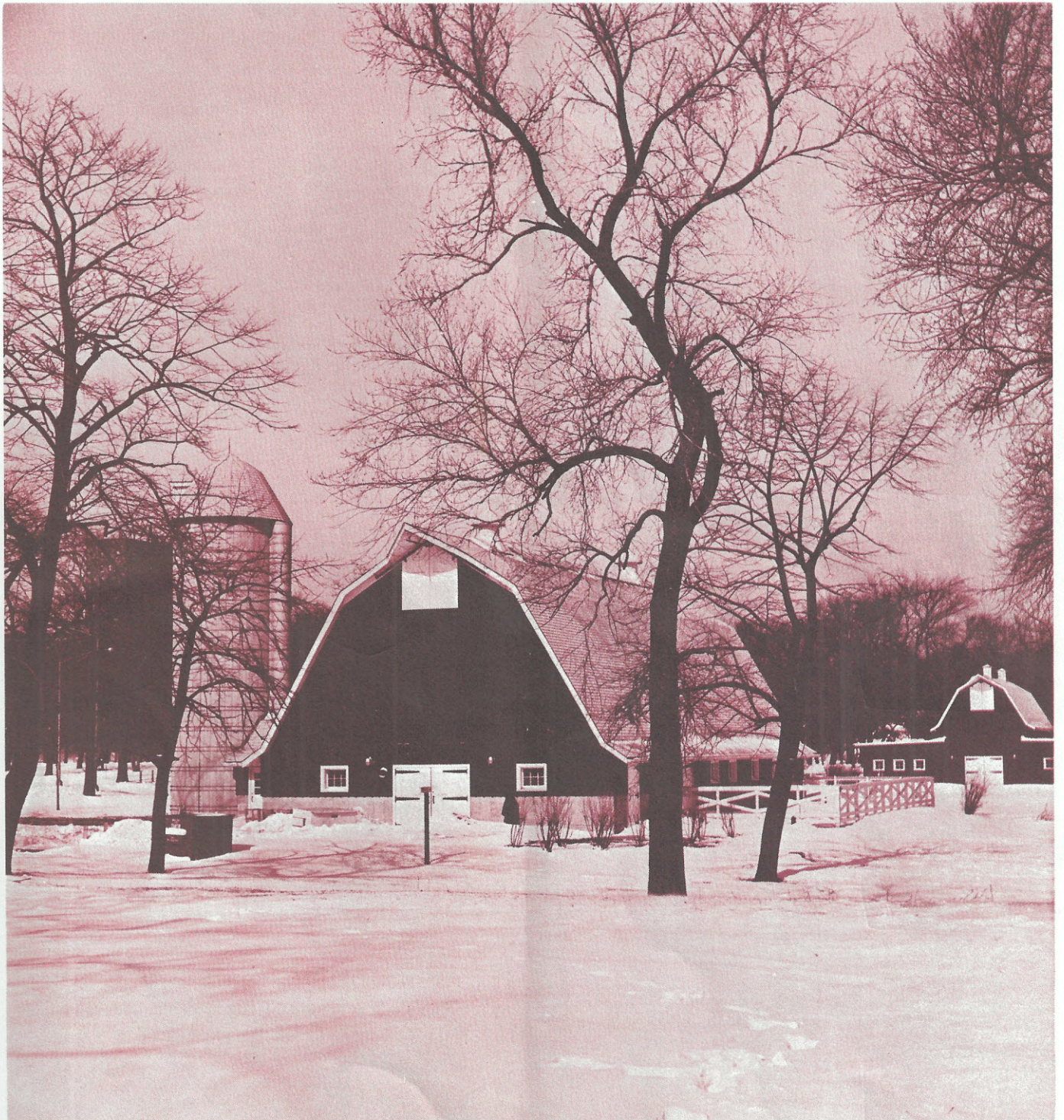


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413 Applications for Pension Approved in 1964

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THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES REPORT OF EARNINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR 1964

THE ABOVE REPORT OF EARNINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS, AND INTEREST CREDITED UNDER THE PLAN FOR THE YEAR

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OCTOBER 1, 1947 TO JANUARY 1, 1965

ANNUAL RATE OF EARNINGS UNDER THE PLAN.

TO ESTIMATE YOUR PENSION AS OF END OF PLAN YEAR 1964 USE ITEMS MARKED 1, 2, AND 3 FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CARD.

PAST SERVICE: $3700.00 \times 15\% = 555.00$ ANNUAL PAST SERVICE CREDIT

FUTURE SERVICE: $76,302.21 \times 1\frac{1}{2}\% = 1,144.53$ ANNUAL FUTURE SERVICE CREDIT

TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS TO DATE OR TO AGE 65 (3) 1,699.53

ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL PENSION CREDIT

USE ITEMS MARKED 4 AND 5 FROM OTHER SIDE OF THE CARD.

YOUR CREDIT WITH THE PLAN: $2,648.92 + 325.61 = 2,974.53$

TOTAL ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE (4) ACCUMULATED INTEREST (5) TOTAL

DEATH BENEFIT

One of the revisions in our Retirement Plan, effective January 1, 1965, is the payment of a lump sum death benefit to the beneficiary of any employee who retired on or after January 1, 1965.

The amount of death benefit to be paid is based on the employee's age and years of continuous service as of the date of retirement, and is summarized in the chart below.

CONTINUOUS LENGTH OF SERVICE	AGE AT RETIREMENT	AMOUNT OF DEATH BENEFIT
20 or more years of continuous service at time of retirement	65 or Over	\$ 4,000
	62 to 65	\$ 3,000
	58 to 62	\$ 2,500
Less than 20 years of continuous service at the time of retirement		\$ 1,000

PENSION APPLICATIONS of 413 CTA employees were approved by the retirement committee during the year 1964, according to the annual report by Secretary H. B. Storm.

That total included 243 applicants who had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 107 who were in the age group of 58 through 64, and 63 disability retirements.

Taking into account the 413 who became pensioners and the 412 who died during the year, a total of 5,465 retirees were drawing benefits at the end of the 1964 plan year.

Employees contributed \$3,306,179, and the CTA contributed \$6,612,258, for a total of \$9,918,437 during the year. The committee approved payments totaling \$7,814,885 covering payments paid to retired employees, refunds to employees who terminated their services and to deceased employees' beneficiaries, and expenses of administration.

The assets of the fund increased \$3,488,419 during the 1964 plan year, making total assets of \$37,131,507, as of December 31, 1964, held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company, trustee for the plan.

Of these funds held by the trustee, \$37,006,345 are invested in U.S. government securities, and \$117,995 in Chicago Transit Authority revenue bonds.

Twelve meetings were held during the year by the retirement committee consisting of Daniel J. McNamara, chairman; Peter W. Flaherty, D. J. McNamara, and W. J. Moran, representing Division 241, and Dennis J. O'Mahoney representing Division 308 of the Amalgamated Transit Union, and T. J. Murray, representing all other unions; J. E. Hastings, C. E. Keiser, P. J. Meinardi, T. B. O'Connor, and H. B. Storm, representing the Chicago Transit Authority.

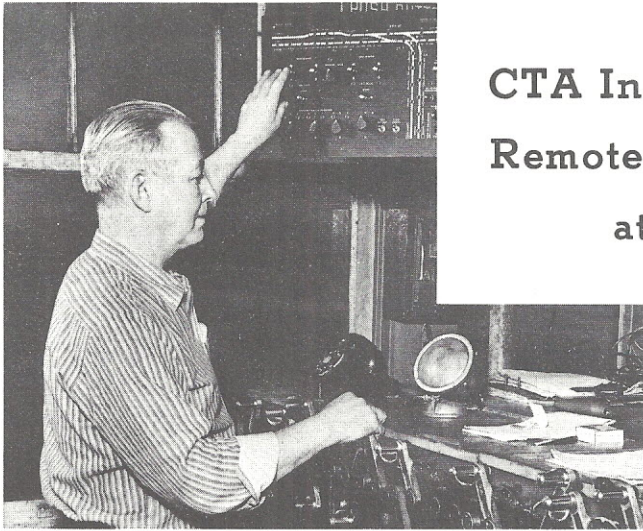
During April, report cards showing each employee's credits in the retirement fund as of December 31, 1964, will be distributed. A facsimile of the card is shown above. These cards are valuable for ready reference at all times and employees are advised to keep them for their records.

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TOWERMAN JAMES Harvey supervising train movements at 59th junction by means of the remote control panel located in 61st street tower.

INSTALLATION OF the first remotely-controlled tower on CTA properties was completed recently at the 59th street junction of the Jackson Park-Englewood branches of the North-South rapid transit route.

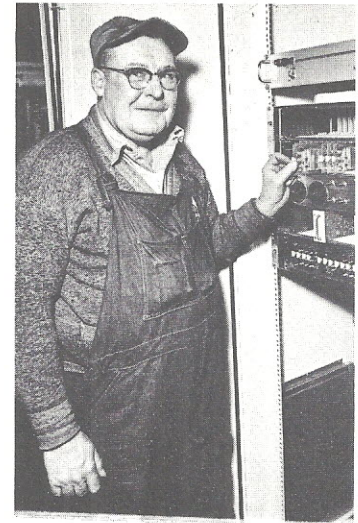
Described as a centralized traffic control solid state coding system, the installation can control signals and track switches in the approaches to the 59th street junction and keeps the towerman at 61st street informed of all train movements and track conditions in the controlled area. Two-way transmission is provided by telephone cables connecting the two terminal points.

The new facility is housed in a sheet steel building erected adjacent to the old tower at 59th street. Design of interlocking circuitry and work of installing the equipment was done by the Signal Division of CTA's Electrical Department. In effect, the former installation has become a modern, manual-automatic operation with remote supervisory control.

The end purpose of the remote control system is to provide the highest degree of reliability in rapid transit services. The system is fail safe in that any breakdown in communication between the control point and 59th street junction is indicated to the 61st street operator immediately. The safety of train movement through the 59th junction will

OUR COVER: Winter snows were still on the ground when a CTA photographer took this picture of the "Farm in the City," newest attraction in Lincoln Park. The bright red barn house domestic animals one is likely to find on almost any farm in rural America, and already has drawn its share of visitors though it has been open only a few months. Come summer it is expected to be a popular family crowd-puller, especially with children, and to bring back nostalgic memories to country-born city-dwellers who have never quite forgotten their childhood days in bucolic surroundings.

CTA Installs First Remote-Control Tower at 59th Junction



JOHN CONWAY, signal maintainer, making adjustments at the 59th street end of the remote interlocking supervisory control system.

depend solely on the interlocking plant and not the remote control installation.

A feature of the installation is the control panel which is suspended from the ceiling on the second floor of the 61st street tower. This contains a series of push buttons and flashing lights. And to the towerman, all have a meaning.

The control panel, approximately 12" x 18" in size, has a manual-automatic switch which enables the towerman to put the panel on automatic control. When this is in effect, both southbound and northbound trains are operated in A-B-A-B sequence. Lights also indicate whether an "A" or "B" train was the last to go through the interlocking.

Under manual control, train routing is made by pushing either the northbound or southbound "A" or "B" button to establish whatever route is desired. For switching or back-up moves in the controlled area line-ups are made by using auxiliary switch controls to establish the route and pushing a "C" button, used for a route other than an "A" or a "B" for whichever direction the move is to be made. The signals shown on the control panel are lights that flash on and off until the signals and trainstops are both cleared.

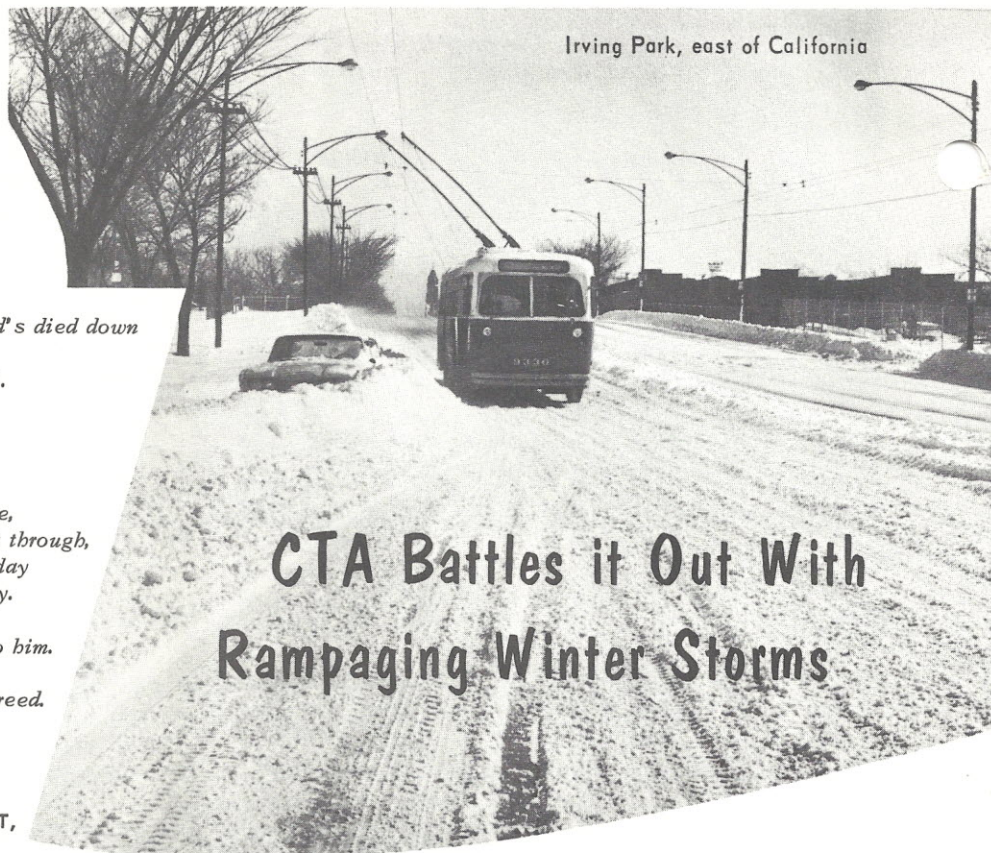
In conjunction with the modernization of the block signal system, interlocking with speed control has been installed between State street, Englewood branch, and 55th street on the North-South route.

Traffic at 59th street consists of about 350 trains per day operating on a headway varying between 1 1/2 minutes during the rush hour to a maximum of 15 minutes during "non-rush" periods. Trains operating through this interlocking are "A" trains that are routed west to Englewood, and "B" trains that are routed south to Jackson Park. There are a few switch moves made through the Interlocking consisting of work trains and extras operating between Englewood and Jackson Park.

Crew Man

*It was 5 am when they hit the street —
Twelve hours ago and, man, he's beat.
All day bucking a 10 inch snow
And they say she's dropping to 4 below.
Plow and shovel and start and stall,
Spread the salt, and heave and haul.
Twelve long hours on a man-sized chore,
And he won't be home for another four —
For the drifts still tower all over town
Though the snow has stopped and the wind's died down
He'll miss his dinner and he knew he would
(It's a damn good thing the coffee's good!).
But dinner and sleep are the sacrifice
For taking the teeth out of snow and ice,
And he gets a kind of a lift somehow
To know that the city is moving now,
That the buses are making it when they're due,
That the Dads get home and the trucks get through,
That tomorrow the stores will be jammed all day
And the kids will be getting to school okay.
Bad weather's his job and his job is grim
But the streets get clear and it's thanks to him.
But thanks is a word that'll get no heed
When you talk to a guy of the snow-crew breed.
"Look, that's the job," is all he'll say.
It takes a man to feel that way.*

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SOME OF the worst winter storms Chicago has experienced in many years hit the city in late January and February, leaving behind them unpleasant memories of ice and snow conditions that prevailed over the whole metropolitan area.

Not the least of the problems generated by the arctic weather were the effects it had on traffic and transportation of all types. Stalled cars blocked the streets and expressways. Struggling pedestrians fought the hazards of knee-deep snow. Mountainous drifts, piled up by wicked winds, made many thoroughfares impassible. It all added up to a colossal mess.

In the thick of the battle against the enraged elements was the CTA which was forced to call upon all its snowfighting equipment and emergency crews to meet the storm-caused crisis. It was a grueling 24-hour-a-day job, not only while the storms lasted but until the peak of the wild weather had passed.

CTA began its preparations for winter as early as October 1 of last year when contracts were awarded for expenditure of up to \$400,000 for salt requirements to be used in conjunction with its snow-fighting fleet in clearing snow and ice from transit routes.

The preparations also included getting CTA's emergency vehicles in readiness for service. Forty-eight of these are trucks that plow and spread

rock salt and 58 are buses which spread only. These are supplemented as needed by rented trucks, some of which are equipped with plows.

Severe winter storms, such as those which hit Chicago the first two months of 1965, not only disrupt operations, but cut deeply into CTA earnings. As of March 1 of this year, a total of \$425,000 had been expended in the battle against snow and sleet.

CTA forces work as a team with snow-fighting units of the City of Chicago. In order to meet all phases of the emergency created by snow and ice conditions most effectively, each operates on specific thoroughfares in accordance with a pre-arranged plan. CTA spreads salt on about 400 miles of streets and plows about 500 miles of streets. The City of Chicago spreads salt on 345 miles of streets, plus the Central area, and plows about 1,500 miles of streets, plus the Central area.

When a heavy sheet of ice coats overhead trolley wires, CTA sends out its nine sleet-cutting gas buses, which are equipped with two trolley poles affixed with sleet-cutting devices.

The rapid transit system, while not affected as severely by storms, nevertheless also has to contend with some problems.

The rapid transit system employs two-car work trains, with plows attached at each end, to clear track at grade level and on fill on CTA's North-

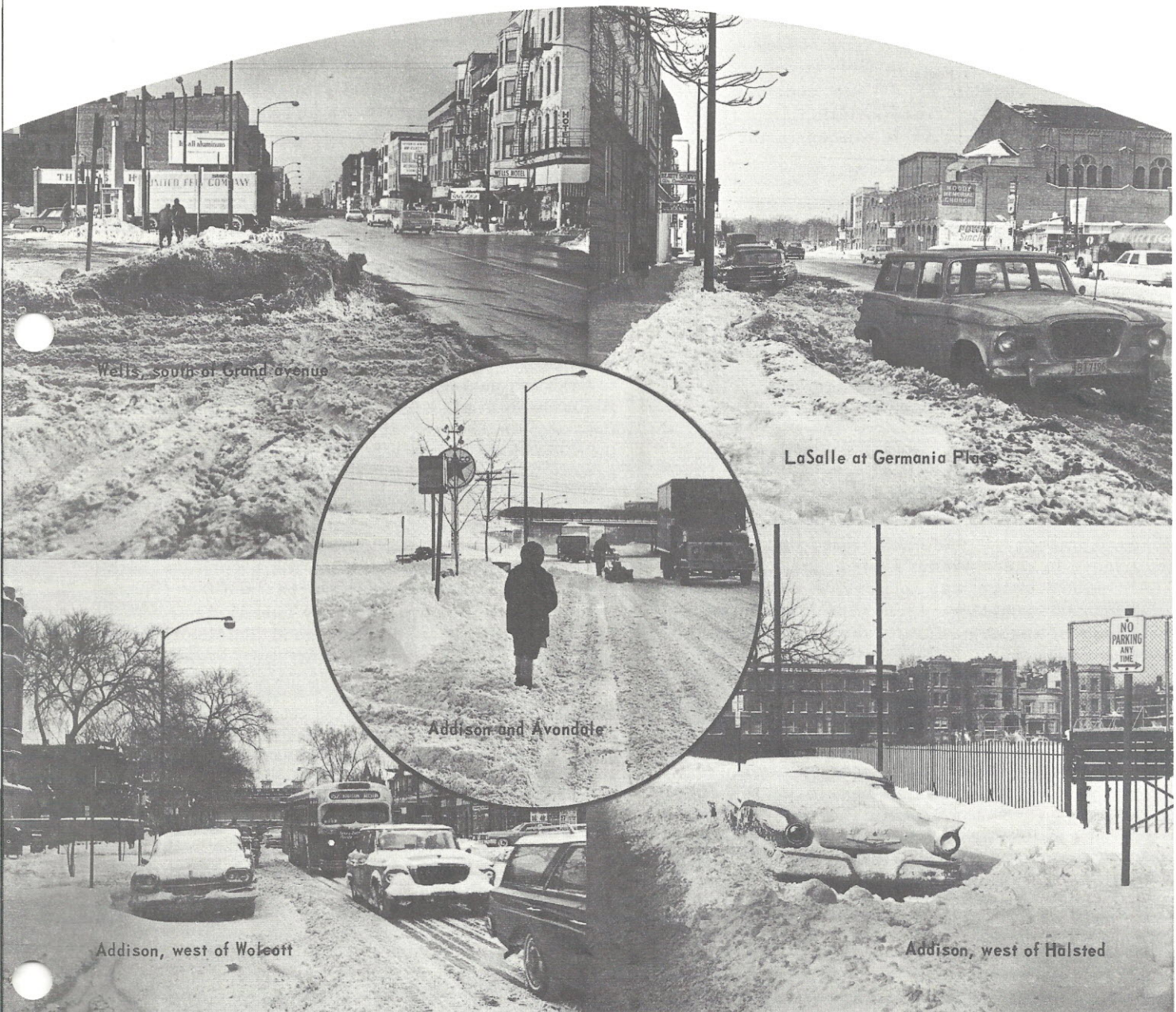
South, Ravenswood, Congress and Lake routes. All rapid transit cars are equipped with devices to remove ice-coating from the third rail.

Electric, gas and kerosene switch heaters are located at all switches on the rapid transit lines to melt snow and prevent it from forming on the switches during freezing weather.

One of the worst winters encountered in CTA operations was early in the 1958-59 season. In a two-month period from November 28 to January 25, a total of 34 inches of snow fell on the city, accompanied by extremely cold weather. Snow and ice removal and related emergency measures cost CTA \$938,000.

AFTER COMPARATIVELY mild weather until early January, old man winter really poured it on the Chicago area in the latter part of the month and in February. It was a mixture of snow, ice, sleet and freezing temperatures in a series of storms that made big headlines in the news.

The pictures appearing here depict a bus operator's view of Chicago streets during and after "Operation Snowdrift." But despite the hazardous driving conditions the buses got through, though schedules were often disrupted and customers inconvenienced. But considering the violence of the storms, CTA busmen demonstrated that they were the best drivers on the streets.



Campaign to Improve CTA's Public Image Launched



FIRST TO receive a CTA tie clip from Board Chairman George L. DeMent was T. B. O'Connor, general manager. Similar tie clips are being distributed to operating personnel by superintendents and supervisors as mementos that 1964 was the best safety year in CTA's history and as a reminder to continue the good effort in 1965.

AN EXPANDED campaign to improve CTA's public image, designed to enlist all supervisory and operating personnel in a system-wide effort to make 1965 a banner year in safety and courtesy, was launched March 5 at Transportation Department meetings held in the executive offices in the Merchandise Mart.

Attending the meetings were station superintendents, district superintendents, supervising instructors, and superintendents of agents and porters. Speakers included CTA Board Chairman George L. DeMent, General Manager T. B. O'Connor, Charles E. Keiser, manager of operations, and D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, who outlined the objectives and asked for full support and cooperation in the campaign by all operating and supervisory employees.

Stressed particularly were the two goals which it is hoped to attain. These are to make 1965 another safest year and reduce service complaints by building up a public recognition of good on-the-job-performance. It was emphasized that of prime importance in management's program to improve CTA's public image was to provide not only safe rides but also courteous treatment for all transit customers if the objectives of the campaign are to be achieved.

Two special awards presented at the meetings pointed up the consolidation of the safety and courtesy campaigns. Superintendent Frank J. Buetow of North Avenue received a plaque signifying that his station had recorded the best overall safety performance in 1964. Superintendent C. A. Kerr of North Park was awarded an achievement plaque certifying that his station had the highest per cent of operating personnel as members of the Courtesy Club in 1964.

After the meetings the supervisory groups returned to their respective work locations and began to meet personally with their employees, individually or in number, to brief them on the new program.

At these meetings, each employee was presented with a tie clip as a memento that 1964 was the best safety year in CTA history and as a reminder to continue the good effort in 1965. Surface employees receive a clip portraying a CTA bus. Clips distributed to rapid transit personnel feature an elevated train.

In their meetings with employees, station superintendents stressed to their groups the importance of keeping up the good work and establishing 1965 as another safest year by continuing to drive defensively and making the safety of their passengers their personal responsibility. In regard to commendations and complaints, they explained that the emphasis was on reducing complaints drastically rather than building up commendations and that this could be done merely by doing their job in a business-like manner.

The district superintendents in their talks pointed out that the job of traffic supervisors often was to improve performance "behind the scenes," particularly in areas affecting service. They reviewed the responsibilities of their jobs, which include thorough familiarity with trouble shooting procedures, enforcement of operating standards, and maintenance and restoration of service when irregularities occur.

Supervising instructors, in their contacts with new and regular employees, emphasized that CTA's image can be improved if every operator performs his job well. This implies good driving skills, efficiency, and a respectful attitude towards the public we serve.

CONSOLIDATION OF the safety and courtesy campaigns was marked by two special plaques presented by C. E. Keiser (center), operations manager, to C. A. Kerr (left), North Park superintendent, and F. J. Buetow, superintendent, North Avenue, for records established in courtesy and safety, respectively, in 1964. The meetings opened a campaign to improve CTA's public image.



News Briefs

NEW TRANSIT MAP AVAILABLE

A COMPLETELY revamped and more compact edition of CTA's pocket-sized transit map which includes all of the latest route changes is now available for free distribution.

All of CTA's bus and "L"-subway routes and their connections with suburban lines are illustrated on this easy-to-use map.

The reverse side of the map carries a description of all CTA surface and rapid transit routes, a condensed directory of Chicago streets, and listing of the routes where early morning "Owl" service is operated.

Copies of the new CTA map may be obtained by writing CTA Public Information Department, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago, Illinois 60654, or by phoning MOhawk 4-7200.

Foster-Central Route Extended

EXTENSION OF CTA's Foster-Central (No. 85A) bus route from its present terminal at Canfield-Foster to Irving Park and Cumberland (Pueblo) was announced recently. Effective date of the extended service was March 22.

Alternating trips during morning and afternoon rush periods on weekdays will operate over the extended portion of the route. Between Canfield-Foster and the off-street terminal at Irving Park and Cumberland, buses will operate via Canfield, Lawrence, and Cumberland.

CTA Renews Lease at Mart

RENEWAL OF CTA's lease for office space in the Merchandise Mart at an annual rental of \$457,544 for a term of five years was authorized March 4 by Chicago Transit Board.

The new lease for space in the Merchandise Mart is at the same rate that CTA is paying presently. The lease is for the period of November 1, 1966, through October 31, 1971.

Under the terms of the new lease, the rental payment for the last three years of the lease may be increased in proportion to the increase in real estate taxes, if any, paid by the lessor.

CTA has been located in the Merchandise Mart since 1951.

More "New Look" Buses Placed in Service

A TOTAL of 58 of 240 "New Look" buses on order from the Flixbus company of Loudonville, Ohio, had been delivered to CTA at the time this issue of Transit News went to press.

The first of the new buses went into service at Beverly station on March 12 and currently are being received at the rate of five per day.

Delivery of the full fleet of 240 buses costing \$6,420,792 is scheduled for completion in mid-July, according to Thomas B. O'Connor, CTA general manager. The purchase will increase CTA's fleet of "New Look" buses to a total of 841 units, all purchased since 1960.

CTA operates approximately 3,150 diesel, LP-gas, and trolley buses. The new units replace an equal number of diesel-powered buses that are being retired after having served out their useful life.

IT WAS graduation day March 3 for a combined radio-telephone operator and line supervisor training class consisting of Transportation Department employees. Five of the successful trainees were assigned to the radio-telephone operator pool, and one, Bill Limanowski, qualified for the line supervisor pool. Appearing in the photo are, front row, from left: D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation; Carl Larsen, supervisor, District "D"; Bill Limanowski, instructor, rapid transit system; Thomas Mace, supervisor, District "C"; Louis Mueller, instructor, North Section. Rear row: E. G. Milz, superintendent of rapid transit operations; Edward Jurczak, instructor, North Section; Herbert Elke, supervisor, District "C"; George Krambles, superintendent of planning and operations; J. J. Hemzacek, superintendent of surface operations.





CERTIFICATE OF award is presented to Lewis F. Letzow, foreman, 52nd garage, for best record in tire maintenance during 1964, by Ernest Grange, manager Highway Transportation Department, Goodyear Tire and Rubber company.

CTA Garages Rate High in Tire Tests

FIVE CTA bus garages recorded a plus 299.00 rating out of a possible 300 percentage score during 1964 it was disclosed in a Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company report of inspections made during the year.

Leading the 12 surface system stations was 52nd Station, with a near perfect 299.5 rating. Following percentagewise in the competition were Limits with 299.4, Forest Glen, 299.4, Kedzie, 299.3, and Keeler, 299.1.

Order of finish of the other garages, and their score, was: Lawndale, 298.8, Beverly, 298.1, North Park, 297.0, North Avenue, 296.9, Archer, 296.0, 77th, 294.7, and 69th, 294.5.

The inspections, made during the year ending December 31, 1964, covered three major test points and were conducted after buses had seen considerable street operations. These were: percentage of tires maintaining correct inflation measures, percentage of tires with non-leaking valve cores, and percentage of tires showing proper wheel alignment following extensive mileage in service on CTA routes.

The fine record made by 52nd street bus maintenance shop was recognized with the presentation of a certificate award by a representative of Goodyear at a recent luncheon.

The Goodyear report points out that CTA's success with its tire maintenance program has set new standards for the bus industry and credits the results to the better maintenance methods practiced by CTA.

Where There's a Will There's a Way - On TV

THE INGENUITY of TV producers is often tested when designing sets for programs, but they usually find a way to solve their problems.

Such was the case when a leading commercial film studio was confronted with the assignment of shooting a scene of passengers on a bus for a client. The difficulty was that the studio area was not large enough to accommodate a CTA bus, which they had intended to use.

A less enterprising staff of technicians would probably have considered this a real crisis, calling for a top level conference. However, the staff members decided to compromise. If they couldn't get a bus into the studio, they could get some bus seats needed for the close-up shot called for by the script.



CTA entered the picture when the studio contacted CTA's Public Information Department which arranged for them to borrow two bus seats from South Shops.

And so the show went on to everyone's satisfaction and relief, including the sponsor's. Using a mock-up back drop simulating bus windows the photographers got the shot they wanted.

The accompanying photos are of the studio set and the close-up picture as it appeared on television.

QUESTION: What do you remember most about your early childhood?

LOCATION: Limits Station

INQUIRING REPORTER: George Clark

CLEVEN WARDLOW Sr., operator (with reporter George Clark): "My mother and father, and the sweet harmonious life they lived before the children in our home with their constant teaching of love, respect, and patience for every human being. This remembrance is reflected in my life today, and the lives of my eight children. Because of this, I have been able to maintain a genuine smile for everyone."



LUCAS DANIELE, operator: "What I remember most about my early childhood are the simple pleasures we enjoyed, such as family picnics and mushroom picking. Also, I recall the beautiful scenery in the locality where we lived in Springfield, Massachusetts, situated at the foot of the Berkshire mountains. Every season was beautiful there, but the fall was most colorful."

WAYNE MONTGOMERY, operator: "The things I remember most are the big family gatherings at Christmas, and listening to my dad and granddad tell of things that happened when they were growing up."



THOMAS GUINAN, operator: "The things I remember most are the trips to my grandmother's farm on a hayrack and the home-made bread, butter, and jelly she gave us. I also enjoyed fishing in the Sangamon river with trout lines and frying the fish on the river bank. My hobby was raising homing pigeons and I also had a pair of Eskimo husky dogs."



EDWARD KAZMIERCZAK, operator: "I guess it was going to the movies with my brother and friends from the old neighborhood. My folks couldn't afford an automobile in those days so movies were our best form of entertainment, especially the westerns. In a way they served a dual purpose. We were off the streets and the family always knew where we were. In addition, they were constructive. They taught us evil does not pay and the "right guys" were always the winners."



OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS



SAFETY, COURTESY, good personal service.

These are three characteristics which help to create good will for CTA employes. These also are fundamental factors which result in patrons writing letters of commendation about our personnel.

This letter, relating an unpleasant incident on a bus, reports how Operator Vincent A. Oberski, badge No. 7014, North Avenue, handled the situation:

"I would like to call your attention to one of the most courteous and noticeably efficient bus drivers I have ever seen. I board the bus at the starting point on South Cicero avenue shortly after one in the morning each workday.

"Earlier this week a man who was intoxicated entered the bus about Roosevelt Road. He had trouble locating his change for the fare and meanwhile stood there shouting at the driver but in return was met with politeness.

"To get to my main point this man sat very near to me and became repulsive. On my way off I told the bus driver what had happened and said I hoped the man wouldn't follow me from the bus, which he did. The driver saw him watching me from the shadows of a darkened store entrance. It so happened that a police car was passing and the bus driver immediately hailed it and they pursued the man through the alley.

"It isn't easy for ladies that work late into the night to come home at that hour, but it certainly is a comfort to have men like this driver who react well in emergencies."

Quite often our rapid transit ticket agents also are recipients of commendations, proving that a good job performance by a woman employe also builds good will for CTA. The letter states:

"I wish to commend the CTA on having a very efficient agent at Wells and Madison streets. As you undoubtedly know, it is a very busy station at 5:00 p.m. and she handles it with such ease and calmness.

"I always know when she is NOT on duty as the stairs leading up to the station proper are full of people, but when she is there one can go

up the stairs at the normal gait. I do not know her name but her number is 1113 (Mildred Doyle, Loop).

"I have never written a "fan letter" before, but it is so very obvious that when she is taking fares the line moves much faster and I am not the only one who has commented on this fact."

The following letter calls critical attention to one of the problems which greatly aggravate the riding public and cause many service complaints:

"For the last four days at 7:10 a.m. the Austin buses going south have passed up several people, including myself, who were standing on the corner of Austin and Roscoe. This morning two buses passed us by and finally the third one picked us up though the others were not crowded. Being plenty angry by this time, I decided to start driving my car to work and asked others who were left waiting if they would like to form a car pool and help pay for gas, etc. They agreed and here we go in my car from now on.

"That makes five persons less for CTA. It's incidents like this that prompt people to form car pools. No, it will not be cheaper for us, but at least we won't be aggravated by bus drivers who pass us by for no good reason."

COMMENT: The reaction of these persons to being passed up is a natural one. They expect to be picked up when waiting at a scheduled bus stop. The fact that CTA lost five regular riders means a loss of revenue. Multiply this by others who have formed car pools because of dissatisfaction with CTA service and it amounts to a considerable sum which could be used to improve CTA operations.

SHOWN HERE is a comparison of commendations and complaints received by Chicago Transit Authority for the months February, 1965, January, 1965, and February, 1964.

	February 1965	January 1965	February 1964
Commendations	188	193	357
Complaints	1,216	1,307	1,053

SCENE OF many momentous events in English history is this locale on the Thames river. It is an aerial view of London showing Tower bridge in the foreground and the Tower of London to the right.

Now is Time to Make Reservations for CTA Tour of



SIGHTS OF history will come alive for members of the CTA group who will depart on Labor Day, September 6, for a 22-day guided tour of Europe.

On that afternoon they will board a BOAC Rolls Royce 707 Jet at O'Hare International Airport and wing their way to London where they will arrive the following day, and after a two-day stopover will set forth on a specially-arranged itinerary that will include most of the favorite tourist attractions on the continent.

For many of them it will be the first time they have set foot on foreign soil. But before they re-
ROME, THE Eternal City, offers many attractions to visitors. Among these is the Forum, meeting place of the ancient Romans, the floor of which is now grass covered and provides a resting place for weary tourists.



turn they will have visited 10 countries and observed the way of life of people in other parts of the world and learned something about the civilizations that were centuries old when America was young.

The tour is available at an all-inclusive tour rate from Chicago back to Chicago. It shapes up as one of the best travel buys of the year.

Judging from the many inquiries and the number of reservations already received, the tour is attracting interest from many employees and CTA retired personnel. This suggests that the time to make reservations is now, as all reservations must be made in advance to insure hotel and other accommodations on the tour.

A \$50.00 advance deposit per person is required to hold the reservation. Applications must be filled in and forwarded with the deposit on a blank which can be obtained by writing Jane Mitchell, CTA, Room 734, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois, 60654. An attractive illustrated folder giving all details of the tour - what it costs, what the rate covers, itinerary, what you will see and do - can also be obtained from Miss Mitchell on request.

Special features of the three-week all-inclusive tour arranged for the CTA group include round-trip jet air transportation; all travel within Europe via deluxe armchair motorcoaches; all meals included in the tour price; superior tourist class hotels throughout; complete sightseeing program; all tips and gratuities included, and English speaking guides in all cities.

If you want to take a real vacation this year, better get your reservation in NOW.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin,
CTA Medical Consultant

RHEUMATISM AND ARTHRITIS

MANY ARTICLES appear from time to time in the papers, magazines, and on television on the subject of rheumatism and arthritis. I think there may be some confusion in the minds of the public on the exact nature and classification of these diseases. Therefore, I would like briefly to define a few of these terms.

Rheumatism is a name or term commonly used to describe a large, diversified and often vague variety of aches and pains in the muscles, joints, tendons, bursa, and other parts of the muscular-skeletal system of our body.

Arthritis, strictly speaking, is the name given to an inflammation of joints and their nearby surrounding structures.

The most common types of arthritis are rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, gouty arthritis, traumatic, bacterial (rheumatic fever), chemical, and hormonal types.

This paper then will include aspects common to rheumatism and arthritis in general.

Rheumatism and arthritis are rightfully called the nation's number one crippler. It has been estimated by some authorities on this subject that these diseases disable about 10 percent of our population, also 10 times as many as diabetes, seven times as many as cancer and twice as many as heart disease. The time or labor loss and money loss from these disorders is terrific.

The most important issue here, however, is not the economic loss but the consideration and relief of pain and suffering for the patient. To give you an idea of the relative frequency of the various types of these diseases it is estimated that of every 100 patients complaining of rheumatism, about 40 may have rheumatoid arthritis, 30 may have osteoarthritis, 15 may have muscular rheumatism and the other 15 will have gout, bacterial, or chemical arthritis. For clarification, let me say that the rheumatoid arthritis cases are characterized by swelling and pain of the smaller joints of the body especially the fingers, hands and knees.

The osteoarthritis is a degenerative disease of the bones involving frequently the spine and the knees.

Gouty arthritis usually produces soreness and swelling of the big toes.

The specific causes of rheumatism and arthritis are, unfortunately, still unknown. Suspected causes include allergic reactions and either a virus or bacterial infection.

Contributing factors are as follows: The disease is more prevalent in temperate climates and rare in the tropics. It has a tendency to develop in the spring and fall. Females are more often affected 3 to 1. Other causative factors are chronic infection from teeth or tonsils, fatigue, unusual trauma, emotional factors, and metabolic disturbances.

The symptoms of rheumatism and arthritis depend some on the part of the body involved. In general, the early symptoms consist of swelling, pain, restricted movements of the hands, feet, or back, and fever of the part involved. The late symptoms may be manifested by stiffening of the joints, and inability to use arms and legs normally. These symptoms plus the laboratory tests including blood examinations and X-ray serve to establish the correct diagnosis.

Proper treatment of rheumatism and arthritis requires skilled medical supervision over a long period of time rather than periodic dosing with pain killers. The physician will individualize the treatment but generally the aim is to relieve pain, maintain good motion and preserve the strength and use of muscles. Early treatment is very important to prevent stiffness of joints. Control of body weight, proper diet, exercise, and good hygiene also aid in obtaining the best results. Physical therapy including heat and massage help to prevent stiffening of the joints. Warm climates may be of some temporary benefit but should not be expected to cure. The same advice holds true for Cortisone and other steroid drugs and gold injections. Sometimes reconstructive surgery is beneficial.

In conclusion, remember that rheumatism and arthritis tend to run a long drawn-out course. There is no miracle. Select a well-qualified physician in whom you have faith and follow his recommendations with courage and perseverance. This is necessary to obtain the best results.

THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

ALICE NOVALICH, Voucher, was awakened in the early morning hours of January 15 by the sound of an explosion in her home in Hammond, Indiana. A flash fire followed which burned a greater part of the house, furniture, and personal possessions. Fortunately, Alice was able to escape safely, but her mother-in-law, Mrs. ELLA NOVALICH, was fatally burned before being rescued from the burning home. She succumbed that same night. Alice wishes to thank her friends and co-workers for their kind expressions of sympathy in both word and deeds in assisting her and family in this time of trial... AL LATHOUWERS, who lives in Mundelein, was one of many affected by the lack of electric power caused by a recent ice storm. He had many difficulties keeping the house warm and the food cold. Al was relieved and happy when the power was resumed after 54 hours... Several persons in the Accounting Department have been "under the weather" from a little bug called the "flu."

- Mable Potthast

(Material & Supply) -

MARGARET WALKER was fortunate in choosing a winter vacation to get away from the icy winds and cold. She flew to Miami, Florida, to spend two weeks with her brother and his family.

- Clara Lawrence

(Revenue) -

To bring spring a little closer, and to visit her son and his family, ESTELLE LUCAS recently flew to Augusta, Georgia, for her vacation. Estelle reports a very pleasant visit and signs of spring in the South, where the jonquils were already in bloom... SHIRLEY MILLMINE, who resigned last September, and her husband are the proud parents of PAUL Jr. who was born on January 27. The happy granddad is North Park Receiver, ED STENZEL... ALICE CLEARY of Revenue became a proud grandmother again for the seventh time when DAVID ALLEN HARR checked in on February 6 at 3:06 a.m. The baby's mother, BETTY, celebrated her birthday February 7, so David Allen almost made it a double occasion... Sympathy is extended to ROBERT L. HILL, Revenue Accountant, in the recent loss of his mother... A proud father, FELIX PALILUNAS, watched his daughter, LEONA, receive her degree in musical education from DePaul university on St. Valentine's Day. Leona plans to teach music as a career... The new transfer counter is JOSEPH ROSSIE... This past Valentine's Day, February 14, ROBERT BRATEK, clerk, announced his engagement to Miss ANGELA PELLEGRINI, who is a secretary for a building management concern located in the Loop. As of yet the young couple have not set a date for the wedding... Mrs. VIRGINIA HARRER is on the sick list and is confined at Walther Memorial hospital.

- Betty Suhr

ARCHER -

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. KUMMER, whose lives were brightened with a new baby girl, KELLY MARIE, born December 21. The grandparents

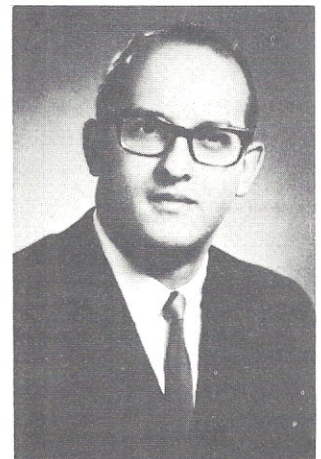
of young Kelly are Mr. and Mrs. FRED OLSEN... There were three new pensioners in the month of February. They are ALEX BELL, ED HEFFERAN and WALTER MASLOWSKI. Alex Bell, who is often referred to as Casey No. 2, is sorry to leave his old friends. Eddie Hefferan left in January but his vacation made his retirement officially for February. These fellows are assured plenty of rest though their future plans are precarious ones. Gee, guys why not go ice fishing... Archer station has done it again! On Tuesday, February 9, the employees at Archer were presented the I.S.C. award. Each quarter, this award is presented to the station with the lowest number of accidents, both passenger and traffic; and this was the second quarter that Archer has won it. Therefore, Archer is acclaimed champion for the year of '64. This award and the title of CHAMPS are the end product of hard work, skill and dedication on the part of each and every employee. Congratulations, fellows, let's repeat it in '65... MICHAEL DRYIER, father of Operator T. DRYIER, passed away. He was laid in state at the John Patka funeral home located at 1256 West 51st street. ED KRAUSE, retired janitor of Archer, is in need of blood at the County hospital. Though he is there, donors are urged to go to Mt. Sinai hospital, 1500 S. California and give to the A.A.L. blood bank No. 284... Mrs. KERHART, wife of Operator FRED KERHART of Archer, passed away Sunday, February 7. The wake was held at the Svec funeral home, 6227 West Cermak Road, Berwyn, Illinois... JOE HENDERSON, former collector, is in Hines hospital building "C"... ANDY HUMOR was hospitalized for a painful back injury. He is convalescing from the injury which needed surgery. Hurry back, Andy, your job awaits you.

- John H. Tyler

BEVERLY -

The Flu bug is gone and we hope everyone is off the sick list and back to work. Those ten below zero days along with some pretty tough driving makes everyone glad spring is just around the corner... Clerk JOHN KIRBY was even tempted to try some of EDDIE TROST's cold remedy but couldn't stand the odor. Ed calls it "Rollo" and says it is a family secret that was passed on

A FORMER part-time ticket agent on the West Section who recently was graduated from Denver university with a master's degree in public administration is RAY GOLDSTEIN, son of RICHARD GOLDSTEIN, assistant superintendent of schedules. Ray received his bachelor's degree in political science from Loyola university in Chicago. He is now on the research staff of the governor of Arizona in Phoenix.

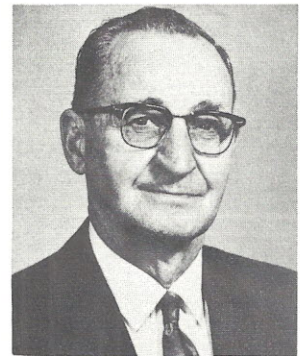
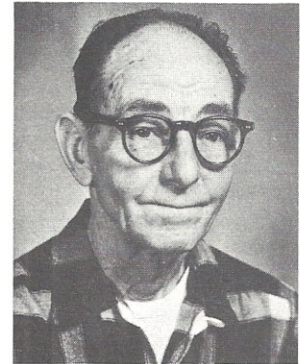
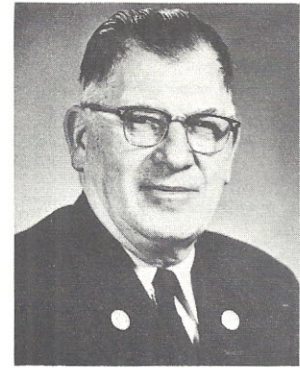


NEW PENSIONERS

ARTHUR BADER, Carpenter "A",
South Shops, Emp. 3-27-34
JAMES F. BYRNE, Bus Cleaner,
77th Street, Emp. 3-29-28
JAMES J. DURCHAN, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 9-08-25
JOSEPH HALEY, Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 7-31-47
HENRY W. JAMES, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 4-27-44
HAROLD G. JOHNSON, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 9-27-27
ALFRED O. LUEBECK, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 10-14-25
EDWARD J. MOLONEY, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 7-30-23
BERNARD J. REGAN, Conductor,
Wilson, Emp. 1-22-25
CARL A. SALVESEN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-31-46
ARTHUR F. SCHECK, Painter,
South Shops, Emp. 6-09-36
JOHN P. SEERY, Extra Guard,
South Section, Emp. 8-08-27
NOBEL A. SHELTON, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 1-22-25
RAFFAELE VENTURA, Trackman 1,
Track and Struct. Emp. 3-05-25
JOHN J. VOLINO, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-15-44

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JAMES A. DAWSON, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 9-25-42
WARREN J. HUNTER, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 2-23-27
JOHN J. MC GOVERN, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 3-18-46
ARTHUR J. PARKER, Porter,
West Section, Emp. 4-18-42



JOINING THE ranks of the retired on March 1 were these three men who have served Chicago transit riders for 40 or more years each. They are (top to bottom): EDWARD MOLONEY, NOBEL SHELTON, and ALFRED LUEBECK.

to him by his grandfather . . . GEORGE HAMPER, one of our pioneers who lives in Lamont, had a very serious accident and found those sign posts would not move out of his way. He thanks the Willow Springs fire department and plans to send them a large donation. George's daughter fell on the ice and was also in the hospital with a fractured skull. Don't worry, George, next Christmas Santa Claus has promised to bring you skid chains and your daughter a football helmet . . . The baseball season will open soon and Night Clerk JOHN COOK is trying out his pitching arm every morning with catcher GEORGE "Cracker" BUETOW . . . RAY GOODWIN has found his can opener and is planning a long fishing trip with some of the boys . . . HAROLD MARHOEFER has been in hibernation all winter and has to read detective stories for a thrill.

If you don't think spring is here the little woman will remind you when she starts to sing the Old Swan Song, "Everyone is through decorating but you." The old timers nod their heads and say "yes, dear," and let it go in one ear and out the other. There is always one wise young guy who likes to show us up but he'll learn . . . Pensioner JOE CARNEY, our former instructor, stopped in to say hello to the peasants . . . BERNIE ZESCH is back after a pretty rough bout with pneumonia . . . Supervisor

"CURLY" LE GUIRE returned to work after a very serious operation . . . We express our sympathy to the family of MIKE KELLY, who was assistant foreman of the shops at 69th street. It was just a year ago that Mike and Supervisor JACK NICHOLAS and your scribe went through the third degree of the Knights of Columbus LaRabida Council . . . Pensioner JOHN MALONEY plans a trip to the "old sod." . . . JAMES O'SHAUGHNESSY and WALTER BAROWSKI are shining up their golf clubs and can't wait to get out on the green and chase the little white ball around.

Supervisor JOHN R. CARR and his wife, FLORENCE, have recently returned from a motor trip to New Orleans. They did not go for the Mardi Gras, but most enjoyable was the bayou-locks trip, a camelia show, crossing the causeway-29 miles over Lake Ponchartrain-and a streetcar ride! From Canal street they rode the St. Charles line for 45 minutes when they were turned back short at a crossover, so they will never know where the end of the line is nor how much farther. The bus and streetcar fares are only ten cents there. The Carr's son, WESLEY RAY, went into service last August. After basic at Fort Knox and schooling at Fort Dix, and a trip home for Christmas, he was flown to Korea to serve a year or more as a chaplain's assistant at Camp Beaver. It is

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hard to believe that the flight from Seattle, Washington, to Seoul, Korea, only took ten hours. He was writing a letter, dated the same day he left the states, after arrival in Seoul. He has requalified on the M14 on a recent field trip and has been "upped" from marksman to expert medal.

- Tom Daniels

CLAIMS -

We of the Claim Department wish to extend our deepest sympathy to JOHN DU PERE, court assistant, on the death of his beloved mother, Mrs. ANNA DU PERE. . . Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM ASHLEY, parents of LOVANCE ASHLEY, supervisor of statementmen, on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary . . . We are proud to announce two new little arrivals. They are DEANNA MARIE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. TONY RITROVATO, statementman, and ROBERT BING, son of Mr. and Mrs. BING APITZ, night accident clerk . . . February 19th at the Millionaire's Club, 6162 North Broadway, was the date and place for the 27th annual dinner dance given by the D.A.I. Employee's Federal Credit Union of the Claim Department. A good time was had by all. Fun and frolic was dispensed with just long enough to elect new officers for the following year. They are MARY BERRY, president; JIM MC VEA, vice president; DAN PERKOVICH, treasurer, and BARBARA MIKA, secretary. After two successful years as president, we wish DAVID MUNYER a fond farewell. David has been elected to the board of directors for the next two years.

- Tom Marchisotto & Kathy May

ELECTRICAL -

JOSEPH BEDARD and his wife, CHARLOTTE, are the proud parents of DEBRA ANN, born January 23 . . . J. E. CONNELLY is happy to report the birth of his 10th grandchild, MAUREEN ANN, born to FRANK and LOR-ETTA CONNELLY on January 11 . . . Father WILLIAM MALOTTKE, son of CLARENCE MALOTTKE, was transferred from St. James Cathedral in Chicago to St. Johns church in Charlotte, Michigan. Best wishes to you in your new venture . . . MARY KAY, daughter of Substation Operator STAUNTON, graduating from Resurrection Grammar school, has earned a scholarship to St. Mary's High school. Congratulations, Mary . . . Superintendent DANECKE and his wife spent 3 weeks vacationing at Pompono Beach, Florida. . . On our sick list we have NORMAN WALLACE and FRANK DORSH. Both are at home and would appreciate cards and visits . . . Our sympathy to the family of THOMAS D. CALLAHAN, former chief operator at Harding substation, who passed away January 27.

Double congratulations to Power Supervisor JOHN ANGELO, when on February 6 his wife gave birth to twins. The girl was named SUSAN MARIE and the boy JOSEPH FRANCIS. The new arrivals make the total five now for the Angelo family . . . Received a post card from Lineman Helper RON NELSON, who along with his wife drove down to St. Petersburg, Florida, on his vacation. Ron tells us that the weather there has been very hot with a high in the 80's. Ron says that he got a good sun tan the first day there . . . Third Rail Maintenance Foreman JOHN SHEA recently returned from his vacation. John said that he spent his time mostly at home doing some work around the house . . . Lineman Helper

CHARLEY SALVATORE returned to work after being off as a result of an auto accident. Welcome back, Charley . . . Also welcoming back "B" Helper PATRICK DEVITT, who returned to work after being on the sick list . . . As of this writing, Lineman DINO FUGGITI, is on the sick list. We all wish Dino a speedy recovery . . . The welcome mat is extended to our newly assigned engineer, EARL CORNELL . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lineman JIM JOHNSTON, on the sudden loss of his father who passed away on January 25 . . . Many happy returns of the day to General Maintenance Foreman BILL SHEAHAN, who celebrated a birthday on February 26.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

FOREST GLEN -

FRED LOHSE, collector, took a disability pension February 1. Our acquaintance goes back to the Noble car barn. While at that depot, Fred was treasurer of the Federal Credit Union for five years and then served as president for five years. We wish Fred many years of happy retirement . . . Operator LEO RATKOWSKI became a proud Grandpa on January 25. His son and daughter-in-law were blessed with a baby girl . . . CARL, son of Operator CARLO and Mrs. TROMBATORE, came home on a surprise leave. Carl is a Marine who was stationed at El Toro Marine Base in Santa Ana, California. When returning to duty, he will go to San Francisco, where a desk job awaits his arrival . . . The deceased during the past month are as follows: Pensioner CY WILLIAMS; Operator VINCENT F. BIBBY; ELSIE MURBARGER, wife of Head Receiver FRED MURBARGER; EDWARD GOLNIK, brother of Operator JUNIOR GOLNIK, and ANDREW CHILDERS, father of Operator HAROLD CHILDERS . . . The Forest Glen Operators are leading the CTA (Friday a.m.) bowling league. The team consists of DON "Carter" LOFENDO, TOM VALENZIA, FRANK PARTIPILO, and anchor man JOHN KORMAN. I don't know how John got in with that clique, all I have to say it's a good thing he is as big as he is. This gives me an opportunity to remind all members of the Little Flower Society to renew their membership in the greatest group that does a terrific job towards raising money that is used to help send young men through the priesthood. The communion breakfast is Sunday, March 28. There will be a chartered bus that leaves Forest Glen at approximately 6:50 a.m. for those who wish to attend. Please help to make a good representation from Forest Glen. I would like to wish all of you a joyous and happy Easter. The same applies to all pensioners, especially those in Florida who made your scribe's recent vacation a pleasant one. In closing, I would like to add that I know how Old Mother Hubbard felt, because everytime I go to the "Transit News Item Box" it is bare. This is your column and I would appreciate your cooperation. Help, Help, Help, contributions needed.

- Frank Carpino

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

Add two more ski fans to the growing list of CTA skiers. LELA LYONS made her first attempt at skiing at Slinger, Wisconsin, and CAROL ARNDT chose the ski trails of Mt. Fugi, in Lake Geneva, for her debut . . . Six of the Insurance Department girls and KAY GUZOVICH of Public Information took KAREN HARDER of Methods and Procedures to the Cafe LaTour as a pre-wedding celebration. Karen was married on February 27 and chose Lela Lyons to be her maid of honor . . . We had a



CELEBRATING THEIR 62nd wedding anniversary recently were **GEORGE and MAGGIE LaFAIRE**, who are pictured here in their Hollywood, Florida, winter home. George retired 15 years ago but the LaFaire family is still represented at CTA by his son, **RAY** (South Section), daughter-in-law, **HELEN** (South Section), and grandson, **ROBERT** (Beverly).

short visit from our former mailman, **PAT O'BRIEN**, who retired on February 1. Pat is looking fine, as usual, and is busy making plans for a trip to Ireland in the near future.

(Reproduction Services) -

MARTIN ORLOWICZ just returned from six months service in the marine corps. His first purchase was a 1963 Catalina Sports Coupe. Welcome back, Marty... **PAUL KOVARIK** chose a very good time for his vacation this year. It was the time of the "big snow" and he spent most of his time shoveling the white stuff.

(Medical) -

Dr. DONALD L. CHATMAN was recently added to the staff of the Medical Department. He has been assigned to the Mobile Examining Unit and will conduct the periodic medical examinations of employees. Dr. Chatman graduated from Meharry Medical school in Tennessee in 1960. He served two years in the Air Force before coming to CTA.

- Ann Golding

GENERAL OFFICE (Specifications) -

HELEN (DOHERTY) BURGMAN, former employe, died suddenly at her home in Torrence, California. Her husband, **JOHN BURGMAN**, was also a former CTA employe of Staff Engineering. Helen's death shocked her many friends and former co-workers at CTA and their sincere sympathy is extended to John and their two children, **JEAN MARIE**, age seven, and **JOHN Jr.**, age five.

(Equipment Engineering) -

Congratulations were extended to **MARGE (ARNOLD) NACHOWICZ**, former secretary to **GEORGE CLARK**, engineer of equipment, and her husband, **JOSEPH**, a South Shops Engineer, on the birth of a daughter on January 26. They named the baby **DONNA ANN**.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

MARGARET MC KENNA, daughter of **JOHN MC KENNA** and sister of **MICHAEL MC KENNA**, Electrical Department, recently received a cash grant from the Walter Byron Smith Fund of the Art Institute of Chicago to be applied toward her tuition for the art school... **BURT BOSAN**, artist, is recovering from a recent operation. **TED JUNG**, artist, has again been called for jury duty. He's beginning to think that someone is not doing a very good job in shuffling the names in the hat... **JIM TRETTON** is quite pleased with his bright new yellow 1965 Oldsmobile.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEDZIE -

Operator **RICHARD KOBYLECKY** and his wife, **JAN-ET**, are the proud parents of a girl born January 29. Congratulations and the best of health to the little one and mother... Board Member **WILLIAM LARSEN** and his wife, **JOSEPHINE**, celebrated their 24th anniversary on February 8. Congratulations... Communion mass and breakfast will be held March 28 at St. Barbara's church, 64th and Woodlawn, for the St. Joseph Branch of the Little Flower Society. Let's have a large attendance this day... Welcome back to **PATRICK MC QUAD**, who underwent surgery on his eyes... Operator **JOSEPH GADSON** is confined to Veteran's hospital, 820 South Damen avenue. We wish him a speedy recovery... We welcome the new operators who came in the system pick and to those who left, good luck in your new surroundings... Our sympathy is extended to the family of Retired Operator **CHARLES PASTERNAK**, formerly of Blue Island, whose brother passed away recently.

- C. P. Starr

LIMITS -

A letter in the Our Town Column in the North Side neighborhood section of a recent Sunday Tribune said that during the January ice storm a CTA patron was on a Wilson avenue bus. The rain was freezing as it approached Sheridan Road and she observed a very elderly lady near the curb who was desperately trying to move on the ice. The driver stopped the bus-jumped out and guided the lady to safety-instructing her to follow the buildings closely. Our passenger identified the driver as **LE BLANC LE DREE**, who has shown consideration on other occasions... Retired Operator **HARRY GRESKE** passed away in February. We extend our sympathy to his wife and son... Mechanic **LARRY WOLAVER** retired on March 1. Larry and his wife, who live in Elgin, will enjoy retirement there in their own home... Operator **ART MAAS** has left Columbus hospital after surgery and is recuperating at home... Supervisor **NORBERT WEISHAAR** retired on March 1 after 33 years of service. He started his transit career with the Chicago Motor Coach as a conductor on a double-deck bus... Operator **GENE ADAMS** recently submitted to major surgery at Wesley Memorial - he has returned to work... Operator **LOU SCHATZ** enjoyed his last two week's vacation at home, although he and his wife did travel to Effingham, Illinois, for a week-end with relatives... **CLARENCE BUTHMAN**, Limits Credit Union treasurer, is recuperating at home after being a medical patient at Augustana hospital... Assistant Day Shop Foreman **PAT HIGGINS** submitted to major surgery and has returned to work fit as an Irish fiddle... Retired Supervisor **JAMES LYNCH** passed away in his Florida home during January. Jim started his career with the Motor

The Construction and Maintenance Department Pension and Flower Fund is having its yearly party on Thursday, May 20, 1965, at the Peacock room, 6144 West Cermak Road. At this event we will distribute pension checks of \$50.00 each to retirees from the department during the past year, June 1, 1964, to May 31, 1965. Tickets are \$4.00. There will be a fine dinner and dancing. Retirees are invited.

For tickets see your Foreman or Gus Stupka, Paul Anderson, V. E. Bannister, George Schindler, Wayne Hansen, A. W. Steers, Steve Milos and Martin Daley. Dinner is at 7:00 P.M.

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Coach in 1923. He was driver instructor for many years becoming a supervisor at the merger with CTA. He was waked and buried in Chicago. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Bus placer L. O. BILLSTEN spent his last two weeks of vacation in Chicago . . . Superintendent GEORGE MAY submitted to minor surgery and at this writing is recuperating at home. Hurry back, Boss! . . . Operator PAT CRONIN's son, DENNIS, a CTA employe at North Park Shops, is now in Uncle Sam's Army. He was home on furlough and able to attend his sister's wedding on February 13. He had to leave the next day however for Brandon, Germany, where he will be stationed . . . TIM RIORDAN, our amiable shop superintendent, has asked me to remind operators to turn off all unnecessary lights during the winter months when the drain on the battery is heavy. Especially, fellows pulling runs out early in the a.m. They might forget to turn them out as daylight approaches . . . Operator PAT CRONIN gave his lovely daughter, Kathleen, away in marriage to MICHAEL WHITE. The nuptial mass was read by FATHER CRONIN at Queen of Angels church on February 13. A scrumptious breakfast was served at Juliens on Irving Park boulevard. The reception for 150 guests was held at the Jolly club. The happy couple honeymooned at the Wagon Wheel in Rockford, Illinois, and will be home later in their apartment on the northwest side of Chicago . . . At this writing we are having a general system pick which means some new faces will be among us and some will leave. To all going we say "Good Luck" and all coming in we welcome you . . . You can save and borrow with Limits Credit Union and have a payroll deduction.

- George Clark

LOOP -

WILLIAM, son of Towerman WILLIAM DONNELLY Sr., said "I do" February 27 at St. John Fisher Catholic church. Our best wishes to the bride and groom . . . Trackman CHARLIE WRIGHT had a two-week vacation with his folks in St. Louis. Charlie ended his vacation with a bad cold and ended up in the hospital . . . Agent A. DUNLEVY is back on the job after a nice quiet vacation with her cousin, retired agent RUTH HANSON . . . At this writing Agent MILDRED LEMIEUX is on her vacation. Many passengers have asked for Mildred. They were hoping she wasn't ill. So see, they miss you, Mildred . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Agent J. HARDIN on the loss of her dear mother. Also Loop Agent D. HAYES whose sister passed away so suddenly in Florida. And the family of Painter FRANK MARC, who passed away several weeks ago . . . It's good to see Agent H. OLSEN back on the job after being off with the flu. Clerk J. MC CARTHY missed Olsen's pleasant smile and cheery hello! Also back are JUNE BAREKMAN and PAUL MILLER, who had been off a long time . . . On the sick list at this writing are Agents R. MAPLE, K. JOHNSON, W. RASKOPF, H. ELLISON, C. FICK, E. HASBRAUCH, M. BURROWS, L. MORRIS, M. WENSTRUM, and A. HILL. Porters are A. PARKER, C. NICHOLS, W. PLAIR, J. SMITH, and L. GORDON HAY.

Congratulations to Agent JOHN FILIPEK, who celebrated his birthday February 28. He won't give his age, but says he has a few more years of hard work before his pension. To be on the safe side he is dusting off the old rocking chair . . . Better late than never. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. L. WEISGERBER, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary a short time ago. Louie

FLORIDA SUNSHINE is but a memory for this wayfaring threesome who left the warmer clime after a two-week vacation to return to Chicago's frigid weather. Pictured here in a convertible which they rented are (left to right) GERRI SEXTON, Public Information; JOANNE PYTLEWICZ, Reproduction Services, and DARLENE VERHEECK, Purchasing.



repairs turnstiles in the subway . . . Extra Agent JEAN JACKSON was surprised the other evening when she returned home from work. Her son, L. JACKSON, was there on a ten-day leave. He is serving in the United States Navy and is stationed in San Diego . . . Just received word RAY MAPLE is home from the hospital. He is feeling much better now. Keep up the good work, Ray. All of us would like to see you back on the job . . . Wedding bells may not be far off for lovely ANN WASTIER. If you look at her third finger left hand you will see a beautiful diamond. Ann became engaged a few weeks ago. Congratulations to you and may you and your fiancé have many years of good luck and happiness together . . . Congratulations to Agent O. MADISON who said "I do" last month . . . An exciting day - a crash, and all ends very well for Agent E. CLEMENT and her husband. They went to Florida to see their son race in the 200 mile Daytona International Car race. He qualified at 156-1/2 mph. He lost control after going 40 laps and crashed into the wall. He came out with only a few scratches and all were thankful for that . . . Over a recent weekend, Porter O. BUCHANAN went to Springfield, Illinois, to visit his uncle who has been quite ill . . . Just received the good news that Agent ARLENE SWANSON became a great grandmother the other day. So we congratulate you Arlene and wish you the best of luck with this little bundle of love . . . Most student agents enjoyed their mid-term break. When not working they went on several ice skating and toboggan parties. Agent MARY E. DUNN said she'd rather work, for some reason or other she likes the money. How about that.

On February 23 students attending U of I started their classes in the new school. This means the new station at



AMONG FEBRUARY'S retirees were two bus cleaners from 69th street station who are pictured here. They are, DAN CONSIDINE, left, and RICHARD RYAN, who had 23 and 40 years of service, respectively.

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Peoria and Congress will be very busy with students going and coming all day. By the way, Agent BOB LAVIN was the first agent to work this station the day it opened . . . Student Agent J. MC CARTHY became second in command in Loyola's ROTC. My how the girls go for that fancy uniform or is it Jim? . . . Student Agent BOB HASS had a birthday January 30. All his friends gathered at Bob's home and had a party for him. All had a good time and lots of goodies to eat . . . Student Agent MARY E. DUNN and BOB LAVIN went to see "Oliver" now playing at the Schubert . . . Sorry to learn KAY DONOVAN, student agent, left the company. She is attending Loyola and has a full program every day. Her evenings are taken up with homework, but Kay finds time to keep her eye on JIM DOLAN. Look out, Jim . . . Several people asked who that good looking, well dressed, polite agent was that worked Madison and Wells February 4. It was none other than Student Agent JOHN MORROW. We would like to take this opportunity to wish former Agent JOE RUSSO lots of good luck in his new Law Office. It is located in Oak Park near the Lake street "L." We hear Joe is doing quite well. He is furthering his education by going to John Marshall Law school in the evening. . . Now that the weather will be getting nice, Agent G. KAWA promised his little two year old grandson he'd take him for a ride on the "L" trains.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH PARK -

Crossing Guard EILEEN DAHLBERG, sister-in-law of Operator JACK URBAN, would like to thank all the operators of Broadway and Devon runs who have been very cooperative with her at Devon and Greenview avenues . . . Fireman PETE BARRETT, brother of Sanitary Engineer JOHN BARRETT, received the fireman's hero award at the annual Little Flower Society banquet held January 28 at the Palmer House . . . Operator GARY NOONAN and his wife, MARY, bought a house at 3125 N. Damen avenue and moved in March 1. Gary has sold his home on Addison street and open house will be held April 3 . . . Operator ART OLSON and his wife, LENORE, have gone all out and bought a 1960 Oldsmobile. Art says he will get his '65 in 1970 . . . Operator TED DIDIER and his wife, MADA, spent a weekend in La Crosse, Wisconsin, visiting Ex-operator FRANK CAHILL, who is now raising cattle in La Crosse. Frank sends his regards to all his Chicago friends . . . Operator BOB KESSLER spent the last two weeks of his vacation, during which time we had all the zero weather and snow, by staying at home and doing his decorating . . . Receiver AL REMACK took his wife, DOROTHY, out for a real Valentine's day treat. They dined at the Martinique restaurant and then went to the Drury Lane Theatre to see "The Happiest Millionaire" . . . Operator RAY SIMON has an unusual hobby of which we are all proud of him. He is a song writer and has had several songs published. Ray is also a close friend of Actress SANDRA DEE, who is also MRS. BOBBY DARIN. Ray has known Sandra since she was five years old and receives many calls and letters from her.

Operator CARL ORTMAN, while playing golf at Edgebrook Golf Club, found a turtle on the course. Carl took the turtle home and has been raising it on raw hamburger and flies. Carl is going to race his turtle against one of Operator JOHN "Shifty" WEBER'S cats as soon as a course can be laid out . . . Receiver ROBERT WITTENBERG has sold his estate in Roselle, Illinois, and is located in Chicago again. Roselle's loss is Chicago's

gain as Bob is a valuable asset to any community . . . Operator EDDIE DAPPEN has been hospitalized at Ravenswood hospital with back trouble and it has been diagnosed as a slipped disc . . . Operator JOE RANELLO has been off sick and we all hope to see Joe back to work soon . . . Operator JIM DOLAN wishes to thank all of his friends in Skokie for their fine cooperation in keeping the windows clean on his relief buses . . . Operator MARIO SCIALES fell down during our recent icy spell and dislocated his shoulder. After Mario visited his doctor and had his shoulder taped up, he fell down on the ice again and this time the shoulder snapped back into position. . . Operator PAT SCIORTINO was elected vice president of the St. Joseph Society for the year 1965 and is also co-chairman of the annual dinner dance held each fall . . . Car Cleaner RAY NOWOSIELSKI of Skokie Shops fell while washing down a car and broke a bone in his hand and will be off work for two months . . . Operator ED MC DONALD slipped on the ice and suffered a fractured skull necessitating an operation at St. Joseph's hospital. At this writing, Ed is home recuperating . . . Pensioner AL O'SHAUGHNESSY slipped on the ice while on his way to church and broke his leg . . . Pensioner PAT MURRAY is living at 1277 Early street and would like to hear from some of his many friends . . . Pensioners JOE and TOM MALONE, who live at 1040 Loyola avenue, would like to hear from or see their many friends.

Pensioner LOUIE LEVERENS, who lost his wife this past year, would like to hear from his friends. His address is 3739 North Wayne avenue . . . Operator HANK SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, became grandparents for the fourth time when their son, CHARLES, and daughter-in-law, NORMA, became parents of a son named ROBERT HENRY, born February 2 at Munsen hospital in Traverse City, Michigan . . . Operator JOHN KACZAR became a grandpa for the fourth time when his son, PAUL, and daughter-in-law, ARLENE, became parents of a daughter named DONNA LYNN, born January 20 at Cuneo hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT COOK, son of Operator HAROLD COOK, adopted a baby boy named TIMMY from St. Vincent's orphanage. This is their first child after waiting seven years. Congratulations, grandpa . . . Receiver ED "Curley" STENCIL became a grandpa for the third time when Ed's daughter,



ALBERT GRUENLER, who retired February 1 after 28 years service in the Stores Department, is pictured here receiving a gift from G. P. MIKOTA, assistant to superintendent of Stores, while E. C. BRUCKNER, stock clerk II, looks on. The presentation was made at Storeroom 20.

INSIDE NEWS

SHIRLEY MILLMIE, gave birth to a son named PAUL RAYMOND at St. Mary's hospital January 27. . . Operator BILL KNIGHT and his wife, ELKENA, became parents of their sixth child February 4 when ROGER ALLAN was born at St. Elizabeth's hospital. . . Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN and his wife, ERMA, celebrated their 37th anniversary January 26 by dining at the Martinique restaurant and then taking in the play, "The Happiest Millionaire" at the Drury Lane Theatre. . . Instructor VIC JOHNSON and his wife, RUTH, celebrated their 25th anniversary March 5. Vic and Ruth held open house and received friends and relatives. Best wishes for the next 25 years. . . Operator CHARLIE KNIGHT and his wife, HELEN, celebrated their 15th anniversary March 6. Charlie and Helen took their eight children out to McDonald's and had a big night. . . Operator WALTER LINDEMANN and his wife, ELEANOR, celebrated their 36th anniversary on January 19. The Lindemanns held open house and entertained friends.

Pensioner BEN GEACH and his wife, RUTH, celebrated their 44th anniversary March 19 with an open house at their Highland avenue estate with many friends in attendance. . . Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, celebrated their 27th anniversary February 5 by attending the Schubert Theatre and seeing the stage version of the play "Oliver". . . We welcome Sanitary Engineer JOHN V. BARRETT, who has replaced EDGAR HOLZ, ill at this writing, but is convalescing very well and is expected back soon. . . Repairman JOE JOHNSON has returned to work after being off for an appendicitis operation. . . Cleaner BARNEY CURRAN has returned to work after being off sick for a long while. . . Repairman TOM MC GILL is going on pension March 1 and is going to go fishing for awhile. . . Repairman JULIUS MERSCH and his wife, NANCY, spent their vacation lolling around Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and returned with a beautiful tan. . . Repairman PETE MERSCH had a week's vacation and used it to rest. . . We extend our best wishes to the following new operators: J. EASON, M. ROBINSON, S. CHATMAN, and R. BECKSTROM. . . Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operator GORDEN ACKERBERG, Operator GARRY NOONAN, Operator CHARLIE KNIGHT, Operator CHARLIE KEMP, Operator WALTER LINDEMANN, Operator JOHN WOODSON, WILHELMINE SEIFERT, SHIRLEY PAOLI, JULIA ZAHN, GARY KEMP, LINDA DIDIER, and MICHAEL SCHRAMM. . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Pensioner HARRY GRESKE, Pensioner AXEL L. SANDBERG and Operator VINCE BIBBY.

All operators and wives are urged to attend The Little Flower communion breakfast to be held Sunday, March 28. A chartered bus will leave the depot at 7:00 a.m. The event will take place at Mt. Carmel South Center at 63rd and Damen.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH AVENUE -

Wedding Anniversary congratulations to Instructor WILLIAM KENNEDY and his wife, March 2, and Operator JERRY VANEK and his wife, March 27. . . Assistant Day Foreman JOSEPH WARD is the proud grandpa of a baby girl. . . Operator LOUIS FORD and his wife, DEL, became the proud parents of DINEEN LOUISE on February 12. . . Operator JOSEPH LAZZARA and his wife are grandparents for the ninth time. Baby MICHAEL JOHN GRZESIK was born on February 16 to their daughter

and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. FRANK GRZESIK. . . Operator THEODORE SWIDER and his wife became grandparents for the first time when their son, THEODORE, and his wife, CAROL, became parents. Carol is the daughter of CTA wreck wagon driver VERN LANDIS and his wife. Our best wishes to all, babies, parents and grandparents. . . Pensioner ARTHUR HALEK and his wife spent a few weeks at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they visited Pensioner WILLIAM ECHOLS. . . Operator FRANK KSIAZEK and his wife have a son, KEN DYKAS, in the navy. They learned he is aboard the USS John A. Bole somewhere around Viet Nam. Our prayers are with him, and all our boys, in that war-torn part of the world. . . Secretary WALTER WENTZEL notified us that the CTA Masons of the North and West Side Degree Team visited St. Peter's church at Linder and Diversey and were well represented. They will visit other churches. Announcement later. . . We welcome new drivers G. BOWEN, R. BRIGGS, C. ALLEN, R. LAVALLIS, N. LIPOMA, D. UNDERWOOD, RICHARDSON and CLIFTON. A big welcome back to Instructor EDWARD JURCZAK who spent some time in the dispatcher's office. PETER GERAME, repair department, is back at North Avenue from Forest Glen. Repairman JOHN JESTICE transferred back to 77th. Our best wishes to those who left North Avenue at the time of the system pick and we're happy to have the new men who came to North.

The Boy Scouts of America celebrated their 55th anniversary Sunday, February 7. Operator GERHARD KLAMP was a proud father when his son, WOLFGANG, received the God and Country Award, the highest Christian honor in scouting. Wolfgang also belongs to the Order of Arrow and became an Eagle Scout last January. Another proud father was Clerk RUSSELL GUNDERSON when his son, RANDY, a junior assistant scoutmaster, took part in the Mayfair Lutheran church activities honoring the boy scouts. Russell's son, BRUCE, was a flag bearer. Scouting is one of the finest forms of environment for a boy in the world today. Having worked with scouts for many years myself, I found it the best activity to help our growing boys. . . Following an automobile accident which put him on the sick list, Union Leader Scribe JOSEPH SMITH is back on the job and feeling good. . . JOHN CASEY, repair department, spent some time in Martha Washington hospital. . . Pensioner PETER PETERSON was in Franklin Boulevard hospital. . . Operator ERNEST BOCK was off sick. We hope all are much improved.

I had a visit from Pensioner HARRY FREEMAN, who tells me that his prescription for good health is plenty of walking. . . GEORGE "Sinatra" KUENSTLE, repair department, has another boost for CTA operators. His sister from Fort Worth, Texas, says our drivers are the best dressed and best mannered she has seen, and they sure know how to handle their buses. . . Pensioner JOHN F. HUGHES passed away February 19. Pensioner HUGO CARLSON passed away February 12. Operator TONY MULLOZZI lost his stepfather, JOSEPH FRANTANTONE, February 12. Night Foreman ERNEST PEARSON lost his brother-in-law, Pensioner L. AXEL SANDBERG, former night foreman at Devon. Pensioner JOHN BERTSOS passed away January 31. We extend our sympathy to the families of those who have passed on. . . We wish you all a blessed and happy Easter as we celebrate the day our Lord arose from the dead. We hope all of you had a jolly St. Patrick's Day and enjoyed the wearin' o' the green.

- Bill Miedema

INSIDE NEWS

PURCHASING & STORES (Stores) -

The welcome mat was put out recently for KATHERINE WILLIAMS, our new clerk-typist.

(North Division) -

Storeroom 42 gave VICTOR JOHNSON the "red carpet" treatment when he returned from reserve training with the United States Navy . . . Mr. and Mrs. TONY DIGIOVANNI had a wonderful two-week vacation at Las Vegas and San Francisco. They went by plane . . . Word has it that the boys are still holding their sides from laughing at WALTER MILLER who was hypnotized at the annual safety dinner! They claim you're a good subject, Walt.

- D. Jane Bell

SKOKIE SHOPS -

At this writing STEVE PLASCZEWSKI, shopman, and EUGENE "Gene" RYMKE, electrical worker, are in the hospital. Get well soon, fellows . . . Congratulations to VITO PONTRELLI who recently became an electrical apprentice, and welcome to JAMES LUCAS who is also a new apprentice at Skokie . . . Our sympathy to JOSEPH ODDO, machinist, on the loss of his sister . . . JANET BUERGER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM BUERGER, electrical worker, is grand soloist for 1965 session grand assembly of the Wheeling Assembly No. 81 order of the Rainbow for Girls.

- Everett E. England

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

PETER MILLS, traffic checker until his health failed after 20 years of service, has taken a disability pension. We hope your health improves, Pete . . . ERNEST GEHRKE, traffic checker, had an auto accident in Morton Grove during the ice storm of late January. He was badly shaken and his fiancée had an injured knee. The auto was badly damaged. Glad the two were not more seriously injured . . . KATHRYN BATINA and MARGARET VIDAL, typist, took BERNADETTE KIZIOR to the Sample Room for lunch to celebrate her birthday. Congratulations, Bernie . . . ESTHER O'BRIEN, secretary, is spending her vacation with her sisters in Palm Beach, Florida. They will take trips around Florida, too. Have fun, Esther . . . Some of our schedule clerks were out on school passes. The weather was cold and streets icy.



THE DALTON boys, KEVIN MICHAEL and JOHN GERALD, are the twin sons of GERALD and PATRICIA DALTON. Dad works in Traffic Planning and grandad, GERALD DALTON Sr., works at South Shops. The boys were born on November 8, three minutes apart.

They were glad to get back to the office . . . JAY KELLY, traffic checker, was in the West Suburban hospital but is recuperating nicely now. Wish you improved health, Jay.

GERTRUDE and JIM ANDERSON, retirees, are spending the winter in Sarasota, Florida . . . C. JAKALE, traffic checker, is in the Lutheran Deaconess hospital for surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery . . . JAKE SUMNER, schedule clerk, and Mrs. Sumner are proud of their son, STEVEN, age 17, who is going to graduate in June from Proviso West High school. Steven is also a semi-finalist for the Illinois State Scholarship. He plans to attend Illinois university. Good work, Steven . . . MARGARET VIDAL, typist, had KATHRYN BATINA, BERNADETTE KIZIOR, and your reporter to her home in Gary, Indiana, at the end of February. What a wonderful time we had. Thanks, Margaret . . . This will be my last column as I go on retirement April 1. I wish everyone good health and say good-bye to all friends, co-workers, and acquaintances at the CTA.

- Laura Schrecke

SOUTH SECTION -

Congratulations to Motorman RONALD MROZ and his wife on the birth of a baby girl named LISA ANN, born February 7. The Mroz family is really growing. They now have two girls and one boy . . . Good luck to Porter HENRY SOMMERVILLE, who was transferred to car cleaner, Shops & Equipment Department, on January 24 . . . We were all so shocked and saddened over the sudden death of Switchman THOMAS JOHNSTON. He was a fine man and employee and will be missed by all. Our sympathies go out to his family . . . It sure would be nice if we all could be in Hawaii for a vacation like Retired Towerman FRANK DIMMICK, who recently took a trip there. He said the Islands were beautiful and the hulu girls were in top shape . . . Welcome to our new employees: Newly-transferred trainman from the North Section JAMES SMITH, newly-hired Agent ANTHONY NICHOLSON and Porter JOHN TOUSSAS . . . Our men at Loomis Street were celebrating again. North Section Motorman RICHARD NOLTE treated all his co-workers to doughnuts and coffee before he went on pension February 1 . . . Heard that Retired Agent PATRICK WALSH is really enjoying the winter. He bought a home on Treasure Island, Florida, near St. Petersburg. Oh, that warm climate!

Happy News. Our assistant superintendent of operating stations, GEORGE RILEY, is back working after being on the sick list . . . Motorman ROBERT ADLER was telling us about his son, BOB Jr., who has enlisted in the army. He is going to Ft. Knox, Kentucky, for his basic training . . . We felt so unhappy when we heard the news that Retired Collector AUGUST GRABE passed away. He was on the sick list for a couple of months and then went on pension January 1. Our condolences to his brother, AL, who is a motorman at Loomis Street . . . Conductors WILLIAM ROSS and ANDRE NETTERVILLE were really lucky. For their two weeks of military training they went on a cruise to Jamaica . . . Received a call from Mrs. RAYMOND MIKULICH, wife of retired conductor MIKUCICH who passed away a few years ago. She is getting along good and wishes to be remembered to all her old friends . . . We should all call Assignment Agent JERE VINZENS "grandma." She was a grandmother once again when her daughter had a baby boy. They live in New Jersey so Jere took a little vacation to go out there

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

JOHN L. BERTSOS, 71, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-20-26. Died 1-30-65
VINCENT BIBBY, 57, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-5-42. Died 2-3-65
THOMAS D. CALLAHAN, 68, Electrical,
Emp. 6-04-16. Died 1-27-65
VINCENT J. CHILLA, 85, West Shops,
Emp. 4-22-27. Died 1-02-65
JOSEPH DAUKSIS, 82, South Shops,
Emp. 10-20-23. Died 1-01-65
ARTHUR E. DICK, 71, West Section,
Emp. 3-09-43. Died 12-12-64
JAMES F. DOUBEK, 72, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-22-23. Died 1-16-65
WILLIAM A. ELWART, 67, Kimball,
Emp. 5-24-43. Died 1-15-65
JOE GERK, 72, Track,
Emp. 5-27-28. Died 1-26-65
JOHN GOLUBEK, 85, Lake Street,
Emp. 2-05-19. Died 1-02-65
WILLIAM T. HALL, 93, Ardmore,
Emp. 7-22-12. Died 1-20-65
THOMAS A. HALLIHAN, 91, North Section
Emp. 3-28-25. Died 1-12-65
THOMAS JOHNSTON, South Section
Emp. 1-9-28. Died 1-25-65
MICHAEL KELLY, 60, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-26-27. Died 2-09-65
STANLEY KURKOWSKI, 52, Lawndale,
Emp. 7-26-47. Died 1-25-65
JAMES H. LYNCH, 67, District "C",
Emp. 7-31-23. Died 1-08-65
FRANK J. MARC, 58, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 2-13-46. Died 2-2-65
JOHN J. MC MORROW, 81, North Section
Emp. 2-04-10. Died 1-23-65

EMIL W. NELSON, 68, South Section,
Emp. 4-22-15. Died 1-07-65
JOHN PETIKE, 90, Burnside,
Emp. 9-05-11. Died 1-15-65
ROBERT PINNAU, 80, Armitage,
Emp. 6-25-08. Died 1-03-65
GEORGE RANCICH, 72, Track,
Emp. 5-01-22. Died 1-25-65
FRED T. REIMER, 80, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 3-18-08. Died 1-14-65
JOHN ROLLING, 82, Devon,
Emp. 10-28-19. Died 1-06-65
LARS A. SANDBERG, 74, Devon,
Emp. 8-23-19. Died 1-31-65
EDWARD C. SCHLAK, 75, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-15-17. Died 1-12-65
HERBERT SCHMUTZLER, 59, West Section,
Emp. 4-07-42. Died 1-02-65
THOMAS TOUHY, 68, Frog Shop,
Emp. 8-17-43. Died 11-23-64
OBRNA UKROPENS, 76, Track,
Emp. 8-08-27. Died 1-17-65
JAMES T. WHALEN, 65, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-12-23. Died 1-23-65
HENRY WHITE, 81, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-25-13. Died 1-13-65
FRANK X. WILBERTS, 81, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-16-25. Died 1-24-65
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, 62, Forest Glen,
Emp. 2-15-27. Died 1-27-65
JOHN ZALIS, 82, South Shops,
Emp. 4-16-20. Died 1-01-65
EDWARD P. ZECHLIN, 73, Lincoln,
Emp. 5-09-16. Died 1-22-65

to see little GERALD . . . Happy to see Motorman JIM-MIE WHITTAKER, Agent FRANK CHURCHILL, and Porter JASPER ARNOLD back working again after being on the sick list . . . Lucky are these people with their winter vacations. Supervisor DON MURPHY and his wife vacationed in Florida on Estero Island, Fort Myers Beach, soaking up the warm sunshine.

Best wishes to Trainman JOHN DUNCAN who resigned recently to accept another position, and also to Part-time Agents WILLIAM HACHMANN who is going to school out of town, RAYMOND HOWE who is going to join the police force, and to CARL ROGERS who also resigned. . . Here's hoping that Towerman PATRICK HICKEY and Agent JEAN GUSTAFSON, who are on the sick list at this writing, will be back to work soon . . . Our sincere condolences to Motorman HENRY HEISTERMAN whose brother passed away recently, and to Porter WILEY STEWARD whose wife passed away. Also to Switchman ROLAND BAGLEY on the loss of his father in Detroit, Agent NICHOLAS ROGERS on the loss of his mother, and to Retired Agent LULU HAMANN on the loss of her sister in Denver . . . Received a nice letter from the traveling ED HENNESSYS, retired motorman. They went from California to Phoenix, Arizona, where they are going to stay until March and then they will head back to Chicago. While in Arizona they visited with the JOSEPH SCHUMACHERS, retired conductor, the FRED BECKS, retired North Section conductor, and the ROBERT STACKS,

retired international officer of Division 241. They all send their best regards to their friends back in Chicago. The Hennessys really like Phoenix . . . Another new member for the Courtesy Caravan Club is Conductor WILBER WAGENER, who recently received a passenger commendation from a woman thanking him for finding her purse she lost on his train.

- Verna Hartney

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to ED WENDT, Chief Clerk of S&E . . . It's good to see ED STAMBORSKI of Kimball is at home recuperating from major surgery . . . Deepest sympathy is sent to the LLOYD ROBINSON family on the loss of wife and mother . . . ANTHONY ODROWSKI of Lake street spent a week around town enjoying Chicago's changeable weather . . . Sorry to see that AL BOLING and MIKE KEATING, Congress, are on the sick list . . . Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Mrs. JAMES PERILLO who is presently in the hospital . . . A hearty welcome was extended to PAUL LORIMER who was on the sick list. Nice to see you back in the old groove . . . C. HASLAM, F. RIO, and A. GIBSON enjoyed winter vacations or so they say . . . Pensioner ART KAVELAGE stopped by to see his former co-workers. Art was telling us how much he is enjoying himself traveling about the country in his new car.

INSIDE NEWS

A big welcome home party was given in honor of J. J. BENANTI, son of FRANK BENANTI, on his return from two years of service in the Canal Zone in Panama. Best of luck to him in his endeavor to complete his college education in business administration . . . Sincerest sympathy to the JOHN COOK family on the passing of their father. The Reverend ED COOK passed away on February 13 in Starksville, Mississippi . . . Well it looks like Uncle Sam wants another one of our boys. JOHN SHANAHAN of 61st street was inducted into the army as of March 2 . . . We all hope that John has a pleasant stay in the service and that he has his share of promotions . . . Winter illnesses put A. WASHINGTON and M. BRINSON on the sick list. Hurry and get well because we all miss you.

- Ray Brzezczek

SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations to SHARON SETZKE, the owner of a new '65 Pontiac Catalina convertible in reef turquoise. Sharon works in the South Shops office . . . RAYMOND, son of VERNON HOWE, who works in the paint shop, has completed the missile mechanic course at Lowry Technical Training Center, Colorado. After a 15-day leave he will complete his studies at the air base in Orlando, Florida. Raymond, who is a former CTA employee at Beverly garage, had his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas . . . BOB LA MONT, South Shops office, announced his engagement to KAREN MILLAR. The wedding date is set for September 4, 1965 . . . CHARLES SHREEVE, technical services, and his wife spent 10 wonderful days vacationing in Jamaica. While there, they toured all the scenic spots during the day and dined and danced at night . . . The South Shops Credit Union dance was held on February 6 at Jack Kilty's restaurant. The turnout was great and the dinner dance was a success. Everyone waits with anticipation for next year's dance.

- Al Haas & Karen Hoffman

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

At this writing we have Clerk WILLIAM CHAMERLIK, Switchman JOHN WILSON, Agents MARY BURROWS, RAY MAPLE, and CRISTIAN FICK on the sick list. To them we wish a speedy recovery . . . Back to work after extended illnesses are Agent PAUL MILLER and Trainmen ED KURTZ and JOHN WAGNER . . . Agent JOHN VOLINO went on pension March 1. Congratulations and many happy pension years, John . . . Agent MARTIN BEGLEY's daughter, MARY THERESE, is quite a skiing



VICTOR KIMMSKE is pictured here with his bride, JANE ARDYCE HELGESON, after their marriage in the Portland Air Base chapel in Portland, Oregon, where Victor is stationed. To attend the wedding, GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, Skokie Shops, and his wife flew to Portland.

enthusiast. She has skied at Aspen, Colorado, and in northern Michigan and Wisconsin, this winter . . . Lake street Agent DOROTHY FORD is on cloud nine these days. She can be seen riding around in her new Chevy most any day . . . Mr. and Mrs. PAT HALLAHAN were an item in Kup's column. We hope the new dance step "Streamwood" catches on. We need more sensible dance steps . . . Agent MARY STANCZK's daughter, BONNIE, presented grandma Mary with a grandson, ANDREW MICHAEL, born February 2 . . . Agent DIANE ANESES HARIG is a happy girl these days. Husband, GEORGE, was discharged from the army and arrived home February 13, just in time for Valentine's Day . . . Porter DAN CAWTHON broke the monotony of winter by taking a short trip to Jackson and Henderson, Tennessee. He reports that he and the family had a nice trip . . . LOUIS GOLDBERG, Lake street agent, is quite a coin collector . . . The STAN SLOWIK family celebrated granddaughter, DEBBIE's, birthday February 19. Happy sixth birthday, Debbie . . . Agent ARTHUR KOSICA's daughter suffered a tonsilectomy but is now well on the road to recovery. . . We offer our condolences to Porter MOORE on the death of his grandmother . . . Also to Motorman JIM KELLY, Trainman FAIRWEATHER, and Pensioner NAGEL, our deepest sympathy on the passing of their wives . . . In spite of the weather we along the Loganline have a feeling of spring. Our stations have been painted and they look so nice we feel we have had spring cleaning.

Douglas Park Motorman WILLIAM NAGEL, whose birthday was January 29, was honored by his co-workers with a pension party at 54th. Retired Trainman ROY WISMELLER was head chef, and his helpers were Retired Porter EDWARD PEVITTS, Retired Conductor GEORGE HAGEMAN, Retired Motorman THOMAS SOKOL and Porter WILLIAM RAVIZEE, who were coffee makers, photographers, master of ceremonies, and all around helpers. A lot of credit is due these men, for they are a great team when it comes to setting up a good party . . . Some of those present when I arrived were recently Retired Supervisor O'NEILL, who is enjoying his retirement, and as-jovial-as-ever Retired Supervisor TED SCHULTZ . . . Already retired six years, Conductor JOSEPH MILLER spends much time between Chicago and Detroit, and the reason is his pride and joy, a four and one half year old grandchild, EDWIN. Retired Trainman ALBERT GUERRA has nine grandchildren. A set of twins are at the University of Illinois, and a boy is in medical school. His wife is recovering from a heart attack . . . Motorman JAMES BRADY's mother celebrated her 75th birthday January 30. She has 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and as much pep and vigor as any of them . . . Agent ARTHUR KOSICA had a birthday February 7 . . . Douglas Conductor FRANK PRAZAK's birthday was on Lincoln's birthday, but Frank said he would never grow a beard. It would make eating Svickova a messy affair . . . We are glad to hear Motorman MAYCHEK's wife, MARGARET, is home from the hospital. We are also glad to know that Agent MARY BURROWS and the wife of Agent LOUIS GOLDBERG, who were also in the hospital, are doing well . . . Conductor JAMES BYRNE's son, JAMES, was promoted to First Lieutenant at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico . . . EILEEN MC CORMICK, infant daughter of Lake Street Yard Foreman and Mrs. MC CORMICK, was baptized at St. Mary's church in Riverside February 7. There was a party afterward . . . Student Agent ROBERT HAAS had a birthday party January 30. His co-workers, also student agents, had the usual good time helping him celebrate . . . Supervisor GEORGE HEBBARD had a birthday March 1 as did Clerk ED ADAMS at Desplaines. Relief

INSIDE NEWS

Clerk TOM GUNN had one March 2 . . . A great big welcome back to Supervisor CLARENCE OVERMAN, who was on the sick list for several months, and to Agent PAUL MILLER, who is back after many weeks of illness . . . Student Agent JOSEPH HEFFERMAN celebrated his birthday March 14 with his parents, who have recently returned from a vacation at the West Coast.

Agent FRANK SLATER and his wife moved into a new home in Yorkville, and is now putt-putting back and forth in a new Volkswagen . . . Congress Agent BETTY SEGERSON's birthday was March 9, but she is postponing celebrating it until her son, JAMISON, comes home from Germany, where he is stationed . . . FRANK CORDA, retired now five years, was PAT O'BRIEN's conductor for 30 years and feels it is his duty to keep an eye on Pat. Pat is going to Europe and is going to spend the summer in Ireland. Frank is worried, knowing what a promoter Pat is. With the Irish moon, roses, and the fact that Pat is fancy free, Korda says, "Who knows, he could come home with a live souvenir" . . . Incidentally, the yearly membership drive for the St. Joseph League of the Little Flower is on. The communion breakfast this year will be March 28 at 8:00. There will be buses from all depots . . . Our sympathy to Retired Agent NORA and Agent DELLA HAYES on the loss of their beloved sister, ADA. We also extend our sympathy to Motorman JAMES KELLY, whose wife passed away. BRIDGET NAUGHTON, mother of Porter PETE NAUGHTON and grandmother of Conductor PETE NAUGHTON Jr., who was over 100 years old, passed away in Bally McWard, County Galway, Ireland. Services were held for the husband of Agent ZETTA PRAUL in Oregon, Illinois . . . Conductor NOBLE SHELTON is in the West Suburban hospital, and Conductor REDMAN MC GOVERN is in St. Anthony's hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery . . . Conductor RICHARD MARTIN and his wife became the proud parents of a baby boy . . . Porter A. COLEMAN had a birthday January 16, and his friend in Milwaukee surprised him with a party . . . PAT BRODERICK, vice president of Division 308, celebrated his 39th birthday March 31. . . Loop Reporter and Agent MILDRED DOYLE recently received a commendation from a passenger who told of her efficiency in handling the heavy traffic at Madison and Wells.

Agent BERNADETTE HAYES received a cash award and was very pleased with the French purse for a suggestion she sent in . . . Former Ticket Agent CLEO DALY fell in her home and broke a leg . . . Pensioned Agent CATHERINE KENNY is in Florida sunning herself . . . Congress Agent BEULAH FIELDS is vacationing in the sunshine somewhere under the southern skies. Congress Motorman PETE KLISIEWICZ and his wife are enjoying themselves in Florida . . . Clerks ED ADAMS and NORMAN LODERHOSE were home with the flu. Mrs. LODERHOSE had to remain in the hospital until the flu bug left . . . Clerk L. KUKOWINSKI celebrated his birthday February 18 by taking his wife out on the town . . . Logan Motorman ED KURTZ is glad to be back to work after several months of illness . . . Porter JAMES CLARK enjoyed a hunting trip over a recent weekend. . . Agent MARY GALLAHER likes to go skiing at Cadillac, Wisconsin. She learned to ski while at school in Cardiff, Wales . . . Agent PAUL MILLER would like to thank his many friends for all the kind remembrances when he was ill. It warmed his heart to know so many cared. . . Agent MADELINE HAYES will celebrate her birthday March 31. On April 1, she begins her pension.

- Helen Pallister & Julia Brousch

ERIC SHAWN has every reason for smiling, for on March 23 he celebrated his first birthday. Parents of Eric are JOHN and ROSE SEQUEIRA. John is a bus operator from North Park station who, like his son, was all smiles on the recent event.



69TH STREET -

Our Credit Union had its yearly audit as authorized by the Federal Credit Union law, and as usual came out with a clean bill of health. This takes quite a bit of doing as the auditors take three days and go over all books, deposits, withdrawals, expenses and everything involving the handling and procedures of a credit union. JOE HAUG and TONY VANDERBURG, and all the officers should be proud of a job well done. A high rating was also given for the amount and time of service given to members which was over the regular credit union average . . . Happy to see FRANK VYZRAL and CHARLIE THOMA back to work after their long sick leave; but sorry to hear of PETE VANDA's mishap during the recent bad weather. Pete fell and broke a leg. He will be off for some time and would like visitors. Receiver ARNOLD HILSTROM was also hospitalized for a short stay, but glad to see him back in the cage again and healthy . . . WALT HARRISON is one man who evidently likes the run he got in the last general pick. He would rather work it than go on his vacation . . . TOM BARRY replaced JIM GEARY as president of the A.O.H. when Jim's term expired. I have been informed that the correct name of the organization is The Ancient Order of Hibernians and not the Order of Ancient Hibernians. Be that as it may, good luck to Tom, and he replaced a darn good man.

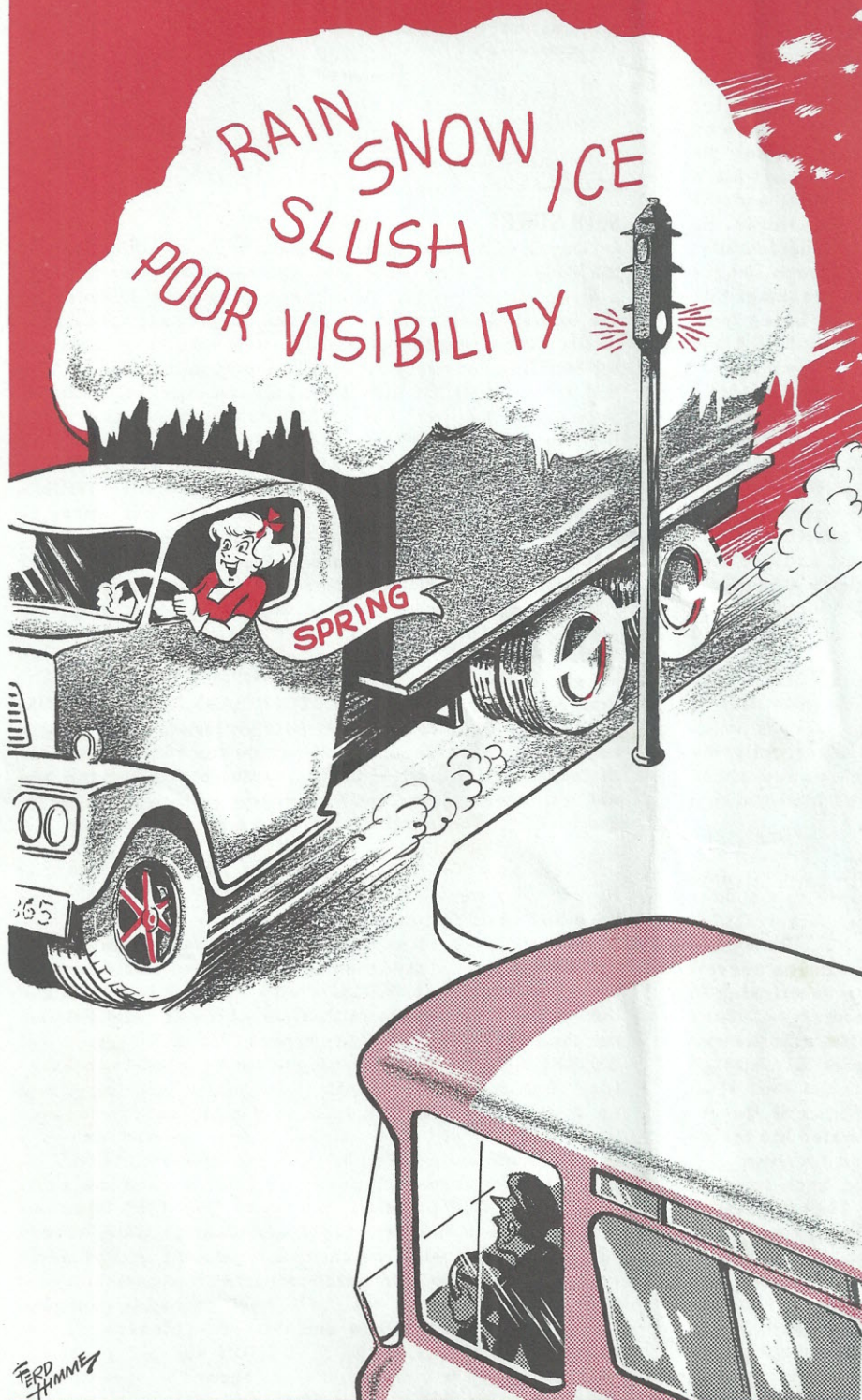
Good luck to DAN CONSIDINE and DICK RYAN of Repair who went on pension as of February 1. Neither have any specific immediate plans other than to just take it slow and easy. May they enjoy this long and fully . . . We were recently saddened by the death of Assistant Day Foreman MICHAEL KELLY. To his family we extend our deepest sympathy at their loss; also to JIM KELLY on the death of his dear father, RICHARD . . . ED TIERNEY claims he is staying at the best hotels in Florida. But, rumor has it that he is really pitching a tent on BARNEY BECKER's land at Naples, with the agreement that Ed will give Barney a free newspaper every day for six months when he returns from vacation . . . In 1964, 69th Street station compiled a record low accident rate. Our previous best year was 1963 when we accumulated a total of 1,122 accidents. This record tumbled in 1964 when we cut this to a total of 964 accidents, knocking off 58 accidents from our previous best year. This no doubt will be a hard record to beat, but we have said that before and beat it. Messrs. T. F. SCREEN, C. W. GIBES, J. LYNCH and all of the instructors wish to congratulate and thank the operators of our station for this great performance.

- William J. Donahue

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