botanists. Thousands and thousands of people like to walk a path through lush green forests, bright with wild flowers. There is no place in the world where you can find such beautiful plants. On then to Norris dam, which is a man made dam. The late President Roosevelt was at the opening of the dam about 1934. This dam offers fishing, swimming, and boating. The fishing here is an all year 'round sport. Next we made a stop at Gatlinburg; here you find many craft shops, where weaving, wood carving, and metal work is carried out by the natives. Gatlinburg is the most luxurious resort in the south. After leaving Gatlinburg behind we visited an Indian Reservation centered by the town of Cherokee, where there is an interesting training school. The Indians present the Drama of the Cherokees, "Unto these Hills" every evening also some of their war dances.

After spending a day or more in North Carolina we moved on to South Carolina where we met friends of ours, with whom we stayed. We rested a day and went out to Murray beach, located on a man-made lake. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was our next stop. This beach is among the most beautiful in the United States. The beach is so clean and the ocean water so clear and cool. Most of our time was spent swimming and boating. Arriving at Columbia, South Carolina, and thinking about coming back to Chicago, we thought we'd like to bring a little Southern bell back to Chicago with us. We took her for a long ride and upon entering the subway, BETTY RUTH couldn't talk she was so excited. After two weeks here in the city, she said, "Chicago is nice and big but I want to go back to South Carolina." She was just a homesick little girl of 10.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Anniversary congratulations to Pensioner GEORGE RITTER and his wife, 51 years; Operator CARL CHRISTIANSEN and his wife, September 1; Supervisor JOSEPH KENT and his wife, September 4; Operator JOSEPH MACK and his wife, September 5; Superintendent FRANK BUETOW and his wife, September 6; Operator MORRIS BALLASTRO and his wife, September 9; Operator LARRY CASEY and his wife, September 17; Clerk EDWIN WITAK and his wife, August 15; Operator FERN FOX and his wife, September 29; Repairman FRANK NOTTO and his wife, September 29; Operator HAROLD HIGHTOWER and his wife, June 30; Operator ROY GAESS and his wife, August 14, and Operator THOMAS KAY and his wife, August 20 . . . We welcome new clerk MARK DUNDOVICH, and congratulate him on his marriage to MARY KAY CURTIN on August 22, at Holy Redeemer church . . . Operator CHARLES PANDOLA announced the marriage of his daughter, PATRICIA MARIE, to DUANE SZCZECOWICZ on August 1, at St. Thomas Aquinas church . . . Instructor CLARENCE LEMKE announced the marriage of his son, MICHAEL, to JUDITH BORCI on June 27, and his daughter, MARJORIE, to HAROLD PAVEWITT on August 1 at Immaculate Conception church. Clarence is spending his vacation on Back Porch, Illinois.

We welcome new operators Peter Wilson, Joseph Karaganis, Chester Harbut, Franklin Spalding, Robert Scaife, Arne Reil, John Pacente, Albert Schmaedick, Stephen Vanderviliet, Rolf Stadheim, Robert Byrd, Gerald Vevisay, James Hendren, Richard Engberg, Thomas Hund, David Cutler, Otto Huber III, Michael Grossman, Joseph Hillebrand, Anthony Mezilis, Johnathan Hanson, Glenn Erickson, Kenneth Chatlos, Ronald Milnarik, Hormoz Chamanara, Edward Smith, Thomas Trafals, Edwin Pentland, Alfred Tisdahl, and David Leaf. We're glad to have you with us . . . GEORGE "Sinatra" KUENSTLE, repair department, is back to work and says he thanks God for his recovery . . . Operator MICHAEL MANISCALCO is recovering from injuries caused by an automobile accident. We hope he'll be back soon . . . Congratulations to Operator MARTIN SEXTON of Cub Scouts Pack 3917 softball team for winning the sportsmanship trophy award on July 7. A job well done. MARTY JR. will celebrate his ninth birthday on July 26, and next year will be playing in the little league . . . Operator RALPH O'BRIEN and his wife, MILDRED, drove to Miami, Florida, and took a cruise to Nassau in the Bahamas. Operator CALVERT ASH and his wife, RUTH, flew to Miami and to Nassau in the Bahamas. Cal says this was their second honeymoon . . . Operator NATALE LORENZETTI and his wife, TILLIE, spent their vacation at Naples, Rome, Venice, and Milan in Italy . . . Operator JOHN SCHUH and his wife, ALICE, vacationed in the New England states and visited the World's Fair . . . ANTHONY COSTA, repair department, and his wife, MARY, toured Colorado and did some fishing in the mountains. Operator FERN FOX visited California. Operator EDWARD SCHNEIDER fished in Eel river in California for steelheads, trout, and salmon. He promises some pictures when he returns . . . Operator RAYMOND ZIELINSKI and his wife visited Iowa and Nebraska, stayed at Gold Dust Lodge near Blackhawk, Colorado, and visited Arkansas on their way back . . . Operator VIGGO WINDFELD and his family visited Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Carlsbad cavern.

Operator FLORIAN DWIEL and his wife, EVA, vacationed at Miami Beach and fished the Everglades. They report very good luck. Transfer Instructor WILLIAM

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KENNEDY is back from vacation. Supervising Instructor North Unit EDWARD WEHMEYER and Pensioner FRED HANSEN vacationed in Michigan with their families . . . Operator JAKE FISHER and his family went to Carlton, Minnesota. Fishing was poor. Clerk ROBERT STACK and his family fished at Leech Lake, Minnesota. Clerk ARTHUR OLSEN spent his vacation in southern Illinois . . . Repairman HENRY JARECKI visited his sister-in-law at Madison, Wisconsin . . . Repairman JOSEPH PIANTKAWSKI spent his vacation doing repairs around his home . . . RICHARD LASKI, repair department, bought a new 18-foot boat and is spending his time on the lake . . . Repairman RAYMOND NEWMAN spent his vacation taking short trips in and around the city.

Repairman JOHN O'DONNELL spent ten days in northern Wisconsin . . . Repairman LEONARD CARLYON visited the New York World's Fair . . . PETER BARRETT, repair department, visited the Wisconsin Dells . . . Our sympathy to the family of EDWIN BENSEN, formerly of North Depot, who passed away July 2 and the family of Operator EDGAR OGLESBY who passed away July 8 . . . The Labor Day week-end will soon be here. It's the last holiday week-end of the summer. We hope you will enjoy it, but drive carefully, the roads will be crowded and the accident rate high. We want all of you back.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH PARK .

Operator HANK NEWMAN and his wife, LEONA, became grandparents of their first grandchild June 27 when their daughter, ROBERTA VERAINE, gave birth to JILL ROBBIN. Hank is so happy that he is still passing out cigars . . . A baby boy was born to Operator and Mrs. HARVEY O. SMITH on June 27. Harvey wishes to thank the office force for the courtesies extended to him during the trying times . . . Congratulations are extended to MAURINE WEINER, daughter of Operator IRVING WEINER, who after two years at University of Illinois at Navy Pier, was on the honor society and carried an average of 4.75 out of a possible 5.00. Maurine will be attending the U. of I. at Champaign this fall . . . ROBERT KESSLER JR., son of Operator BOB KESSLER, was graduated from Illinois University medical school and is starting internship at Illinois Research hospital. Bob and his wife, KATHERINE, treated Junior and the other boys to two wonderful weeks of fishing at Red Lake, Canada, where they really caught fish.

Operator MAURICE MARTIN and his wife spent their vacation visiting Morry's son in San Diego, California, where he is stationed in the Navy. The Martins took their first airplane trip and had a two-day stopover at Las Vegas, which they enjoyed very much . . . Operator JOE RANELLO and his wife, MARGO, celebrated their 22nd anniversary on August 10 by leaving on Joe's vacation for a three-week tour of Florida, where Joe has many friends . . . Operator DICK GUSTAFSON, his wife, MERCEDES, and daughter, KAREN, spent Dick's vacation visiting his mother in Lake Worth, Florida . . . Operator LES NELAND spent his vacation visiting relatives in Lexington, Kentucky. After tiring of mint juleps, Les then proceeded to Norris City, Illinois, to try his luck at fishing. Les says he should have stayed in Kentucky. . . Operator GEORGE KUHLE and his wife, HELENE, and son, HOWARD, spent their vacation visiting relatives at Dunedin and Boca Raton, Florida. George has a new Oldsmobile now and says he took the trip to try the car out.

Operator BILL NEGELE and family enjoyed the July 4 weekend with Bill's daughter, DOLORES, at Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Bill's son, DANIEL, who attends Quincy college, was 21 years old on July 4 and was the honored guest . . . Operator ART EBERLAIN, who is on disability pension, and his wife, MARY, celebrated their 30th anniversary and Art's 54th birthday on July 21. Art's son, RONALD, is spending the summer at Solvang, California, with Mary's parents. All the fellows hope to see Art and his big bozooka back to work soon . . . Happy birthday to BEVERLY KURCZEWSKI, wife of Operator ED, who will be 32 on August 11. Ed says he is going to treat "Bey" and their five sons to a meal at McDonalds on this fine day . . . Operator TEX ABERNATHY is recovering from a recent hernia operation . . . Our sympathy is extended to Operator LEN LOHN on the loss of his father, PHILLIP LOHN; to Operator GEORGE KUHLE on the loss of his brother, JAMES; Operator ANDY HOLZMAN on the loss of his grandson, and to the family of Pensioner ROBERT APPLEQUIST.

Operator ADAM BONCZKOWSKI took his pension July 1 and is now going to spend his time watching those Budweiser trucks roll . . . Instructor BILL PARNUM wants to extend his thanks to all the Skokie operators for the excellent job they have been doing of stopping and operating across the railroad crossings in Skokie. You're welcome Bill! . . . I hope you fellows have noticed the wonderful friendship that is being carried on between Operator REED PEOPLE and CHRISTINE of Skokie . . . Birthday greetings are extended to Operator JAMES LONG, 35, and his sons HOWARD, 6, and JOE, 5 . . . Pensioner ROBERT JOHNSON has built a new home in Genoa, Illinois, and will be in it before the summer is over . . . Repairman ED CONDAR spent two weeks in the hills of Tennessee with Pensioner MIKE JOHNSON and liked it so well he is thinking of buying some land down there . . . Repairman BILL KROPP flew to Cleveland, Ohio, for the graduation of his son, BILL JR., who received his P.H.D. from Case college . . . Christian Brother KENNETH DARRYL flew home from Kentucky to spend a two-week vacation with his folks, Repairman FRANK KOOPS and his wife . . . Bus Cleaner JERRY GUTH left for the army on June 5 . . . Superintendents C. A. KERR and R. W. CHRISTIAN welcome our college students who are helping us out for the summer so that we all may enjoy a summer vacation . . . KENNETH PAOLI, son of Operator GENE and SHIRLEY PAOLI, graduated from Mozart Elementary school on June 24. Kenneth was offered a four-year high school scholarship to St. George school, in Newport, Rhode Island. After much consideration his parents and Kenneth decided to refuse the scholarship. Ken will attend Lane Tech. This month Ken is going to Springfield, Illinois, for a state accordion competition . . . Operator and Mrs. HANK SCHRAMM, their son, MICHAEL, and daughter Mrs. BARBARA SPEDALE, motored to Traverse City, Michigan, to attend their son, CHARLES', wedding to NORMA ALLAN. Charles is at present stationed at Umpire Air Force Base, Michigan. The wedding took place on July 4 at St. Francis church in Traverse City at 8 a.m. mass. Afterwards there was a champagne breakfast at the Traverse City country club. The newlyweds left immediately afterwards for Sault Ste. Marie and Canada. Norma Allan is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Allan of Traverse City . . . Superintendent and Mrs. BOB CHRISTIAN welcomed their fourth grandchild, LORRIE ANN, born to Bob's daughter, Mrs. AUDREY HOUMAN. The Christian family spent their vacation at Powers Lake, Wisconsin, with Bob's wife, ERMA, and daughter, KATHY, cleaning crappies and bluegills

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Clerk JACK MOREAU, his wife, JUNE, along with daughters JANICE and JOANNE spent their vacation in Wisconsin at Baraboo, Madison, and the Dells. Jack's last week was luxury living at Nippersink hotel where they all enjoyed swimming, golfing, and eating meals in the dining room . . . Operator LEN BAEUHLER calls Monday, July 13, his most unlucky day. After 27 holes of golf and 3 lines of bowling, Len shook his wallet out and there just wasn't anything left to fall out. Operator RED HANSEN was just too much for Len that fateful day . . . Operator EARL STEVENS has been confined again to the Veterans hospital on Huron street for observation . . . BETTY HORNING, daughter of Operator MEL and Mrs. HORNING, was married to PFC RONALD DAUM on Saturday, July 25, at Nebo Lutheran church in a beautiful candlelight ceremony with a reception following in the church parlors attended by 150 persons. The newlyweds will reside in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Ronald is a MP at Fort Benjamin Harrison army base . . . Bus Dispatcher GEORGE SERRITELLA, his wife, GRACE, and children spent their vacation visiting George's relatives in Brooklyn, New York. While there they took in the World's Fair and all the other interesting sights in New York City.

- Melvin Horning

PURCHASING & STORES (Purchasing) -

Our best wishes go to AGATHA BARNESLEY for a long and happy retirement! . . . REBECCA COUSIN transferred from the Specifications Department to become a Stenographer III . . . A great big welcome back for VIRGINIA RZEZNIK, who recently returned from a too-long sick list . . . IRENE HERMAN and ZITA GYURICZA are the new gals in Purchasing . . . Seeing is believing - it is JOYCE FELDKAMP back for the summer! Joyce formerly worked in Stores and will return to school in the fall . . . At this writing, MARGE HANSEN is in Cuneo hospital where she is recuperating after surgery. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Marge! . . . Personal to Mr. Swanson: "Faster than lightning, as quick as a wink, hope you're out of the hospital and back in the pink" - we miss you!

(Stores) -

All of us enjoyed seeing CHESTER SKORA when he dropped in to say "hello." He's well on his way to recovery and hopes to return to the office in the near future . . . BOB PIEPER's "Babes in Storeland" now include ELIZABETH WILLIAMS and MARY COURTNEY, who are "pinch hitting" for the summer. Both Liz and Mary will return to school in the fall . . . Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE LINDEN and sons recently returned from an enjoyable three-week vacation in Florida where they visited relatives in Lake Worth and Miami. While in Miami, they took in Parrot Jungle and the Sea Aquarium as well as many other points of interest . . . If you're looking for JOANNE PYTLEWICZ - you'll find her in the Addressograph Room where she's replacing BARBARA ROCHON who recently resigned!

(North Division)-

By the time you read this - VICTOR JOHNSON, our new Stock Clerk I at Storeroom 42, Skokie, will be serving a six-month "hitch" in the navy.

(South Division) -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. NATHANIEL PERKINS on the arrival of their baby boy, STEPHEN MARK, July 20. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, a little sister

and brother welcomed Stephen into the family . . . JOHN MARASOVICH became a grandfather for the second time when ROSS MICHAEL was born to his son and daughter-in-law on July 13 . . . The Shriners' parade will be the first stop for our vacationing South Shops Shriner BILL UNWIN, who will then continue with a luxurious tour of Bermuda . . . CASEY ADAMOWSKI is enjoying a three-week vacation in sunny California . . . HARRY HOSANG and family just returned from a vacation in Wisconsin. Paw Paw lake, Coloma, and Deer forest were just a few of their stops . . . Good luck to FRANK RUND, South Shop expeditor, on the purchase of his 1964 Oldsmobile 88.

- D. Jane Bell

SKOKIE SHOPS -

THOMAS P. LYONS, engineer, and his family have just returned from a three-week trip in the West. The first part of the vacation was spent at Philmont Scout Ranch at Cimmaron, New Mexico. At Cimmaron Tom received a course in training and organization extension work for the scouts. From there the family traveled up into the Rocky Mountains National park where they spent the remainder of the vacation camping, hiking, and having a good time . . . Our sincerest sympathies to the family of J. WILLIAM BIRD, retired clerk of the Skokie Shops, whose untimely death was a shock to us all. Bill lived in Lake City, Michigan . . . WALTER MOENCH, shopman, spent his vacation as a railfan. He went to Toronto, Canada, where he rode their lines and was taken on a trip through their surface and rapid transit shops. . . A happy family reunion took place at the home of IRV WEICHMAN, painter, when his wife's sister arrived from Chechoslovakia on July 1. Irv's wife had not seen her sister for 43 years and the other sister had not seen her for at least 51 years. To say the least it was a grand reunion.

Welcome to PEGGY ELIZABETH HALLAHAN, clerk-typist, who has joined our ranks here at Skokie Shops. . . RALPH KEMPE, machinist, has just returned from a six-week tour of Europe. Some of the countries he visited were Germany, France and Denmark . . . Your scribe has returned from his Hawaiian Island trip with his wife. This trip was a gift for each of us as a 25th wedding anniversary. We hopped from O'Hare to L.A. to Honolulu, and visited the islands Maui, Hilo, Kona, Lanai and Kauai. Fifteen days of beauty and wonderful

A FORMER conductor from Armitage car barn who joined the ranks of pensioners on August 1, is LEROY KIRCHOFF, who was a freight clerk in the Purchasing Department at the time of his retirement. He is pictured here alongside a Milwaukee avenue streetcar at the Imlay terminal in 1945. Along with his wife, Mr. Kirchoff will spend his retirement at their McHenry, Illinois, home.



RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ROBERT N. APPELQUIST, 66, West Section,
Emp. 1-04-26. Died 6-30-64
EDWIN BENSEN, 58, West Section,
Emp. 4-24-42. Died 7-02-64
JOHN W. BIRD, 70, Skokie,
Emp. 3-01-15. Died 6-13-64
ANTHONY BOONAR, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-19-18. Died 6-19-64
WILLIAM DAVIS, 71, South Section,
Emp. 12-19-45. Died 6-18-64
MARINO E. DeMEO, 82, Loop,
Emp. 8-30-10. Died 6-21-64
JAMES J. DONOVAN, 67, West Section,
Emp. 10-18-27. Died 6-11-64
MARY DORION, 55, West Section,
Emp. 7-16-30. Died 7-08-64
PETER D. DUGGAN, 55, Dist. "A",
Emp. 1-08-34. Died 7-06-64
ROBERT A. EVERS, 65, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-22-23. Died 6-12-64
MARIE FITZMAURICE, 76, North Section,
Emp. 10-03-27. Died 6-09-64
ANDREW FOJTIK, 88, West Shops,
Emp. 6-25-23. Died 6-26-64
CHARLES GORNIK, 81, 69th Street
Emp. 3-09-21. Died 6-18-64
ARTHUR GUICE, 25, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-22-62. Died 7-08-64
EDMOND HAYES, 85, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-13-20. Died 6-13-64
WILLIAM H. HINSPATER, 80, North Avenue,
Emp. 5-06-09. Died 6-04-64
HENRY J. IZBEN, 59, Keeler,
Emp. 6-19-24. Died 6-25-64
JOSEPH KARLOVICH, 76, 61st Street,
Emp. 4-23-14. Died 5-28-64
ANTHONY F. KARWOWSKI, 70, West Shops,
Emp. 1-30-43. Died 6-04-64
THOMAS J. KELLIS, 84, Elston,
Emp. 7-11-04. Died 5-25-64
SAM D. KOHLER, 71, Elston,
Emp. 5-09-16. Died 6-17-64

CORNELL A. KRSMERY, 78, Lincoln,
Emp. 6-06-13. Died 6-25-64
JOSEPH LEWEN, 67, Lake Street,
Emp. 7-24-12. Died 6-30-64
JAMES A. LYDEN, 70, Devon,
Emp. 9-27-43. Died 6-12-64
THOMAS McCANN, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-16-20. Died 6-25-64
JOSEPH McGURK, 59, Const. & Maint.
Emp. 5-05-27. Died 6-29-64
CLARENCE J. NELSEN, 59, West Section,
Emp. 6-08-26. Died 7-10-64
EDGAR OGLESBY, 63, North Avenue,
Emp. 12-08-27. Died 7-07-64
JAMES J. O'LEARY, 83, West Shops,
Emp. 10-03-20. Died 6-18-64
CHESTER PAWLAK, 53, General Office
Emp. 11-14-42. Died 7-20-64
CHARLES D. PUSHEE, 86, Burnside,
Emp. 7-27-10. Died 6-22-64
SAMUEL W. ROMBERG, 74, Devon,
Emp. 11-06-17. Died 6-08-64
AGNES A. SAMEK, 71, Accounting,
Emp. 1-13-08. Died 6-03-64
EDWARD A. SCHABELSKI, 68, Devon,
Emp. 3-13-17. Died 6-26-64
EDWARD W. SCHROEDER, 73, Devon,
Emp. 8-07-22. Died 6-11-64
JOHN G. SOUTHWELL, 74, Devon,
Emp. 1-13-20. Died 6-07-64
DAVID STEWART, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-08-18. Died 6-23-64
EDWARD SWIENTON, 58, South Shops,
Emp. 9-09-26. Died 6-17-64
THOMAS J. TAYLOR, 78, North Avenue,
Emp. 6-19-24. Died 6-07-64
JOSEPH VISHULAS, 83, South Shops,
Emp. 4-20-22. Died 6-16-64
PATRICK WALL, 89, Blue Island,
Emp. 2-01-14. Died 6-20-64
ROY F. WALSH, 41, South Shops,
Emp. 12-02-44. Died 6-26-64

climate. On the return trip we were able to stay over in Los Angeles to visit relatives. Those jets are real fast . . . Please turn in a report on your vacation trips, so it may enter the Transit News.

- Everett E. England

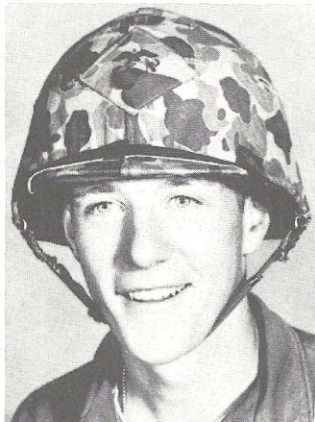
SOUTH SECTION -

Your reporter and her hubby, ROLAND, have just returned from a wonderful vacation trip. First we motored down to Wichita Falls, Texas, to visit with Roland's brother who is in the air force and stationed at Sheppard Air Base. Then we went up to Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado, and toured the Rocky Mountain National Park. The scenery was magnificent in the mountains. Now it's back to work. . . A late item: Collector DONALD KIRKILAS was so joyous when he told all of us about the birth of a son on May 30. They named him DAVID DONALD. Now the happy family has a girl and a boy. . . Taking in the New York World's Fair this year were Conductor MOSES GILES and his wife. They said

the Fair was really impressive. They also visited Niagara Falls. . . We wish all the very best to Motorman VINCENT PRINSKI, Conductor WILLIAM McWALTER, and Agent JAMES BRENNAN, who went on pension July 1. . . Assignment Agents JERE VINZENS, LILLIAN CULLINAN, and Retired Agent ESTHER McDERMOTT had a whirl-wind vacation. They went through the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia, the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee, did the town in New Orleans, Louisiana, and drove all along the Gulf of Mexico. Girls, that sure was a big vacation!

Back to their posts and off the sick list are Motorman DOMINIC CESARE, Conductor CARL SCHEUERMANN, Switchmen WILLIAM SAUNDERS and JOSEPH HEROLD, and Agents HENRY FALLEK and SEBERON HITCHCOCK. . . Another terrific vacation was reported by Towerman LEONARD DEGROOT. He travelled by train out to the West Coast. He rode a cable car in San Francisco and visited Chinatown and Fisherman's Wharf. Then on to Los Angeles and while there he visited with Retired Towerman CHARLES RUMMEL, Retired Conductor SY

INSIDE NEWS



UPON REENLISTMENT with the U. S. Marines, Corporal JOHN GLINES was selected to attend Embassy School in Washington, D.C. He was first assigned as a security guard to the U. S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and was recently reassigned to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Correspondence between John and his parents, Beverly Operator and Mrs. CHARLES GLINES, is by tape recordings.

PERKINS and former employe VINCENT HANEY; they all were well and send their regards. Leonard also took in Marineland and Disneyland and spent a couple of days in Yosemite National Park. In Carson City, Nevada, he won a \$17.90 jackpot and then quit while he was still ahead. Correction: In my June column I reported that Leonard DeGroot's daughter had a baby girl. That was in error. It was Leonard's son's wife who had the baby girl . . . "Hello" to newly hired full-time temporary trainman for the summer, RICHARD UNWIN . . . More vacation news: Conductor JOHN DANEK and his wife also went out to the West Coast. They flew to San Francisco and toured the town and hit the night spots. Then they went on to Lake Tahoe and spent a few days there. . . Agent RITA HEINZE received a \$5.00 award for a suggestion she turned in recently.

Motorman PAUL SCHILLE and his wife vacationed in Bedford, Massachusetts, recently and had a nice time. . . Conductor HERB SMITH is really having bad luck. He broke his finger while on duty and is on the injured list. Besides that, he was going great guns playing baseball with the Evanston Erickson Boosters and now he cannot play until his finger mends. Cheer up, Herb. . . Supervisor VERN BURGESS and his family like to rough it and camp out on their vacations. This year they went down to the Ozarks and camped out at Mountain Home, Arkansas . . . Agent LEO DILLON received not one, but two passenger commendations recently for his courtesy to our passengers. Conductor RONALD HOWARD received his second commendation of recent months for his efficient operating ability . . . Agent ANTOINETTE "Toni" STIPATI got away from it all for a few days. She was chosen a delegate of her woman's club and went to their convention in Georgia and had a swell time . . . Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY, who lives in Florida, came up to Chicago on his way to North Dakota. He said he would stop in and see everybody on his way back . . . Condolences to Retired Conductor RAY DOUGHTY whose mother passed away recently.

On the sick list at this writing are: Motormen MICHAEL DOWD, and LORENZO LAWSON, Work Train Conductor ELLSWORTH WIGGINTON, Trainman JODIE RAND, and Collector LESTER NORMAN. Let's hope that very soon they all will be back to work . . . Our baseball team (the ATU) are doing real well. Special credit should be given to the General Manager (Motorman) LANEY McDONALD, Manager (Motorman) ERVIN HARMON and the Captain (Motorman) McRAYFIELD CALDWELL, as well as to all of the players. They lost the first round of play, but are even in the second round. Let's all pull for them to go into the finals at Grant Park.

- Verna Hartney

SCHEDULE - TRAFFIC -

BARRY KENNETH KUSCH, 17, grandson of GEORGE BRYAN, pensioner, passed away the day before graduating from Chula Vista High school. Our deepest sympathy to the family. . . ESTHER O'BRIEN, stenographer, and ROBERT SEDLACK, schedule maker, celebrated their 41st anniversaries with the company on June 18. . . GEORGE FISHER, schedule maker, will celebrate his 40th September 7. . . GEORGE HANUS, traffic checker, became a traffic clerk. Welcome to the office, George. . . GLENN CRUMP, supervisor of traffic checkers, vacationed in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. . . WALLY THOMAS, schedule maker, is vacationing in Oregon. . . JOE KAREL, schedule clerk, is taking his family east on a vacation. . . CLARK JOHNSON, schedule clerk, drove east for a vacation. . . PETER MILLS, traffic checker, left on a sick leave. We wish him improved health and hope he will take a well-earned rest. . . GERTRUDE ANDERSON, pensioner, stopped to say hello to all. She sure looks well and is enjoying her leisure time. . . JAKE SUMNER, schedule clerk, is vacationing in northern Wisconsin. . . S. BAGROWSKI, traffic checker, drove to Ohio to see his daughter. . . J. BILLIS, traffic checker, will drive to Florida for a vacation. . . W. BUETOW, traffic checker, and his wife became proud parents of LINDA LEE, born July 5. . . Traffic Checker J. CAPPELLETTI's daughter was married July 25. . . JOSEPH, the brother of GEORGE HANUS, traffic clerk, passed away suddenly. Our sympathy to the family.

- Laura Schrecker

SOUTH SHOPS -

Welcoming back GEORGE ZAMZOW, superintendent of technical services division, and JOE KISELUS, automotive technician, Technical Services Division. Both were on the sick list for quite a while. . . Technical Services received two lovely picture postcards from their girl Friday, KATHY O'BRIEN, who is presently enjoying two weeks of vacation. One card was from Lake Louise and Victoria Glacier and the other from Emerald lake and Michael Peak. . . KAY GUZOVICH, formerly of S&E and now in Public Information, will fly to Europe for a three-week holiday in August. Here's wishing Kay lots of fun and a safe return on a trip that she has been looking forward to for a long time. . . Reports from JOSEPH H. DAUS, upholstery leader, on his vacation with his wife, ALVINA, and son, GILBERT, were quite exciting. The family travelled via B&O railroad for a 10-day tour of Washington, D.C. Highlighting their tour

PENSIONERS MEET

THE CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 1, at the new Odd Fellows Hall, 4140 16th street, north, St. Petersburg. All CTA pensioners living in that vicinity are invited to attend these meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month at the above time and address.

The Division 308 Pensioners Club of Chicago will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 17, on the 13th floor at 32 W. Randolph street. All retired members of Division 308 are invited to attend these meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at the above time and address.

INSIDE NEWS

was a visit to the Capitol . . . Resigning to assume household duties and future motherhood, yours truly, DIANA McLEMORE, had the pleasure of being feted at a luncheon on July 22 at the Beverly House restaurant by the girls of South Shops and surprise guest ELLA RALL, retired typist - S&E Department. Presented - in care of me, was a furry snow white bunting to be worn by the future heir or heiress for the first visit home. Unquestionably, a good time was enjoyed by all . . . KAREN HOFFMAN will assume my duties as steno and receptionist, as well as joining AL HAAS in reporting news for this column. Best wishes KAREN in all of your future duties.

- Al Haas & Diana McLemore

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

After 41 years of service, JOSEPH QUICK retired on July 1. Joe was a car cleaner at Howard shop. All the boys wish Joe the best of everything in his future pension years . . . The fellows who had a chance to see the sights in and around town were EDWARD SCHROEDER, GUY COLUMBO, FRANK RAKSTIS, JOHN HENDERSON, PAUL CZAJA, NEAL BENSON, FRED STOEHMAN, NEIL MCGILL, DANIEL BRODIE, EDWARD WISNIEWSKI, MICHAEL DUKE, ANTHONY VENTICINQUE, NICK LICHVAR, RAYMOND JANICKE and NICK SCIMECA . . . JOHN MARQUARDT, 61st street, became the proud dad of a baby boy, PAUL ANDREW, on July 9. This was the fourth child for the Marquardt's. Congratulations and best wishes are sent to the parents and to Paul Andrew . . . The men who were arguing about who caught the biggest fish and who has the nicest tan are MATT COYLE, TONEY ROCHE, LUTHER CARR, and CARL BISCH . . . Private JAMES A. ESPOSITO, son of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN ESPOSITO, recently completed a radar crewman course at Fort Bliss, Texas . . . During the course Jim received instruction in radar operations, interpretation of radar scopes, and use of electronic test equipment.

- Ray Brzyczek

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

We all mourn the sudden passing of Agent EDWIN BENSEN who departed on July 2. To the bereaved family we extend our deepest sympathy . . . Sympathy is extended to the family of Agent MARY DORIAN who passed away July 8 after a short illness . . . Sympathy is conveyed to Agent FRANK ZIMA in the loss of his nephew, WILLIAM ZIMA, who passed away June 26 . . . We are glad to see MAURICE POWE, member of the porter staff, back on the job after being confined to Hines hospital for a few weeks . . . All were happy to see Agent VICTOR BROWN return to work July 13 after an absence of five weeks because of illness . . . Many happy returns of the day to Agent ARNOLD CARLSTROM and Porter DAVE JOHNSON who celebrated birthday anniversaries on July 4 and 3 respectively . . . Agent AMANDA DEFERE joined the ranks of the retired August 1 after a long and faithful career and will reside in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, in a new home she recently purchased. We all join in extending to her many years of happiness and good health . . . On vacation at this time are Agents LOUISE DREWS, EDITH MAURO, ED DURKIN, DOROTHY FORD, and Porters RAYMOND HIGH and REDUS MOORE. Agent MIKE HENRY is also on vacation.

- Gordon Kelly

WEST SECTION -

Wedding bells rang for Congress Conductor EARL CLAY and VELISBA BARTON on June 21 at Central Memorial Baptist church; Douglas Extra Man SYLVESTER SCOTT and ANNA JEAN BRASFIELD on June 27, and Congress Extra Man VICTOR UTARA and RIMA MALETA on June 27 at Holy Cross church. We wish them all many years of wedded bliss . . . Douglas Motorman E. CONNOR and his wife, MARION, are proud to announce the birth of a son, KEVIN EDWARD, on June 12. Kevin has two sisters, LYNN, 18 years, and NIKKI, 16 years . . . Logan Square Extra Man LEROY RHEUBOTTOM and his wife, AUDREY, are proud to announce the birth of their first son, LEROY JR., he was born on July 10 at St. Ann's hospital . . . We all express our deepest sympathy to West Section agent MARY BURROWS, on her father's death; and to the family of Logan Square Motorman CLARENCE NELSON, who passed away July 10 . . . Logan Square Platform man LADDIE SMACK is back from his vacation which he spent at one of his favorite fishing holes in Minnesota. Said he had a fine time and so did the fish that weren't caught! . . . We welcome back Superintendent of Agents and Porters J. P. HALLAHAN, who had a wonderful three-week vacation . . . We are glad to hear that Towerman J. LOFTUS is back after a slight illness . . . We are sorry to hear as of this writing that Platform man J. HOMES is still off sick. We hope for his speedy recovery, and are anxious to see him back at work once again.

- Richard Martin

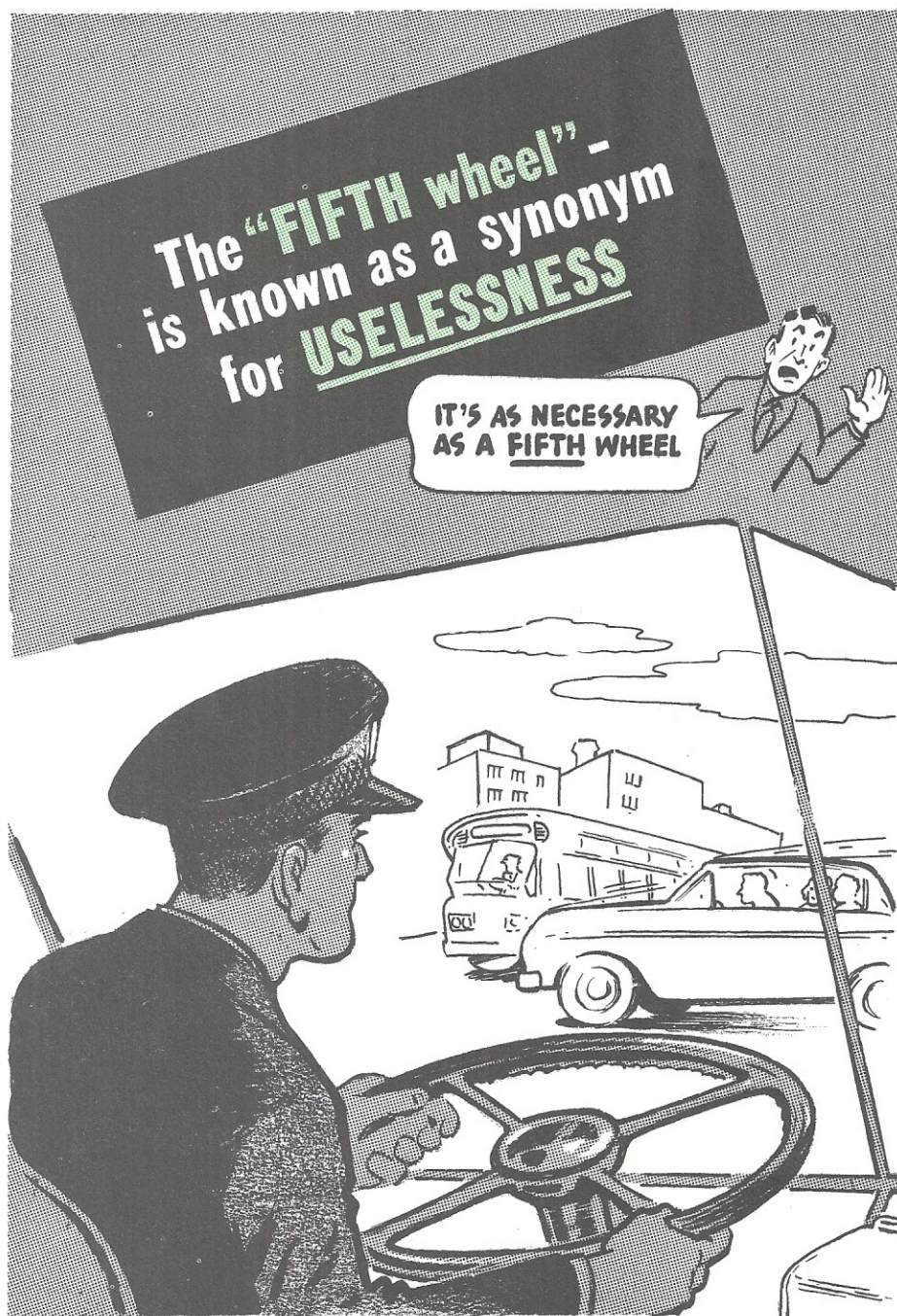
69TH STREET -

To all our vacationers where ever you may be, we wish you a happy time of relaxation. Just exert a little carefulness going, during, and coming back. Remember that death takes no holiday . . . Congratulations to THOMAS KENNETH, son of Operator R. H. WILLIAMS, on his marriage to DIANE LURETTE LA FAIRE. May they enjoy the best of everything . . . La Rabida K. C. council recently presented outstanding achievement awards to DANNY CAREW, JOHN MALONEY, and JIM GEARY. A more deserving trio would be hard to find . . . New bundles of happiness were delivered by that big bird at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. SAM BURNS, and the WALTER STONES. Little JAMES MICHAEL BURNS joins two sisters and a brother. ELIZABETH ANNE STONE was born on June 28 and had a real honest to goodness Irish colleen for a godmother. EILEEN BERRY from North Kerry county, Ireland, had the honor . . . Happy to say our sick bay is slowly but surely dwindling. GEORGE ALLEN is back bus-ing and has again taken over Bush #1 in the GOBS (Garfield Operators Bird-watchers Society). HERMAN JAMES is back home and on the mend, as is ED DION . . . JIMMY HAWORTH's condition is slowly but steadily improving and we hope to have all these lads back to normalcy soon. Sorry to report however that HARRY MINOQUE is at the Chicago Osteopathic hospital and AL PAVLIC at this writing is also hospitalized . . . It is with deep sorrow that we report the death of Instructor PETE DUGGAN. To his family we extend our sympathy. Our condolences also to the family of Operator A. GUICE and to WALTER KLOVAS on the death of his father; also to Instructor FRANK VITEK and HERB MATHIES of Archer depot on the death of their mutual mother-in-law, Mrs. FRANCIS PRIESSER.

- William J. Donahue

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