

# TRANSIT NEWS

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# New Year Starts With New Pension Contract

RENEWAL AND revision of the Chicago Transit Authority pension contract, covering approximately 11,400 members of Divisions 241 and 308 of the Amalgamated Transit Union, was approved January 7 by Chicago Transit Board.

Under the new contract, effective January 1, 1965, which expires December 31, 1967, CTA contributions to the plan are increased from eight per cent to nine per cent. Employee contributions are increased from four to five per cent of yearly earnings through 1967. Besides providing for the cost of the new benefits, the increase in contributions by CTA and employees covers deficiencies in the contributions experienced prior to January 1, 1965.

The new agreement contains the following changes and amendments:

An increase in the minimum pension of \$75.00 per month to \$100.00 per month provided the employee has 20 years of continuous service and has attained the age of 65 years or more.

The minimum disability allowance of \$75.00 is increased to \$100.00 provided the employee has 10 years of continuous service.

The new contract also provides for an increase of \$10.00 per month in the retirement or disability allowance now being paid to employees who retired prior to June 1, 1948.

Employees retiring at the age of 64 with 30 years of continuous service or more will have a reduction of two and one-half per cent of their pension instead of five per cent as now specified under the plan.

Employees retiring at age 63 with 30 years of continuous service or more will have a reduction of six and one-half per cent of their pension instead of ten per cent as now specified under the plan.

Employees retiring at age 62 with 30 years of continuous service or more will have a reduction of 12 per cent of their pension instead of 15 per cent as now specified under the plan.

Death benefits have been added by the new contract for employees retiring on or after January 1, 1965. The stipulations and amounts to be paid beneficiaries of employees follow:

Employees retiring on or after January 1, 1965, at the age of 65 with 20 years continuous service, \$4,000.

Employees retiring at or after age 62 and prior to age 65 with continuous service of 20 years, \$3,000.

Employees retiring at or after age 58 and prior to age 62 with 20 years of continuous service, \$2,500.

Employees retiring with less than 20 years of service, \$1,000.

Pension payments to 5,482 retired employees as of January 1, 1964, are now averaging \$104.06 per month per employee. This computation of the average pension payment is based upon normal, early and disability retirements, and upon pension payments to employees who receive benefits in accordance with the pension plans established by the former Surface Lines, Rapid Transit and Chicago Motor Coach companies. CTA employees also are eligible for the established Social Security benefits in addition to the company pension.

CTA contributions to the employee pension plan will approximate \$7,875,000 a year, and employee contributions will total approximately \$4,375,000 annually.

On the basis of the current number of employees, and their current earnings, the projected increases in pension costs will be \$875,000 for the employees and for CTA during 1965.

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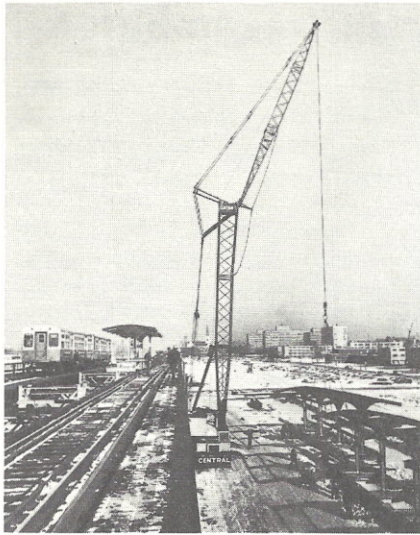
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OUR COVER: January, the first month of the new year, is usually a month of bleak skies and wicked winter weather. But it has its compensations. While it is not welcomed when it brings snow to the city streets, heavy with traffic, it beautifies the countryside landscape and is enthusiastically greeted by youngsters with sleds. Our cover photo captures such a scene as F. A. Johnson of CTA's Training and Accident Department, and his wife, Dodie, and their children, Bruce, Kris and Doug, enjoy a family outing in a picturesque setting dominated by an old-fashioned windmill.

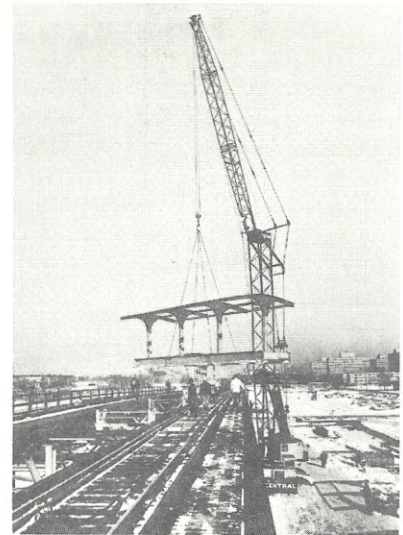




## Steelwork for New 35th Station

### Erected in Record Time

VIEWS FROM elevated structure show crane lifting a prefabricated section of the new Tech-35th station platform and swinging it into position between the two North-South rapid transit route tracks.



CTA IRONWORKERS on December 6 erected new structural steel for the platform and canopy at the 35th-Tech station of the North-South rapid transit route as a preliminary step in the reconstruction of the station which was damaged by fire on October 17, 1962.

New steelwork had already replaced timber shorings which had supported the structure since the fire.

The prefabricated parts for the platform and canopy, in 11 sections, were assembled on the ground and then hoisted and placed in position on the existing structure by a crane and boom working from the east side of the structure.

The crews completed the work within 12 hours after the starting time. Regular service on the North-South route was maintained while the work was in progress.

With a foot of snow on the ground and the temperature near 10 degrees, the ironworkers started erection of the steel at 7:00 a.m., and by 7:20 a.m. the first pre-assembled platform and canopy section was bolted in place. With the aid of portable lights, the final section was erected at 5:20 p.m. The longest section was 58 feet and weighed 30,000

pounds. A total of 229,000 pounds of steel was erected while normal train service continued during this 10-hour period.

The erection of the new structural steel and canopy is only one phase of the overall project of reconstructing the 35th-Tech station, which is scheduled for completion early this year.

The first phase of the structural steel remodeling started July 15, 1964. During this phase two stairways leading to the platforms were removed. Several sections of the steel structure extensively damaged by the fire were replaced with new steel, as were other portions which had buckled from the tremendous heat.

When the reconstruction project is completed, the train platform, about 424 feet long and 15 feet wide, will be of concrete. The canopy covering the entire platform will be constructed of beige plastic-coated steel panels.

The overall project also includes a new street level station building at 35th street, a 120-foot enclosed walkway, an escalator and stairway leading to the platform, and an auxiliary station at 34th street. The contract cost of the completely fire-proofed installation is \$342,510, plus \$79,390 for the structural steel.

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## Riding Increase in Last Half of '64 Reported

AN ENCOURAGING gain in CTA riding was marked in 1964 with an increase of 1,526,122 revenue passengers over 1963, Chairman George L. DeMent of Chicago Transit Board announced recently.

"The increase came about in the last six months, since riding was down from 1963 by about two million revenue passengers at the end of June," commented Mr. DeMent. "This upward trend is encouraging because it is the first year since 1959

that riding has increased over a previous year."

Revenue passengers in 1963 amounted to 492,344,912 and 493,871,034 in 1964 for an increase of .31 per cent.

"No definite predictions can be made for 1965; however, we are hopeful that this increase will continue and transit riding will approach the post-war records," said Mr. DeMent.



## 15 Employees Win Suggestion Awards in December

FIFTEEN EMPLOYEES shared \$100.00 in awards during the month of December for ideas submitted to the Employee Suggestion Plan committee.

Top winners for the month with \$15.00 awards each were Stephen A. Sluzinski, Shops and Equipment, South Shops, and Michael B. Vasquez, Shops and Equipment, Lake Street. A \$10.00 award went to Frank J. Duczman, Shops and Equipment, Beverly.

Five general office employees each received \$5.00 awards. They were: Edward B. Thorne,

Stores; Walter J. Thomas, Schedule-Traffic; Michael F. Verdonck, General Accounting; John R. Kolon, Revenue; and Michael J. McCarthy, Training and Accident Prevention.

Other \$5.00 winners were: Robert Lehor, Shops and Equipment, Kedzie; Nello Paolicchi and Arthur O'Brien, Shops and Equipment, Skokie; Alfred C. Schuster, Electrical, Blue Island; Frank R. Stelzer, surface system, North Avenue; Frank T. Slater, rapid transit system, West Section, and Bernard T. Sobkowiak, also of rapid transit system, West Section.

## Four Named to Transportation Department Posts

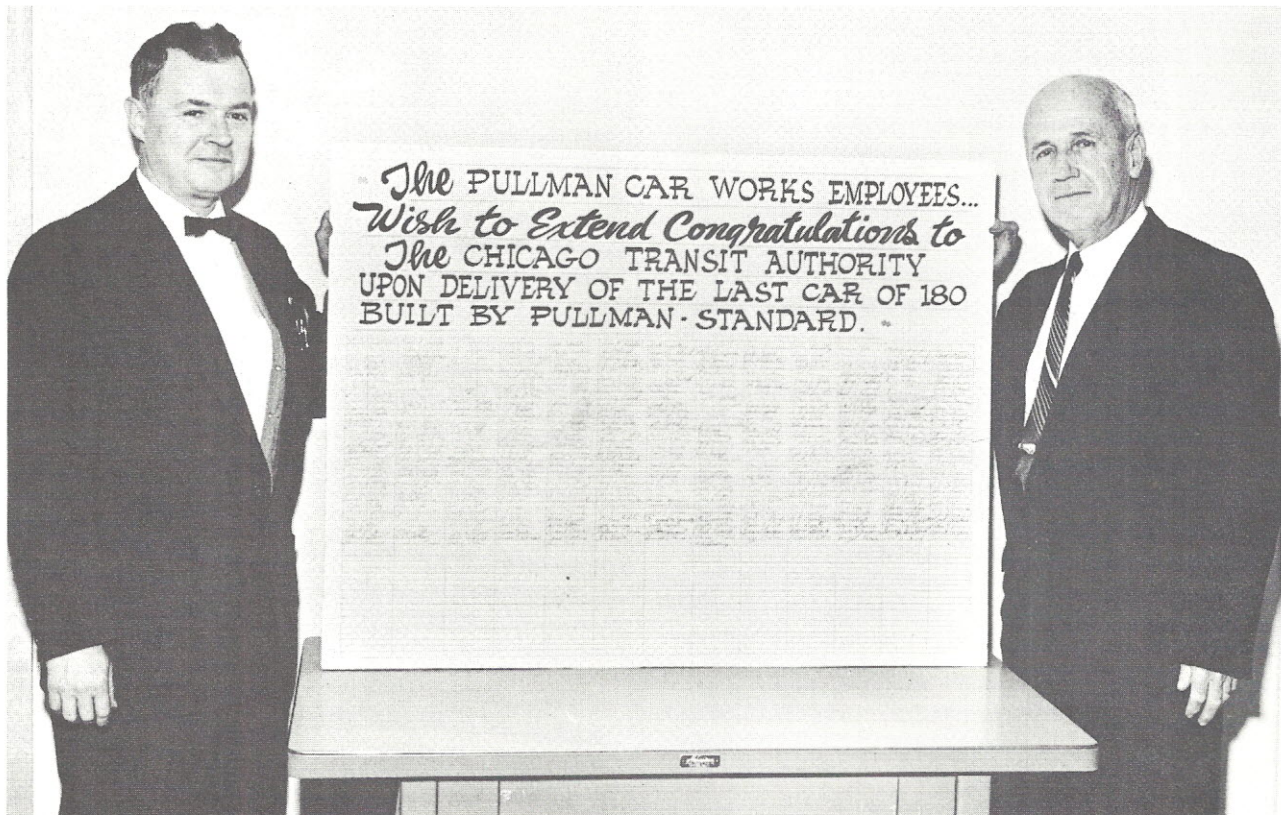
NEW APPOINTMENTS affecting Transportation Department station personnel were announced effective December 20 by D.M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation.

They are: G.T. May, appointed station superintendent, Limits; W. J. Moser, named assistant station superintendent, North Avenue; G. W. Daubs,

relief station superintendent, Kedzie-North, and Louis R. Mueller, senior station instructor, North Avenue.

The appointments were approved by Charles E. Keiser, operating manager, and T. B. O'Connor, general manager.

SIGNATURES OF more than 400 Pullman-Standard employees who helped build the new 2000 series "New Look" air-conditioned rapid transit cars appear on a king-size poster card congratulating CTA on completion of the order for 180 cars now in service on rapid transit routes. Displaying the card at Skokie Shops are, left, H. G. Doering, general foreman, and L. H. Reichard, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals.





# TEN YEARS AGO -

## CTA Highlights of 1955

(Condensed from Stories printed in CTA TRANSIT NEWS)

**JANUARY** - RECEIVED first two units of an order for 120 all-metal "L"-subway cars. These cars were part of a program whereby component parts of "Green Hornet" streetcars were used. Delivery also was started on an order of 100 odorless buses from Flexible Coach company and Twin Coach company.

**FEBRUARY** - Blue Island Depot closes on January 16. One of the oldest surface system stations, it was established before the turn of the century and dated back to the cable and horsecar days.

**APRIL** - First nominal charge self-service Park 'N' Ride lot established at Kimball and Lawrence avenue terminal of the Ravenswood rapid transit route.

**MAY** - Courtesy Caravan starts with two training buses beginning scheduled visits to all surface operating stations.

**JUNE** - Start work on construction of new inner loop station building at Randolph-Wells. Work progresses on east end of new Congress superhighway and rapid transit facility.

**JULY** - Three surface system stations retired. Affected were Cottage Grove, Ravenswood and Wilcox. Track laid for first section of new West Side high-speed rapid transit route in median strip of Congress expressway.

**SEPTEMBER** - Eighty more rapid transit cars, converted from "Green Hornet" streetcars, ordered by CTA.

**OCTOBER** - Test four high-performance, light-weight rapid transit cars on speed run. Attain speed of 76 miles per hour.

**NOVEMBER** - Complete construction of temporary supports for Garfield Park elevated structure over Congress expressway just west of Kostner avenue. Project was necessary to speed up opening of four and one-half miles of expressway between Laramie and Ashland avenues.

**DECEMBER** - CTA's third new modern operating station, Forest Glen, placed in service. Built at a cost of \$2,500,000, it consisted of a service and maintenance plant and motor bus storage yard and a trolley bus storage yard. A transportation building was built later.

### CHANGES IN FAMILY STATUS AFFECT BENEFICIARY

When death, marriage, divorce or other changes in family status make it necessary to change the beneficiary named for your life insurance and retirement fund, it should be done at once.

#### FOR ACTIVE EMPLOYEES

Change of Beneficiary forms for both are available through your department head.

#### FOR RETIRED EMPLOYEES

To change the beneficiary, write the Secretary of the Retirement Committee, Room 746, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

Naming a new beneficiary necessitated by any of the above mentioned should be done promptly as failure to do so adds unnecessary expense in settling your estate.

IF YOU KNOW a CTA employe who is not receiving his copy of CTA TRANSIT NEWS, please have him fill out the following form and return it to the Public Information Department, Room 742, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Ill.

I am not receiving my copy of "TRANSIT NEWS" through the mail. Please send it to:

Name..... Badge No.....

Home Address.....  
(Street and Number)

.....  
(City) (Zone) (State)

I have recently moved from:

Old Address.....  
(Street and Number)

.....  
(City) (Zone) (State)



# CTA's Christmas Gift to Pensioners: Riding Cards

THE BEST Christmas present they ever receive, according to comments by CTA pensioners, is their annual riding card which is sent to them at the end of each year.

Notes which many of them enclose with the old cards attest to how much they look forward to getting their new cards. It is as if the card is a symbol that keeps them in touch with the past - the days and years when they were in service as active employees.

Recent distribution of the 1965 riding cards brought the usual flurry of messages from the retirees. They were postmarked from near and far, many from Chicago and suburbs where they still reside. Others came from as far away as California and Florida and equally distant locations.

A selected few of the messages are typical of the enclosures.

From Pompano Beach, Florida, William Fleischman writes: "I am enclosing my 1964 riding card. Thank you for the new one. If you and your family come to Florida try to make it a point to visit us. Your company will be appreciated and we will try to make your stay a happy one."

A recent retiree, Clyde North, former assistant comptroller residing in Bayfield, Colorado, sent the following note: "Greetings to all from colorful Colorado. We are all settled in our new home, and love it. Right now we have snow up to our ears and our forested area looks like a fairyland."

William F. Hay from Chicago wrote: "Thank you for my 1965 riding card. Mrs. Hay and I were married 65 years on November 29, 1964."

From Hugh B. Kelly, Miami: "Thanks for the riding ticket. I used it a lot last year as I was in Chicago three times."

Andrew Hobbs, Chicago, wrote: "I'm 72 and still going strong. I could still run a streetcar as good as ever. Ha!"

Approximately 4,500 riding cards were distributed this year to retired personnel and those who receive disability pensions. Identification photographs which appear on the cards are taken once every three years and only those who appear personally to have their photo taken get the riding cards.

Gentlemen -  
Wishing you very Happy  
New Year and very prosper-  
ous. Am glad I was or still  
am a member of that fine  
upstanding organization.  
I thank

Chicago Transit Authority  
Merchandise Mart Plaza  
Chicago 54, Ill.

Gentlemen:  
Thank you for your promptness in sending  
me my pension check on time. Because of the  
Holiday, this check was much needed and came just  
in time. Thank you,  
Sincerely, Philip Huber

Thank you for a year  
of prompt service, always on  
time is our check, and it makes  
us proud to be one of those in the  
past. <sup>that</sup> is always remembered  
Robert Bell

instructed. Thank you  
If you and family of CTA  
Come to Florida try to visit is Good  
make it a point to visit  
us. your company will be  
k you

riding  
card. This card is the  
best gift I have received  
from anyone at any time

Greetings to all from colorful Colorado.  
We are all settled in our new home, and  
love it. Right now we have snow up to  
our ears, and our forested area looks like a  
fairyland. I miss you all but wouldn't come  
back for double salary. Best regards, Clyde 1/3/65



# CTA Sets New Safety Record for 10th Consecutive Year

FOR THE tenth consecutive year, Chicago Transit Authority in 1964 established new safety records.

During the year CTA operating employes were involved in fewer traffic and passenger accidents than in any previous year of CTA operation, setting an all time low frequency rate of 8.9 traffic and passenger accidents per 100,000 miles operated. This rate is nine per cent lower than the 1963 rate of 9.8.

Furthermore, comparing 1964 with 1954, the eleven-year period during which safety-training emphasis has been intensified, the 1964 rate is 44

per cent lower than the 1954 rate of 15.8. All traffic and passenger accidents on both the surface and rapid transit systems are included in the tabulation, regardless of severity or liability.

Commenting on the new record, T. B. O'Connor, CTA general manager, said: "The excellent reduction in CTA's public accident rates during the past eleven years dramatically demonstrates the value of our sound safety-training program and indicates what can be accomplished by good team work on the part of operating, supervisory and staff personnel. By putting safety first every day our passengers can help our CTA employes to set another new public safety record in 1965."

## RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

ALLISON, David, Operator, Kedzie  
GARRITY, M. F., Repairman, North Avenue  
HOFFMAN, J. M., Repairman, Kedzie  
LASKEY, J. G., Repairman, 69th  
WILLIAMS, John L., Extra Guard, West Section  
WRIGHT, B. D., Repairman, Lake Street  
ZELINKO, George A., Operator, North Park

## RECENTLY RETURNED

BELCHER, Reginald, Operator, 77th  
BROOKS, Richard M., Conductor, South Section  
COLWELL, Edward B., Extra Guard, North Section  
GUTH, G. J., Repairman, North Park  
HOWE, William R., Cleaner, Kedzie  
MIEDEMA, William S., Cleaner, Keeler  
PITSOULASKIS, John, Operator, 77th  
SCHMOOK, Carl W. Jr., Operator, Archer  
THOMAS, Harold W. Jr., Cleaner, Archer

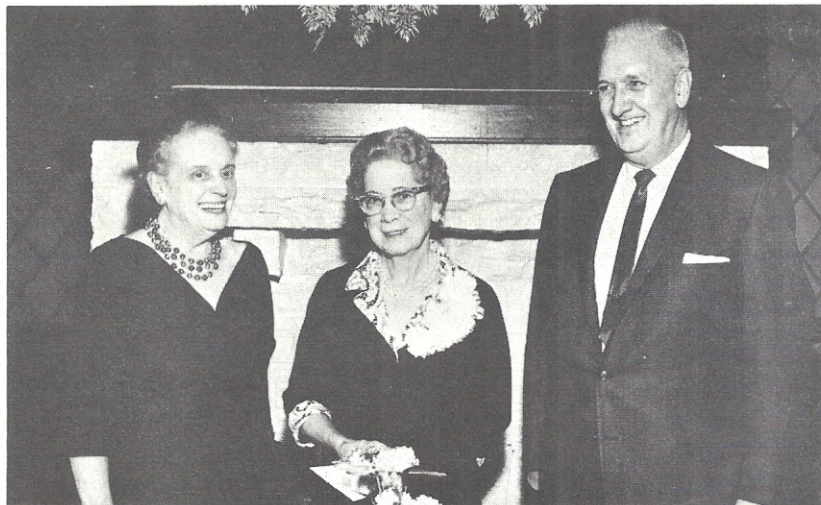


MORE THAN 200 guests helped Martin Bergstrom, retired, and his wife, Esther, celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on December 6 at a reception, dinner and entertainment program held at the South Side Swedish Club. They were born and grew up together in the province of Halland in Sweden and came to Chicago in the early 1900's. Mr. Bergstrom started as a conductor with old Chicago City Railways company in 1913 and continued with the Chicago Surface Lines and CTA. He retired in 1952 after nearly 40 years of service. The family resides at 7925 S. Campbell ave.



## Three Retirees Service Records Total 132 Years

MORE THAN 100 of her friends and co-workers joined in a tribute to Miss Isabel McGinnis who retired January 1 after more than 40 years of service. Among those who attended the dinner in honor of Miss McGinnis (center), a secretary in CTA's executive offices, were Mrs. Bernice T. Van der Vries, CTA board member, and T. B. O'Connor, general manager.

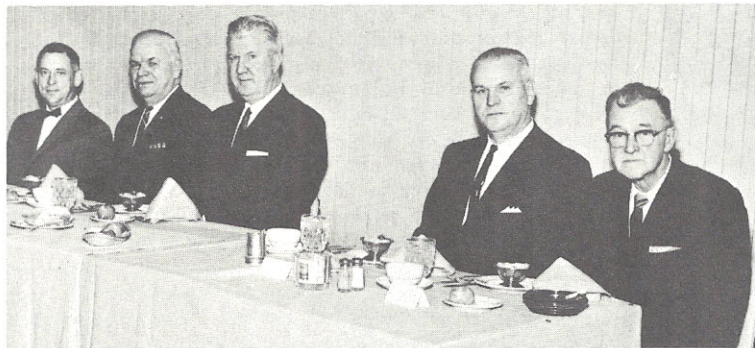


THREE CTA employes who together represent a total of 132 years of transit service were among the retirees who went on pension on January 1.

They are, in order of their seniority: Isabel McGinnis, secretary in the Executive Offices in the Merchandise Mart; Alexander A. Muscato, conductor, Howard station, and Herman A. Erickson, superintendent, Limits station.

Miss McGinnis had 46 years and six months of service; Mr. Muscato, 46 years and two weeks, and Mr. Erickson, 40 years and nine months of service, respectively, to their credit.

Miss McGinnis, who rated second among woman employes on the general office seniority list, started with the Building Department of the former Chicago Surface Lines as a clerk on June 24, 1918. She worked as stenographer and chief clerk of the department until August 1, 1953. She then transferred to the Transportation and Shops and Equipment Department and served as secretary to T. B. O'Connor, now general manager, who also had assumed responsibility for the Schedule and Personnel Departments.



A LUNCHEON given by his associates marked the retirement on January 1 of Herman Erickson (second from left), superintendent, Limits Station, who had completed more than 40 years of transit service. Seated with him are C. E. Keiser, operating manager; D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation; Edward Erickson, watch captain, Summerdale Police Station, his brother, and T. F. Moore, superintendent of operating stations.

Mr. Muscato, who has served as North Side board member for Division 308, Amalgamated Transit Union, since 1936, started as a trainman on the north side division of the former Chicago Rapid Transit Company on December 16, 1918. He served as a motorman from 1920 to 1929, and then became a conductor, the job he held at the time of his retirement.

Mr. Erickson started as a conductor with the former Chicago Motor Coach company on March 23, 1924. He became an operator in 1927 and a supervisor in 1940. In May, 1948, he was named superintendent and assigned for various periods at Rosemont, Ravenswood and Keeler garages. When the Chicago Motor Coach company was consolidated with CTA, he became superintendent at Ravenswood station and later was transferred to Limits station. Mr. Erickson, a lifelong resident of Chicago's North Side, will spend his retirement at a home he has purchased in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

A TRANSIT employe for 46 years, Alexander A. Muscato joined the ranks of CTA pensioners on January 1. Mr. Muscato, a conductor on the North-South rapid transit route, had served as North Side board member for Division 308 since 1936.







# OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

THIS IS the time when we can expect bad weather to add to the problems of transit operations. Under such circumstances, stress and tension is increased. When ice and snow cause further complications and cause extra street hazards the pressures mount.

It is a good rule for all who serve the public to remember that when these conditions prevail everyone is inconvenienced. Service delays and crowded vehicles affect the employe as well as the riders. People get irritated and ill-tempered, not only because of the slow-down in transportation also because their usual daily patterns and routines have been upset.

This is the time employes must maintain a courteous attitude and not show disrespect to our riders. They must be tactful and exercise self-control in their dealings with the public. In other words, we are not only selling our service, but selling ourselves, for every rider who pays a fare is helping to pay our wages.

Printed below are some commendations received recently.

Impressed by the on-the-job performance of Operator R. J. Howard, Badge No. 3141, 77th, a patron writes:

"I am one of Chicago's senior citizens and perhaps to us, more than others, courtesy and consideration mean a lot. I am writing this letter to compliment one of your bus drivers. I have had the privilege of riding with him on more than one occasion and he is one of the best drivers I have ever seen as well as one who is courteous and gentlemanly. There should be more of them. My congratulations on having him in your service."

The following letter from a rider commends Operator Clem Dungey, Badge 1928, North Park:

"Recently I inadvertently left a package on a northbound Sheridan road bus. When I realized that I had misplaced the article I immediately called your office and was advised that if I called later, the article would probably be returned to your North Park station. Yesterday as a result of a telephone call I ascertained that the bus operator had returned the package and I picked it up at the station.

"Inasmuch as this was a package for a birthday gift for a family member, and one which would have been difficult to replace, I wish to express my appreciation for the courtesy extended in returning the article to me."

Another letter has this to say about a rapid transit employe, Motorman Edward Mitchell, Badge 22494, North Section:

"I live in Evanston and use the CTA in commuting to the Loop. I work late in the evening and use the Evanston shuttle service between Howard and Linden avenue. On several occasions I have been impressed by one of the motormen who takes his job very seriously and undoubtedly follows your rules and regulations - especially announcements - to the letter. His number is 22494 and I think he should be complemented on the fine job he does for you."

An example of the kind of letters of complaint received by CTA is printed below:

"I boarded a bus at Randolph and Wabash in the Loop. The operator practically closed the door on me just because he had the green light. I told him passengers certainly are entitled to have time to climb aboard, especially when the streets and bus steps are wet. He said he didn't have time. I reminded him that a week earlier his bus was at the same corner with the door closed. I knocked on the door and waited about 30 seconds until the light changed to go at which time he drove off - without me!"

COMMENT: Operators have been instructed to make certain that all passengers are safely aboard and clear of the doors before closing them and setting their buses in motion. CTA does not condone operators rushing passengers and operating personnel have so been advised.

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

	December 1964	November 1964	December 1963
Commendations	168	160	138
Complaints	1,561	1,413	1,461



# Membership in Courtesy Club Hits New Peak

MEMBERSHIP IN the Courtesy Caravan Club continues to grow as the system-wide effort to promote better personal service enters its second full year with a new goal for 1965.

The target for this year is a 10 per cent increase in commendations and a 15 per cent decrease in complaints as compared with the 1964 record. Employee cooperation can bring about this desirable improvement and help to establish new standards of better job performance.

Much has been accomplished since the start of the courtesy campaign in September, 1963, through the end of December, 1964.

A total of 1,690 employees gained membership in the Courtesy Caravan Club. This represents 22 per cent of the surface and rapid transit operating personnel. Of the 1,690, 1,552 were surface sys-

tem employees and 138 rapid transit employees. During the period from the start of the CCC to the end of last year, commendations received reached a total of 3,179. Of the total 1,690 members of the club, 1,391 of these were added in 1964.

Percentagewise, this is how the various surface system stations rated in relation to the number of employees assigned to them: North Park, 42 per cent; Keeler, 39 per cent; Limits, 39 per cent; 52nd, 37 per cent; Forest Glen, 28 per cent; Kedzie, 26 per cent; 69th, 21 per cent; North Avenue, 21 per cent; 77th, 20 per cent; Lawndale, 19 per cent; Beverly, 18 per cent, and Archer, 14 per cent.

Standings for the rapid transit system were: North Section, 12 per cent; West Section, 7 per cent; South Section, 7 per cent. Six per cent of all ticket agents belong to the club.

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## YOUR INCOME TAX:

### Changes in Law Affect 1964 Returns

IN MARCH, 1964, general income tax reductions were made into law, meaning more spendable money for each pay check. Reductions were retroactive to January 1, 1964.

However, employees who are enjoying the benefits of the 1964 tax cut may not be happy when they file their tax return this year. Many will find that they owe Uncle Sam money.

The reason? Because withholding taxes were reduced from 18 per cent to 14 per cent and employees' taxes are being under-withheld by your employer, as stipulated by the federal government. The present deduction will be insufficient to cover the amount of taxes the employee will owe the government.

Last March, when the federal income tax withholding rate dropped from 18 per cent to 14 per cent, the drop in the tax rate itself was spread over two years in a two-step reduction. The first, in effect, sets a 16 per cent tax rate in the lowest brackets, thus putting the withholding rate out of step with the tax rate. In 1965, another two per cent reduction in the tax rate will bring it into line with the withholding rate. So employees may find they are going to have to pay an additional amount for 1964 to supplement the tax already withheld.

In other words, although most taxpayers will continue to receive refunds, some may shift from the "refund" to "tax due" category.

Taxpayers have until April 15 to file their 1964 tax return, and under the new law there are changes in other items, such as deductions, amounts to be included or excluded from income and credits against the tax.

A handy, pocket-sized booklet entitled "Your New 1964 Tax Savings" was distributed early last year to all CTA employees along with pay checks. This booklet explains in easy to understand language many of the changes in the law which affects taxpayers. It is suggested that employees consult this booklet for information that will be helpful in preparing the tax return. The supply of booklets has been exhausted so none are available for further distribution to employees. Those who still have them in their possession will find them useful in making out returns.

However, the Internal Revenue Service has other informational material which will be valuable in completing the return and is prepared to help taxpayers to fill out the proper returns forms. For full information consult your nearest I. R. S. office. There is no charge for this service and you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you had the advice of an expert.

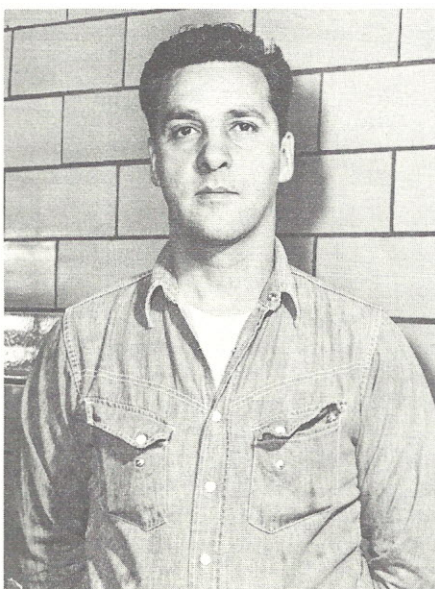




RUDY ALBRECHT, chief receiver (with Reporter Tom Daniels): "In some cases it helps to talk over problems with friends but big personal problems should be talked over with your lawyer, family counselor, or clergyman."



FRED J. HAGEN, operator (top left): "Yes, two heads are better than one. When I came on this job I got a call from the post office and the CSL the same day. I thought I would go to the post office, but that evening I was talking to a friend about it and he advised me not to. So here I am!"



JOSEPH JOHNSON, operator (left): "Yes, I do. Often people tell me their problems so I also tell them mine. Most people understand each other's problems."

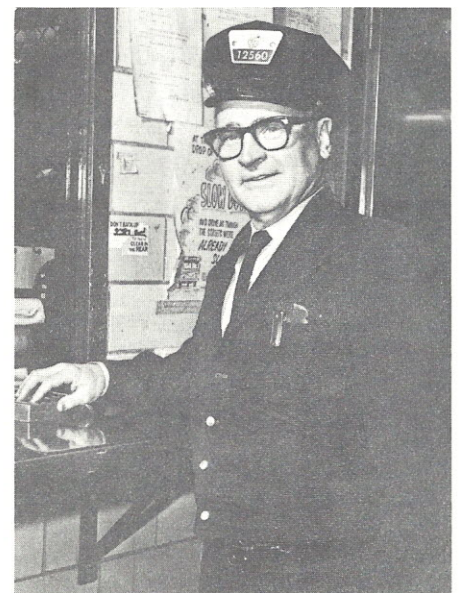
RALPH LAYTON, operator (right): "I would say it is always a good policy to discuss your problems and get all the advice you can."

ANDREW G. RIZZUTO, assistant day foreman (left): "Yes, especially with an older person because I think experience is the best teacher. Of course, you have your view of the problem. After you get the other person's view, perhaps you can come to a better conclusion."

**QUESTION:**  
Do you think it helps to discuss personal problems with others and ask for their advice?

**INQUIRING REPORTER:**  
Tom Daniels

**LOCATION:**  
Beverly Station





# MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin  
CTA Medical Consultant

THE MEDIC Alert Foundation is a charitable non-profit organization whose main purpose is to educate and encourage the public to wear on their person identification of any medical problems that should be known in an emergency, and to encourage doctors and nurses to advise persons of the importance of wearing such an identification.

This field of first aid is new, and as yet, its importance is not yet understood by the general public. There is a natural tendency for the individual to conceal his medical problem, as he believes it makes him seem "abnormal." This fallacy is disproved by the statistics which show that one in every family, as an average, has a medical problem.

The "Medic Alert" idea was conceived by Dr. Marion C. Collins, a California physician whose daughter almost died from a violent reaction to tetanus antitoxin. He saw the need for a permanent warning device in case of a future emergency. He then designed a silver bracelet with the information "allergic to tetanus antitoxin", engraved on one side. On the other side was the insignia of the medical profession and the words "Medic Alert."

The person with an allergy to tetanus antitoxin, penicillin or similar medications can still be saved, but they must immunize or inject in divided doses. Penicillin is potentially lethal to five percent of our population. Millions of other people have conditions which require special treatment or drugs. Hemophiliacs (bleeders), arthritics, rheumatics, cardiovascular patients, especially coronaries, diabetics, epileptics and people with rare blood types are in this group. Such people may owe their lives to a bracelet or a disc bearing the "Medic Alert" symbol.

Upon payment of \$5.00 a lifetime membership is issued with a bracelet or medallion with their medical problem and serial number engraved on the back. A membership card for their wallet or purse is also issued. This bracelet and membership card may be obtained by writing to the "Medic Alert Foundation" at Turlock, California, The American Medical Society in Chicago, Illinois, or most any other leading medical association.

It is estimated that about 40 million Americans have hidden medical problems that can interfere with proper emergency treatment. This new medical symbol tells first-aiders immediately to look for a special condition requiring special attention.

For example, in our own city of Chicago the police found a driver slumped over the wheel of his car and it was assumed that the individual was drunk. He was taken to the station, tests proved that he had not been drinking. Then he was rushed to a nearby clinic where doctors pronounced him a diabetic, a condition which can sometimes temporarily fool the experts. Precious time was lost in this instance which could have been saved had the individual been wearing a Medical Alert bracelet or neckpiece.

Here are a few statistics which should impress everyone with the importance of the foundation's objectives with this insignia.

Ten percent of all persons inoculated with tetanus antitoxin develop some type of allergy to the serum. In some instances the reaction would be almost instant death.

A great many of the 11,000,000 arthritics and rheumatics are taking cortisone, ACTH or hydrocortisone. After shock from serious injury without one of these drugs, complications could be serious, painful or even fatal.

Many of the 10,000,000 cardio-vascular (heart cases) are taking daily medications that must be counteracted by other drugs or continued in emergencies if life is to be saved.

Most of the 2,000,000 diabetics and 1,500,000 epileptics face a different but equally dangerous problem. Anyone without medical training can easily mistake them for drunks when their illness strikes.

It is equally important that persons with "an abnormal blood type" wear the emblem because it can save previous time in the hospital.

There are numerous other medical conditions and allergies about which it is vital to know. A few mentioned before are hemophilia (bleeders), persons with only one kidney, glaucoma, contact lenses, neck breathers or people with their vocal cords removed, emphysema, brain lesions, deaf and mute persons, especially children.

From the brief information in this article, I am sure we all agree that it is an all important subject and that continued development and education about "Medic Alert" will be necessary if we want to save human lives.



## West Section Agents

### Honor Pensioners



RETIRED TICKET agents from the West Section were the honored guests at the annual agents dinner held just before the Christmas holidays at the Pines restaurant in Forest Park, which was attended by over 100 CTA employees and pensioners.

Especially honored on the occasion was Catherine Smith, who retired on January 1 after 42 years of service. Robert Maloney of the assignment office was the master of ceremonies. Mrs. Margaret Queenan, retired, and Agents Madeline Hayes, Josephine Dillon, Helen McMahon and Dorothy

Parker comprised the committee in charge.

Officers of Division 308 and of the West Side Credit Union, and a number of rapid transit system supervisors also were present. Singing and dancing, including an Irish Jig, helped enliven the evening. Among those present also were agents from the North Side, Loop, South Side, Lake Street and South Side office employees.

The accompanying picture is of the retired agents and other guests who attended.

Income as shown on line 9, page 1, Form 1040	Family Size (Persons)					
	1	2	3	4	5	Over 5
Under \$1,000.....	22	29	33	41	41	41
\$1,000-1,499.....	28	37	42	51	51	51
\$1,500-1,999.....	35	46	51	61	61	62
\$2,000-2,499.....	41	54	60	71	71	73
\$2,500-2,999.....	47	61	69	80	80	84
\$3,000-3,499.....	52	68	77	88	89	94
\$3,500-3,999.....	57	74	84	95	98	103
\$4,000-4,499.....	62	80	91	102	106	112
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\$5,000-5,499.....	70	92	105	115	121	129
\$5,500-5,999.....	74	97	111	121	128	137
\$6,000-6,499.....	78	102	117	127	135	145
\$6,500-6,999.....	82	107	123	133	142	152
\$7,000-7,499.....	86	112	129	139	149	159
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\$8,000-8,499.....	94	122	139	149	162	173
\$8,500-8,999.....	97	126	144	154	168	180
\$9,000-9,499.....	100	130	149	159	174	187
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\$10,000-10,999...	108	141	161	171	188	203
\$11,000-11,999...	114	149	171	180	199	215
\$12,000-12,999...	120	157	180	189	210	227
\$13,000-13,999...	126	165	189	197	221	239
\$14,000-14,999...	132	173	198	205	231	251
\$15,000-15,999...	138	180	206	213	241	262
\$16,000-16,999...	144	187	214	221	251	273
\$17,000-17,999...	149	194	222	228	261	284
\$18,000-18,999...	154	201	230	235	270	295
\$19,000-19,999...	159	207	238	242	279	305
\$20,000 & over...	164	213	246	249	288	315

## Guide to Sales

### Tax Allowances

This table is based on the Illinois general sales tax of 3½ percent plus the city and county sales tax of ½ percent. Taxpayers not paying any city or county sales tax should reduce the figure in the table by 1/8. This table may be used when deducting sales tax on Form 1040. If it is not used, sales tax deductions must be itemized and substantiated. Deductible sales tax on the purchase of automobiles and gasoline tax of 5 cents per gallon are not included in the table and must be itemized separately.



# NEW PENSIONERS

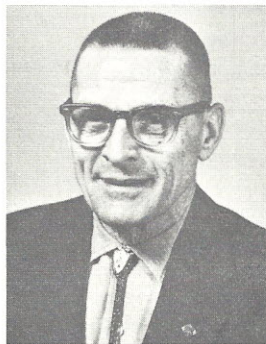
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Beverly, Emp. 3-11-26  
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North Section, Emp. 9-17-46  
ALBERT L. CARLSON, Ticket Agent,  
Kimball, Emp. 10-31-28  
MARY CARSON, Ticket Agent,  
South Section, Emp. 2-21-45  
MICHAEL F. CAVANAGH, Motorman,  
Congress, Emp. 5-08-25  
GEORGE W. COOK, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 5-16-28  
JOHN M. DONOGHUE, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 5-15-42  
HAROLD W. ERICKSON, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-04-24  
HERMAN A. ERICKSON, Superintendent,  
Limits, Emp. 3-23-24  
FRANK J. FORTUNATO, Conductor,  
Congress, Emp. 5-02-46  
HARRY J. FREEMAN, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 12-12-23  
AUGUST GRABE, Collector,  
South Section, Emp. 2-15-45  
RALPH J. GRADY, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 5-08-44  
FRANK GUTTILLA, Messenger,  
Building, Emp. 4-20-43  
ARTHUR L. HALFORD, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 6-17-26  
WALTER J. HANNEBOHM, Supervisor,  
Dist. C, Emp. 10-20-27  
JOSEPH J. HEROLD, Switchman,  
South Section, Emp. 2-28-25  
WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Plant Guard,  
West Section, Emp. 1-12-26  
JOSEPH HOLZETHAN, Conductor,  
South Section, Emp. 10-25-26  
RAYMOND W. JOHNSON, Motorman,  
77th Street, Emp. 4-10-43  
THOMAS H. JOYCE, Conductor,  
61st Street, Emp. 8-05-19  
EARL W. KERSTEN, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 9-20-27  
WILLIAM G. MAEHR, Armature Winder "A",  
South Shops, Emp. 9-28-16  
JOHN MALONEY, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 6-26-43



CATHERINE SMITH



HARRY FREEMAN



STANLEY BAST

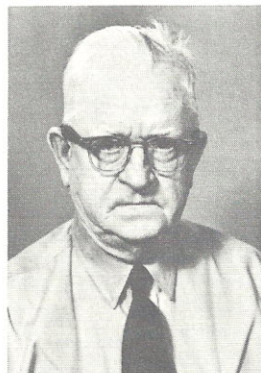
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77th Street, Emp. 2-25-44  
PATRICK McNICHOLAS, Laborer,  
Bldg., Emp. 7-09-41  
HENRY B. MILLER, Operator  
69th Street, Emp. 11-27-28  
HARRY J. MILNE, Laborer,  
South Shops, Emp. 4-03-47  
ALEXANDER A. MUSCATO, Conductor,  
Howard, Emp. 12-16-18  
STANLEY G. NEKLAS, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 7-25-23  
DENNIS O'CONNOR, Repairman,  
West Shops, Emp. 3-27-43  
THOMAS J. O'SHEA, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 9-20-23  
CHARLES G. PASTERNAK, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 10-06-27  
ISADORE PLOTNICK, Inspector,  
Const. and Maint., Emp. 11-30-48  
JOSEPH PUSATERI, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 12-07-43  
CLARENCE SEGERDAHL, Supervisor,  
North-South Dist., Emp. 6-24-18  
CHESTER E. SHAW, Signal Maintainer,  
Electrical, Emp. 2-15-24  
HARRY S. SIKORA, Operator  
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-25-29  
CATHERINE SMITH, Ticket Agent  
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HAROLD SOUTH, Porter,  
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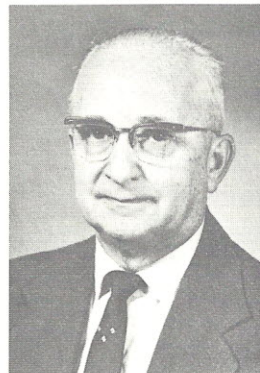
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GEORGE G. STILLWELL, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-10-28



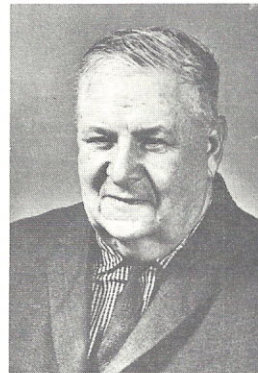
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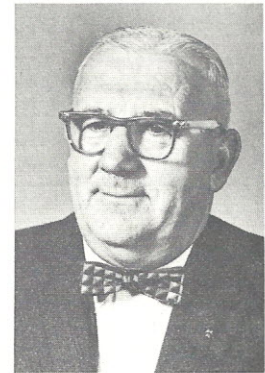
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CARL SCHNEIDER



WILLIAM MAEHR



THOMAS O'SHEA

PICTURED ABOVE are eight CTA employees who retired January 1 with 40 or more years of service.



# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (General) -

JEAN WRIGHT chose the holidays for her vacation. During this festive season she visited friends and relatives in Wisconsin and Manitoba, Canada. . . MARGARET MILLER returned to work after a bout with bronchitis. . . The office has been humming with Christmas activities. Several pre-Christmas luncheons were held in the "M&M" Club.

- Mable Potthast

## (Material & Supply) -

JOAN GEORGESON flew to California to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with her sister and family in Larkspur, a suburb of San Francisco, and had a most enjoyable time. . . LYDIA HAEMKER's daughter, JOYCE KREBILL, welcomed a new little arrival, KIMBERLY ANN, on November 18 in Anaheim, California. Lydia is eagerly looking forward to a visit with them.

- Clara Lawrence

## (Payroll) -

May we wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year! Many parties prevailed during the holiday season; a group of the girls from Payroll enjoyed dinner at the beautiful Club 39, atop the United of America Building downtown. NAOMI BOHLIN and BETTY SULLIVAN, retirees, also joined the party and viewed the city in all its gala holiday glitter. . . A jolly, fat Santa Claus greeted the Payrollers at their luncheon at the Wagon Wheel. His bag was stuffed with many goodies and he, too, was stuffed. But alas, his "giggle" gave him away to be none other than MARIE COARI. It was a delightful surprise. . . Another delightful party was given by MABLE MAGNUSON, retiree, for the group at her home in Skokie. She had the gang over after work and fed them in an elegant manner. We thank you kindly. . . A very proud and happy father was BILL PARRILLO upon learning his son, JOSEPH, was one of the six newly inducted juniors at Weber High school to join the Resurrectionist Chapter of the National Honor Society. To quote "These inductees were chosen for membership after an investigation of their character, service, scholarship and leadership." The induction ceremony took place before the student mass. We congratulate him on receiving this high honor. Good work, Joe. . . For his Christmas card to the office this year, retiree C. B. NORTH sends us a beautiful mountain scene and his best regards for a happy holiday. He now lives in Bayfield, Colorado.

- Eileen Neurauter

## (Revenue) -

RUTH HUGHES, comptometer operator, is recuperating at Oak Forest hospital and would welcome cards and letters from her friends. Ruth can be addressed care of the hospital at 159th and Cicero, Oak Forest, Illinois, Building 28C, Bed 4. . . Friends of VIOLET HOLT, clerk, were saddened to learn of her recent death after a short illness. . . SOPHIE DANIELSON, recent retiree, sends greetings from St. Petersburg, Florida. . . KEVIN P. BARRETT is the new transfer counter at 2900 Maypole avenue.

- Betty Suhr

## (Tabulating) -

DON JOHNSON recently joined the growing number of Moose members by entering the Elmhurst Lodge No. 1553. . . BOB RISE finally finished redecorating his apartment. He confesses the hardest part of all was wall-papering the inside of his refrigerator. . . The entire Tabulating Section takes this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

- Marion Sutherland & Edward O'Rourke

## ARCHER -

A surprise anniversary party, complementing 38 years of marriage, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. HENRY L. IVEY Sr. on December 5 was given by their daughter and son, Mrs. EVELYN HUFF and HAROLD HENRY IVEY Jr. The anniversary party was held in the New York room of the Sutherland hotel at 4659 Drexel boulevard. Among the many guests were two of Chicago's well-known men of radio station WVON, Ed Cook and E. Rodney Jones. Another station was represented, WSBC, by the presence of Joe Fulton. The editor of Downbeat Magazine, Pete Willding, was there, too. The entertainment was furnished by the Johnny Young Blues Trio.

- John H. Tyler

## CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE -

Congratulations to ROY SMITH, graduate trainee, and THOMAS WOLGEMUTH, engineering assistant, on their recent engagements. . . Welcome back to FRANK SITICH, emergency chauffeur, who was recently on the sick list. . . SHERMAN CRAIG, service truck chauffeur, just returned from his vacation. Glad to see you back. . . STANLEY KAMINSKI, road clerk II, spent a week's vacation enjoying his brand new home in Hoffman Estates. . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to JAMES GRADY, ironworker, whose father passed away recently in Ireland. . . Sorry to hear that JOE MULREE, former superintendent at Blue Island, spent some time in the hospital with an infected ear. . . ELMER FEHLHABER, emergency line truck chauffeur, had some back trouble. Hope to see you up and around again, Elmer. . . ANTHONY MUSTACCHIO, service truck chauffeur, spent some time deer hunting. . . J. L. RUZICH, superintendent of Track and Structures, was recently vacationing in Florida. . . Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. WALTER GAEDTKE, who were blessed with a baby boy, DANIEL EDWIN, who was born on December 17. . . JERALD WEILER, retired assistant superintendent of maintenance, North-South section, died on November 29.

- Anne Marie Calpin

## CLAIMS -

We welcome a new file clerk to Claims. He is HERMAN JAMES. . . A pleasant visit was paid to us by two of our recent pensioners, JERRY GARDNER and GEORGE KATTER. . . Congratulations are extended to TIM ZINNINGER, file clerk who became officially engaged to LINDA MAYCOCK on December 14. . . Good luck to RICHARD CAWLEY, file clerk, who has acquired a sub-



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stitute teaching position with the Board of Education on the South Side and to JOHN HOBAN, who will be a freshman at Southern Illinois university in Carbondale . . . Our condolences are extended to MARION KLAUER, release clerk I, on the death of her beloved father and our wishes for a speedy recovery to her husband, RUDOLPH. Get well wishes are also extended to MABLE WORLAND, mother of CLAUDE WORLAND, witness location clerk, who is recovering from a broken hip in DuPage Memorial hospital and to MARGARET LYNCH, index clerk II, who is recovering from a broken ankle.

- Tom Marchisotto & Kathy May

### ELECTRICAL -

JAMES HAYDEN, chief operator at State street substation, is escaping some of Chicago's wintry blasts by vacationing at the home of his son in Las Vegas, Nevada . . . JOE WESMAN, a pensioner, dropped in to spread a little holiday cheer at Blue Island . . . PHILLIP and SUSIE COYNE are proud parents of PATRICK ANTHONY, born on July 9. Phillip is the son of HAROLD COYNE. . . RONALD WILLIAM PENCZEK, son of WILLIAM REHDER'S daughter, was born on December 9. That makes three in the Rehder lineup of grandchildren . . . The ROBERT BOOTHs are planning a grand coming-out party around the middle of January for their eight-year old son, JIMMY. Starting way back in August of '64, he broke a leg and spent a couple of months in the hospital. Then in November he decided another break in the same leg would make interesting conversation. Now with plans forming to remove the cast, a celebration is the next thing on the agenda. We all wish Jim a speedy recovery and hope he is back in school soon . . . We are sorry to report the death of CHARLES L. SCHWERTFEGER on November 25. Mr. Schwertfeger was 89 years old and had retired in 1941. He was employed in August of 1895.

A testimonial banquet was held recently for Retired Lineman BILL EGAR at Manny Perl's in Cicero. S. S. DANECKE, superintendent of electrical construction, made the presentation of the gift to Bill. Also honoring Bill were CLARENCE MALOTTKE, assistant superintendent of electrical construction, and E. A. IMHOFF, retired. We of the banquet committee were extremely pleased that everyone who attended had a wonderful time and that all are looking forward to the next banquet . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Senior Power Supervisor STANLEY EDQUIST on the loss of his mother, who passed away on December 9 . . . Sorry to report as of this writing that Lineman CARL HIRSCHNER is on the sick list. We all wish Carl a quick and speedy recovery . . . Linemen HARRY BUERGER and LUKE HOWE returned to work recently after being off sick. Welcome back, fellows . . . Many happy returns to Light Maintenance Foreman SIGMUND DOBOSIEWICZ, who celebrated a birthday on December 18. And to S. S. DANECKE whose birthday was on December 24. Sig's co-workers surprised him with cake and coffee, to help make the day a happy one . . . We were sorry to hear that Retired Signal Foreman TOM NOLTE is in the hospital. We all are pulling for Tom to have a speedy recovery.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

### FOREST GLEN -

Operator LEROY OWENS became a proud grandpa when daughter and son-in-law (SHIRLEY and KENNETH

BOLDING) were blessed with a baby boy, RICHARD ANTHONY, born November 15 at 2:30 p.m. . . . Operator MICHAEL and PAT LAMOTTE were blessed with a baby boy, GLEN EDWARD, on Thanksgiving Day. The LaMotts truly had something to be thankful for and we wish them many years of happiness with their off-spring . . . Operator HAROLD "Dutch" and Mrs. GRIEBEL motored to Los Angeles to visit their daughter and son-in-law who presented them with a granddaughter on Thanksgiving Day . . . Relief Superintendent MILES DE WITT and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 24. May they have many more happy years together . . . Now that I have been in the capacity of receiver, I missed an old acquaintance of some 20 years. GEORGE BENSISH has transferred to the Merchandise Mart. Lots of luck, George . . . Operator AL BECK traveled to Tokyo and witnessed the Olympic meet. He then spent some time in Australia . . . Clerk LOUIS TIGNAC and his wife spent Thanksgiving in California with their children. Enroute to the West Coast Lou stopped in Las Vegas and tried his luck, but without any success . . . JACK MORRIS and I were discussing the winter activities of Captain ED STENZEL. We were wondering if Curly had installed runners and sail on his boat to do a little sail boating on the ice . . . WILLIAM WAESCHE, janitor at Forest Glen passed away suddenly . . . Operator TOMMY THOMPSON of Forest Glen Station passed away suddenly. Also among the deceased were Pensioner JOHN A. FIESTERMAN Jr., and WILLIAM F. SPORLEDER Sr., father of Operator GEORGE SPORLEDER.

- Frank Carpino

### GENERAL OFFICE (Reproduction Services) -

The girls in the steno section and several of their friends celebrated the Christmas season at the Athens on Rush where they enjoyed the Greek food and the delightful floor show that followed . . . JOANNE PYTLEWICZ of Reproduction Services, GERRILYNN SEXTON of Public Information and DARLENE VERHEECK of Purchasing flew out of Chicago's stormy weather and headed for the sun, sand and warm temperatures of Miami Beach, Florida. They spent four days visiting the various highlights of Miami Beach, then drove to Fort Lauderdale to

IT WAS a cold, but beautiful November day when PATRICIA SCHULGET, stenographer, Public Information Department, and JOSEPH MIKOS were united in holy matrimony in St. Thecla's church on the far northwest side of Chicago. Following a reception at the Edgewood Manor, the newlyweds enjoyed a short reprieve from the weather while honeymooning in Florida.





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sight-see and visit friends and relatives. The major event of their vacation was the trip on a luxury liner to Nassau, Capital of the Bahamas. While aboard the ship, the girls had dinner at the Captain's table twice. They spent four days in the native atmosphere and shopped in the Straw Market. All the girls have an unforgettable memory of a dream vacation . . . PAUL KOVARIK of the multilith section had a visit from former employe BOB GAGNON and his wife, who now live in Hatley, Wisconsin, where Bob is studying to be a printer.

### (Insurance) -

The girls in the Insurance Department chose the Gold Lion in the Union Station as the scene for their annual Christmas Party . . . We were happy to hear from our former employe, AUDREY ANDERSON, when she called to announce the birth of her son, LAWRENCE GERALD, who was born on December 13. Congratulations to Audrey and her husband, GERRY . . . Genial DICK REDDING of the pension division and his lovely wife, LAWANDA, who is a ticket agent on the west section, quietly celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with their family at the Milk Pail in Dundee.

### (Medical) -

Much happiness to MARYANN CALPIN and ROY SMITH on their engagement. Maryann is the receptionist in the Medical Department and Roy is one of the graduate trainees currently assigned to C&M.

### (Transportation) -

Welcome to WILLIAM DOLDEN, who transferred from the Schedule Department, where he was a Traffic Checker . . . Information Clerk ANDY STOLTMAN's son, Andrew, came in for a furlough for the holidays. He is stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. When he returned he entered training to be an assistant chaplain.

- Ann Golding

### GENERAL OFFICE (Employment) -

JULE ANNE TADEVIC, daughter of STANLEY TADEVIC, recently returned from completing two years with the Peace Corps in Ivory Coast, West Africa. Jule Anne taught English as a foreign language in the secondary school system and worked in a hospital and also an orphanage in both the capital city, Abidjan, and the up-country town, Korhogo. Upon leaving Africa in June, she spent six months touring Spain, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, England, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, and the U.S.S.R. Jule Anne will continue her education now that she is back home again and eventually hopes to work in the U.S. diplomatic service.

### (Staff Engineering) -

PAUL SWANSON, graduate trainee, joined S.E.O. as part of his training program . . . BUD WOOL's worried look these days reflects his concern about someone denting his new Chevelle . . . We are happy to learn that CHARLEY LAPP's wife is recovering from recent surgery . . . TOM HENNINGSEN spent a recent vacation remodeling the basement of his home.

### (Training & Accident Prevention) -

MARTY O'SULLIVAN, son of JOE O'SULLIVAN, was recently elected vice-president of the freshman class at St. Mary's college in Winona, Minnesota . . . MARGE CONWAY, with a group of friends, flew to California on New Year's day for a vacation . . . STUART MAGINNIS had quite an experience filling in for Santa Claus when

one small boy, to satisfy himself that he was talking to the real Santa, yanked on the whiskers so hard that Stu's head almost hit the floor. From now on Stu's going to be contented with just being the jolly green giant . . . During the recent holidays your reporter received greetings from several of our pensioners who are enjoying retirement in various parts of the country. It was pleasant to note that all enjoy TRANSIT NEWS and anxiously await the arrival of each issue. One sad message related the death of R. T. Pensioner FRANK STETSON, who was instantly killed in an automobile accident last June.

- Mary E. Clarke

### KEDZIE -

Now that the New Year is here let's put more effort in avoiding accidents and bring Kedzie station back on top and keep it there. We know with a little effort you can do it, so let's go . . . Operator JOSEPH JONES was presented with a baby girl named SHIRLEY FAY on Saturday, December 19. This makes number eight in the Jones' home. Congratulations and best of health to mother and daughter . . . Operator JOHN HAYES' father passed away Sunday, December 20. Our sympathy to the bereaved family . . . Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Motorman FRANK MC CABE, who passed away recently . . . Assistant Superintendent OTTO BRUEBACK and his wife are settled snugly in their new home in Pell Lake, Wisconsin. Loads of luck and the best of health . . . Enjoying the holidays on their vacation were KENNY BURNELL, ARTHUR ECKER, and ROBERT HEALY . . . Received a card from Retired Operator EARL ST. PIERRE, who is enjoying his new home in Bradenton, Florida. He sends his regards to all.

- C. P. Starr

### KEELER -

Hello everyone! We hope you and yours had a merry Christmas and are enjoying a happy new year . . . Operator JOHN MC GEE was elected post commander of Am-Vets Post No. 247, which is located on the West Side of Chicago. We also have other operators at Keeler who hold important offices in the same post . . . ARLENE JACKSON, daughter of Operator ALLEN JACKSON, won the battle of books, a program sponsored by the board of education. The show was taped and was aired on F.M. Radio Station WBEZ on January 7 . . . The wife of Operator FRED FILTZ gave birth to a baby boy November 28, baby's name, JOHN F. FILTZ . . . Night Janitor SY GOLDMAN's daughter and son-in-law came in for the holidays. She is in her last year of college and will become a teacher next fall.

- Amos L. Foster

### LIMITS -

Superintendent HERMAN ERICKSON retired on December 18 after 40 years of service. Herman started his career with the Motor Coach Company in March, 1924, as a conductor on a double-deck bus. He became in order-a driver, terminal dispatcher, road inspector, relief superintendent, and permanent superintendent in 1950. On Saturday evening, December 12, a farewell dinner was given in his honor at the Schwaben Stube. The party was promoted by Operators CHARLES YOUNG, URBAN and MEYER. Operator Roy Meyer acted as



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toastmaster and in his address brought back memories of long ago. Close associates at his table were Superintendents WILLIAM B. HORNKOHL and EDMUND LOUGHRAN and ROGER WARD, chief clerk at Limits. On Tuesday, December 15, a get-together was held at Limits Depot at which time a gift was presented to Mr. Erickson. On December 16, a luncheon was given Mr. Erickson by the station Superintendents at the M & M Club in the Merchandise Mart. Limits Credit Union officers presented Mr. Erickson with a Polaroid camera. We hope Mr. Erickson and his wife, MARTHA, will enjoy many years of happy retirement in their Fort Lauderdale, Florida, home . . . Operator and Board Member CHARLES HEROLD took a flight to Midland, Michigan. He travelled by car to Roscommon to spend Christmas with his sister and other relatives . . . Operator FRED CROCKETT and his wife spent the Christmas holiday with their son, Dr. FRED Jr., in Danville, Illinois . . . Relief Janitor at Limits, W. WASHE, is in the hospital as a medical patient at this writing.

Operator GEORGE COOK retired on December 1. George started his career with the Motor Coach in 1928. He will retire to Rivera Beach, Florida, where he will manage the Palm Beach Shores-Ship A'Hoy . . . Receiver GEORGE SINGER vacationed during December in Chicago . . . I received a report out of Butternut Lake, Wisconsin, that Operator JOHN KANE is known in those parts as an excellent horseshoe player. John threw 12 straight ringers in a tournament last summer and received a gold plated horse shoe . . . Receiver JOHN WISE took GEORGE SINGER's place during his vacation . . . Operator CLARENCE BUTHMAN is a medical patient in Augustana hospital at this writing . . . Operator FRED NELSON became a grandpop for the fourth time when his daughter presented him with a bouncing baby boy . . . Clerk JOHN GILMORE vacationed at home during December . . . Operator PAT CRONIN had two weeks vacation during January. Pat decided he's stay home and let EMILIE do just the things she wanted to do. Emilie enjoyed herself while Pat did the housework and had her meals ready when she came home . . . Operator CHARLES YOUNG retired on January 1 after 36 years of service. He plans a vacation in California and then will decide his future plans . . . We welcome our new superintendent, GEORGE MAY. I don't believe George needs an introduction since he was formerly in training and supervisory capacity jobs. I think the best way to show our appreciation to this fine man is to set a good accident record . . . Operator CHARLES GREER and his wife vacationed in Jacksonville, Florida, in December at the home of the latter's mother . . . Remember you can borrow and save at Limits Credit Union with a Payroll Deduction.

- George Clark

### LOOP -

Agent GORDON KELLY retired on December 1. We wish him a healthful and happy retirement . . . Recently heard from pensioner HARRY BAKER, former Lake street chief clerk. Harry is in good health and taking it easy. He says "Hello" to all the Lake street boys . . . Many thanks to Retired Porter STEVE STUBER and his wife for the phone calls and well wishes while I, your reporter, was ill. By the way, Steve wishes one and all a very happy New Year . . . Porter O. BUCHANAN wishes to thank his many CTA friends for the kindness and sympathy given to his family on the death of his mother . . . We extend our sympathy to Agent EUGENE BEEBE on



MAKING A last-minute adjustment to her father's bowtie is BEVERLY CARPINO, who was married and became Mrs. DENNIS POWELL on September 5. The proud father, FRANK CARPINO, is a clerk and TRANSIT NEWS reporter at Forest Glen station.

the loss of his grandson. Also our sincere sympathy to the family of Agent C. CAHILL, who passed away a few weeks ago . . . On November 20, Clerk DANIELE DOYLE Sr. and I became grandparents for the third time. The baby was named STEPHEN EDWARD. His mother and father are Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL E. DOYLE Jr. of Oak Lawn . . . On December 17, there was a roly-poly Santa at the cub scouts' annual Christmas party which was held at Sacred Heart school hall. This Santa was a very jolly fellow. When he laughed, the boys said, "He shakes like a bowl full of jelly." Santa gave each boy a gift wrapped in gay ribbons and holly. This jolly old fellow was our West Side Agent JOHN FILIPEK. John's son is a cub scout and Mrs. Filipek is a den mother. Sorry to hear Mrs. Filipek fell at the cub scout party and was hurt quite badly. We hope by now she is much better.

We are very happy to hear Agent RAY MAPLE is home after his second long stay in the hospital. Now that you are on the road to recovery, we hope you continue to improve and will be back working with us soon. Ray would like to thank all his friends who were so kind and thoughtful while he was in the hospital . . . Also on the recovery list are MARY BROWN and MARY BURROWS. Hope you girls will be back on the job real soon . . . Congratulations to Agent HERMAN OLSEN and his wife, who celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on November 10. Agent JOHN FILIPEK and his wife celebrated their 21st anniversary December 11 and Porter C. C. REDMOND and his wife celebrated their 20th on December 20 . . . Agent DAVE GRAFMAN is the proud grandfather of a little boy born November 27. The baby was christened December 13 and named JEREMY MICHAEL. Dave has two granddaughters . . . Former Switchman EDWARD EPLEY of Logan Square returned to the U.S. November 21 after serving one year with the U.S. Army in South Viet Nam. He was on a 45-day leave and enjoyed those four weeks with his lovely wife, PATRICIA ANN, and 14-month old son, DANIEL EDWARD, who was only two weeks old when Edward left for overseas. Ed will be stationed at Ft. Sheridan till next October, when he will have finished his 3 years in the army. Edward is the son of Repairman "Hoot" EPLEY of Kedzie Depot. Patricia Ann is the daughter of Clerk Dan Doyle and your reporter.

- Mildred Doyle

### NORTH AVENUE -

Your station superintendents again congratulate and thank you. For the second consecutive month, November, you set a new low record for traffic and passenger accidents. Continue to be safety minded, drive defensively, and keep up the good work. Let's set a record at North Avenue that will reflect the caliber of the safety-



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mind men who make up the operating personnel at this station. In appreciation of this fine record, coffee and rolls were served December 9 . . . Birthday greetings to Switchboard Operator EDWARD LEE, January 9; Pensioner HUGH GARRY; Pensioner WILLIAM ECHOLS, January 29, and Relief Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER, January 30 . . . Anniversary congratulations to Instructor JAMES BROGAN and his wife, January 18; Pensioner FRED HANSEN and his wife, MARIE, January 23; Operator FLORIAN DWIEL and his wife, EVA; Operator CARL RUSSO and his wife; Collector JERRY BLAKE and his wife, FLORENCE, and Repairman JOHN CASEY and his wife, LAVERNE, December 9 . . . Supervising Instructor EDWARD WEHMEYER and his wife, ELEANORE, were blessed with their twelfth grandchild, DONNA MARIE, born to RONALD and GERTRUDE STASCH on November 26. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents . . . Operator EDWARD FISHER reports good hunting, he got his limit of pheasant. Chief Clerk GENE PETERSON got away from the wintery blasts visiting Sarasota and Miami, Florida . . . At last report Operator JAMES MAC GANN was deer hunting but the deer were having better luck than Jim . . . Pensioner RODGER REED went fishing at Otter Lake, Michigan, in November, and was disappointed because the lake was frozen over . . . Your scribe spent a week's vacation doing some fishing and hunting and had good luck. I'm looking forward to some ice-fishing with Night Foreman ERNEST PEARSON. No anchors to handle and no rowing. The only problem is cutting the hole in the ice while Ernie is waving his rod and reel over my head.

Pensioner ALEX WINDFIELD stopped in for a visit. He lives in Jefferson Park, Illinois. He is the brother of Operator VIGO WINDFIELD. Pensioner EDWARD JENDRZEJEWSKI also paid us a visit and sends a hello to all his friends . . . GEORGE "Sinatra" KUENSTLE, repair department, had a visit from his sister from Fort Worth, Texas. She says our transportation is the best and our buses the finest . . . Clerk JOSEPH DIGLIO-VANNI lost his wife November 15 . . . Operator VITTORIO FERRARESI's father passed away November 15 . . . Operator WILLIAM KERRY lost his father, JOSEPH, on November 15. The deceased, who lived in Ireland, was also the father of Operator PATRICK KERRY of North Park. We send our sympathy to these families . . . We welcome new operators JOSEPH DROCHE, WILLIAM JACKSON, EDDIE ELLIOTT, JAMES CANTY, JAMES DAVIE, F. DINWIDDIE, JIMMIE SMITH, HAROLD WASHINGTON, and NATHAN SILAS . . . We are happy to report that Collector CHARLES SEEBOCK is looking fine again after his recent illness . . . We extend sympathies to the families of Pensioners EDWIN BREMER and JOHN SHAVER, both of whom passed away on December 9 . . . Repairman RAYMOND HART and his wife, PATRICIA, report the birth of a baby girl on November 22, at St. Anne's hospital. The newcomer has been named Lorraine.

Congratulations to Operator MODEST KOZAK and his wife, ANNE, who became the parents of JOSEPH JOHN on November 28 . . . Union Leader Scribe JOSEPH SMITH vacationed at Flint, Michigan, with his in-laws . . . Our best wishes to Operator JOSEPH PERNICE and his wife, KATHERINE, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 21. They dined and danced at the Drake hotel . . . Operator JACOB A. FISHER's son, JACOB, was home on Christmas furlough from San Diego, California, U.S.N.T.C. . . . Operator ERWIN AGUAYO's son, EDWIN, was home for the Christmas holiday from San Diego Naval Base in California.

He will be stationed at Great Lakes. He is training in nuclear submarine warfare . . . Repairman JOHN CASEY's wife is usually accompanied by her faithful dog, Corky . . . GEORGE MAY, assistant superintendent of North Avenue, was promoted to superintendent of Limits Depot. We are all sorry to see him leave.

- Bill Miedema

### NORTH PARK -

Operator CHARLIE KNIGHT spent a week hunting in upper Michigan around the Big Bay area and came home with his usual buck deer, weighing 185 pounds. Charlie promises to hold open house and will serve deer burgers to all his friends . . . Operator PAT SCIORTINO, chairman of the St. Joseph Society, hosted a successful dance November 21, attended by 700 guests at Ferrar Manor. The proceeds of the dance are used for charity purposes. Pat was also in charge of a Christmas party given by the society in which 250 children were given toys and gift bags . . . DENNIS, son of Instructor ART TABEL, is serving aboard the U.S.S. Lowe, a picket ship in the Pacific Ocean off San Francisco. Dennis has been in the Navy since June, after graduating from the University of Idaho. Dennis was married in June and his wife, PAT, lives in Oakland, California . . . Operator JOE BERGTRAL and his wife, ANDRA, spent Christmas week in Shelbyville, Indiana, visiting Andra's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. RUSSELL TUCKER. After leaving Shelbyville, they visited the Bunny Club in Indianapolis, Indiana, where they had a grand time . . . Operator HANK SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, had their son, CHARLES, and his wife, NORMA, home for the holidays. Charles is in the air force and is stationed at Empire Air Base, Michigan . . . Operator GINO PAOLI has just finished serving on jury duty and says he found it a fascinating experience . . . Operator JIM HOLMES is considered North Park's champion bait soaker. Jim claims he can teach anybody to catch if they use his method . . . Operator ANDY HOLZMAN's daughter, MARLYN JENSEN, and son spent the holidays visiting with her parents . . . Operator DAVID BENSON, son of Operator ED BENSON of Limits Depot, is now a first class operator here at North Park, and we are happy to have David aboard . . . Operator WALTER OSE is now working full time as a street collector.

CAROL ANN MILLER, daughter of Operator F. H. MILLER and MARCELLINE, was married on January 23 to ALLAN NELSON at St. Andrews church. The reception was held at Johnny Weigel's hall with 200 guests attending. The newlyweds will honeymoon in the Bermuda Islands . . . Mrs. JOHN CLARK, wife of Operator JOHN CLARK of Forest Glen depot, was soloist at Nebo Lutheran church at their Advent Concert December 6 . . . Operator LYNN BUTLER and his wife, ANN, spent their vacation touring the state of Florida and visited Lynn's brother-in-law, JERRY POSLUSNY, of Bradenton, Florida. Lynn and Ann went deep sea fishing and caught a couple of bonitas. They also took in Cypress Gardens, Busch Gardens, Ringlings Museum, and drove a swamp buggy in the Everglades . . . Operator JIM RENTSCHLER and his wife, HAZEL, spent their vacation at Yankee Town, Florida, visiting friends. Leaving there, they took a boat to the Bahama Islands where they went shopping and sightseeing. Jim spent some time fishing in the Gulf of Mexico until Hurricane Hilda came along and chased him out. Jim says the most enjoyable part of the trip was spent at Spooks Hill in Lake Wales, Florida . . . Operator DAVID "Skokie Kid" STOVER was hospitalized



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for 2 weeks at Michael Reese hospital for diagnosis which turned out to be hypertension. After being released from the hospital, David went on his vacation visiting Niagara Falls, New York City, New Jersey, Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C., where he viewed the grave of our late President John F. Kennedy . . . Operators TED KINDERMAN and LOU BIELSKI spent their vacation fishing at Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin, for muskies. Lou caught three, the biggest being 26 inches and Ted caught one which was also under the limit. Ted says he never saw anything like it in all his years of fishing. It snowed every day they were up there . . . Operator WILLIE HAWTHORNE spent his vacation rabbit hunting in Southern Illinois. Willie did not have much luck, but had lots of fun . . . Operator JOE ELFFES, friend Mrs. DOROTHY KIRST, and her son, TOM, spent their vacation touring the West. They visited Yellowstone Park, The Badlands, Big Horn Mountains, and ended up taking in the rodeo at Casper, Wyoming. Joe says they celebrated Christmas in Yellowstone Park which was one of the most unusual things he ever did.

Relief Superintendent MILES DE WITT and his wife, RUTH, celebrated their 25th anniversary on November 26 with a party attended by many friends and relatives. Miles hopes to reach the 50th, so that he can get some of that gold that is being hoarded . . . Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHAT and his wife, ANN, celebrated their 25th anniversary November 25 with a party at home attended by friends and relatives . . . Operator IRVING WEINER and his wife, IDA, celebrated their 34th anniversary on Christmas Day, December 25, which was also Ida's 39th birthday. The Weiners had open house and received many friends . . . Pensioner JOE GRASSL and his wife, FLORENCE, became godparents of LISA EVANSON on November 30 at Mt. Carmel church . . . Operator BRENDAN WALSH and his wife, JOAN, became parents of their first born when JOHN FRANCIS was born November 30 at Cuneo hospital . . . Operator MAXEL MC LAUD Jr. and his wife, BESSIE, became parents of a daughter, MONICA, born December 6 . . . Operator NICK TERAMANI and Mrs. Teramini became parents of their second child when daughter, MICHELLE, was born December 4 . . . Mrs. MARY WALKER, daughter of Operator JOHN BRANDICH, gave birth to a daughter, ANGELA, on December 5. This was John's first grandchild and he is still popping buttons . . . Operator MEL KARSCHNICK became a grandpa for the eighth time when his daughter, SHARON, gave birth to a baby boy November 10 at Elgin hospital . . . Operator HAROLD SEDIN and his wife, SOPHIE, became grandparents for the 24th time when their daughter, BARBARA ZIEMANN, gave birth to a son, RICHARD, born November 27 at Weiss hospital . . . Operator IRVING SHER and his wife, MILDRED, became grandparents for the third time when their daughter, MARY LYN, gave birth to her first child a daughter named GAYLA IRENE, born December 17 . . . Congratulations are extended to the above folks for the happy events.

On the new pick of clerks we welcomed FRANK ZABOROWSKI to the relief job and RAY MIJANOVICH as the No. 2 night clerk. We are all sorry to see DAN MC-FADDEN go back to North Avenue Depot as he had many friends here at North Park . . . Happy birthdays are extended to PATRICIA MEDINA, daughter of Operator JOHN MEDINA, November 5; WILLIAM SEIFERT, November 21; LEO HARA, November 25; PETE MARCHISOTTO, December 2; TOM CONROY, December 23; LOU BIELSKI, December 24, and ALICE FOLEY, wife of

Operator Foley, December 7 . . . Mrs. BEATRICE BATES, wife of Operator LESTER BATES, had a major operation at Illinois Research hospital and is now at home recuperating satisfactorily . . . Our sympathy and condolences to the families of Pensioner JOHN PETERS, Pensioner JOHN FIESTERMAN Sr., Operator EDWARD GRON, BESSIE DI GIOVANNI, wife of Clerk JOE DI GIOVANNI, Mrs. C. SALVESEN, wife of Operator C. SALVESEN, Mr. LANE, father of Operator M. LANE, Mrs. ANNA KRISMAN, mother-in-law of Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHAT, and Mrs. LOIS KESSLER, daughter of Operator BEN NEUMAN . . . Pensioner WENDRICK "Blackie" NELSON reports the weather at Mountain Home, Arkansas, has been rough lately. It dropped to fifty degrees while Blackie was out fishing for driftwood. Operator ART MUIR says that kind of weather suits him fine and he thinks that will be his home next winter when he goes on pension . . . Pensioner HAROLD VANGEN sends his regards to all his friends from the San Francisco, California, area where he is now living. His new address is 275 Tono Lane, Walnut Creek, California . . . Repairman JERRY GUTH has returned from military service and is happy to be back tinkering with the buses again . . . Repairman CORTLAND TICE suffered a dislocated shoulder and is now back to work again . . . Repairman JOE JOHNSON had his appendix removed and is now at home convalescing . . . Bus cleaner BARNEY CURRON had cataracts removed and is now at home recovering . . . Repairman JOHN SARRA had his knee operated on at Alexian Brothers hospital and is also recovering at home . . . Repairman GENE BRACK spent his vacation at home decorating for the holiday season . . . Repairman PAUL "On The Ball" SCHREVES spent his vacation taking lessons learning how to play the new organ he bought his wife . . . Relief Foreman FRANK SIBLEY and his lovely wife, TESS, spent their vacation visiting the beautiful islands of Chicago, namely Blue Island, Stony Island, and Goose Island . . . Repairman JIMMY MARTIN is now the proud owner of a new Lincoln Continental . . . Dispatcher MATT ALLAIRE and Repairman JULIUS MERSCH want to thank all of the operators for their cooperation around the yard and send New Year greetings to all of you . . . Repairman JOE CAUGHLIN spent the holidays visiting relatives in Iowa.

- Melvin Forning

### PURCHASING & STORES (Purchasing) -

REBECCA COUSIN flew to Nashville, Tennessee, where she spent a very Merry Christmas with her family.

### (Stores) -

EDYTHE RYAN, addressograph operator, resigned to return to her native state of Oklahoma where she and her husband will make their home since Mr. Ryan decided to make the air force his career . . . New people in our department are NANCY OBERLE, Stenographer I, and TERESA DE LEONARDIS, addressograph operator . . . MARTIN HARTY, who is studying law at Georgetown university, Washington, D. C., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. HARTY.

### (North Division) -

Storeroom 42 was pleasantly surprised when three retired "Gents" - BARNEY NIMKAVAGE, CHARLIE KLIMCKE and TED NIENABER dropped in to pay them a visit. They're looking well and enjoying their retirement . . . Remember HORACE DECKER? Well, DOROTHY STEMBRIDGE received a Christmas note from



**RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES**

ROBERT ADAIR, 61, South Shops,  
Emp. 6-19-23. Died 11-05-64  
CLARENCE CAHIL, 64, West Section,  
Emp. 8-20-33. Died 12-7-64  
THOMAS CALLAN, 76, Lawrence,  
Emp. 1-13-20. Died 11-06-64  
JOHN A. CARLSON, 76, 77th Street,  
Emp. 1-28-30. Died 11-10-64  
PHILIP H. CAROLAN, 74, 69th Street,  
Emp. 3-15-16. Died 11-26-64  
ALBERT CHAPPELL, 81, Cottage Grove,  
Emp. 11-02-06. Died 11-10-64  
FRANK DEBERRY, 64, South Section,  
Emp. 12-26-22. Died 11-12-64  
WILLIAM DONNELLY, 48, South Shops,  
Emp. 4-5-49. Died 12-15-64  
WALTER J. DRAG, 50, Limits,  
Emp. 5-10-47. Died 12-13-64  
LEE E. FLEMONS, 35, Track & Struct.  
Emp. 9-6-50. Died 12-2-64  
EDWARD GRON, 61, North Park,  
Emp. 7-26-27. Died 11-26-64  
ALBERT HALING, 80, Lincoln,  
Emp. 4-27-12. Died 11-06-64  
AUGUST P. HENNING, 81, Lincoln,  
Emp. 5-14-13. Died 11-17-64  
VIOLET HOLT, 54, Accounting,  
Emp. 11-13-44. Died 11-30-64  
JOSEPH JAVORSKY, 72, Lawndale,  
Emp. 6-30-43. Died 11-27-64  
HAROLD P. JOHNSON, 67, Electrical,  
Emp. 5-01-23. Died 11-13-64  
THOMAS P. JUDGE, 65, South Section  
Emp. 11-27-33. Died 11-22-64  
NELS H. KLEFBECK, 58, North Section,  
Emp. 10-01-45. Died 11-01-64  
WILLIAM KLOPKE, 66, 69th Street,  
Emp. 1-25-26. Died 11-15-64

ANTHON KLOSTARIS, 78, Kedzie,  
Emp. 8-26-19. Died 11-17-64  
JOHN A. KOEPKE, 55, Electrical,  
Emp. 9-18-47. Died 12-2-64  
WALTER L. KOVAC, 57, 77th Street  
Emp. 7-24-47. Died 12-15-64  
GUSTAV MACYZEWSKI, 70, Lawndale,  
Emp. 11-22-26. Died 11-28-64  
WALTER MADEY, 48, North Section,  
Emp. 10-3-45. Died 12-4-64  
FRANCIS MECABE, 86, Kedzie,  
Emp. 9-11-07. Died 11-28-64  
OSCAR E. MUELLER, 66, Building,  
Emp. 12-01-27. Died 11-14-64  
ANDREW J. O'LEARY, 89, Kedzie,  
Emp. 3-11-07. Died 10-28-64  
BERNHARDT J. PIEST, 87, North Avenue  
Emp. 9-12-22. Died 11-23-64  
CHARLES SCHWERTFEGER, 90, Electrical,  
Emp. 8-19-95. Died 11-25-64  
MILO SHAFFNER, 74, 77th Street,  
Emp. 2-22-12. Died 11-21-64  
WILLIAM C. SMITH, 88, Metropolitan,  
Emp. 7-28-05. Died 11-21-64  
EMERSON C. SPRINGER, 81, 69th Street,  
Emp. 9-14-05. Died 11-27-64  
JOHN J. THEIS, 71, 77th Street,  
Emp. 2-05-16. Died 11-18-64  
THOMAS THOMPSON, 58, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 8-22-41. Died 12-12-64  
EDWARD L. TROIK, 76, West Section,  
Emp. 9-27-37. Died 10-31-64  
GUSTAVE J. WAJERSKI, 74, Armitage,  
Emp. 2-04-20. Died 11-14-64  
GERALD A. WEILER, 62, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 9-08-26. Died 11-29-64  
LOUIS O. URLAUB, 82, Lawndale,  
Emp. 3-19-07. Died 11-05-64

him saying he has so many pleasant memories of the boys he worked with at the West Shops and would be happy to hear from any of them. How about dropping him a line once in a while - his address is: 1254 North Harding avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60651 . . . JOHN CANELLA, son of Mr. and Mrs. SAM CANELLA, came home for the holidays. He is serving Uncle Sam at Fort Ord, California . . . ROBERT CARLSON, who is attending school in Southern Illinois, was also home for the holidays. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR CARLSON . . . TOM BOLDT celebrated his 21st birthday the night of December 15 with a few friends. Understand they had champagne! WANTED: Some man to come and claim his lost wedding ring. It's being held at Storeroom 42, Skokie, and they will be happy to send it to the right person just contact them.

- D. Jane Bell

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

GLENN CRUMP, supervisor of traffic checkers, and several other members of the department were on jury service . . . JAMES MC BRIDE, traffic checker, injured a bone in his knee and had it in a cast. Hope it heals soon . . . MIKE DORE, traffic clerk, returned to work after a cataract operation. Welcome back, Mike . . . ED FEINBERG, traffic clerk, was released from the hospital on November 19, but will have to recuperate at

home for some time. Take it easy, Ed, take no chances with the heart . . . BERNADETTE KIZIOR, MARGARET VIDAL, and LAURA SCHRECKE took KATHRYN BATINA to the La Tour restaurant for her birthday dinner. We wish you many more happy birthdays, Kay . . . ARVIN BRANDT, schedule clerk, took sick on the way to work and had to be home for a few days. Glad to have you back, Brandt.

WILLIAM DEVEREUX, schedule maker, spent a vacation in Washington, D.C. You're not interested in a political job are you, Dev? . . . Our sympathy to W. PANTLE, traffic checker, and family on the death of his father . . . WILLIAM DOEDEN, traffic checker, transferred to the Transportation Department. We wish you success, Bill . . . W. SCHARP, traffic checker, spent a vacation in Melon, Wisconsin, deer hunting . . . F. FITZGERALD, traffic checker, came back from a Florida vacation in time to experience the blizzard in Chicago . . . Several members of the department held some of their vacation until December to get ready for the Christmas Holidays . . . RICHARD GOLDSTEIN, assistant superintendent, and his wife are spending a week's vacation in Denver with their son, RAY . . . KATHRYN BATINA, BERNADETTE KIZIOR, MARGARET VIDAL and LAURA SCHRECKE had their Christmas Party at the Club 39 restaurant. We enjoyed it very much.

- Laura Schrecke



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### SKOKIE SHOPS -

Here is the starting of a new year, fellows, and while wishing all the best for everyone, won't you please help our column by sending into the office your items about things happening to you so we can share them . . . Congratulations to proud grandparents Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE CHRISTOI, on the birth of their granddaughter, DAWN RENEE BILLINGS, on November 16 . . . Congratulations to DENNIS WINNICK upon his promotion to material clerk at Skokie . . . Our sympathy to JOHN McGRILL, carpenter, upon the loss of his sister . . . Skokie Shop office personnel celebrated their first Christmas in their new office with a luncheon which was enjoyed by all. L. G. ANDERSON, superintendent of shops and equipment, was a guest.

- Everett E. England

### SOUTH SECTION -

Happy New Year to everyone. Hope 1965 will be a wonderful year for you . . . First of all I would like to thank everyone for their nice comments and calls about my "Inquiring Reporter" column in the November issue . . . Now on with the news, Agent MAXIE JEFFERSON was proud as can be when she told me she joined the ranks of grandmothers recently when her son and his wife had a little baby girl . . . All the very best is wished JOHNNIE O'CONNOR, who transferred from trainman to carpenter apprentice with the Construction and Maintenance Department on December 6 . . . The Agent's Pension club held their annual pension dinner and Christmas party on Sunday, December 13, at Nielsen's Restaurant. Agent MARY CARSON, who went on pension January 1, and Agent LORETTA POTVIN, who had been on the sick list for many months and went on disability pension December 1, were the honored guests and both received a gift from the members of the club. Also in the spotlight was Motorman EDWARD HENNESSY, who went on pension November 1. We wish many happy years of retirement for all three. The party was jovial and fun, the food good, and everyone enjoyed seeing their friends again. Talked to the three new pensioners later and they each would like to thank everyone for the wonderful party . . . Retired Supervisor CHARLES SPIELMAN called to say that he was in the hospital recently, but is home now improving each day . . . Congratulations to Clerk JOHN BARRY and his wife, whose son, GENE, formerly a ticket agent, was married to MAUREEN HOWLETT on November 14. The happy couple honeymooned in New Orleans.

It is nice to see Agents JULIA McCORMICK and SANDRA MITCHELL back to work from the sick list . . . The Shoreland hotel, scene of a dinner dance recently given by the ladies of Park Lawn, was graced by the presence of Agents DOROTHY McGEE, JOHNNIE McDONALD, ANNETTE GORDON, and VENETIA HELM, all gowned in beautiful formals, some of their own creation. An enjoyable time was had by all . . . We felt so badly when Agent THOMAS JUDGE, scheduled to go on pension December 1, passed away suddenly on November 22. Our condolences to his family . . . Retired Motorman EDGAR LEWIS, who lives in Glendale, California, celebrated his 90th birthday recently by being honored at the adult recreation center club who held a reception for him. We all wish Mr. Lewis a happy birthday . . . Good luck to Trainman KEITH LAFAIRE, who resigned to accept another position . . . Our sympathy goes out to Agent MAE DRISCOLL, whose mother passed away recently.

Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT is very lucky in winning turkeys during the holiday season. For the 18th straight year he won the turkey in his bowling league raffle . . . Retired Agent BETTY BUCKLEY has left our city to go to Hawaii to live with her daughter and her family. All of Betty's friends will miss her, but glad to see her going to such a beautiful spot to live . . . Agent RITA HEINZE was mighty proud when she received a personal reply from the President of the United States thanking her for writing him a letter of congratulations after his election victory and telling him how much she enjoyed his acceptance speech . . . Retired Work Train Conductor GEORGE McMILLAN was around to see the boys at 61st street. He spent five weeks in Ft. Lauderdale and St. Petersburg, Florida, recently.

Sincere sympathies to Collector LESTER NORMAN, whose sister in Colorado passed away recently . . . Retired Clerk CHARLES SASSO called to say that he's staying in town for the holidays this year and is doing fine . . . On the sick list at this time are Trainman JAMES DOYLE and Agent BENJAMIN WATTS. A speedy recovery is wished them . . . Received a card from retired Towerman ELMER PIPKORN and his wife and they were on their way from Colorado to Florida and going to make a visit in Clearwater with retired Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations GEORGE ROESING and his wife . . . Supervisor CHARLES SOUTHARD, who was working on the North Section, is back working on the South Section again.

- Verna Hartney

### TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

E. R. HENDRICKSON spent a one-week vacation at home during the holidays. RICHARD BRZECZEK, son of RAY BRZECZEK, exchanged vows with ELIZABETH JEAN WESZELY on January 16 at St. Margaret of Scotland church. Years of happiness are wished for the newlyweds . . . Pensioner JOSEPH JANCZURA and his wife, ROSE, who is the father-in-law of Ray Brzeczek, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 26. Years of continued marital bliss are wished for them . . . Men from Wilson who were lucky to have a vacation to rest after holiday festivities were LOUIS CORTOPASSI, MICHAEL FELTON, LEROY STEWART, EARL HASKELL, THOMAS VINTON, FRANK FAWCETT, and CLIFFORD VANDERVEST. Sorry to see that RAYMOND JANICKE and MATTHEW BUCHANAN are on the sick list. A speedy recovery is wished for them.

A hearty welcome was extended to D. PAPALEO from all the boys at Congress. They were also glad to see R. OCLAN, who transferred from 61st street. With the same breath they bid a farewell to E. SHIELDS, who transferred to 61st street . . . Congratulations to T. MORRIS and J. MORELLI, who were promoted to "A" repairmen . . . S. STAMATOPOULOS, 61st street, retired on December 1. Hope that now he will have time to rest and enjoy his golden years . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of CHARLES CLARK, who suddenly passed away on December 20 . . . Sorry to see that JOHN WIERCHOCK, (Kimball) is still on the sick list recuperating from a serious illness . . . BILL FORD, who is still staying at the Bel-Air Rest Home in Chicago Heights, would appreciate receiving visits or cards from his friends.

- Ray Brzeczek



## INSIDE NEWS

### WEST SECTION (Agents) -

Here we are in 1965. We hope everyone had happy holidays and will have a wonderful New Year . . . Porter WILLIAM MEANEY transferred to the track department. We wish him the best, but we will miss him . . . At this writing, Agent LEONE NELSON is on vacation . . . Agent LOUISE DREWS is back on the job after being on the sick list. Welcome back, Louise, we hear you are doing fine . . . Agent MARY BURROWS was hospitalized, but is home now. We hope you are feeling better, Mary, and will be back soon. CATHERINE DALY, agent, tells us she has a new little grandson. We are about four months late reporting this, congratulations on the fourth grandchild, Catherine . . . Our dear and good friend, former assignment agent MARGARET QUEENAN, suffered a fall in her home. She was bruised, as was pensioner MILDRED LEPPLA, after a fall in her home. Both ladies are up and around, we are happy to report . . . Agent DAVID GRAFMAN is a proud grandfather of a little boy, JERRY. This is the third time for Dave . . . We wish Porter South, who has joined the ranks of the retired, a long and happy pension life . . . West Side Agent JACK JOYCE is proudly telling us about the two little boys. Grandpa Joyce had a most wonderful Christmas with the grandsons . . . We received a card from Pensioner JACK NAPRAVNIK from Long Beach, California. He asked to be remembered to his many friends here. He tells us he and his family are in good health and very happy in the new life.

While you are reading this, Mr. Janke, board member from the shops, may still be in the hospital recovering from surgery . . . Sorry to hear that Agent BURGEE is home with an injury. Mrs. DOELING, pensioner, fell coming home from church. Hope she didn't ache too much the next day. MOLLEY SHIELDS, pensioner, had a severe asthma attack, but is better . . . We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Agent CLARENCE CAHILL, to Trainman FRANK PAULEY's family, and also to Retired Motorman HUGH HAMILL's dear ones. We will always remember the pleasant memories we have of them . . . Ticket Agent Z. PRAUL was on vacation during the Yuletide season . . . Recently retired traveling auditor ANTHONY VITALE and his wife celebrated Christmas with their three children, two sons-in-law, a daughter-in-law, and nine grandchildren.

PAT O'BRIEN, formerly a West Side Motorman, now in the Mart, became a grandfather for the thirteenth time. ELIZABETH is the fourth child of DONALD O'BRIEN and his wife, Donald is now an executive with the Burlington railroad . . . Conductor JOHN BRYNE's home was a very happy one when their son, Lt. JAMES BRYNE, former student agent now with the air force technical air command at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, New Mexico, came home for the holidays . . . Agent MARIE MULVIHILL's son, HARRY, a former student agent and geology enthusiast, is now hobnobbing with generals in Heidelberg, Germany, but that doesn't keep him from looking for rocks. Harry's hobby may become his profession some day. Another son, Father JOHN EDWARD MULVIHILL, celebrated his Christmas masses in Rome. He is expected in Chicago some time in July when he will say his first mass in the States . . . P. F. C. JAMES C. HAASE, son of Agent NORA HAASE, was home from Fort Hood, Texas, for the holidays. He was graduated recently from a class at the Aberdeen Proving Ground . . . Thanks to three good scouts, Agent JOSEPH RYAN, Lawndale board member MICHAEL MC CARTHY and LEO LUCAS, North Avenue Operator and Little Flower committee member, for helping me out of a rut early

one morning on Cermak and Austin after a snow storm . . . Agent ARLENE SWENSON is going to become a great grandmother for the second time . . . Porter AUSTIN YOUNG is taking Porter HAROLD SOUTH's place as head of the gang . . . FRANK STATER received a \$5 award for a suggestion he sent in.

Agent FAYE CAPRIO turned from a red head to a platinum blonde. She looks very stunning-so much so that the passengers didn't look where they were going. All she did was change hat wigs. Faye warmed us up with laughs on those cold mornings . . . The trainmen on the Douglas had one of their marvelous parties for Mr. O'NIEL, the supervisor, who retired. It started at 9 a.m. and lasted way into the afternoon. A lot of pensioners came. On Sunday, December 6, the supervisors club honored Mr. O'Niel with dinner at Otto's . . . The trainmen on the Congress had a party on December 23 honoring four men going on pension: PAT O'BRIEN, J. SCONLON, FRANK FORTUNATO, and MICHAEL CAVANAUGH . . . Motorman WALTER MAYSCHEK and his wife, MARGARET, attended Christmas mass at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, where their son, Brother DAVID MAYSCHEK, is studying for the priesthood . . . Our retired scribe, GORDON KELLY, sends his very best New Year's wishes to all. He gets up early, looks out of the window and rushes back to bed before it gets cold. In the evening he sits in his easy chair watching TV and rubs his collie's back with his stocking feet.

- Helen Pallister & Julia Brousek

### 69TH STREET -

The pension ranks were swelled by three wonderful guys from our station; MARTY RONAN, our sanitary engineer, and Operators JOHN MALONEY and TOM O'SHEA. Marty started his career as a motorman at the old Cottage Grove depot in March of 1923, came here in May of 1952, transferred to 77th in September of 1954 and came back here as sanitary engineer. He started in that capacity at Lawndale in October of 1957. John Maloney, the pride of La Rabida K. C. Council and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, was so anxious to go "rambling" that he was ready a month too soon. Tom O'Shea, a member of Local 241 election board and vice-president of our credit union, just plans to take things in stride. May their leisure hours be many and enjoyable . . . Clerk JERRY DUNN's son came back to the States from Germany, where he is stationed with our armed forces, on an emergency furlough due to illness in the family. We sincerely hope that everything turns out all right . . . ARTHUR BUESING Jr., son of our ART, and MARY ANN PEKARICK, were united in marriage at St. Alexandria church, Palos Heights, recently. Pappy is now screening applicants for his remaining two daughters . . . "Honest" JOE CURRAN became a grandfather for the 6th time when his daughter, BARBARA, and her husband RAY SCHOFIELD became proud parents of BARBARA JEAN at the Little Company of Mary hospital . . . JIM NOONE is again confined at the Billings hospital at this writing. We hope by the time you read this, his condition is mended . . . My sincere thanks to WALTER STONE for his time and effort in pinch hitting for me in last month's column. I haven't read his commentary yet, but if it's anything like Walter it has to be tops. Thanks again, Walter! . . . Our condolences to C. E. THURSTON on the death of his sister.

- William J. Donahue



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