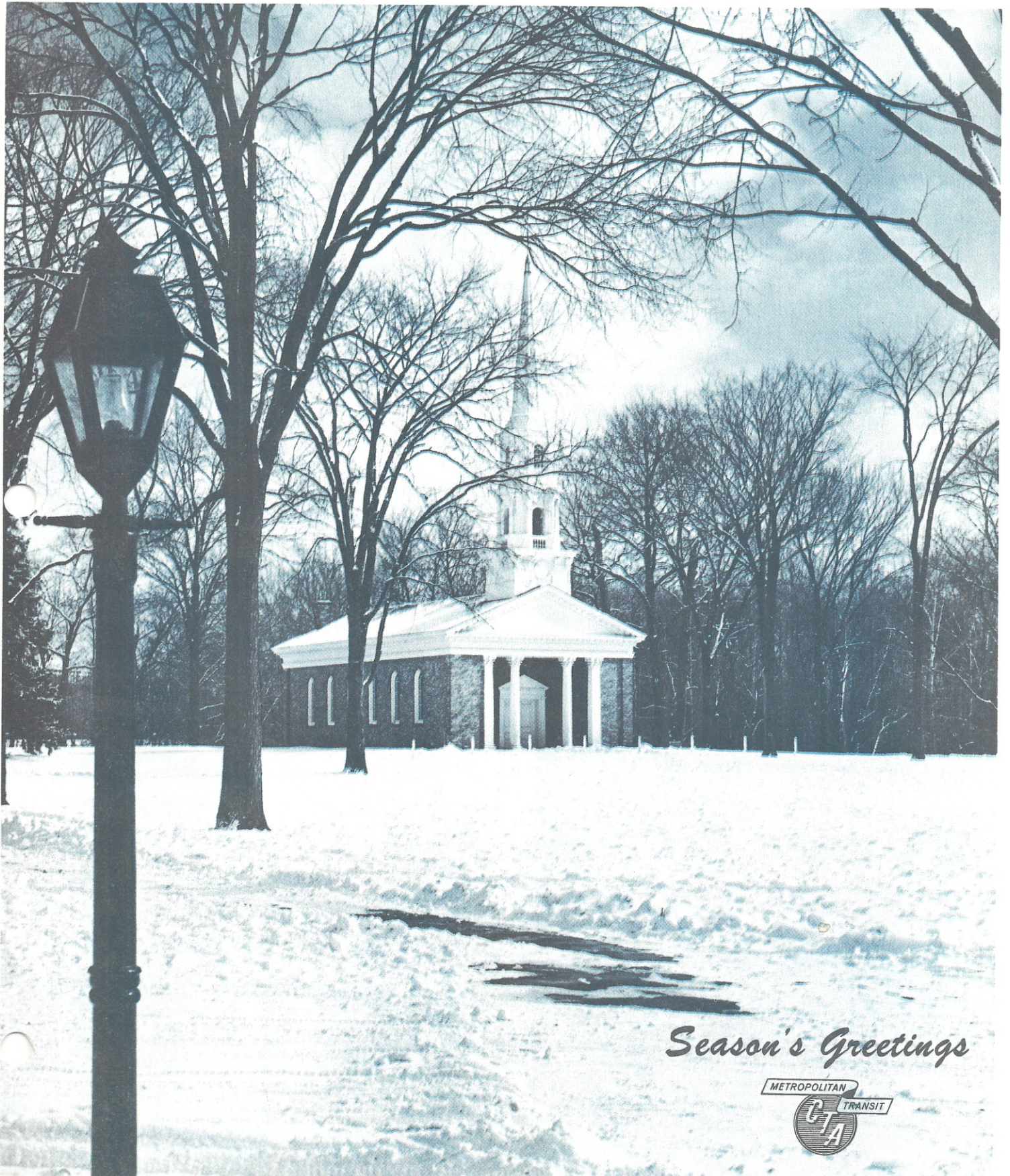


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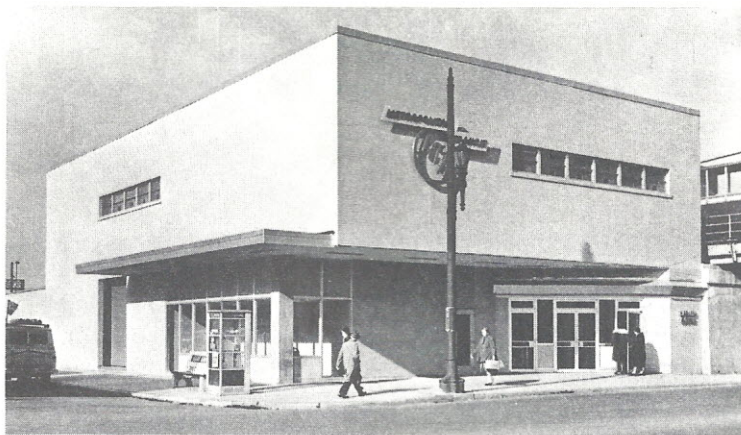


NEW FACILITIES

AT LAKE-HARLEM TERMINAL

PLACED IN SERVICE

A TWO-STORY combined substation-transportation office building (right) at the Lake-Harlem rapid transit terminal became the latest modern operating facility constructed by CTA with its opening December 6. The view below, from the building, shows the car storage yard which has space available for an inspection shop.



FURTHER MODERNIZATION of the operating facilities of CTA's Lake rapid transit route was attained on December 6, with the placing in service of a new substation and transportation office, costing \$650,000, at the Lake-Harlem terminal in Forest Park.

The new substation has been installed on the first floor of the new building, which also houses transportation department offices on the second floor. It is the first unit to be constructed under a program which contemplates a new inspection shop and expansion of car storage areas at the terminal during 1965.

The new substation is an important addition to CTA's power distribution system inasmuch as it relieves overload conditions at CTA's Lombard substation in Oak Park by providing additional ca-

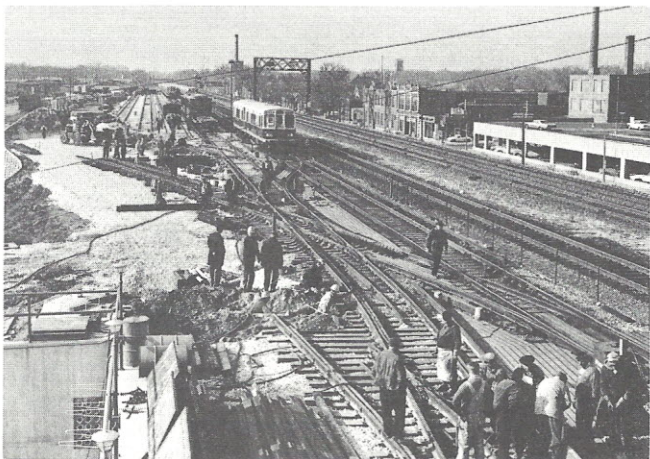
capacity required for operating purposes in the terminal area.

The power rectifier and switch gear equipment for the new substation was supplied by Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing company of West Allis, Wisconsin, and was installed by Meany Electrical Engineering company of Chicago, under the supervision of CTA's Electrical Department.

Three additional tracks have been added to the two previously used for car storage, increasing to 86 the number of cars which can be accommodated at the terminal. When the new inspection shop is completed, the car storage area will again be enlarged to provide space for all cars in service on the Lake route.

Preliminary grading work already has been started for the inspection shop, which will be built at the extreme west end of the yard. This will provide the same modern servicing facilities available at the new inspection shop at the Congress terminal in Forest Park. When completed, the inspection shop will permit the abandonment of present facilities at Lake street and Hamlin avenue which have served the Lake rapid transit route since 1893. Until the new shop is completed, car maintenance will continue at Hamlin avenue.

Already some advantages have been realized through the additional storage space. By storing cars at the terminal, CTA has been able to eliminate much of the dead-head operation of trains between Hamlin avenue, where Lake route trains are stored during off-peak hours, and the Harlem avenue terminal.



OUR COVER: Christmas has largely been taken over by the gross commercialism of the present era, but it still remains as one of the great religious holidays of the year. The midnight service has become a tradition in the liturgy of many Christian denominations. The church is a symbol of Christianity and the faith of man in the story of the Nativity. Our cover illustration is a photograph of the Martha-Mary Chapel at the Henry Ford museum, Dearborn, Michigan. Designed in the colonial-type of architecture which is native to the New England states, its tall spire a pattern against the sky and its setting a carpeting of snow seem to epitomize the Christmas scene.

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Service Changes in Effect on Four Bus Routes

SERVICE CHANGES affecting four CTA routes--Vincennes-111th Express, Jeffery Express, South California, and Harrison-Adams--were put into effect recently.

Additional service southbound from the Loop during the p.m. rush period on weekdays on CTA's Vincennes-111th Express (No. 111A) route was provided beginning November 30. The new schedule provides for two later trips to be operated, leaving Wacker-Clark at 5:50 p.m. and 6:10 p.m. The two added trips will supplement the present schedule which provides for trip departures from Wacker-Clark between 4:00 p.m. and 5:34 p.m.

The service expansion is necessary because of heavy passenger loadings on the present last trip and the requests of CTA patrons for increased service.

Jeffery Express (No. 5A) service on weekdays was expanded to provide an additional bus northbound in the morning and southbound in the afternoon also beginning November 30. Under the new schedule, the first northbound express trip from 100th street and Bensley leaves at 5:45 a.m., 15 minutes earlier than the present starting time, and the first southbound express trip from Wacker-State leaves at 2:40 p.m., 15 minutes earlier than the present starting time.

The service expansion was made to accommodate the heavier passenger loadings on the present first trips and at the request of residents in the Jeffery Manor area.

The new schedule for the South California (No. 94) route which went into effect November 29 provides for discontinuing service north of Fulton street after 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, and all day on Sundays. The routing for the trips turned back during these hours is to be via Fulton, Francisco and Walnut streets.

The north terminal for this route at Chicago avenue, with buses routed via California, Fulton, Sacramento boulevard and Sacramento service drives will continue to be used prior to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays.

The change is being made because of the small riding volume existing in the area affected.

A change in the schedule for CTA's Harrison-Adams (No. 7A) service, effective November 30 calls for discontinuing midday service on weekdays and Saturdays due to the low volume of riders. Service for midday riders of the Harrison-Adams buses is available eastbound on Madison street and westbound on CTA's Douglas bus route which duplicates the present Harrison-Adams service.

On weekdays, service is discontinued between 10:20 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and on Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Skokie Swift Sets New Riding Records

CTA'S SKOKIE Swift continued to establish new ridership records when on Friday, December 4, a total 7,537 passengers were carried. This was an increase of 253 over the Swift's previous high, set on Wednesday, December 2, when 7,284 passengers used the service.

A new high for Saturday travel was marked up when 4,914 rode the Swift and topped the previous Saturday high, 2,890, on November 28. The week ending December 5 also was the high week since the service was inaugurated when 38,693 passengers were carried, as compared with the 34,893 carried during the week ending November 14.

To increase the convenience of the service, parking space for 77 more cars was added to the Dempster terminal lot recently, increasing the number of spaces from 443 to 520. This area extends south of the present parking lot and east of the first addition made to the parking lot a few weeks after service began between Dempster terminal and the Howard "L" station.

Employees Receive 7-Cent Hourly Wage Rate Increase

STARTING THE last year of a three-year contract, CTA employees covered by union agreements on December 1 began receiving a seven-cent per hour wage adjustment, advancing the one-man operator wage rate to \$3.02 per hour.

Computed in the new rate is a reduction in the cost-of-living allowance of one-half cent per hour, which now becomes four cents per hour. The reduction was based on the cost-of-living index for Chicago issued November 30 by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Approximately 13,000 CTA employees are affected by the cost-of-living allowance.

The cost-of-living allowance for CTA employees is adjusted quarterly. An adjustment, either up or down, but not below the basic wage rate, for one-man operators, is determined by the per cent of change in the cost-of-living index for Chicago compared with the index for October, 1962. The per cent of change, if any, is then applied to the basic wage rate of one-man operators to establish the amount to be paid to all eligible employees as a cost-of-living allowance.



69-Year Old Logan "L" Structure Being Scrapped

WORK IS progressing on the demolition of the old Logan Square "L" structure from Washington boulevard to Evergreen street, the last remaining section of what used to be one of the busiest branches of the old rapid transit system.

Placed in service for the first time in 1895, it was in daily operation until the Milwaukee-Dearborn subway was completed in 1951. Since then it has been utilized only occasionally by single cars used in the training of prospective motormen and for equipment moves.

It is interesting to note that the section being razed represents some 14-million pounds of steel structure, and the job of removal will require from



three to four months. It was one of several routes comprising the former Metropolitan West Side Elevated Railroad, which included the Garfield Park, Humboldt Park, and Douglas Park branches.

The accompanying photos were taken during the early stages of the wrecking job. At left: The overhead structure is all that remains of the elevated right-of-way at Paulina street and Grand avenue. In the background is St. Columbkille Catholic church, a West Side landmark for many years. At right: Workmen are removing the beams and other supporting steelwork from the alley at Ohio and Paulina streets as they dismantle the "L" structure over which Logan Square trains had operated for more than half a century.

New Insurance Available to Eligible Ex-GI's

THE VETERANS Administration reports that it is seeking to contact thousands of "missing veterans" who are entitled to new federal insurance benefits which become available May 1, 1965.

Illinois has almost a million ex-servicemen who may be eligible for this new insurance, according to VA officials, yet hardly more than half can be reached by direct mail even though VA utilizes every resource available.

Since VA does not have their addresses, the agency requests that "missing veterans" contact the regional office if interested in reopening their GI insurance or in converting their present policies to avoid being overwhelmed by mounting premium rates later in life.

Interested veterans may obtain a general information sheet at the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Chicago, 2030 W. Taylor street. This printed sheet provides a general outline of what the law allows and what the veteran must do.

It is estimated that about 1,000,000 veterans of World War II and the Korean conflict are potentially eligible to purchase the new insurance or convert their present policies. The opportunity to do so will be available until May 1, 1966.

Veterans are advised to contact the VA Regional Office by mail, telephone (TA 9-2800) or in person in order to obtain present information and later details.



Merry Christmas!

*May the kindly spirit of
this season keep us all moving
on toward better things in 1965!*

Thomas B. O'Leary
General Manager



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1965 Budget Provides for Major Improvements



A BUDGET with estimated revenues of \$133,384,000 that will meet operating expenses and provide several major capital improvements in 1965, was adopted at the December meeting of the Chicago Transit Board.

The proposed operating budget indicates that revenues of \$133,384,000 will be sufficient to meet all operating expenses of \$118,977,000, debt service requirements budgeted at \$8,130,000, but only \$6,277,000 will be available to meet the \$10,670,700 required to be deposited in the depreciation reserve fund in 1965. In addition, a \$1,242,000 estimated deficiency to be carried over from the year 1964 boosts the total deficit to \$5,635,700.

Revenue passengers are estimated at 487,886,000 for 1965, an increase of 360,000 compared with the estimated 487,526,000 revenue passengers for 1964. Present riding trends are expected to continue and this slight increase arises from the difference as compared with the previous year in the number of weekdays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the dates that schools are to open and close, and other events which may, in any way, affect riding.

For plant improvements and purchase of new rolling stock in 1965, a total of \$16,668,000 is budgeted. One of the major items under this category is the payment for 240 "New Look" buses and 10 additional air-conditioned buses ordered in 1964. It is planned also to order 100 new buses in the second half of 1965. Provisions have to be made to cover the payment for the first 50 of these buses before the end of 1965.

Commenting on the budget, George L. DeMent, Chairman of Chicago Transit Board said: "Riding volumes are estimated to continue at the present riding levels throughout 1965. Since July of this year, riding has been on the increase and it is hoped that with improvements in employment and an increase in business activities, this trend will continue. Meanwhile, our intense efforts to achieve economies, without impairing the safety and efficiency of our services, will continue."

In addition to the annual debt service requirements on equipment trust certificates outstanding

and ordinary renewals and replacements, other major capital improvements budgeted are:

Lake Street Terminal Facilities - \$200,000 for expenditures required to complete construction of the substation and transportation building; \$200,000 for yard and electrical work, and \$500,000 to commence construction of the inspection shop. The total cost of the inspection shop when completed is expected to be \$1,500,000.

Rapid Transit Tracks and Structures - \$915,000 for renewal and replacement work throughout the system; \$125,000 for special track work at Logan Square terminal; \$200,000 for additional storage tracks at Howard yard; \$100,000 for renewing elevated structure at Merchandise Mart, and \$300,000 for renewing flange angles throughout the system.

Surface System Buildings - \$365,000 for additional facilities at South Shops; \$194,000 for additional servicing facilities at Archer garage; \$220,000 for remodeling West Shops buildings for use of Construction and Maintenance department, and \$100,000 for engineering work for new bus shops and transportation office at 77th and Vincennes.

Rapid Transit Buildings - \$250,000 for new transportation offices at Howard and at Congress terminals; \$63,000 for an escalator at Logan Square terminal; \$200,000 for escalators at two other locations, and \$50,000 for remodeling the 43rd street station on the North-South route.

Substation Conversion - \$363,000 has been appropriated for the Authority's share of the first year's cost of a joint project with the Commonwealth Edison company for replacing 25-cycle substations with 60-cycle equipment over a 10-year period.

Rapid Transit Electrical Construction - \$170,000 for replacing interlocking equipment at Logan Square terminal; \$250,000 to begin engineering and purchase of wayside equipment for block signals on the Lake route, and \$41,000 for installing remote control equipment at Armitage Tower.

Many desirable improvements had to be eliminated because of the lack of funds.

Employee Contributions to Mercy Campaign Total Near \$80,000.00

CTA EMPLOYEES' Crusade of Mercy campaign resulted in pledges and cash gifts totaling a very substantial \$79,703.85 as their contributions in support of the combined 1964-65 appeal of the Community Fund and Red Cross.

In the recent system-wide solicitation, employees pledges through authorization of payroll deductions amounted to \$6,359.05 per month which projected over the year, if all authorized deductions remain in effect for the 12 months, totals \$76,308.60. An additional \$3,395.25 was collected in non-recurring cash contributions to reach the final figure.

Of the total of 12,498 employees on the payroll as of November 1, 11,005 or 88.05 per cent are actively participating in the Crusade of Mercy campaign, either through monthly deductions or cash contributions.

Specifically, a total of 9,070 employees as of November 1 had authorized the monthly payroll deductions. This included 627 new pledges during this year's campaign. Cash contributions were made by another 1,308 employees.

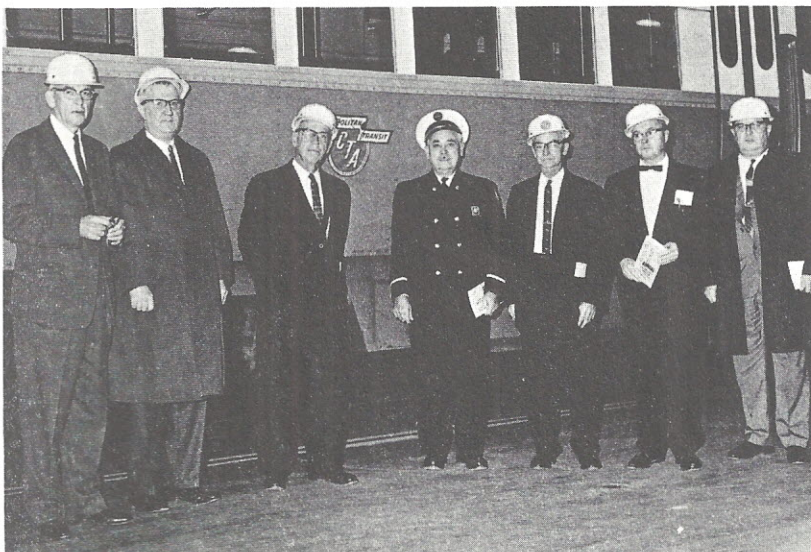
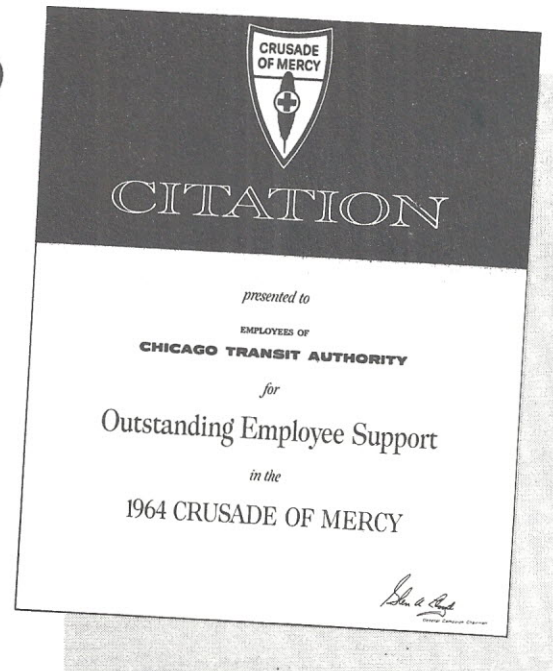
Among surface system operating stations, Forest Glen, Limits and Lawndale also achieved 100 per cent participation through a combination of individual cash contributions and payroll deduction pledges. Many other stations and departmental groups were well over the 90 per cent mark.

The money contributed will help support the year 'round programs of the 138 Community Fund agencies and the Mid-America Chapter of the American Red Cross which serves six and one-half million people in the five county area consisting of

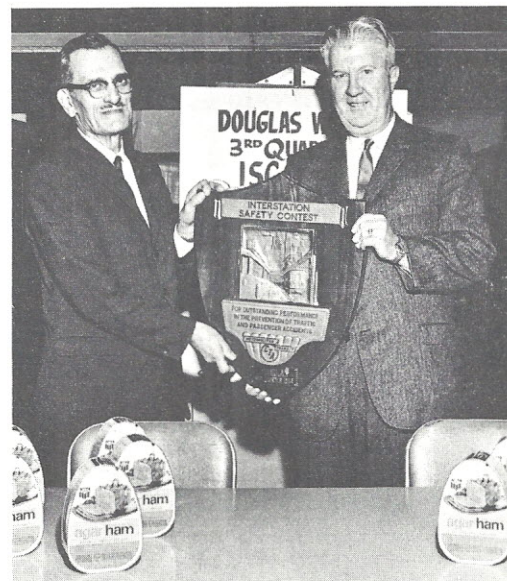
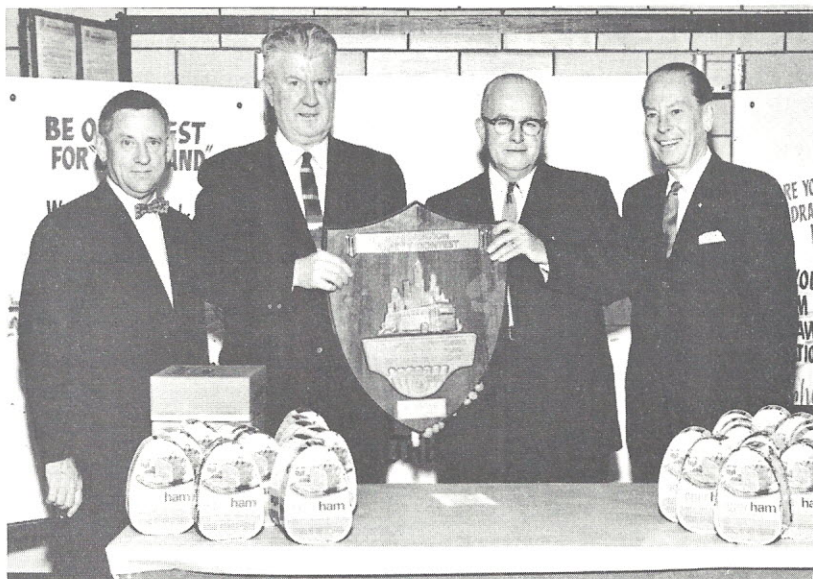
Cook, Lake, DuPage, Will and part of Kane. The Crusade accounts for about one-third of their needs. Two-thirds is raised by the agencies in individual campaigns.

Among the services to benefit by the Crusade campaign are family welfare and care of the aged, child care and day nurseries, a vast range of health services including clinics and nursing care, rehabilitation programs for the physically handicapped, youth and neighborhood services and community welfare planning.

The Red Cross provides its traditional disaster services, aid to veterans and servicemen and their families, and first aid and water safety programs which have resulted in saving lives in many emergency situations.



ELIMINATION OF fire hazards and improvement of system-wide "good housekeeping" practices was the objective of the eleventh annual fire inspection of CTA properties held during the week of October 12-16 under the direction of the Insurance Department. One group of members of the committee inspected Skokie Shops. It consisted of, from left: H. B. Storm, superintendent of insurance and pensions; D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation; L. H. Reichard, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals; Lt. Patrick Suel, Skokie Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau; John Burke, fire and safety co-ordinator; H. C. Doering, general foreman, and C. P. Mikota, assistant to superintendent of stores. The annual inspection tour supplements the fire prevention program which is carried out regularly throughout the year with periodic safety inspections.



Beverly, Douglas Win 3rd Quarter ISC Awards

BEVERLY, WITH a perfect score of 75.00 points, and Douglas, also with a perfect score of 75.00 points were the winners in the Interstation Safety Contest for the third quarter for the surface and rapid transit systems respectively.

During the quarter, Beverly won with a 24 per cent improvement in its traffic accident frequency rate over its own past rate, and also scored with a 28 per cent improvement over its own past rate in its passenger accident frequency rate.

Douglas, with a current traffic and passenger accident frequency rate of 0.498, marked up the best score on the rapid transit system by register-

ing a 57 per cent improvement over its own best rate.

This was the sixth award for Beverly and the third for Douglas since the start of ISC competition in January of 1961.

Plaque awards were made early in November at the winning stations as pictured here, from left: C. E. Keiser, operating manager, D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation; J. J. O'Connor, superintendent, Beverly, and George L. DeMent, chairman, Chicago Transit Board. At the right: Mr. Flynn presents the plaque to W.G. Murbach, superintendent Douglas and Congress stations.

Letter Tells of CTA's Help to Handicapped Boy

A HANDICAPPED 12-year old boy is being helped to develop a new interest by the considerate acts of two CTA employees who are aiding the youngster with an unusual hobby.

A letter of appreciation from the boy's family tells the story, as follows:

"In response to a letter written to CTA by one of my neighbors a few weeks back about our grandson checking the numbers and runs of buses passing our place of business, I am taking this opportunity to thank you for the courtesies extended our family.

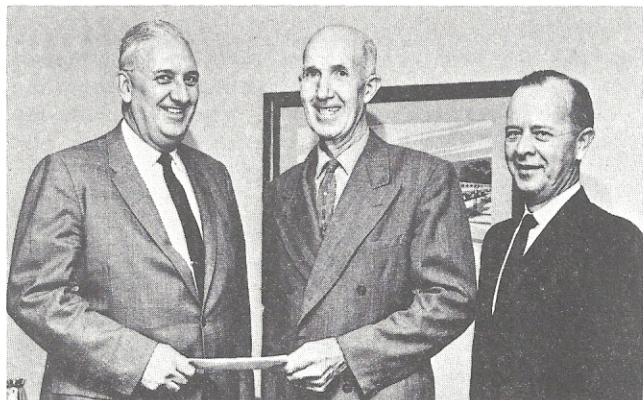
"As a result 'Glennie', being very interested in numbers faithfully checks the runs on the Blue Island line and has become known to some of the drivers. This pleases him very much.

"In answer to the same letter a very courteous gentleman, Jesse Rodriguez, instructor, training

center at 2660 N. Clark, came to see Glenn. You couldn't have asked for a finer man to investigate this mission, for besides leaving 'Glennie' a very happy boy, he left him with a complete set of supervisor's schedules and check sheets. He keeps an accurate check of all Blue Island runs, including bus numbers and the time they are due at 18th street time point on Blue Island avenue."

Operator Charles Kasal, badge No. 3443, adds a footnote to the story. "Glennie" he says, is a real CTA fan. He recalls that before the youngster was 12 years of age he used to go regularly on round trips to and from the Loop just for the ride on Kasal's bus and they struck up quite a friendship. On the eve of his 12th birthday, the youngster told the operator that from that date he would be paying a full fare for his bus trips. And, Kasal said, he now always has a quarter ready when he boards the bus.

Steamfitter's Suggestion Award Brightens His Yule



THE SMILE tells how William Stapleton, steamfitter, feels as he receives a \$150.00 suggestion award from General Manager T. B. O'Connor, as H. S. Anthon, general superintendent of engineering, looks on.

A WELCOME addition to the Christmas holiday for William Stapleton, steamfitter, building division, Construction and Maintenance Department, was the \$150.00 suggestion award he received December 8.

His idea to use two-inch high pressure steam mains in lieu of low pressure mains solved a problem in providing steam to the east house at South Shops. The installation suggested by Stapleton calls for the abandonment of the existing nine-inch low pressure steam lines in tunnels under Bay 6 in the east carhouse and replacement with an extended overhead system using the smaller steam mains.

This will simplify building operations planned for the near future, and the use of the high pressure line will amount to substantial savings in piping material for CTA.

Eleven other employees shared award cash during the month of November. They are: Sandy Terman, Traffic Planning, and Constance Calvet, Medical, both of General Offices; Casimer Strzynski and Stanley Sager, South Shops; Erwin Weichmann, Joseph Perillo and Ernest Gaichas, Skokie Shops; Frank Sproviere and Ed Kuklewicz, Kedzie, and Martin Swanson, 77th. Robert Lehor of Kedzie received a supplementary award.

Commendation in Rhyme Praises Operator

BUS OPERATORS MAY take abuse sometimes from disgruntled riders, but there also are others who observe and appreciate good personal service.

A case in point is a commendation received recently for Operator Frank H. Posnaski, badge 355, Archer, which represents the opinion of five regulars on his Pulaski run. This is not the usual type of commendation in that it expresses their feelings in rhyme, as follows:

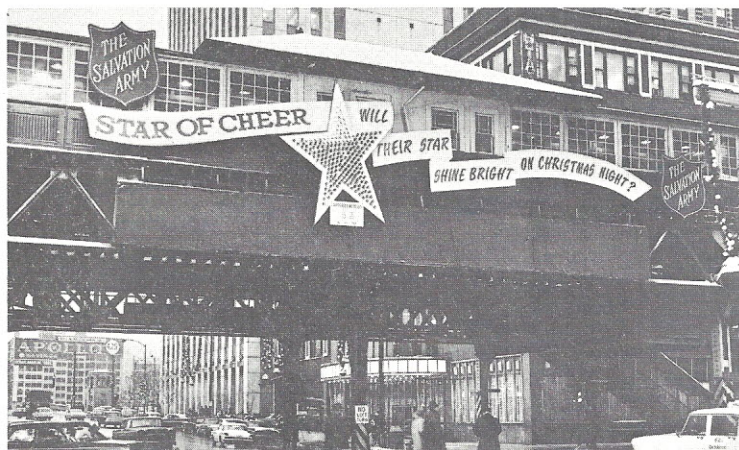
"All jobs may have some drawbacks
And yet it seems to us
It takes a world of patience
For one who drives a bus.

'Cause dealing with the public
Demands a special skill,
And we have found a person
Who seems to fit the bill.

Our driver is a wonder
Who is a joy to meet.
A gentleman that's kindly;
A man who's hard to beat.

And we whom he serves daily
Now all join in to say
Thank God for men like this one
Who brighten up our day.

A 15-FOOT star, on a 60-foot background sign, is mounted on the State-Lake "L" station, facing south on State street, to mark the progress of the Salvation Army annual Christmas campaign for funds to support its work among the needy and distressed of the city. The star contains 215 bulbs in all, and each bulb lighted in the star during the month of December will mean that people of Chicago area have contributed another \$2,000 to the Salvation Army program. A duplicate star is on the State-Van Buren "L" station, facing north on State street. The photo is of the display at State-Lake.



OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

WITH THE new year 1965 only a few weeks away, there will be many who will be making resolutions in accordance with the established custom. Whether we, as CTA employees, do or do not make such promises to ourselves is strictly a personal matter. But some thought could be given to a big factor in our lives, our jobs.

Most important in this respect is to resolve to do everything possible to improve our job performance. CTA depends entirely upon public patronage. Every action and reaction of operating personnel must encourage our customers to continue to ride with us. In the sharp competition with the auto there is little margin for error. Any inadvertence in acts or manner that results in the loss of even a single rider hurts. Every passenger is important, and any incident that has undesirable effects reflects upon the overall volume of business throughout the entire system.

The letters printed below point the way to increase public appreciation of jobs well done by our personnel and set a fine example for 1965.

Three separate commendations were received for Operator George Klietz; Badge #11715, 69th, for his considerate and thoughtful action in helping a retarded child, who was on his bus, to reach her destination safely. The following letter from the principal of the school where the child was a student tells the details:

"A mother put a little six-year old girl on Mr. Klietz's bus at Kostner on his last run before he headed for the terminal. The child had a note to be let off at Homan avenue where a patrol boy was to meet her. This was her first experience traveling alone to a class.

"She was not alert enough to recognize Homan avenue and was taken to Kedzie avenue. His bus was marked 71st street so he went to Homan avenue and 71st street but the child knew this was not right. Mr. Klietz turned the bus around and brought her back to Marquette and Homan where the patrol boy and I were waiting. Mr. Klietz was late in arriving at the terminal because of the incident but the safety of the child was his first concern.

"I believe you should know that you have men of this caliber serving in your organization."

A letter, mailed from Bremerhaven, Germany, by a former Wilmette resident on a leave of absence in Europe, has this to say about a rapid transit motorman:

"I would like to suggest a courtesy award for an Evanston Express motorman whose name I do not know, but whom you can doubtless iden-



tify by his badge, #24191 (Frederick J. Loebaka, North Side).

"While he always tended strictly to business while under way, followed signals closely and pushed ahead continuously to keep up with his schedule, he was always extremely pleasant and friendly to passengers during stops at stations. I have seen him go far beyond the call of duty in helping old ladies and children when it did not interfere with his duties as motorman. He had a very fine attitude toward CTA. After using CTA bus, subway and elevated service for a total of 12 years, I rate him No. 1 in courtesy of all the CTA employees I have observed."

A grateful rider expresses her appreciation for the understanding attitude and willingness to help displayed by an operator in the case of an emergency:

"I want to commend one of your CTA drivers (Operator Thomas Yarbrough, #4224, Kedzie) for his kindness and concern for me, a recent passenger on his bus.

"I boarded the bus at 62nd and Kedzie going north and I had a dizzy spell at 58th street. Though I took a pill, I was unable to get off at my regular stop. I have Meniere syndrom and cannot move until the dizzy spell clears, usually some 45 minutes to an hour or more.

"By the time we reached the end of the line I was able to stand and I told the operator what happened. He was very concerned and wanted to know what he could do to help. I stayed on his bus for the return trip, getting off at Chicago-Sacramento. He waited until I crossed the street and got seated safely on a bench to wait for a California southbound bus. I arrived home safely some two and one-half hours after boarding the first bus. Please thank him again for me."

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

	November 1964	October 1964	November 1963
Commendations	160	201	112
Complaints	1,413	1,442	1,063

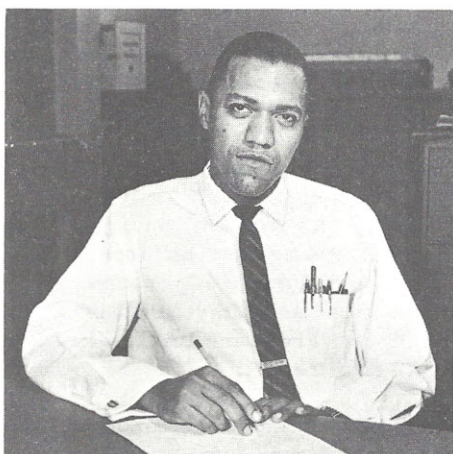


LOCATION: North Park

INQUIRING REPORTER: Melvin Horning

QUESTION: What do you recall as the happiest Christmas day of your life?

JOE GRASSL, pensioner: "The happiest Christmas day had to be when I was appointed master of ceremonies at the first solemn high midnight mass on Christmas eve at St. Clements Catholic church in 1916."



S. F. BARNETT, clerk: "You might say the first Christmas shopping experience as a husband and later as a father contributed equally to the happiest Christmas seasons I can remember."



WILLIAM SEIFERT, operator (with Reporter Melvin Horning): "It was 55 years ago, when under our candle-lighted tree, I found a little red truck with a wind-up motor in it. I was the happiest kid in the world. And, incidentally, the truck still runs."

PETER MERSCH, repairman: "My happiest Christmas day occurred in 1958 when my first grandchild came to realize what Christmas day meant to her."



LESTER BATES, operator: "In comparing yesteryears with our present ones, I would like to recall the Christmas of 1926. It was celebrated in ideal Christmas weather (snow and cold) and all of my family were living to share their love with me. Most of all was the fun we had exchanging greetings with neighbors for miles around. Today most of our neighbors seem to have no time to share."



MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin
CTA Medical Consultant

THE USE AND ABUSE OF CERTAIN DRUGS

THIS ARTICLE will be confined chiefly to the tranquilizers, sedatives and the amphetamines. The tranquilizer group is used primarily by persons suffering from anxiety, tension or agitation, whatever the cause may be. The sedative group of drugs is used mostly by persons having trouble in sleeping. The third group, the amphetamine or "pep pills", is used mainly to stay awake, increase energy or for weight reduction.

Millions and millions of dollars are spent annually for these drugs. Some of them can be purchased over the counter while many others have to be prescribed by the physician. Therefore, both the layman and the physician should consider the benefit and also the harm which may result from these drugs before a decision is made to use them.

The use of tranquilizers dates back a century ago when they were used in the form of herbs. Some of the most common conditions requiring their use are: psychoses, insomnia, nervous tension, cerebral palsy, muscle spasm, Parkinson's disease, epilepsy, anxiety states, headaches, backaches, arthritis, hypertension, alcoholism, nausea, vomiting, spastic colitis, menopause and in tremors due to any cause.

There is no denying the fact that in certain cases the results are most gratifying and successful. However, the unfortunate fact is that many people, on their own, turn to these drugs for an escape or an easy cure instead of seeking a more permanent adjustment. Some of the more unfavorable reactions are: drowsiness, slowing of mental reactions in every day life, dizziness, certain skin rashes, liver damage and changes in the blood elements. It is also noted that these drugs may produce a careless "don't give a damn attitude" in persons and in some instances serious traffic accidents have resulted.

The sedatives include mostly barbituates and sleeping pills which are used for persons who can't get natural sleep. Again, one must admit there are a few instances where their short term use may be helpful. However the long term use is hardly ever justified. Certain "sleep pills" unfortunately can be purchased over the counter. Sedatives over a long period can cause liver damage and numerous psychiatric derangements. Not in-

frequently we all read in the daily papers about suicides due to an overdose of sedatives.

The "pep" pills or amphetamines are very popular these days. Everyone wants additional energy. Many persons take them to increase alertness in business. They are also used to lessen the appetite in obesity. Athletes take them to increase action in sports and auto and truck drivers use them to stay awake on long trips. The pep pills are sometimes a mixed blessing. They stimulate the central nervous system and really help certain depressed persons. On the other hand, the pep pills may cause trouble in certain heart and high blood pressure patients. Individuals on these medicines always develop a "let down" feeling after stopping the drug.

In conclusion the following remarks may be beneficial:

1. Drugs in general may react differently in various people. For example, 10 persons may take the same drug. In seven individuals of this group the affect may be very beneficial. In the other three ill effects may result.
2. This article is not intended to condemn all the drugs under consideration.
3. The main purpose of this article is to alert people to the fact that results can be both good and bad.
4. Proper mode of living, proper understanding, better education and doing for one's self may eliminate the necessity of these drugs.
5. Some of the drugs may not be habit forming in the sense as morphine is. Nevertheless, any person can develop a dependency for them which is very harmful.
6. Education and new legislation to curb the use of these drugs have been recommended by the AMA and I think this would be a good thing.
7. Finally, if one really feels the need for tranquilizer drugs, sedative or "pep" pills, the proper procedure would be to see your family doctor.

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-AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -) -

BEA FRANKE drove to the North Woods, in Minocqua, Wisconsin, to go fishing on her vacation. Bea said she caught some "big" ones - wall-eyed pike - in particular. The first week the weather was perfect, but the second week they had a blizzard with the temperature dropping to 22 degrees accompanied by snow and wind... MARTHA NEFFAS spent a leisurely and quiet vacation at Carmel-by-the-Sea in Southern California where she rested and relaxed in the sun... DORIS STAHL, retiree, formerly of Voucher Section, dropped by to say "hello" to her friends and that she is still enjoying her retirement.

- Mable Potthast

(Material & Supply) -

SARAH O'ROURKE and her husband, JOE, spent their vacation in Whitefish, Montana, where she visited with friends and relatives while her husband went big game hunting. Fortunately, the hunting season and beautiful fall weather arrived at the same time, so their trip was thoroughly enjoyed... Our retiree, MARGARET TIMMONS, and her husband, TOM, are spending some time in San Pedro, California, with their son and his family.

- Clara Lawrence

(Payroll) -

MARGE ORGAN took her first plane ride to Clinton, Iowa, to see her niece in school at Mt. St. Clair. She was amazed at the speed - she left Chicago at 8 o'clock and arrived in Iowa at 8:01! We didn't have the heart to tell her about time changes... We welcomed back RUTH BUSSE after her long convalescence... EMILY COYNE spent her vacation gathering leaves and getting her garden ready for winter... For his many worthwhile suggestions, JOHN KOLON has received quite a few lovely gifts. Keep up the good work, John.

- Eileen Neunauer

(Tabulating) -

PAT POLIC flew to Mexico for her vacation. Among the many points of interest she visited were the bullfights and the old historical Our Lady of Guadalupe church. Pat then went on to Acapulco for a few days of water skiing... CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his charming bride took advantage of one pleasant weekend and drove to St. Louis to visit relatives and to watch the Cardinals play football... ROBERT RISE, in the midst of decorating his apartment, claims he needs just a few more weekends and it will be finished... BILL WILLIAMS has returned in earnest. He was off sick for a while, and was really missed by all who have the pleasure of working with him.

- Marion Sutherland & Edward O'Rourke

(Revenue) -

FRANCES HADDIX and her mother motored through southeastern Missouri and visited relatives during her vacation. They then made a circular trip to Columbus, Ohio, and back to Chicago. They found these states to be beautiful in their fall coloring and the weather very

pleasant... VIOLET HOLT is on the sick list and is reported doing nicely after surgery... Revenue Accountant R. L. HILL recently had his 45th anniversary with CTA, and Assistant Revenue Accountant F. C. PALILUNAS completed his 35th year with CTA and predecessor companies... Recent retiree SOPHIA DANIELSON writes from Las Vegas, Nevada, and Los Angeles, California, how much she is enjoying these states on an extended trip. Sophie writes: "What a different life for me!"... New transfer counters are ROGER MCGUIRE and DANIEL W. LEONARD. DAVID KEMP transferred to the Claim Department and JAMES URGANUS to Reproduction Services.

- Betty Suhr

BEVERLY -

Beverly did it again winning the safety award for the sixth time, and every depot knows that Beverly is the one to beat. Superintendent J. J. O'CONNOR and J. S. FARRIS treated us to coffee and rolls and there were plenty of hams for the lucky ones. Just a reminder, winter is here, so let's maintain our buffer zone around our bus. BILL (Irish Eyes) MCGEE, our day repair foreman, deserves some credit for this award. Bill knows the importance of a clean bus and a clean windshield along with keeping our buses in tip-top mechanical shape... LaRabida Knights of Columbus held their annual memorial for their deceased members. Pensioner ERNEST TOCCI and GEORGE GRIFFIN of the Legal Department did an outstanding job in conducting the ritual. Nearly 100 men with their wives attended the memorial mass at St. Adrienne's church. The honor guard performed splendidly and was headed by A. LOMBARDO. Mrs. TOCCI was the toastmaster and as usual did a good job. It's nice to see old timers like past Grand Knight C. J. DRISCOLL, who still take an interest in these affairs... We express our sympathy to the family of STANLEY ROGERS. Stan was a board member at Archer depot along with BERT SHEEHY and this combination was hard to beat.

We wish a speedy recovery to Supervisor FRANCIS LeGUIRE and Operator J. METKE who is recovering from an operation... Remember if you need money for the holidays don't wait till Christmas Eve. See friendly JOHN McMULLEN or smiling VIRGIL TRIMMER of the credit union before it is too late... Union Steward EARL TIBBITS thanks the 15 men who showed up at the union meeting and hopes to make it 20 next time.

- Tom Daniels

CLAIMS -

We of the Claim Department wish to extend our deepest sympathy to EDWARD O'CONNELL, supervisor of investigators, on the death of his beloved sister on November 1... LOIS POTTS, index clerk, transferred to Real Estate. Good luck, Lois... JOHN PAVONI, file clerk, is leaving us for his new job as multilith operator. The new faces in the vault are those of GEORGE EBNER,

NEW PENSIONERS

RALPH BRAMLET, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 3-21-27
WILLIAM R. CARAWAY, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 6-01-27
JERRY F. CERNY, Elect. Worker "A",
South Shops, Emp. 9-10-17
PHILIP DI FRANCO, Laborer,
Const. & Maint., Emp. 6-04-41
LEROY H. GOSS, Operator,
Keeler, Emp. 5-15-28
GORDON M. KELLY, Ticket Agent,
Lake Street, Emp. 5-22-43
JOHN KULLOWITCH, Carpenter "A",
South Shops, Emp. 9-12-22
LEONARD MALLAK, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 6-17-27
JAMES A. MALONEY, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-28-24
WILLIAM Q. MERRIOTT, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 8-26-26
EUGENE J. MORIN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-02-24
MARTIN O'CONNELL, Motor Rebuilder,
South Shops, Emp. 10-13-42
THOMAS E. O'NEILL, Ticket Agent,
Kimball, Emp. 6-05-25
WILLIAM G. O'NEILL, Supervisor,
West Section, Emp. 10-18-26
ALPHONSUS O'SHAUGHNESSY, Instructor,
District "C", Emp. 8-25-26
HAROLD W. PARMAN, Conductor,
Logan Square, Emp. 11-15-22
HAROLD L. POLLAND, Director,
Public Information, Emp. 7-01-45
PETER A. REGAN, Token Clerk II,
General Office, Emp. 9-08-22
MARTIN RONAN, Janitor,
69th Street, Emp. 3-12-23
STEVE STAMATOPOULOS, Car Cleaner,
61st Street, Emp. 7-01-48
EDWARD J. VAN WIELE, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 1-29-46

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

CEDRIC A. DRAPER, Bus Repairman,
Keeler, Emp. 8-13-48
FRITZ R. FOOGDE, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 4-30-26
BRUCE L. MARLETTE, Collector,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-08-47
LORETTA M. POTVIN, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 7-29-46
HERBERT C. SCHMUTZLER, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 4-07-42

RICH CAWLEY, and PHILIP HENGELS. We welcome back TIM ZINNIGER, vault clerk . . . VERNON THORNTON, blind case clerk, and his wife, ANN, returned from three weeks of trailering through Florida . . . FLORENCE GRAY, steno V, spent an enjoyable part of her vacation in Decatur visiting friends . . . Congratulations and good luck are extended to EUGENE JANIA, legal investigator, and JOHN BOSACKI, supervisor of statementmen, on their new homes . . . Congratulations to SANDY CZOSEK, steno II, who bowled a 214 game. Sandy belongs to the St. Francis Borgia mixed bowling league.

- Tom Marchisotto & Kathy May

CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE -

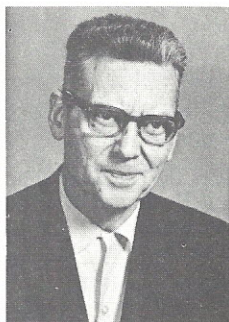
Congratulations to MARY ELLEN CURRY, posting clerk, on her marriage to JAMES GLYNN Jr. November 21 at Little Flower church . . . Welcome back to RAY HEIDENBLUT, carpenter foreman, who is back at work after his stay at Walther Memorial hospital. Also to TONY TESTA, plumber in the Building Division, who is back to work after being off for a month, and to J. MATRISCIANO, tinner, who is back with us after three months on the sick list . . . Congratulations to MIKE KAPPEL, carpenter, who retired November 1 after 40 years of service. Mike was given a party by his fellow workers at 61st & Calumet shops . . . Congratulations to MIKE FOLEY, painter, who also retired November 1 . . . Our sympathy is extended to V. BANNISTER, plumbing foreman, on the death of his wife on October 30 . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the eight-year old daughter of GEORGE SULLIVAN, surveyor, who is in the hospital in serious condition after a fall from her bicycle.

- Nancy Oberle

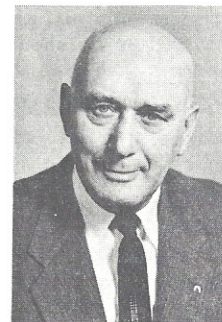
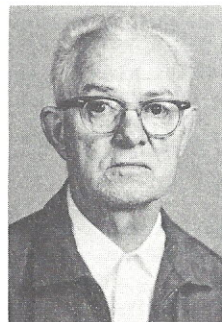
ELECTRICAL -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of retired Third Rail Foreman EBON FRANK, who passed away after a long illness on October 23. Ebon was much thought of by all and will be missed in his passing . . . Congratulations to "B" Helper BILL CORSO, who became a father for the third time when his wife presented him with a baby boy on October 22. The proud parents named the new arrival LARRY SCOTT . . . Happy to report as of this writing that H. D. WILSON, design engineer, returned to work after his recent illness . . . Recently retired lineman BILL EGAR paid us a visit at Chicago avenue shop. Bill looks real good and he told us that he is really enjoying retired life.

Many happy returns to Third Rail Maintenance Foreman CHARLEY KNUTSON, who celebrated a birthday on November 29 . . . Lineman Helper JOE SALAMONE re-



FOUR MEN joining the ranks of the retired December 1 after serving Chicago transit riders for 40 or more years are pictured here. They are (from left to right): MARTIN RONAN, JAMES A. MALONEY, HAROLD W. PARMAN, and EUGENE J. MORIN.



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cently returned from his vacation. Joe, along with some friends, drove up to Grand Junction, Colorado, where they did a lot of hunting. Joe told us that they bagged eight deer and had a wonderful time all the way around... Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lineman JOE NASTI on the loss of his grandmother, who passed away on November 6... As of this writing the following men are on vacation: WALLY DROBENA, JIM KELLY, and ED KRUSZYNA. We all hope they have a wonderful time... EDWARD BOYLE, a lineman with 35 years service, retired on November 1. His last day at work, October 30, was a busy one. Breakfast with 65 of his fellow workers at Blue Island was held in the "Lunde-Loos" tool room. Mr. Wolf presented him with a gift from the company and "best wishes" were extended by Mr. Malottke and Mr. Danecke. We wish Ed and his wife, MARGARET, the best of health and happiness as they go forward to new horizons... We are sorry to report at this time that three of our substation operators are away from work because of illness. They would all appreciate cards and visitors. FRANK DORSCH, J. O'DONNELL and CHARLES PARKS are all resting at home... Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

GENERAL OFFICE (Traffic Planning) -

GERALD DALTON and his wife, PAT, are the happy parents of twin boys, their first born. JOHN GERALD and KEVIN MICHAEL arrived at 5:42 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. on November 8 at St. Bernard's hospital. Paternal grandad GERALD J. DALTON was also passing out cigars at South Shops, where he is employed... RONALD GANCARCZYK was welcomed back to the department after completing six months service with the U.S. Army... And here is a great big apology to JAMES TOOLIS for not reporting his triumph in winning first place prize in the last CTA golf tournament. Really, Jim, nobody tells me these things and I missed seeing the headlines in the paper that day.

(Employee Relations) -

NOREEN CLARK and SUE BARTHEL were bid farewell by co-workers. Noreen will make her home in Toronto, Canada, where her husband is now employed... A welcome was given to MARY RILEY who transferred from Property Accounting and MARY ANN PRELL who came back to the department again from Real Estate... ARLENE ZITTMAN broke the bank at Las Vegas where she recently vacationed... Welcomed to the department recently were CHRISTINE BORCIC, PEGGY McCLELLAND, and RICHARD POLLIZZI.

(Employment) -

MARY KAY (CURTIN) DUNDOVICH left CTA to be a full time housewife in their newly-purchased home and to await a blessed event... EILEEN SHEEHAN transferred back to Employment from Specs to replace Mary Kay.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

MICHAEL McCARTHY, his wife, ELAINE, and baby son, JOHN FRANCIS, are enjoying their new home on the southwest side which they recently purchased.

(Staff Engineering) -

MARION SHELTON of Staff Engineer's Office was married to JOHN STENCEL on Saturday, November 14. The wedding took place at St. Christina's church at 10

o'clock mass. Breakfast was served immediately after the ceremony. Marion is now a north sider - moving from the far South Side... WALLY OQUIST has just purchased a new Chevy.

- Mary E. Clarke

FOREST GLEN -

The stork paid a visit to Operator and Mrs. DONALD E. BRZECZEK and left them a daughter, LISA M. This is the third grandchild for grandpa (Operator EUGENE) and Grandma Breezy. This should be reason enough for grandpa to get himself a Santa Claus suit, as he is proportioned to make a good one. Anyway, good luck to all the Breezys and may Lisa M. bring many moments of joy in their hearts... Operator and Mrs. GEORGE BRIESCHKE were blessed with a baby boy, DANIEL KURT. Congratulations to the Brieschkes and may Daniel Kurt fill the future years with everlasting happiness. I'm willing to wager that grandpa (Pensioner WILLIAM BRIESCHKE) will make a fisherman out of Daniel Kurt... Speaking of grandparents, here is a real grand-daddy. Operator SYLVESTER (Slim) PATELSKI, one of our country cousins from out Antioch way, attended the christening of his 12th grandchild. This one was added to the list by his daughter and son-in-law, GERALDINE and CALVIN KOCHAN. What a Santa Claus this guy would make. He would have to be well padded to fill in many spots... Pensioner THOMAS CALLAN passed away suddenly, as did the mother of Operator HENRY THIEDE.

Operator SVERRE JOHNSON and his wife, DOROTHY, treated themselves to a three-week tour of Europe. They visited England, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, and France. There were countless sights to behold and many, many historical points of interest became a reality after having read about them... BEVERLY ANN, our daughter No. 1, was wed to DENNIS POWELL on September 5. While waiting to walk down the aisle with Bev, I recaptured many memories from the past and of the present before giving her to the man who was to become her husband. It made one realize what a short span there actually is between babyhood and womanhood. The reception was held at the Fontana D'Or, after which the newlyweds left for a three-week trip to the West Coast. They are now residing in their new home in Glendale Heights, Illinois.

I would like to inject a personal note this time of year when we all celebrate the birth of Christ. May all of you, in your own way, make this a joyous holy day. A day mixed with reverence, emotion, and laughter. A day filled with happiness, being with those who are near and dear to you. May the New Year hold for all of you, good health and happiness. Mr. BAILEY, Mr. JOHNSON, and all of us who make up the office force wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a most happy, prosperous, and healthy New Year.

- Frank Carpino

GENERAL OFFICE (Transportation) -

We are happy to have MAX WILLAUCZUS, who has been on the sick list so long, back with us. Max says he feels fine and he looks very fit... EDNA SOUTHWORTH and her father, who is one of our retired employees, just returned from two weeks in sunny Florida visiting relatives... We'll all miss BOB LOUGHRAN, who trans-

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ferred to the Public Information Department to replace JOHN BURGESSON, who was promoted. JOE TUNZI will fill Bob's vacated post. Congratulations to all these boys on their promotions and our sincere good wishes for their future success . . . Besides these personnel changes, the Transportation Department is also undergoing some changes in appearance. Offices are being built and walls erected for the expansion of the Information Section . . . COLLETTE SZCZEPANEK, ALICE MILLER, and ARLENE ZITTMAN drove to Champaign-Urbana for the Illinois vs. Wisconsin football game. They sat in the "card section" and wore blue bibs to set off the big orange "I" for Illinois. Their cheering led the boys to a 29 to 0 victory . . . Line Supervisor B. W. POGUE's son, MICHAEL, a former repairman from Forest Glen, has completed his basic training at Fort Knox and now reports as an E-5 for Flight School Cadet in Texas.

(Reproduction Services) -

Our two new multilith operators are JOHN PAVONI, who transferred to us from the Claim Department, and TERRY LATTIN, who came to us from West Shops where he was a transfer counter.

(Insurance) -

Our receptionist, PAT NEDVAR, is on cloud 9 these days because her fiancé, TOM SCHULER, was discharged after four years of military service. Pat is deep in plans for her wedding which will be in January, 1965.

(Public Information) -

We welcomed BETTE DeWEES HORNBECK to our department. She was formerly with the Purchasing and Employment departments . . . PATRICIA SCHULGET and JOSEPH MIKOS were married on November 28 at the 11:00 Mass at St. Thecla's Catholic church. KATHY O'BRIEN from South Shops and Pat's two sisters were her attendants. There was a reception for about 200 people at the Edgewood Manor after which the happy couple left for a Florida Honeymoon.

(Internal Auditing) -

ED SMITH had a surprise visitor recently from Cumberland, Wisconsin, it was JACK CORDA, former yard foreman of Logan Square. He has been on retirement for the last 10 years. They had quite a session reviewing old things.

- Ann Golding

KEELER -

Well, here it is December and the holidays are upon us again . . . To start off on a sad note is not my intention, but this has to be done. GLENN PETERS, former Keeler operator, passed away October 27. Also R. OSTROWSKI, retired Keeler operator, passed away . . . And now on the good side, this Thanksgiving was a memorable one for Mr. & Mrs. AL PATEREK. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, adding to their enjoyment was the fact that their daughter, who is attending Marion College in Indiana, came in for the occasion. We extend congratulations and may you celebrate many more . . . Mrs. JEAN LASHIN, daughter of Operator STANLEY CENTER, and her husband are the proud parents of a baby girl, DONNA MARIE, born November 10 . . . Operator R. WILSON won a grand prize in a Jewel store contest, worth \$1,400 in groceries . . . Operator LEONARD FOSTER had a ball on his birthday, November 20. Yours truly had a very nice time in Atlanta, Georgia, picking peaches.

- Amos L. Foster



FOR SEVERAL years this nativity scene has been displayed throughout the holiday season in the front yard at 2333 N. Hamlin Avenue. The figures were cut out and painted by COLETTE SZCZEPANEK, stenographer, Transportation Department, and her cousin DANIEL LATA.

KEDZIE -

On November 9 Operator DANIEL DUTKUS was presented with twins, a boy and a girl, the first born to Dan and his wife, MARY. Congratulations and the best of health to mother and babes . . . The Christmas tree and decorations in the trainroom are through the courtesy of the Kedzie Credit Union. Many thanks . . . Our sympathy is extended to the following pensioners: EDWARD HUENING, whose wife passed away October 11, and to STEVE EVANOFF, whose wife passed away November 8, both in St. Petersburg, Florida. The funerals were attended by many of the CTA Pensioners Club members . . . Also our sympathy goes out to Operator and Mrs. WALTER KRUEGER, whose seven-year old granddaughter passed away November 11 . . . The Superintendents and office personnel wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthful and joyous New Year.

-C. P. Stann

LOOP -

My sincere thanks to Agent ANN WASTIER for her splendid job as reporter last month, while I was in the hospital. I have received many compliments on Ann's good work . . . Ticket Agent JUNE B. BARIKMAN, long an admirer of John F. Kennedy, has a head start collecting the John F. Kennedy memorial stamps. These stamps, commemorating our beloved late President, are issued by countries all over the world. Some stamps are single issue, others block plate. They come both perforated and imperforated. The designs are generally colorful and about all stamps show a portrait of John F. Kennedy. Over 100 issues of stamps from countries all over the world will be made available to the public. A word from June, get in on the new issue or you won't be able to meet the price changes. This new topical stamp collection is one of the largest selling in stamp collection today . . . Agent MARY BROWN, as of this writing, is recuperating from her recent operation. Also DAVE GRAFMAN is feeling a little better after a few days off with a bad back. Agent J. F. KAWA had a little time off because of the virus bug. Agent RAY MAPEL is at home after spending a few weeks in St. Elizabeth's hospital. He says he's feeling much better now and hopes to be back with us soon.

We will take this opportunity to extend our wedding congratulations to Ray's daughter and her new husband. They were married November 7 . . . Agent MARGIE SEWARD wishes to thank all of her friends for their kindness when her brother passed away a few weeks ago . . . Our deepest sympathy to Porter O. BUCHANAN, whose mother passed away a few weeks ago. Also to

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Agent DIANE HARRING and her husband, GEORGE, whose mother passed away November 7. George was a former ticket agent and now is in the armed forces . . . Many more happy wedding anniversaries to Agent and Mr. RICHARD REDDING, who celebrated their 25th December 18. Richard is employed with the CTA Pension Department in the mart . . . My husband, DAN, of the Lake street office, and I would like to thank Agent ANN WASTIER and DAVE GRAFMAN and his wife for the lovely cards received on our 25th wedding anniversary . . . Agent W. STRASSER was a guest at the candle light celebration October 25 at McCormick Place. Wilbert's niece, CAROLINE CARR, was among the 25 nurses who received their caps. She is in training at Illinois Research hospital.

- Mildred Doyle

LIMITS -

A delightful vacation was enjoyed by Operator GEORGE LOPEZ and his wife. They spent one week in Miami Beach, Florida, then flew to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to celebrate the birthday of their 15-year old daughter. The daughter's desire was to dance the waltz with her dad on her birthday. Her dad presented her with a stereo and she was surprised. She told her dad she was hoping for just that gift . . . The sudden death of the brother of Operator ROY MEYER was a shock to him and his family. We extend our sympathy here at Limits . . . Operator JOHN KANE's daughter, KATHLEEN, is in her third year of nurses training at Illinois Masonic hospital . . . We know Operator PETE KEANE, who has had 40 years of service, will enjoy his retirement. He retired November 1; best of everything, Pete.

Operator JOHN PAAKONEN spent the last week of his vacation at home installing gas heat and hot water in the garage. The first week was spent visiting in Tomahawk and Rhinelander, Wisconsin . . . Retired Operator CARL TIMM is a medical patient in St. Joseph's hospital at this writing . . . Operator LOUIS GEISHEIMER, his wife and daughter vacationed at Long Lake, Wisconsin. They report fishing as not good . . . Supervisor HOWARD JOSETTI submitted to major surgery at Illinois Masonic hospital. He is recuperating very nicely as of this writing . . . Operator CONRAD JOHNSON and his wife, JEANETTE, spent a weekend in Hartford, Wisconsin, visiting the former's sister. Conrad also picked up the deer which he left in the locker plant after his Canadian hunting trip . . . A weekend in Springfield, Illinois, was enjoyed by Operator TOM GUINAN and family. Tom visited his mother and sisters and also fished in Lake Springfield. He and his sons caught a nice string of channel cat . . . I met Retired Motorman JOHN WILMES recently. John retired out of Lincoln avenue depot in 1951. He is in the best of health and says hello to all . . . Retired Motorman AUGUST HENNING passed away in November.

Mechanic LARRY WOLABER became a grandpa for the first time when his daughter presented him with a baby girl. His daughter has been a teacher of physical education at Kelvyn Park High school . . . Clerk JOE GIOVANNI lost his wife in November after a long illness. All at Limits extend our sympathy . . . Operator GEORGE COOK and his wife vacationed in Florida during November . . . Operator RICHARD STEPHANS hunted for pheasant on the second day and was drenched by rainfall. Too bad it was raining cats and dogs and not pheasant, Dick . . . The mechanical department has the salt spreaders in good shape and ready to roll when needed. Let's

pray they won't be needed . . . We extend our sympathy to Operator CONRAD JOHNSON on the death of his oldest brother . . . The modernization program at Limits has been completed and we are all pleased. The receivers and clerks, superintendents and operators have lots of spacious room. Ed the Janitor has his own room and our modern wash rooms are beautiful . . . Our accident showing at Limits for the third quarter was not so good. Let's hope we can start the New Year with the best record we have ever had . . . Remember you can borrow and save at Limits Credit Union and have a payroll deduction . . . This is the twelfth month and my twelfth column. Here's wishing everyone a very happy and a healthy New Year.

- George Clark

NORTH AVENUE -

Your station superintendents thank you for a teamwork job well done, which gives us a new low traffic and passenger accident record for October. Keep it up. To show appreciation, coffee was served to everyone . . . Supervisor WILLIAM YOUNGLOVE and his wife, MARIE, gave their daughter to PHILLIP SHERRY, in marriage, in St. Giles church, Oak Park, on November 14. The wedding reception was held at Chanticleer. They honeymooned in Hawaii. On their vacation Bill and Marie will visit the newlyweds in Los Angeles, California. Our best wishes to the bride and groom . . . Congratulations to Operator RALPH HARTSELL and his wife, who celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on November 3. They have seven children and 19 grandchildren. Their son, DOUGLAS, was discharged from the U. S. Marine corps recently and their son, RALPH, will complete 20 years of service with the marines December 31 . . . Clerk RAYMOND STRATTON celebrated his birthday on December 7. Instructor AL O'SHAUGHNESSY was 65 years old on November 4, and took his pension on December 1. He started as a conductor at North Depot in 1926. Best wishes and many happy returns to both . . . Good luck to Operator HARRY FREEMAN, who took his pension January 1 after 41 years of service. He is the father-in-law of THOMAS ZILIAK of North Depot.

Operator RALPH CARPINELLI became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter, ROBERTA McCANN, gave birth to a baby girl, TINA MARIE. Congratulations, grandpa . . . Clerk AL ROHDE spent his vacation at Elkhorn, Wisconsin, hunting. He hoped to come back with a deer . . . Operator CHARLES SVOBODA vacationed at Norfolk, Virginia, and Washington, D. C. . . In the Repair Department we welcome JOHN HEEARTY from South Shops and ROBERT FROELICH. We welcome new operators LENTON SPEARS, JAMES BISHOP Jr., CHARLES BOYKINS, A. MEZILLIS, B. JAMES, J. FLORES, P. MIDDLETON, and P. LOWRY. THOMAS KEHOE is now a repairman . . . Our best wishes to Repairman MICHAEL GARRITY, who left for military service. My son, WILLIAM MIEDEMA, returned from military service . . . JOHN CASEY, repair department, reports that his son is fine after an emergency appendectomy . . . Operator AL SKONIE's son, JAMES, had a slight setback and was back in the hospital. We hope that he is well on the road to recovery now . . . GEORGE "Sinatra" KUENSTLE, repair department, reports that his nephew, CHARLES KUENSTLE, has a part in the TV series, "Profiles in Courage." Watch for date and time of series . . . Operator E. OJER lost his father, ANTON, on November 12. Pensioner DANIEL WILSON passed away October 31. Operator WILLIAM MORAN lost his

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sister, VERONICA, on November 3. Our sympathy to these bereaved families.

The following is submitted by Operator FRED WARD. "We may all consider ourselves as good-will ambassadors of the United States, for in a sense that is what we are or should be. I believe that in my short period of time as a bus operator I have had on my bus people from every nation on earth. We will never in our lifetime have a better opportunity to demonstrate to these people from all nations just what the American people are really like, that is, to be kind, considerate and understanding to those with whom we come in contact whether we are on or off duty. Regardless of what our position may be with our splendid CTA, we have a genuine and real opportunity to make someone happy, to make someone's life easier every day. I look forward to going to work every day because I know I will make life more pleasant for somebody before my day is through. I am a firm believer in the saying, 'Keep smiling and the whole world will smile back at you'." We wish all of you a happy holiday season and a blessed and prayerful Christmas. May the New Year bring the best to each of you and peace to the world.

- Bill Miedema

PURCHASING & STORES (Purchasing) -

HARRIETTE CELESTE HERMAN, daughter of IRENE HERMAN, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah October 30 at the Anshe Emet synagogue here in Chicago. Following the ceremony, a reception tea was held in the Community Hall for 500 guests.

(Stores) -

FRANK TAMBURRINO just returned from a wonderfully-relaxing vacation - he said he did nothing but take in the sights of Chicago with his little grandson, DONNIE . . . Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE LEUBSCHER are proudly announcing the birth of their first baby - a girl, DAWN MARIE, who arrived October 29. Mrs. Leubschler will be remembered as MARY MAHER who formerly worked in our Department as a clerk-typist.

(North Division) -

Mr. and Mrs. TOM MADIGAN recently returned from a vacation trip to Washington. Before returning home they also visited Pittsburgh and Youngstown . . . CARMEN CARDOMONE had a grand vacation this year because his brother, TONY, whom he hasn't seen for years, came to visit him. They spent three weeks just "doing Chicago!" Tony is a former CTA employee who worked at the West Shops, has been retired for 13 years, and is now residing in California . . . Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM KENNY are the very proud grandparents of their new No. 11 grandchild, JAMES MATHEW, who was born November 6. Can you imagine what Christmas will be! . . . Mr. and Mrs. BEN CUTRERA were pleasantly surprised when they had a recent addition to their family - their youngest daughter brought home a son-in-law! At the present time they are residing with mom and dad until they find a little place of their own . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to CREED DUGGER, who at this writing is in the Little Company of Mary hospital . . . Our sincere wishes for her very good health go to Mrs. BILL MESSINA, who is presently on the "sick list."

(South Division) -

Well wishes for a most speedy recovery go to EDWARD DeSTEFANO, who is now on the "sick list." . . . The welcome mat was set out once again for the follow-

ign new employees: CYRIL MATEY, file clerk, and WILLIAM FUELNER, PAUL SUNDBLAD and ROBERT TUCKER, stock clerks.

- D. Jane Bell

NORTH PARK -

Operator GENE MORIN, after 40 years of service, retired December 1. Gene and his lovely bride, ALICE, are going to spend the winter in Tucson, Arizona. Gene will then come back to Chicago in the spring and buy a new home in McHenry, Illinois, to be near his son, DON, and his grandchildren. He then will pursue his hobby of gardening and taking his grandchildren out . . . Instructor AL O'SHAUGHNESSY also retired December 1 after 38 years of service. Al, who has been transfer instructor at North Park, is going to take it easy for a while and then start working around his home . . . Ticket Agent TOM O'NEIL, formerly a bus operator of North Park, retired December 1 . . . Operator J. A. "Jim" MALONEY retired December 1 after 40 years of service. Jim's many friends on Western avenue will miss him . . . Operator NICK MUELLER has gone on disability pension and will be sorely missed by his many friends on Kimball avenue . . . Pensioner J. A. (Al) JOHNSON, who is living at 3886 - 21st Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida, would like to hear from some of his old buddies. Al, who recently lost his wife, has been living in St. Petersburg for seven years . . . Pensioner WILLIAM CALDERWOOD, formerly superintendent of North Park, was around visiting and paying his respects last month. Mr. Calderwood looks fit as a fiddle and says he feels great . . . Operator JIM CONNOR, his wife, LORRETTA, and son, RON, spent their vacation visiting relatives in Miami, Florida. They then went through Georgia and ended up visiting the Smoky mountains . . . Operator ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION, spent the last two weeks of their vacation fishing again at Lake Norfolk, Arkansas. Roy and Marion came back with 40 bass and crappies, the largest bass weighing five pounds. While away, Roy's son, JACK, and daughter-in-law, JEAN, gave birth to a daughter named JULIE LYNN.

Operator DALE GILMER and his wife, OPAL, spent their vacation at Newport Ritchie, Florida, visiting Dale's brother-in-law, CARL OSMAN. While down in Florida, Dale went deep sea fishing. He caught a sting ray weighing 25 pounds plus croupiers, grunts, sea trout, and red snappers. They also visited Silver Springs, Wicki Wauki, Anheuser-Busch Gardens, and the dog races . . . Receiver AL REMACK and his wife, DOROTHY, spent Al's last two weeks of vacation touring Turkey Run State Park, Indiana. They then went to Rockville, Indiana, visiting Al's in-laws. Returning home for a day, they then took off to Blackhawk State Park, White Pines State Park and then on to Starved Rock for a few days . . . Operator EDDIE GRON spent the month of October fishing at Otter Lake, Michigan, with B. S. SMITH, a former CTA police officer. While there, they had three snow storms which Ed says separates the men from the boys. Smith uses a line with four lures and catches a different fish on each lure. Ed claims fishing was only fair . . . Operator TED HUBBARD, a former building contractor, has finally decided to retire from building and concentrate on driving a bus on Broadway. Incidentally, Ted is North Park's champion commendation receiver, for which we are all proud of him . . . Sanitary Engineer OSCAR ANDERSON, a past director of the Avondale Model Railroad club, took a big part in their open house held November 8 at the Rogers Park railroad station. The club has a complete layout of track and trains on display.

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ARBLE H. BAXTER, 69, West Section,
Emp. 9-28-26. Died 10-03-64
ARTHUR H. BROWN, 71, Devon,
Emp. 7-26-26. Died 10-15-64
ROBERT C. BURGESS, 91, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-18-04. Died 10-28-64
HENRY CHARLETON, 82, Way & Struct.
Emp. 6-20-21. Died 9-28-64
FRANK COLAO, 81, South Section,
Emp. 10-11-09. Died 10-10-64
GEORGE H. COX, 77, Devon,
Emp. 7-07-07. Died 10-30-64
EBON A. FRANK, 61, Electrical,
Emp. 7-06-36. Died 10-23-64
JOSEPH GINGRAS, 58, 52nd Street,
Emp. 6-2-45. Died 10-20-64
MARTIN HENNESSY, 79, Lincoln,
Emp. 4-23-14. Died 10-11-64
HERBERT HOWE, 86, West Section,
Emp. 8-22-24. Died 10-14-64
JOHN E. JORDAN, 67, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-10-19. Died 10-03-64
HENRY N. KIRBACH, 73, Keeler,
Emp. 1-23-23. Died 10-22-64
LEO KOZLOWSKI, 51, South Shops,
Emp. 9-24-45. Died 10-23-64
CONSTANTINE E. KUROSKE, 72, Archer,
Emp. 5-20-27. Died 10-25-64
JOSEPH LOBACZ, 77, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-02-26. Died 10-24-64
THOMAS MAHONEY, 61, South Section,
Emp. 4-11-23. Died 10-03-64
LOUIS MARTINA, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-25-08. Died 10-03-64
EDWARD J. MARTINEK, 85, Metropolitan,
Emp. 8-17-23. Died 10-20-64
JOSEPH McHALE, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-16-26. Died 10-03-64
HARRY W. METCALF, 94, South Section,
Emp. 2-23-10. Died 10-03-64
NICHOLAS G. MEYER, 68, Way & Struct.
Emp. 2-20-23. Died 10-04-64
DONALD M. MOORE, 71, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-21-43. Died 10-20-64
CHARLES MUSE, 70, West Section,
Emp. 1-27-46. Died 10-19-64

ERIK E. OLSON, 84, West Shops,
Emp. 6-03-03. Died 10-15-64
ANTON OSTROWSKI, 74, West Shops,
Emp. 8-19-19. Died 10-16-64
ROBERT OSTROWSKI, 57, Keeler,
Emp. 10-14-42. Died 10-29-64
JOSEPH PALAZZO, 79, North Division,
Emp. 4-04-21. Died 10-13-64
GLEN B. PETERS, 66, Keeler,
Emp. 5-17-28. Died 10-27-64
MATTHIAS J. RECK, 71, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-23-19. Died 10-16-64
TIMOTHY REILLY, 83, Lawndale,
Emp. 1-11-12. Died 10-01-64
DANIEL RICCIO, 70, Desplaines,
Emp. 9-23-37. Died 10-22-64
STANLEY ROGERS, 64, Archer,
Emp. 2-11-24. Died 10-27-64
RICHARD H. ROWLAND, 83, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 9-07-03. Died 7-16-64
LAWRENCE RYAN, 87, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 10-10-07. Died 10-01-64
HOSEA L. SMITH, 61, Lake Street,
Emp. 10-27-38. Died 10-23-64
JOHN A. TESSNER, 80, Lincoln,
Emp. 5-03-18. Died 10-01-64
JENS T. TRANEKIER, 60, West Section,
Emp. 9-22-43. Died 10-28-64
RICHARD M. WALDRON, 74, District "C",
Emp. 6-04-13. Died 10-18-64
FRED R. WALGREN, 79, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 7-01-18. Died 10-20-64
STANLEY WALIK, 73, West Shops,
Emp. 8-02-21. Died 10-29-64
STANLEY WESLEY, 74, Transportation,
Emp. 1-31-24. Died 10-29-64
ROBERT W. WILLOUGHBY, 77, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-13-09. Died 10-06-64
DANIEL WILSON, 81, Transportation,
Emp. 12-21-09. Died 10-31-64
JOSEPH J. YUSKA, 79, Archer,
Emp. 4-22-20. Died 10-18-64
ALFONS ZOLNERUN, 77, South Shops,
Emp. 5-10-26. Died 9-19-64

Visitation nights are held every Friday at 8:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome . . . Operator VIC MICETIC did his usual fine job of coaching the St. Francis Borgia school football team. Vic is also an official of the league . . . Instructor GEORGE RELSTAB, and his wife, EVELYN, celebrated their 28th anniversary October 17. Many friends and relatives of theirs gave them a big surprise party. George had gone to bed early but soon awakened when the guests started arriving . . . Operator REED PEOPLE and his wife, MABEL, celebrated their second anniversary November 15. Reed, a genial host, invited a number of their friends for a grand evening of festivities.

Operator ART EBERLEIN, who is on disability pension, spent 12 days in Alexian Brothers hospital taking whirlpool and heat treatments and also had an operation on his foot. At last reports, Art is coming along fine. . . Operator KEN BLOCKER, and his wife, EMMA, had a new arrival named DUANE, born August 19 . . . Opera-

tor ARTHUR JAMES and his wife, SYLVIA, had a son named ARTHUR Jr., born October 26. Junior is the James' first born . . . Operator RALPH ROUETTE and his wife, LORRAINE, had a son named TODD ALLEN born September 2. Ralph now has four sons and one girl . . . Happy birthdays are extended to Mrs. MABEL PEOPLE, November 15; Clerk BOB PETERSEN, November 13; Instructor GEORGE RELSTAB, October 2, and EVELYN RELSTAB, October 28 . . . Our sympathy is extended to Operator GARRY NOONAN on the loss of his sister, Mrs. EILEEN VALLONE; Operator J. H. KLEFBACH on the loss of his father; to the family of Pensioner RICHARD WALDRON, and to Bus Cleaner MIKE O'MALLEY on the loss of his wife . . . Operator JAMES HOLMES was seen sporting a new black tie for uniform inspection and it sure looked good on him . . . Operator HANK SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, recently entertained Mrs. Schramm's sister, MARGARET, and niece, SUSAN, of Glenside, Pennsylvania . . . The Little Flower communion breakfast on October 25 was attended



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by a large crowd. Father Paul and the committee members wish to thank everyone for their fine cooperation... The North Park Credit Union's annual business meeting will be held January 8 at the Legion Hall on 4731 North Western avenue starting at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

Operator JOE RANALLO is in Veterans hospital for diagnosis and we hope to see him soon at work... Foreman ED JAEGER has returned to work after being off several months... Repairman TONY GALLA is busy making sausage for the holidays and will fill orders as fast as he can... Repairman GEORGE JONASON spent his vacation lolling around the state of Florida and is sporting a beautiful tan... Repairman IRA BASHAM has returned to North Park after being stationed at Forrest Glen... Repairman FRANK KOOB has been confined at St. Francis hospital for diagnosis. Hurry back, Frank, we all miss you... Repairman A. SCARPELLI spent his vacation on the Upper Michigan Peninsular and bagged his limit of deer... Repairman GEORGE WITT has been sporting a black eye, but so far he will not admit how he received it... Operator ARTURO VALDEZ and his wife report the birth of a son on October 22. The Valdez family now numbers four boys and three girls... All of the office personnel, Superintendents CHARLES KERR, ROBERT CHRISTIAN, and MILES DeWITT, Instructor GEORGE RELSTAB, and janitors, receivers, and the clerks, wish to extend the season's greetings to all employees of this station and their families.

- Melvin Horning

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

We welcome E. IVY and JOHN F. LYNCH, traffic checkers, to the department... R. LA VOIE, schedule clerk, spent a four-week vacation visiting the capitals of the European countries... KAY BATINA, BERNADETTE KIZIOR, and LAURA SCHRECKE took MARGARET VIDAL to Fritzel's restaurant for a birthday dinner. Everyone had a nice time... PETE MILLS, former traffic checker, went through surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery... ED FEINBERG, traffic clerk, had a heart attack in the lunch room and was taken to the Edgewater hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery.

ED REILLY, schedule maker, and his family were aroused at 4:30 a.m. due to a fire caused by the furnace. Too bad things were damaged by heavy smoke, but happy no one was injured... KAY BATINA, typist, was home on the sick list but we are happy to have her back with us... Your scribe served on jury service for two weeks in the circuit court... Everyone in our department wish all our friends a very happy holiday season.

- Laura Schrecke

SKOKIE SHOPS -

Skokie Shops is now flying the American flag. We recently installed a 40-foot flag pole of which we are all very proud... Truckmen VINCE KORTZ, FRED EGGER, and MARTIN GRIFFIN are all in the hospital at this writing. Get well soon, fellows... ALICE JENSEN, wife of HOWARD (Howie) JENSEN, clerk, is recovering at home from a recent heart attack. Glad you're better, Alice... HENRY HITTERMAN, retired foreman, recently paid Skokie a visit. It's about five years since

Henry left us and he is looking better than ever... IVO DI PIERO, carpenter, and his wife proudly announce the engagement of their son, MICHAEL, to BECKY COLBY, a student at Illinois State University. Their engagement was announced at a combination Halloween and engagement party. Ivo also attended a homecoming at Western Illinois University at Macomb.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

Here we all are once more in the holiday season. This is really a busy time of the year with Christmas shopping and wrapping presents, the extra cooking, the visiting, and having company come over to your home, but it sure is fun... Yard Foreman WALLY BROWN and his wife had a swell vacation. They visited with friends in Henryetta, Oklahoma, and then spent a week at Mountain Home, Arkansas, doing some fishing and visiting with Retired Motorman CHARLES McMORROW and his wife who live there. The McMorrrows send their regards to everyone... We wish many years of health and good fortune to Motorman EDWARD HENNESSY, who went on pension November 1. He treated everyone to sweetrolls on his last day working. He had 38 years of service and all his co-workers miss his cheery smile and disposition around 61st street... "Hello" to newly transferred agent to the South Section - RICHARD FIELDS... 61st Shop Foreman CHARLES DOWLING and his wife vacationed in Florida and while there visited with Retired Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations GEORGE ROESING and his wife who live in Clearwater, Florida... Welcome to JOHN MULLIGAN, who was transferred from clerk, West Section, to clerk at 61st street on the p.m. shift.

Assignment Agents JERE VINZENS and LILLIAN CULLINAN and Retired Agent ESTHER McDERMOTT took off on a fall vacation to New York City and took in the sights at the World's Fair. Then they went to Washington, D.C., and toured the capital buildings and the Gettysburg battlefields. A good time was had by all... Retired Switchman FRED McDOLLE was around visiting the boys at 61st street recently. He said he did quite a bit of fishing this summer and saw Retired Conductor THOMAS WHITE quite often... On the sick list at this time are: Motorman JIMMIE WHITTAKER, Conductor THOMAS BEEGAN, Collector AUGUST GRABE, Agents SANDRA MITCHELL and CORNELIUS WATSON, and Porter JASPER ARNOLD. We hope all a speedy recovery and that they will be back at work soon... Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY really has an active life. Received a card that he took a boat trip from Miami over to Nassau. He said the trip is so much fun and the scenery and climate at Nassau was out of this world... Good luck to Conductor ROBERT BENSON who resigned to accept another position.

Senior Station Instructor JAMES WALSH and his family drove to New York City and took in the many wonderful sights and things to do in New York. Then they went on to Niagara Falls... Retired Conductor JOHN LEVINS, who was in the hospital recently, is now back home... Receiving passenger commendations recently and being enrolled in the Courtesy Caravan Club are: Conductor NEIL SULLIVAN, who retrieved a woman's watch she left on the train, and Conductor MARVIN KISSEL for assisting a woman who dropped her packages... Agent AMY GRANT wishes to thank all her co-workers for their thoughtfulness in the many telegrams and cards

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sent her when her father passed away recently . . . Retired Supervisor ROBERT BROWN was in to see us recently. He really keeps busy all the time and looks wonderful . . . Best wishes to Porter LEVY RICHARDSON, who was transferred from the South Section to the North Section . . . We were shocked to hear that our former office porter who was on pension, FRANK DeBERRY, passed away down in Waco, Texas, recently. Our condolences to Mrs. DeBerry . . . This year Switchman BOB JOHNSON spent his two weeks of naval reserve training in Charleston, South Carolina . . . Don't forget to attend the South Side "L" Credit Union 28th annual meeting and get-together to be held at Viking Temple, 69th and Emerald avenue, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 24, 1965. I'm sure a good time will be had by all. There will be free refreshments and door prizes . . . A hearty welcome back to Trainman RICHARD BROOKS, who has just returned from a two-year military leave with the U.S. Army . . . A Merry Christmas to you and yours.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

JOHN GRANVILLE, garage instructor, and his wife became proud grandparents for the second time when their daughter, BONNIE, presented them with a baby girl, DONNA LEE . . . Congratulations to DIANA LEE McLEMORE, former receptionist and reporter at South Shops, and her husband, DAN, on the arrival of their first baby, JAMES SCOTT . . . EDWARD MOORE, retired from the Machine Shop for 21 years, and his wife will soon celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary. When their anniversary comes, Ed will be 86 and his wife will be 82 . . . JOHN LORIS, of our sign and upholstering department at the South Shops received an award from the Archer Brighton Community Conservation Council in October in appreciation and recognition of outstanding community pride he has shown, through his conscientious endeavor and willingness to keep his area, yard, surrounding premises and the street a shining example for all to admire . . . FRED MOMMSEN, print shop, won a 19" portable Admiral television in a raffle at the South Shops. The money acquired will go to the annual picnic.

An article written by BILL MAYER, the congenial and affable clerk author at the South Shops, has appeared in the air base paper in Turkey. The title of the article is "Grandpa." Bill has written several other articles some of them very humorous. Two of which have been published . . . Our deepest sympathy to the families of BOB ADAIR and LEO KOZLOWSKI, who have passed away. Bob worked in the Electrical Department; Leo was foreman of the Machine Shop . . . JOE HECHT, general foreman, spent a week's vacation traveling down the Mississippi river from Dubuque, Iowa, to St. Louis, Missouri . . . FRAN LOUWARD, South Shops office, spent a week in Washington, D.C., touring the city and taking in the sights . . . Blacksmith Shop Foreman TOM PAWLEY visited his mother in Phoenix, Arizona, and spent four days in Mexico enjoying the bull fights . . . ROBERT TYSON, son of ANDY TYSON, South Shops office, is in Chicago on a 23-day leave. After his leave Bob will return to Ft. Hood to continue his two-year stay in the army . . . The South Shops Credit Union will hold its annual meeting dinner dance on February 6, 1965, at Jack Kilty's restaurant. Anyone belonging to the credit union is invited to bring their family and friends.

- Al Haas & Karen Hoffman

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Best wishes for a very happy birthday and for years more of good health and prosperity were sent to general foreman E. R. HENDRICKSON . . . A hearty welcome was extended to RAYMOND JOHNSTON and ANTHONY ANAGNOSTOPOULOS who transferred from Lake street to Howard street. The boys at Howard also welcomed T. BARDZINSKI and RAYMOND EICHELBERG. The fellows who enjoyed nice weather for the last minute preparations for winter were EARL HASKELL, HENRY DICKERSON, PATRICK O'CONNOR and JOSEPH MORRISON . . . Congratulations to RALPH DANIELSON, Lake street, who won the Sojex trophy. Ralph displayed his stamp collection which includes items from 1600 to 1850 in Atlantic City, New Jersey . . . Its good to see ART FOURNIER back at work after being sick.

Congratulations to JOHN CANNELLA of Congress and his wife, VICTORIA, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 25. John's daughters, JANET and LOUISE, planned a surprise party which included the bridesmaids and ushers from the wedding party and many of their friends. Mrs. Cannella then began to cry, probably because she was so happy but John wanted to know if the past 25 years were that bad. John gave his wife a lovely present and started on another 25 years of marital bliss . . . Congratulations to D. DEFINA, who was promoted to "B" repairman . . . Proud father, JOHN DANIELS, received word that his son, DENNIS, arrived safely in San Juan, Argentina, and he will spend two years there performing his mission duties on behalf of the Latter Day Saints church . . . Your reporter would like to take this opportunity to wish one and all a very blessed and joyous Christmas and may everyone share in a year of health, happiness and prosperity.

- Ray Bryczek

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

It was Aloha week in Hawaii when Agent MARGUERITE McMAHON and her sisters arrived for a three-week stay during which they had the use of a beautiful spacious residence and were lavishly entertained by her nephew . . . Agent MADELINE HAYES spent part of her vacation at Wedron. Agent BLANCHE THOMAS was also at Wedron on vacation at that time and MINNIE TONN, pensioner, accompanied by her sister were just leaving there. Miss Hayes later went to Pittsburgh to visit her niece, DOROTHY . . . Agent MARY NOLAN visited with friends about town on her vacation . . . Porter JOHN TULO went to see a brother in St. Louis and Porter GEORGE BARREN had a great time in Wisconsin and Michigan on his vacation . . . PRUDENTIA REILLY, Lake Street agent, retired in November. CATHERINE SMITH, agent on the Douglas retired in December. Porter HAROLD SOUTH also became a man of leisure in December. We wish them many years of health and happiness. It was very pleasant working with them and we will miss them . . . Our heartfelt sympathy to Agent EDWARD DURKIN, whose sister, Mrs. ANNA O'CONNOR, passed away and also to Porter OTIS BUCHANAN, who lost his mother.

Agent PEGGY DeFILLIPS is back to work after her illness . . . Pensioner THOMAS SHIELDS has recovered from a virus attack . . . JAMES KOVANDA, agent, formerly of Lawndale, was home for Thanksgiving after a stay at Hines hospital. Good Luck, Jim . . . Porter ORA MILLER is back at work after an injury received from romping with his dog . . . Lake Street Agent VERONICA MICHELS' injured arm is better and Agent PAUL

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MILLER is back to work . . . Congratulations to Lake Street Clerk DANIEL DOYLE and his wife, MILDRED, agent, on their 25th wedding anniversary which was celebrated with a surprise dinner attended by their lovely family and close relatives at the Barn in Oak Lawn. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle and their son, who is a mechanic at Beverly, were part of a welcoming group when their son returned home from South Viet Nam. Their daughter-in-law was waiting to present her husband with a beautiful new born baby boy, EDWARD STEVEN DOYLE.

Regular conductor on the Douglas, DONALD GRAY, and his wife, MILDRED, have their arms full these days and are very happy taking care of the twins, DONALD Jr. and a little girl, KELLY . . . Agent SAM STIPATI, formerly of the North Shore, got a new coppertone stove which inspired him to take up cooking. "What's your favorite recipe?" he says these days. He means it, too . . . A great big welcome to those recently hired and now working with us. So nice having you . . . Agents ARLENE SWANSON, FRANK SLATER, and Porter AUSTIN YOUNG are going around with deluxe smiles. They all have secrets. Read this column next month and learn what they are.

On October 29 a pension party was held at Logan Square terminal to honor Trainmen NICHOLAS KRIER and HARRY PARMAN. Refreshments were served and many friends were there to wish them many happy retirement years . . . MICHAEL, son of MARY BURROWS, ticket agent, has been appearing at the Civic Opera house as an extra. This is part of his drama training at Tuley High school. We wish you much success, Michael . . . At this writing, CATHERINE DALY is enjoying her vacation in sunny Florida . . . We are glad to see E. DURKIN back on the job after being on the sick list for some time . . . Agent M. HENRY is back after spending a wonderful vacation in Ireland . . . Sorry to hear LOUISE DREWS was hospitalized. She is home now and we hope it won't be too long until she is back . . . Agent MARIE MULVIHILL's son, former student agent HARRY, is stationed with the army in Heidelberg, Germany. We hear he is the personal guard to a general.

Agent RAY MAPLE is on the sick list. Congratulations on the marriage of your daughter, Ray . . . ROBERT BRANDT and his grandmother, HELEN PALLISTER, took a one-day tour of Springfield. The weather was beautiful and they had a good time while absorbing Illinois history . . . The West Side agent's club held their annual dinner December 6. It is so nice to see all our friends at least once a year. They are looking for new members, so you agents who are interested please contact M. HAYES or E. J. DILLON . . . GORDON KELLY, your former reporter, has joined the ranks of the retired. We all thank him for doing a fine job. I especially want to thank him for all the help he has given me. He was wonderful. Many happy years, Gordon, and don't get out of touch with us . . . To one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

- Helen Pallister & Julia Brousek

69TH STREET -

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Our regular scribe is on vacation so I'm pinch hitting for him this month . . . Superintendents TOM SCREEN and CARL GIBES wish everyone the very best for the holidays and to be extra careful during the winter season . . . Opera-

tor PERCY PASSMORE bought a new home at 89th and Lowe. Percy says he thinks everyone should have their own home even if it's just for the privacy alone . . . Operator TOM PRITCHARD is very proud of his two daughters who are nurses at St. Bernard hospital. My little girl, ELIZABETH ANN, who is only four months old, was at the hospital and she was taken care of by ROSEMARY and ANN. Rosemary is an instructor of Pediatrics and Ann has just taken her final state board exams . . . Operator TOM GURIN also bought a new home at 115th and Hamlin. Tom is also very happy over his third grandson, STEPHAN JAMES . . . FRANK MAY of 77th street shops recently chartered a bus to take scouts to the ice show. Frank likes to do active things for kids. Being a scoutmaster is one of them.

DENNIS MURPHY, son of receiver TIM MURPHY, came in 7th in a field of 75 boys in a cross-country race recently held on the North Side. Dennis is a freshman at Leo . . . Operator SAM BURNS' brother, JIM, is now a marine stationed at Long Beach, California . . . Operator JOHN MONAR is very proud of his two boys, DANIEL and ROBERT, who are studying to be priests at Quigley South. Daniel is in his third year and Robert his first . . . Operator AL PAVLIK, who has been ill since last May, will not be back on the buses. Al is applying for a loader's job . . . Operator HANK RISCH has been under the weather for a spell. Hank, the C. V. S. boys wish you a speedy recovery. They miss you on Damen . . . As of this writing JIM STERLING, WALTER SHIPYOR, and GEORGE COSTELLO are on the sick list. Hope they will be back with us soon . . . Operator TIM MULVEY and his wife, PAT, have their hands full with their three boys JIM, JOHN, and TOM. The boys are winning all the fights on the block . . . Loader CHESTER BIRD and his wife, MARGARET, have been married for 28 years. The Birds have a son who is married and a daughter living at home.

Operator ANDY BISCHAK and his wife, LILLIANE, took a vacation trip to the New York World's Fair and then spent some time in Washington, D.C. Andy has a son who is an actor with the Goodwin Studios. His name is LYNN . . . Operator ARTHUR JOE and his wife, DELORES, are very proud of their children, TERRY ANN and ARTHUR Jr. Some of you may remember Joe as a ball player with the champions of Archer Station . . . Operator JOHN and JEAN ARENDT have been married for 24 years. They have two sons, JOHN and DON . . . The credit union officers wish everyone the very best for the Holidays and want to remind everyone to pick up their quarterly statements when the notice appears . . . Operator EMORY NASH and his wife, LEONA, had their seventh grandchild when ANTHONY JOHN recently checked in . . . Operator IRVING and IDA HENDERSON are very proud of their daughter, CYNTHIA, who will graduate from Dwight Eisenhower. Cynthia is president of her class, treasurer of the graduating class, and member of the honor society. Dad attended the father and daughter day recently held at the school . . . Operator NICK TRIFON and his wife, PAT, now have two cars in the family. Nick is one of our line instructors . . . Operator PETE MANNARELLI rates high as 69th station's "courtesy man of the year." Pete is on the courtesy list every month . . . Operator ED ORACKI recently suffered a black eye when he fell off a hassock chasing a spider climbing up the wall. Ed has a brother, RAY, who is also a driver here at 69th.

- Walter C. Stone

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