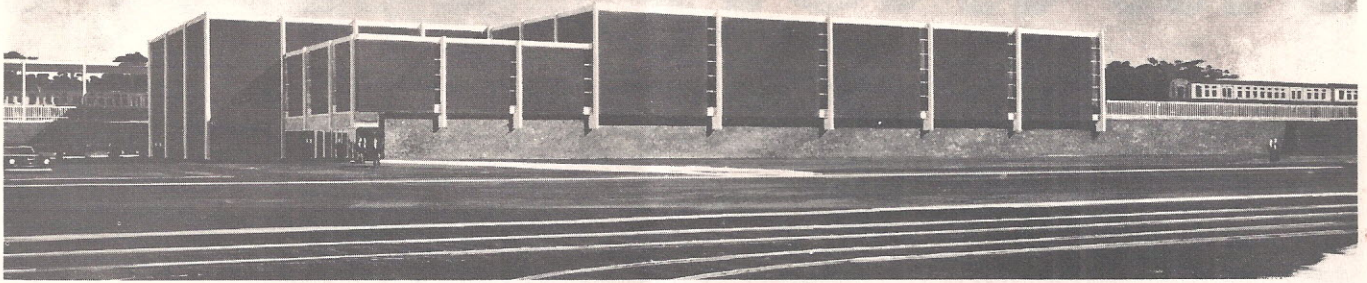


TRANSIT NEWS



Contract Awarded for New Lake Terminal Shop



A CONTRACT for the construction of a new inspection and maintenance shop at the Lake rapid transit terminal at Harlem avenue in Forest Park was awarded on April 1 by Chicago Transit Board to Taheny Brothers company, 3944 W. Rosemont avenue, Chicago, which submitted the low bid of \$1,264,000.

The two-story structure, built of concrete face brick and structural steel, will have a floor area of 25,000 square feet and will provide a centralized facility for maintenance and repair of the new air-conditioned cars recently placed in service on the Lake route.

The new unit will occupy a site about one block west of the Harlem avenue rapid transit terminal of the Lake route, in the track storage area which is to be enlarged when the new shop is completed.

Repair activities will be concentrated on the second floor, at track level, where there will be three hoists capable of lifting a two-car unit five feet off the track so that maintenance work can be done on undersides of cars and trucks. Additional hoists provide for repair work on trucks after removal from cars. Also provided is an inspection pit for regular routine inspection of cars. An outside washer for cleaning cars also is a part of the installation.

A boiler room, storeroom, lunch room, locker room, and sanitary facilities will be located on the first floor.

The building is to have electric hot water heating and will be illuminated with mercury-vapor lighting.

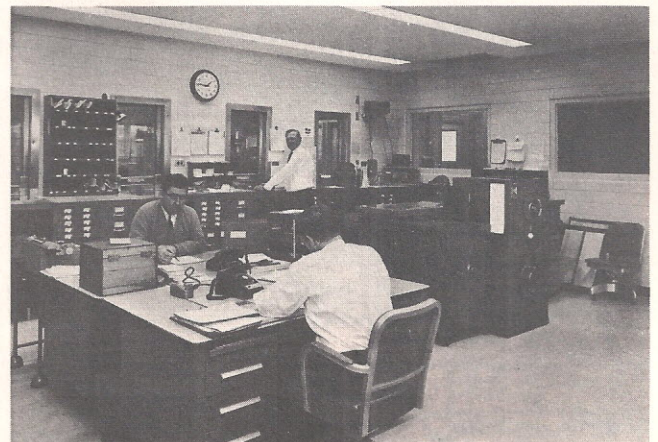
The new shop facility will replace the present inspection shop located at Hamlin avenue and Lake street. The Hamlin building is approximately 70 years old and contains very few modern facilities. The layout of the building is now outmoded and does not lend itself to efficient inspection and maintenance operation.

Construction of the building is to be completed in about 15 months.

WORK IS to begin soon on this modern inspection and maintenance shop to be built at Lake rapid transit terminal at Harlem avenue in Forest Park, as depicted in the architect's sketch of the two-story structure. Shop facilities will be on the second floor at track level, while the first floor will be used for the heating plant, storage areas and employees' lunch room, locker room, and sanitary installations.



FIRST UNIT in the new Construction program being undertaken at the Lake-Hamlin terminal to be completed is the combined office and substation building, which is adjacent to the Harlem entrance of the station. Pictured are the Transportation Department offices and trainman's room which occupy the second floor of the building. These were formerly located at Hamlin and Lake.





Two Employees Named "Best Suggesters of Year"

AT A recent luncheon of the National Association of Suggestion Systems, Chicago Chapter, two CTA employees were awarded citations as the "Best Suggesters of the Year."

The citations went to Anthony Spak and Harry Harder, tanners, Construction and Maintenance Section, who together submitted nine suggestions during 1964. Seven were ideas on which they had collaborated. In addition, they earned a total of \$100.00 in cash awards and may be eligible for supplemental awards upon evaluation of their ideas after a one-year trial period to determine the practicability of their suggestions.

They were introduced to the audience by Russ Warnstedt, CTA suggestion coordinator. John D. Retzler, engineer of building maintenance, represented the Engineering Department at the presentation.

During the month of March, seven employees split cash awards totaling \$75.00. Edwin Kniaz, Skokie Shops, and Joseph Lynch Sr., Schedule-Traffic, General Offices, received \$20.00 each. Robert Buerger, Skokie Shops, and Alfred Schuster, Electrical, Blue Island, were awarded \$10.00 each. Five dollar awards were made to Frank Sprovieri, S and E, Kedzie; Herman Anders, Staff Engineering, General Offices, and George Nelson, Forest Glen.

In the accompanying photograph, Claude Peck Jr., chairman, State of Illinois Suggestion Award Board, is presenting the suggester's citation to (center) Anthony Spak and Harry Harder of CTA.

Visiting Milwaukee Scout Groups Use 127 Charter Buses

CTA CHARTER service again proved its ability to move large groups with efficiency and dispatch recently when some 6,350 Wisconsin young people came to Chicago to visit the Museum of Science and Industry.

The groups consisted of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from Milwaukee County, who traveled by special Milwaukee Road trains to and from Chicago and were transported between the Union Station and the Museum in 127 CTA buses chartered for the occasion.

The first group, numbering 3,430 Girl Scouts and requiring 71 buses, came to Chicago on Saturday, March 6. This was followed on Saturday, March 20, by a group of 2,920 Boy Scouts, for which 56 chartered buses were provided.

Arrangements for the service were made by CTA's Charter Department in cooperation with the Milwaukee Road Passenger Traffic Department, which organized the tours.

The buses delivered the visiting groups to the parking lot at the Museum of Science and Industry and waited while the young visitors completed the tour of the many exhibits. The buses then returned them to the Union Station for the return trip to Milwaukee.

The loading and unloading of the buses was directed by CTA supervisors and district personnel and though on a close time schedule was accomplished without delays.

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OUR COVER: After a hard, weariful winter, spring seems to have arrived in Chicago with its bright promise of better days ahead. Symbolic of the season is the Easter lily, with its showy, white, bell-shaped flowers which is displayed in many homes and decorates the altars in churches of many faiths on the day commemorating the resurrection of Christ from the dead as related in the ancient Scriptures.

1964 IN REVIEW

Year of Many CTA Accomplishments

180 "New Look"
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Placed in Service

Skokie Swift
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250 50-Passenger
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Operating Facilities Modernized

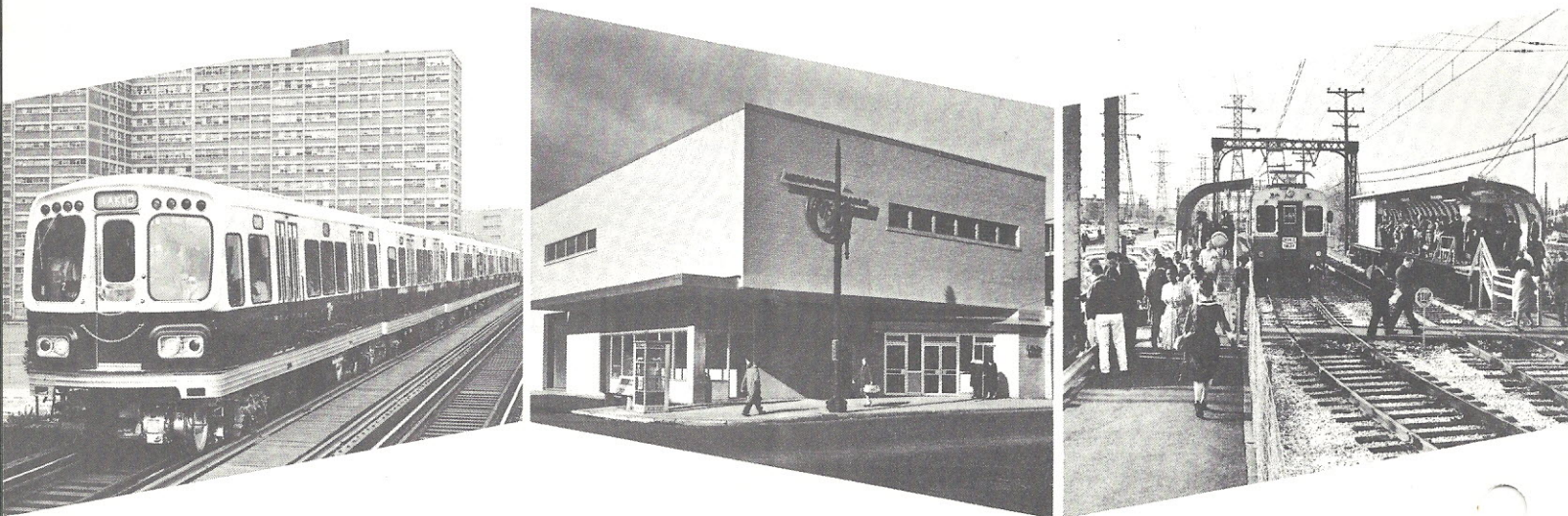
THE YEAR 1964 saw many improvements for CTA of which the delivery of 180 "New Look" rapid transit cars, the purchase of 250 new buses and the inauguration of Skokie Swift service were the most notable.

During 1964, 90 two-car units (180 cars) purchased from the Pullman-Standard company were delivered to CTA at a cost of about \$19,000,000. One hundred and forty-four of the new air-conditioned cars are assigned to the Lake rapid transit route and the balance of the cars are being operated on the Douglas-Milwaukee branch. Designed and built to specifications of CTA engineers, the new cars are the first urban-type rapid transit equipment to include individual air-conditioning units.

In August, CTA awarded a contract to the Flxible company of Loudonville, Ohio, for the manufacture of 240 50-passenger diesel-powered buses costing \$6,420,792. In November, ten additional buses were ordered which will be air-conditioned. The Truck and Coach Division of General Motors corporation of Pontiac, Michigan, will manufacture five of the buses costing \$162,019.20, and the Flxible company will supply the other five for \$159,991.35.

Delivery of the 240 buses began early in March, 1965, and will continue at the rate of 12 buses per week until the order is completed in mid-July. Delivery of the ten air-conditioned buses is scheduled for April, 1965.

"Skokie Swift," CTA's high-speed service between Dempster street, Skokie, and Howard street, Chicago, began operation April 20, 1964. Patronage at the beginning was beyond expectations and has increased steadily, attracting nation-wide in-



terest in this locally-sponsored, federally-aided Mass Transportation Demonstration project.

Skokie Swift trains operate over the right-of-way of the defunct Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railway which CTA purchased for \$1,700,000. The net project cost is estimated at \$523,825 of which the Federal Housing and Home Finance Administration is providing \$349,217 and the CTA and the Village of Skokie are contributing \$174,608. Skokie's share, \$37,193, is in cash and services.

Popularity of the new service was apparant right from the start. Over one million riders were carried on the Skokie Swift during the eight months of operation in 1964. Prior to the start of Skokie service, it was estimated that the riding volume for the first year would be less than 340,000. This figure was reached in less than four months of operation and the 500,000th rider was recorded on August 24.

For the 13 four-week periods ended December 26, 1964 (roughly equivalent to the calendar year) total revenues of \$134,144,196 increased \$995,582, or .74%, compared with the same period of 1963 and were adequate to cover operation and maintenance expenses, debt service requirements, and \$10,140,909 of the \$10,731,536 provision for depreciation reserve, resulting in a deficiency of \$351,022 in depreciation reserve, after deducting \$239,605 available for depreciation that had been carried over from the previous period.

Passenger revenues alone totaled \$131,597,939 an increase of \$225,152, or .17%, compared with the same period of 1963. Other revenues increased \$770,430, primarily from interest earned on investments.

Operation and Maintenance expenses of \$115,930,479 for the 13 four-week periods increased \$1,748,302 compared with the same period of 1963. Substantial increases in wage rates, materials used, and pension costs were partially offset by operating economies and by decreases in motor bus fuel, electric power purchased and by a decrease in the provision for injuries and damages.

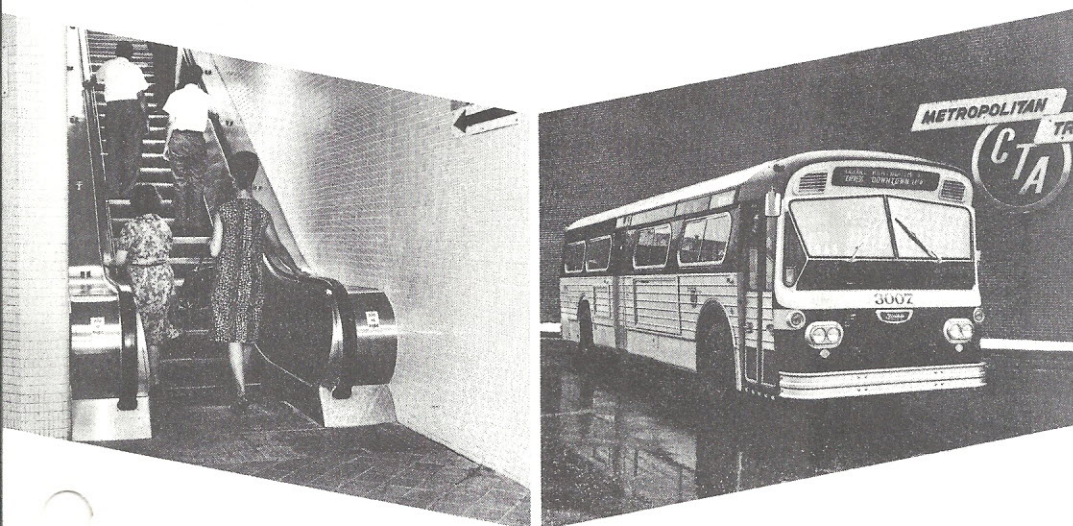
Originating revenue passengers of 490,469,215 for the 13 four-week periods of 1964 decreased 312,075 or .064% compared with the same period of 1963. Surface System riding decreased 877,477, or .23% and Rapid Transit System increased 565,402, or .5%.

Further modernization of the operating facilities of CTA's Lake rapid transit route was attained in December, 1964, when a new substation and office building was placed in service at the Lake-Harlem terminal in Forest Park. The new facility costing about \$650,000 has the substation located on the first floor of the building and transportation department offices on the second floor.

This is the first unit to be constructed at the terminal under a program which includes a new inspection shop and expansion of car storage areas.

A ten-year program for modernizing CTA's substation facilities by replacing equipment converting 25-cycle alternating current for traction use was begun in 1964. The ten-year program will have expenditures totaling \$11,620,000 which will be shared on a 60-40 basis by CTA and the Commonwealth Edison company. When completed, all

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THIS PANORAMA depicting several of CTA's accomplishments during 1964 includes (from left to right): A train of air-conditioned rapid transit cars, the combined substation-office building at the Lake-Harlem terminal, Dempster terminal of the high-speed Skokie Swift service, the Howard street station escalator, and one of the latest type "New Look" buses.

1964 in Review (cont'd from page 5)

substations will be receiving the standard 60-cycle alternating current for conversion to 600 volt direct current.

The Harding substation is the first to undergo the change and a contract for \$267,500 was awarded to the Westinghouse Electric corporation for power rectifiers and switchgear and transformer equipment.

Nineteen of CTA's substations will be converted over the ten-year period.

Contracts amounting to \$421,900 for reconstructing the Tech-35th station on the North-South route were awarded in 1964. Completely fireproof, the new station facilities will replace those damaged by fire in October, 1962.

The new street-level station building at 35th street will be constructed of face brick with interior walls of blue glazed brick. The canopy over the entrance to the station will be of arched corrugated asbestos in a modern design. Bronze colored aluminum panels will enhance the appearance of the front of the building. Two double agents' booths will be located in the station.

For the tenth consecutive year, Chicago Transit Authority established new safety records. In 1964, operating employees were involved in fewer traffic and passenger accidents than in any previous year of CTA operation, setting an all-time low frequency rate of 8.9 traffic and passenger accidents per 100,000 miles operated. The rate is nine per cent lower than the 1963 rate of 9.8.

Comparing 1964 with 1954, the eleven-year period during which safety training emphasis has been intensified, the 1964 rate is 44 per cent lower than the 1954 rate of 15.8. All traffic and passenger accidents on both the surface and rapid transit systems are included in the tabulation, regardless of severity or liability.

Additional improvements at CTA's Howard "L" terminal of the North-South rapid transit route were accomplished in 1964. An escalator leading to the southbound platform was placed in operation in September. The escalator serves persons transferring between the rapid transit and CTA and suburban buses and patrons using the CTA Park-'N'-Ride lot adjacent to the terminal.

This phase of the modernization of Howard station and terminal area, costing about \$70,000, included the escalator, electrical work, drainage, and construction of a kiosk on the platform.

In recent years, the Howard "L" terminal has undergone extensive remodeling. The station in-

terior has been refurbished with new tile walls, lighting, and modern collection facilities. The bus loading area was paved, lighted, and fitted with a fiberglass canopy to protect transfer passengers from the elements. Buses of the Evanston Bus company and the United Motor Coach company share the canopied off-street bus berthing and passenger interchange area with CTA buses.

Walter J. McCarter, CTA general manager since October 1, 1947, retired October 1, 1964, and was succeeded by Thomas B. O'Connor, general superintendent of transportation and shops and equipment. Mr. McCarter became general manager when CTA began operations by purchasing the Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Rapid Transit company.

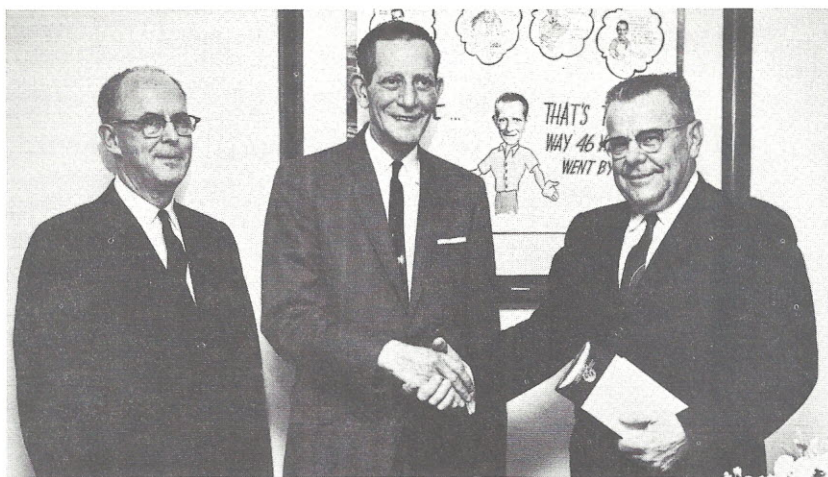
Under Mr. McCarter's stewardship, more than \$202 million had been invested in modern passenger equipment and other modern facilities. No similar period in the history of transit in Chicago has witnessed such a comprehensive and broad scale modernization of equipment and services.

Mr. O'Connor, a career man in Chicago transit, started with the old Chicago Surface Lines in 1935 as a student engineer. In advancing to his post as General Manager, Mr. O'Connor has had experience as a streetcar motorman and one-man operator, as an operating depot clerk, as a shopman at a combined garage-streetcar depot, as a planner in the staff engineer's office, as a traffic planner, and as a schedule-maker, as well as extensive experience as the No. 2 man in charge of CTA's operations.

CTA's 15¢ bus services in downtown Chicago were more than doubled in 1964 to serve more extensively the retail-business district, the North Western and Union Stations and the Grant Park and Soldier Field parking lots. The reduced-fare services were expanded from six to thirteen routes.

The new service arrangements focused upon the North Western and Union stations which serve approximately 60,000 commuters each weekday. Instead of the five 15¢ services that operated to and from the two stations, there are now eleven routes -- five serving the North Western station, four serving the Union station, and two serving both stations.

For most of these routes, the special fare area is bounded generally by Kinzie, Michigan, Harrison and Canal, and the reduced rate applies from about 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to passengers boarding at either station, and from 12 Noon to 9:00 p.m. to depot-bound passengers boarding at authorized stops within the special fare area.



CONGRATULATIONS ON his retirement after 45 years of service are being extended to Robert L. Hill, revenue accountant by (left) A. J. Fitzsimons, general accountant, and P. J. Meinardi, manager of finance.

A TRANSIT employee for 39 years, Laura Schrecke, traffic record clerk, Schedule-Traffic Department, is presented with a retirement wallet and a cash gift from her co-workers by (left) L. C. Dutton, superintendent of Schedule and Traffic, and R. N. Goldstein, assistant superintendent, Traffic Division.



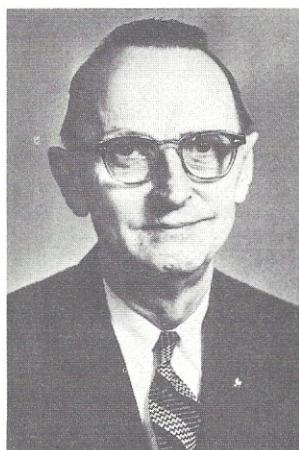
Service Records of Three Retirees Total 128 Years

THREE VETERAN transit employees whose combined service records total 128 years were among CTA retirees who closed their active careers and went on pension April 1.

They are Robert L. Hill, revenue accountant, who had 45 years of service; Charles P. Starr, chief clerk, Kedzie station, with 44 years of service, and Miss Laura Schrecke, traffic record clerk, Schedule-Traffic Department, whose record as a transit worker covered a span of 39 years.

Mr. Hill was first employed by the Chicago Surface Lines on December 3, 1919, as a ticket delivery clerk. He became an assistant voucher clerk in the Accounting Department on January 7, 1920. He subsequently advanced to other accounting assignments until his appointment as revenue accountant on August 1, 1959.

Mr. Starr, who had been chief clerk at Kedzie station since May, 1946, entered service as a clerk with the former Chicago Surface Lines at Lawndale station on October 4, 1921. He was appointed chief clerk at Blue Island station, now dis-



Charles P. Starr

continued, in 1922, and served there until his transfer to Kedzie station. He has a son, Charles J., who is an electrician at CTA's South Shops.

Miss Schrecke was an employee of the now defunct North Shore Line for five years before starting as a coasting clerk with the former Chicago Rapid Transit Company on June 1, 1930, and became agents' time checker in 1941.

**KNOW ANY MAN
21 OR OLDER WHO
MAKES LESS THAN
\$95.00 TAKE-HOME
PAY EACH WEEK?**



**THAT MAN MAY BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING
A BUS DRIVER!**

Take-home pay for a bus driver who is married and has two dependent children averages about \$95.00 a week. This is steady work, too. There are no seasonal layoffs.

Application can be made at any neighborhood CTA bus garage or at the CTA employment office, Room 750, Merchandise Mart. The employment office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

CTA'S EMPLOYMENT Department is expanding its recruitment activities for bus operators.

As part of the campaign, the first appeal was made to CTA riders by means of an advertisement on the back of transfers on April 9, as shown in the above illustration. This advertisement approach continued daily for 13 days, excluding Saturday and Sunday.

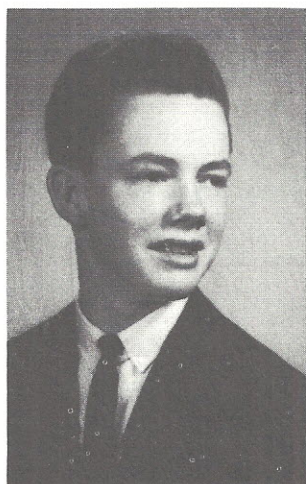
The Employment Department, along with the combined efforts of the Transportation and the Training and Accident Prevention Departments, plan to utilize various other recruitment sources such as community and civic organizations, and to use advertising.

The best source of recruitment for bus operators is our own employees. Experience indicates

More BUS OPERATORS Needed; You Can Help

that employee referrals are very reliable because the employee can explain the hiring requirements, equal employment opportunities, rate of pay, working conditions, security and advancement benefits and privileges.

It is hoped that all employees will help by telling their friends, and neighbors about CTA's need for bus operators. CTA employees who receive inquiries from riders should refer them to the CTA Employment Department, Room 750, Merchandise Mart.



Wins Scholarship for Studies At Mexico City U

A YOUNG man who is getting along very well for himself is Robert ("Bob") Musser, former part time rapid transit ticket agent and son of Archer Operator John Musser.

Bob was awarded a four-year scholarship to the University of Mexico City and with 14 other athletes and scholarship recipients left O'Hare International airport March 16 in order to arrive in Mexico City in time to enroll for classes at the University, where semesters run from mid-March through July.

Bob was a June graduate of Lindblom Technical High school. He was a member of the Senior Boys Council, senior class treasurer, a member of the choral group, a participant in the high school's stage production "Lil Abner", and was voted one of ten outstanding graduates.

Upon graduating from high school, Bob was awarded a four-year State scholarship and attended the Chicago Navy Pier branch of the University of Illinois until the opening of the new Chicago Circle campus.

Bob will be studying in Mexico and teaching the Mexicans the game of ice hockey, of which he is a devotee.

Bus Loading Facilities At NW Depot Improved

AS ANOTHER step in providing improved CTA service, new facilities for quicker, more efficient rush-hour passenger loading of buses have been installed at the Chicago and North Western Railway station.

The bus loading zone, located at the Canal street entrance to the station, provides four berthing spaces along the curb. During the morning rush hour, the busiest part of the day, there is almost continuous loading and dispatching activity in the area, and moving buses in and out of the single loading lane as quickly as possible is an important operating factor. To help expedite matters, CTA developed a plan which is proving effective in speeding up the operation.

As buses enter the single loading lane and proceed to the berthing areas, their route numbers are posted in easy-to-read illuminated numerals on sign boards placed at the location where they are to load passengers. There are four of these signs, which are electrically activated, one in each loading zone and each sign has five panels, one for each of the five routes serving the station.

Three of the loading spaces are sheltered by the recently-installed canopy that extends for 150 feet above the sidewalk. The fourth is just north of the canopy and is not undercover. All passenger loading takes place in the four areas. Operators are instructed to wait until the bus is in one of the designated zones before opening the doors to allow passengers to board.

The signs are so placed in the loading areas that they are easily visible to passengers exiting from the station to board a bus. To simplify loading procedures even more, a large sign placed inside the station proper indicates by illuminated numerals the route numbers of buses then being loaded. Thus passengers from suburban trains know immediately when arriving at the station to what loading zone they should go for their bus.

The installation is further supplemented by a green starting light and starting bell used during the morning rush hour to dispatch buses from the station.

Operation of the signs is controlled from a booth in the loading area where a traffic supervisor is assigned to keep the proper route numbers displayed on the signs, changing them as needed in accordance with the arrival and departure of buses.



A BIRTHDAY party on his bus was the surprise awaiting Operator JOSEPH WINTERS when he arrived at the North Western station early in the morning of March 18. Here he is being serenaded by two of his passengers representing a group of regular riders. On the sign at the left is his run number.

Riders Help Operator to Celebrate Birthday

IF COMMUTERS at the Northwestern railroad station heard singing from a Canal-Wacker bus in the morning rush hour on March 18 they probably wondered what was the occasion.

The answer was that a group of passengers who had been riding a bus driven by Operator Joseph Winters, badge 1613, Archer, for many years were giving him a surprise birthday party. And a surprise it was to Operator Winters, who had been driving a bus for 25 years.

The celebration, according to Fred Miller of Wheaton, who headed the group, was "a means of showing their appreciation for the wonderful service he had provided them over the years." The party was complete with a birthday cake, gifts and a greeting card.

Incidentally, it was Operator Winters' 52nd birthday, and as he remarked, "the best birthday party I ever had, even though it lasted only a few minutes between runs."

Two Promoted in Revenue Accounting Department

NEW APPOINTMENTS affecting the Revenue Accounting Department were announced effective April 1 following the retirement of R. L. Hill.

F. C. Palilunas, former assistant accountant, was named revenue accountant succeeding Mr. Hill, and A. C. Lathouwers was appointed to the position formerly held by Mr. Palilunas.

The appointments were announced by A. J. Fitzsimons, general accountant, and approved by P. J. Meinardi, manager of finance.

QUESTION: Do you ever play hunches when you have

JOHN KURINEC, operator: "Yes, a few years ago we bought a home and there were a few things we were not satisfied with. So after two years we decided to play a hunch and sell this home. Now we have a home that we are all happy with. Thanks to this hunch."



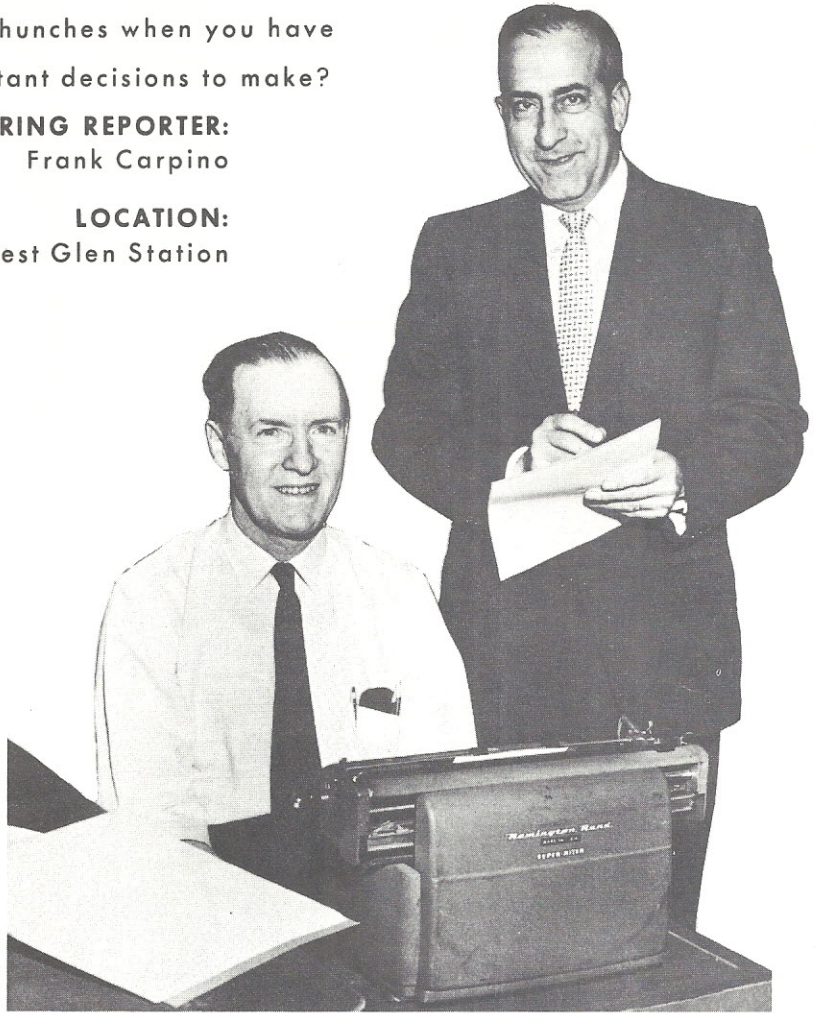
important decisions to make?

INQUIRING REPORTER:

Frank Carpino

LOCATION:

Forest Glen Station



ED VAN CLEAVE, clerk (with reporter **FRANK CARPINO**): "Yes! You could call it a hunch or a special feeling that the decision is the right one to make. Of course, other matters are taken into consideration before I make an important decision."

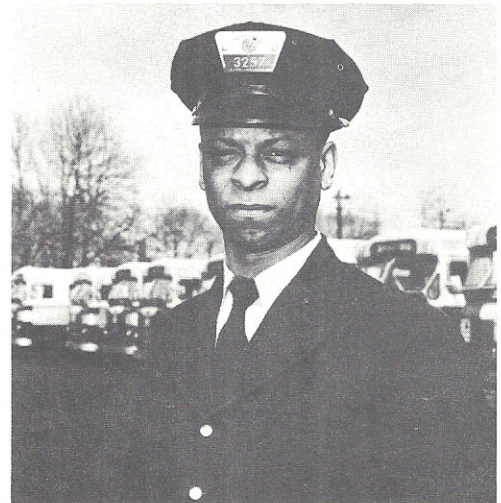


GEORGE J. MEYER, operator: "I think it over twice before playing a hunch."

CHRISTOPHER GILBERT JR., operator: "I like to play my hunches, because I believe that this is one of our senses that we haven't developed as highly as others such as smell, touch and hearing."



BILL BARRON, operator: "I have a hunch of things to come. I predict within the next four years we will have a depression. As of today we have a recession, but I don't think it will be as bad as we had in 1929."



OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

IN OUR business it is important that we listen to the voice of the people for it is people who buy our service, keep us in business and provide our livelihood.

The voice of the people is heard in the number of commendations and complaints received by CTA. It is evident in the increase during 1964 in membership in the Courtesy Caravan Club. And though these figures reflect the opinions of only a small portion of our riders in relation to the millions of people CTA carries each year they are significant in measuring public reactions to our service.

There are three areas of job responsibility in which improvement can be achieved. These are in picking up, not passing up, people who want to ride, operating safely, and considerate treatment of passengers.

It all adds up to one answer: Give our customers the best our product has to offer - a safe, courteous, comfortable ride made possible by conscientious job performance.

In this commendation, a grateful passenger reports an incident in which an operator demonstrated unusual presence of mind in an emergency situation:

"Your operator, (John W. Perkins, badge No. 8109, Forest Glen) certainly is to be commended for his wisdom and alertness. He is aware that diabetics taking insulin ride CTA buses and that sometimes there is an emergency need for the administration of sugar immediately to prevent loss of consciousness. Death can result in such cases.

"When he became aware of my need he didn't make any big scene and didn't get frightened. He very graciously and quietly handed me a roll of life saver mints saying 'Maybe this will help.' He said he had had this experience before and always made it a part of his job to carry candy on him as he drives - for this purpose.

"Any driver who is this alert and thoughtful of the welfare of his patrons, takes his job seriously and is a tremendous asset to your CTA driver staff. Congratulations on having men of this caliber on your buses."

Here's another letter expressing gratitude for helpful assistance beyond the line of duty by an operator in an emergency caused by a street accident for which he was in no way responsible:

"This morning my wife fell crossing the street at 55th and Lake Park. Hospital examination later showed she had broken her ankle in three places. As she fell, a 55th bus was



passing driven by Operator No. 7607 (James C. Bradford, 69th) who immediately stopped in the middle of the street to ask if she was all right. When we told him that we thought her ankle was broken he got off the bus, helped me to lift her into the bus and told us he would take us to a phone.

"As we were driving he spotted a police car and flagged it down. He then held the bus at 55th and Hyde Park until a squadrol came to take her to the hospital.

"I can't express how grateful I was for such kindness. This was the act of a good humanitarian. If you have a 'Driver of the Year Award' or a special citation I would like to cast my vote for this operator."

Weather conditions being as bad as they were during March, it is quite probable that customers have become irritated and impatient. Street conditions, whether walking or driving, added to the aggravations. However, under the circumstances related in this complaint, a calm attitude would have eased the situation:

"While boarding a bus, I was a bit slow as a mound of snow was in the path to the bus stop. This did not please the operator and he passed remarks about hurrying up. When I told him about the slippery condition of the street, he said 'Don't give me a bad time.' When getting off at my destination, he took off his cap and said 'Be sure you get it right because I don't care'."

COMMENT: Courtesy is essential in our operations although the operator's action do not indicate this. Any statements or answers to questions should be made with tact and courtesy in line with our efforts to promote better public relations and better service to our customers.

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

	March 1965	February 1965	March 1964
Commendations	228	188	341
Complaints	1,181	1,216	1,142

Two CTA Policemen Receive Citizens Award For 'Meritorious Service'



TWO CTA policemen who chased and apprehended a robber who attempted a store holdup were honored at a presentation of a "Citizens Award of Appreciation" held in the Central Headquarters of the Police Department on March 16.

Cited for "loyal and meritorious service" to the Chicago Police Department were Edward Gillespie and Lenden Donnell, who were on duty near the scene of the holdup when they captured the offender.

When they saw a man run out of a cleaning store at 1401 W. 63rd street, south of Loomis street, followed by a woman who screamed that she had been held up, they took up the chase immediately. The two men finally closed in on the robber about a half-block away and held him for officers from the 7th District, Englewood station.

The woman, a clerk in the cleaning store, told the police later that the man had given her a pair of trousers for cleaning. When she started to write out the receipt, the offender pulled out a hunting knife and demanded all the money in the store and fled.

AT A public ceremony held March 16 at Central Police Headquarters, two CTA policemen were honored for capturing a holdup man who had just robbed a woman clerk in a cleaning store. They are: left, Lenden Donnell and (center) Edward Gillespie who are receiving "Citizens Award of Appreciation" certificates from Acting Police Superintendent James B. Conlisk.

Acting Police Superintendent James B. Conlisk, who made the presentations, commented: "We have been shocked from time to time, upon hearing of the incredible unwillingness of citizens to help police when they witnessed crimes; or of citizens too cowardly or apathetic and indifferent to go to the aid of other human beings in distress.

"We are indeed very proud to pay tribute to those who do not falter at this time, and we sincerely hope their example will have a good influence on other citizens of Chicago in the future," he concluded.

Gillespie has been a member of the CTA police since August, 1960, and Donnell, since October, 1961.



IT WAS a great day for the Irish even though the St. Patrick's day parade was pelted by rain and snow as it moved along State street. CTA was represented by an ancient horsecar of the North Chicago Street railroad pulled by one of the "New Look" buses, recently placed in service, to illustrate the "then" and "now" in Chicago transit. Standing on the rear platform of the outmoded vehicle is James J. Lahey, instructor, Transportation Department.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin
CTA Medical Consultant

SPRING CLEANING—SUGGESTIONS FOR GOOD HEALTH

DURING THE spring season all of us are confronted with many spring cleaning problems. It may be in the home, office, garage or storerooms. Therefore, all cleaning projects, especially those affecting our health, should be carefully considered and necessary precautions taken. Care in using cleaning fluid which may be poisonous, cautiously and proper checking of the family medicine cabinet are two items of importance. The following story, taken from the American Medical Association Health magazine, illustrates the point under consideration.

"The William Jones family had recently moved into a new apartment. One Saturday afternoon while Mrs. Jones was away from home, her husband decided to surprise her. He worked very hard for over an hour, cleaning off the grease, stains and dark spots that had accumulated on the kitchen stove and the metal hood above. When his wife returned she was extremely pleased as he had done an expert job. A few hours later she prepared a delicious evening meal and with it Mr. Jones drank a bottle of beer. Shortly after 8:00 p.m. that evening he complained of a sudden and severe headache. This was followed by nausea and stomach pains. He retired but had a very restless night. The next morning he said that his entire body ached and he felt feverish. His wife called their physician who advised taking Mr. Jones to the hospital at once. He was so ill he could hardly get to the car to have his wife drive him to the hospital.

"The first diagnosis was liver damage probably virus hepatitis. Later, the doctor by questioning the wife learned about the cleaning fluid that the husband had used in cleaning the stove. Gradually the diagnosis became apparent. The cleaning fluid used was a well-known brand composed chiefly of carbon tetrachloride. This rather pleasant smelling liquid is sometimes called "Carbon-tet". Mr. Jones had worked over an hour in close quarters and breathed in the vapors. The weather was bad so the doors and windows had been closed. To make matters worse the alcohol in the beer he drank intensified the action of the carbon tetrachloride on his system. Today, he is lucky to be alive for he had exposed himself, under the worst conditions, to one of the deadliest, yet possibly one of the least recognized poisons in common use today."

Carbon-tet is an extremely effective solvent and cleaner. It is a non-inflammable solvent of grease and fat. It was formerly used extensively in the dry cleaning industry but its use has now been considerably curtailed because of its toxicity. Many deaths have been reported due to accidental exposure in the home as well as in the factory. Millions of families keep some form of "carbon-tet" products in the house ranging from cleaning fluid to moth spray. The average person does not realize that this poison is four times as dangerous and deadly as carbon monoxide. The vapor from one cupful in a poorly ventilated room has been sufficient to cause death. If "carbon-tet" is accidentally swallowed in any appreciable amount it is almost always fatal.

Another example of this is a woman who filled her wash-bowl full of "carbon-tet" to clean a rug. Ten minutes later she was found unconscious on the bathroom floor. A third case is one of a nine-year old boy who used a liberal amount of cleaning fluid to remove red chalk marks from his bedspread. A short time later he went to bed. Not long after his father went into the bedroom to say good-night. He found the boy breathing strangely and with difficulty. All of these cases are true ones. Fortunately all recovered but only after long periods of hospitalization.

This poison affects mostly the internal organs such as the brain, kidneys, intestine and especially the liver.

Treatment consists in immediate hospitalization.

Unfortunately the users of cleaning fluid do not look at the labels or they may transfer the liquid from a labeled bottle into a bottle without a label and place it in the bath-room medicine cabinet or a shelf in some other room.

Therefore, when you are doing your spring cleaning make it a point to inspect carefully every bottle in the family medicine cabinet and see that every item is properly labeled. This is not only necessary for cleaning fluids but for bottles containing drugs such as sleeping pills, etc.

If possible, keep your medicine cabinet or drawers containing toxic or poisonous supplies locked or placed so that children will not have access to them. Many unpleasant experiences will be avoided if you only take time to do this.

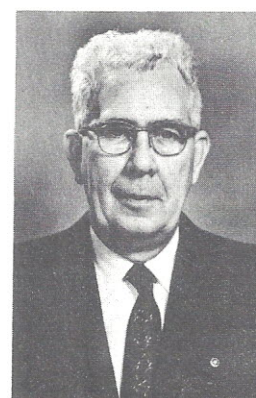
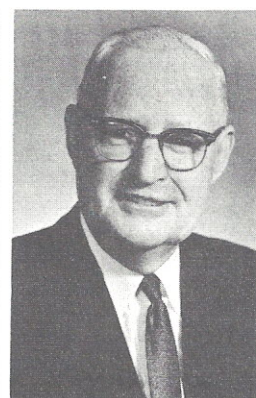
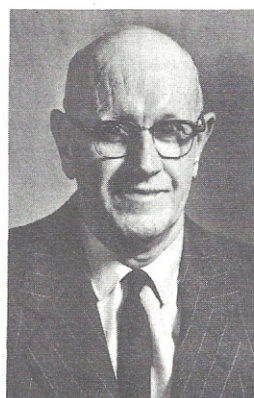
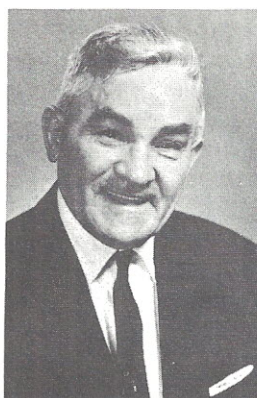
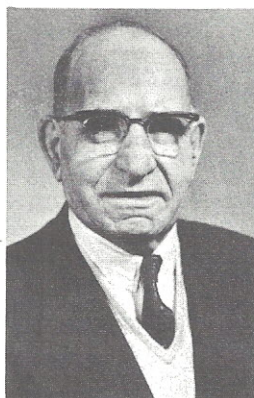
NEW PENSIONERS

MARY A. AVALLONE, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 6-03-47
JOHN J. BARRETT, Janitor,
North Park, Emp. 4-14-42
THOMAS J. BEGGAN, Conductor,
South Section, Emp. 2-24-42
EARL E. BOSWORTH, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 11-29-27
JOHN W. BURKS, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 1-04-44
HERBERT V. CALLAHAN, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 3-23-34
DOMINICK DI MARIA, Laborer,
Track and Struct., Emp. 11-22-23
MICHAEL P. FADDEN, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 3-15-26
EUGENE S. GASKIN, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-17-27
ANGELOS HAROS, Car Cleaner,
61st Street, Emp. 11-26-28
HAROLD HAWKINS, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 1-23-34
MADELINE M. HAYES, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 6-15-27
TED HILDEBRANT, Foreman,
Keeler, Emp. 1-14-24
ROBERT L. HILL, Revenue Acct.,
General Office, Emp. 12-03-19
JOSEPH HODYS, Porter,
West Section, Emp. 12-28-26
JOHN H. MACEK, Crossing Watchman,
North Section, Emp. 8-25-36
WILLIAM N. MASSION, Carpenter,
South Shops, Emp. 5-05-28
JOSEPH M. MC CLOWRY, Stock Clerk I,
South Division, Emp. 12-13-44
THOMAS MC GILL, Bus Repairman,
North Park, Emp. 9-20-29
ELLSWORTH H. MEEDER, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 5-23-29
JOHN W. MEEGAN, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 8-21-23
PETER MICELI, Laborer,
Track and Struct., Emp. 11-13-30
MICHAEL MURPHY, Machinist,
Track and Struct., Emp. 5-03-27
PATRICK O'CONNOR, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 9-21-26

THOMAS O'CONNOR, Laborer,
South Shops, Emp. 4-01-36
HAROLD R. RUCKDESCHER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-10-43
LAURA E. SCHRECKE, Traffic Record Clerk,
General Office, Emp. 6-01-30
EDWARD H. SCHROEDER, Repairman "A",
Wilson, Emp. 2-01-18
CARL O. SKIE, Janitor,
Limits, Emp. 11-17-27
EDWARD SMITH, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 10-03-27
JACK E. STARCHOVICK, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-28-25
CHARLES P. STARR, Chief Clerk,
Kedzie, Emp. 10-04-21
JOHN SULLIVAN, Laborer,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 10-30-23
JAMES A. VETO, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 11-23-27
EDWARD F. VON SPRECKEN, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 4-09-23
JAMES B. WHITLOCK, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 10-04-26
CHARLES E. WRIGHT, Trackman II,
Track and Struct., Emp. 9-11-30
JOSEPH WUKITCH, Bus Repairman,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-22-43
JOSEPH J. YORK, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-29-23

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

RAYMOND BURKE, Road Clerk III,
Track and Struct., Emp. 5-06-25
JAMES J. KEENON, Clerk,
Archer, Emp. 8-31-43
STEPHEN F. KOTCH, Trackman II,
Track and Struct., Emp. 4-25-22
JAMES J. NOONE, Service Attendant I,
General Office, Emp. 5-04-42
LYLE C. PRITCHARD, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 6-10-41
JAMES R. TUMILTY, Bus Repairman,
North Avenue, Emp. 2-01-39



FIVE EMPLOYEES who retired April 1 with 40 or more years of service each are (from left to right): DOMINICK DI MARIA, JOSEPH YORK, TED HILDEBRANT, JOHN MEEGAN, and EDWARD VON SPRECKEN.

THE INSIDE NEWS

-AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

A daughter was born early Friday morning, March 12, to ROD HEFFERNAN, and his wife. The wee one joins a brother and sister and has been named JANE MARIE . . . DENNIS McFADDEN has been transferred to General Accounting from Methods and Procedures. Welcome to the department, Dennis.

- Mable Potthast

(Material & Supply) -

HAROLD LEE and his wife, PAULINE, left by auto February 15 and drove for three days in sunshine and 60 degree temperatures to their relatives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They also visited Santa Fe and Los Alamos, where they enjoyed the lecture on the atom in the museum. They returned to Chicago during our blizzard weather and had to drive three days on icy and snowy roads. In spite of the hazardous driving, they arrived safely with a "no accident" record.

- Clara Lawrence

(Payroll) -

On their vacation, your reporter and her hubby drove to Florida to soak up sunshine. While there they took a side trip to that isle of paradise--Nassau in the Bahamas. Like all tourists, the urge to ride in the horse and carriages along Bay street was too great to resist, so at the Market Place by the boat docks, we hailed a purple surrey with fringe on top and fresh red hibiscus in glass pot holders. As the driver drove up to us, somehow the horse (or was he a pony?) and the carriage looked so very little to us (we are both good-sized citizens). But the gracious Bahamian driver assured us his horse was the "best in the island" and was quite capable of taking us. So your reporter daintily climbed aboard. The creaks and groans and the 45-degree tilt in the buggy caused the horse to look back, but he held his ground. Next, with a sheepish grin, my hubby climbed in his side. This righted the buggy with more creaks and groans (the horse stopped looking). Before we could change our minds, our driver gave a merry whistle and we started on our memorable trip along the shore. We had just relaxed when I looked ahead and there was a hill! In my mind I had no doubt but what we would make it, but I didn't know whether the horse shared my feelings. Yes, we made it and we didn't have to get out and push. We drove up to the hotel in this grand manner and our trip to Nassau was complete. Your reporter and her hubby also enjoyed deep sea fishing in Key West to quiet their nerves.

- Eileen Neurauter

(Revenue) -

BOB BRATEK, clerk, spent an enjoyable ten days at Vero Beach, Florida, on his recent vacation . . . F.C. PALILUNAS, assistant revenue accountant, RAY CORBEL, supervisor of revenue accounting, and their wives were hosts to Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT L. HILL, revenue accountant, on March 13 at Chateau Busche in Oak Lawn, Illinois, where a St. Patrick dinner-dance was given by St. Alexander Holy Name Society of Palos. At this party, Mrs. Hill won the first prize of \$250.00 in a raffle draw-

ing held that evening and stated this was a good send-off for Mr. Hill's retirement which was effective April 1 . . . More good news befell Mr. Hill on March 15; when his daughter, SUSAN, and son-in-law, presented him with his fourth grandchild, JEFFERY CRAIG STREDER.

- Betty Suhr

(Tabulating) -

PAT POLIC and JOANNE PARIS returned in good condition after spending the Washington's birthday holiday weekend skiing at Boyne Mountain, Michigan . . . Happy birthday this month to KAY McALISTER. Kay is also very busy apartment hunting . . . PAULINE TORREY's son is feeling better and convalescing at home after an operation March 9 . . . ROBERT RISE, tab operator, recipient of sad news concerning the abrupt and tragic demise of a favored aunt during the past Christmas holidays, has recently been informed by a California law firm, that he apparently is the only heir to a rather large legacy bequeathed to him by the deceased aunt. . . JOHN ECKEL, dynamic leader of CTA personnel in the Mart Baseball League, had his hopes bolstered for the coming season when EMIL RUSNIAK, MVP indicated that he will again return to the baseball wars.

"Have you submitted a suggestion lately?"

- Marion Sutherland & Edward O'Rourke

BEVERLY -

Mr. and Mrs. FRANK ZELLNER and their son and his wife have returned from two weeks in the Gulfport and Biloxi vacation area where they did some fishing and sight seeing . . . Supervisor AUGUST SHIMKUS and his wife, EMILY, were overjoyed with news from Fort Walton Beach, Florida, about the birth of their first grandchild. A daughter was born to Dr. PAUL and ARLENE VANDERBILT on February 19 and was named KIMBERLY THERESE . . . The 16-inch softball championship of the world was won by a Chicago team called the Bob Cats - ANDY KARKOSKA of the repair shops plays part time with the team as utility man and helps out in the managing. The ball field at Chicago Avenue and Kedzie is where they won the championship in 1964. . . Pensioner CARL WANDERSON is at Hines V. A. hospital, Ward B-314, and would like to hear from all his friends . . . JOE GERTZEN received a nice letter from Pensioner ROBERT DUFFY, but it also had some bad news. Mr. Duffy, who lives at Paw Paw Lake, broke his leg in two places . . . We express our sympathy to Pensioner TOM COUGHLIN in the loss of his wife. Tom, who is our board member at Archer and 69th, would always "go to bat" for any good Union man . . . We welcome all the new men who have come to us in the last system pick. We have the finest safety record of any depot and I know you will help us maintain it. Let's keep complaints from coming in so we can have coffee and rolls each month. . . The Knights of Columbus, La Rabida Council, will celebrate their 60th Anniversary with a dinner dance at the Beverly house on May 8. SEE JERRY GLEASON of the Union Leader, or your scribe, if interested.

- Tom Daniels

ELECTRICAL -

Happy to report that Engineer ROBERT KENDALL returned to work recently after being off on the sick list . . . Lineman GERALD PEPPARD returned to work sporting a healthy looking sun-tan as a result of spending his vacation in Jamaica. Gerald told us that he had a marvelous time enjoying the tropical type weather, and is looking forward to the same thing next year . . . Retired Lineman BILL EGAR paid us a surprise visit recently. Bill looks real healthy and fit, and is really enjoying retired life . . . Sorry to report that Lineman CARL HIRSCHNER is off sick. All the boys here are pulling for Carl to make a speedy recovery . . . Design Engineer H. D. WILSON is still at home convalescing from his illness. We understand that Mr. Wilson is coming along very nicely and we hope he will be able to return to work in the near future . . . As of this writing Lineman Helper MIKE DOLL, along with his family is spending his vacation in and around Chicago.

RALPH WHITE and his wife are visiting their daughter and son-in-law at Neenah, Wisconsin . . . The weather there is snowy and blowy just like ours, but HERB STOREY and his wife, LIL, are enjoying 75 degree temperatures in Florida. Herb stopped to see two of our pensioners, DOUG MADDOX at Ft. Lauderdale and AIDEN KENNY at Brooksville, Florida . . . We, at Blue Island, enjoyed visits from a couple of pensioners, CHARLES STAHLEY and JOHN MICHNICK. John's wife sent some delicious pineapple slices that the boys enjoyed with their morning coffee . . . Welcome to NORM WALLACE, back to work after surgery. FRED MARIANNE is in Oak Park hospital. Cards and phone calls are welcome. Fellows who are out sick enjoy hearing from their co-workers.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

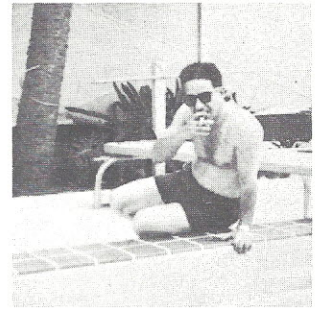
GENERAL OFFICE (Office Services) -

MARY BOSKI, secretary to Mr. JOHN BLARE, CTA consultant, spent a recent vacation assisting her husband, JOHN BOSKI, in the opening of his new shoe salon, which will be known as John's Shoes at 725 Howard Street, Evanston, Illinois. Mary did the interior decorating which was admired by CTA personnel who were on hand the day of initial opening. Among them were GEORGE KRAMBLES, H. G. DOERING, and ELMER MILZ. On April 8, 9, and 10 there was a grand opening and Mary acted as hostess to welcome the many CTA people who visited the shop to extend their best wishes for success . . . JOANNE SCHULTZ, clerk, and her husband are members of the Standby Club, a Blackhawk hockey fan organization. Recently, Joanne and other club members vacationed in Montreal, where they not only attended the hockey games but enjoyed touring the city. The club also attended the games in Detroit, Michigan, and were guests at the banquet honoring the Blackhawks and at that time were introduced to all the players.

(Traffic Planning) -

JAMES TOOLIS was lector at the recent communion mass said on March 28 in the Church of the Little Flower. More than 1,200 CTA bus operators and "L" members attended. Other CTA members taking part were BRUNO KARP, commentator, and those serving as acolytes were PATRICK O'BRIEN and ERNEST TOCCI (both pensioners). The procession into the shrine was led by DANIEL J. MC NAMARA Sr., president of 241; THOMAS B. O'CONNOR, CTA general manager, and DENNIS O'MAHONEY, president of 308. The Reverend PAUL T. HOBAN offered the mass. He is also chaplain of the

PICTURED HERE enjoying the Floridian weather is Paymaster JOHN POPE, Treasury Department, who recently spent an enjoyable week in the sunshine state and even found some time to go fishing.



CTA St. Joseph's branch of the Little Flower Society. Following the church service, breakfast was served at Mt. Carmel student center where all enjoyed a treat of real Irish soda bread.

(Engineering) -

Congratulations were extended to FRANK BALICE, draftsman, and his wife on the recent birth of their son, GREGORY, and to C. T. O'BRIEN, carpenter, West Shops, and his wife on the recent birth of a baby son whom they named JOSEPH. . . Welcomed to the department were JEAN LYSEN, stenographer, who transferred from Employment and MARIO MUNOZ, design draftsman . . . DENNIS PERRY, draftsman, recently returned from serving six months with the national guard at Fort Ord . . . RON MAZIARKA recently passed the State of Illinois engineering registration license examinations and is now an officially qualified professional engineer . . . RUSS SHANKLIN, superintendent of buildings, spent his vacation float fishing from a houseboat off the Florida Keys . . . And speaking of boats, CHESTER RUSAKIEWICZ has a boat, motor and trailer for sale. Contact him on Ext. 327. . . ANN FARRELL, secretary, is quite a ski enthusiast. She vacationed recently at Aspen, Colorado, and entered the Nomad Ski Club women's slalom race held at Aspen Highlands. Ann took 1st place in this race and later entered the Oak Park "B" class women's ski slalom race. This race was for the more experienced ski racers, and Ann said she was quite surprised to learn that she came in second.

(Staff Engineering) -

FRANK SCHEUBERT, traffic analyst, while knocking icicles from the roof of his home, fell from a ladder and suffered a slight skull fracture, a broken wrist and several bruises. He is confined to Northwest hospital at Addison and Central. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery Frank.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

JOANNE NOWOSIELSKI was welcomed to the Accident Statistical Section as clerk-typist. Joanne transferred from the Claim department and replaced PAT STEINBEISS who resigned. Welcomed back to work after a recent operation is BURT BOSAN . . . MARGE CONWAY, stenographer, was recently shopping in Oak Park where she was surprised to meet JULIE PRINDERVILLE (pensioner) at the entrance to Marshall Fields. Your Reporter overheard the following conversation-

JULIE- "Well, Hello! Marge, what are you doing out here in Oak Park?"
MARGE- "I've been up and down the street trying to get a belt."
JULIE- "Marge - you're out of luck, Oak Park is absolutely dry."

- Mary E. Clarke

FOREST GLEN -

Operator GEORGE ERSCH passed away suddenly. Also among the deceased are Pensioner DANIEL MORIARITY, WALTER RINGHOFF Sr., father of WALTER RINGHOFF Jr., Vacation Relief Clerk, DOROTHY BRAZINGTON, sister of Operator WILLIAM DEVITT, and Mrs. LOUISE EVERS, mother of Operator ALBERT EVERS . . . Stork Club: Congratulations are in order for Operator EDWARD and BARBARA SCHWAMB on their new arrival, MARGARET ANN, born March 6. The happy couple now have two girls and one boy . . . Operator GREG and MARY DRUMMER were blessed with a baby girl on March 13. We hope that their off-spring brings many years of happiness into their lives . . . Operator EDWARD and VI KACZMAREK motored to Florida for their vacation . . . Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE NEAD vacationed in Florida and stayed at Madeira Beach . . . Receiver LARRY MILLER and wife motored to Florida and toured the East and West coast. They watched the bangtails run, also took in some Jai Lai games. Larry was unable to come up with the right combination, insofar as to coming out a winner in the financial department. They also visited Busch Gardens on the West Coast which they enjoyed very much . . . BARBARA CIESLINSKI, daughter of Operator and Mrs. CHUCK CIESLINSKI, who is a student at Schurz High school, has won a Scholastic Art Award for 1965. The certificate of merit was presented by Wieboldts' Stores incorporated. Her work was selected for exhibit in the City of Chicago regional exhibition preliminary to the selection of finalists for the National High School art exhibition. This was conducted by the Scholastic Magazine. Barbara was very happy about receiving her certificate and key pin. Now there is no stopping her as an art critic. But she will have to sweat it out for the final decision which will be in the near future. We wish Barbara continued success and may this award be the beginning of a bright future . . . Now that the system pick is in effect, there is a change of faces in places. We would like to welcome the newcomers and wish good luck to those that went to a different station.

- Frank Carpine

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

Genial DICK REDDING of the Pension Division proudly announced the birth of a granddaughter on March 2. The new arrival's name is DEBORAH ANN. She has a big brother, DANIEL, who is nearly 3 years old. The parents are DICK's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. DALE BODE of Des Plaines, Illinois . . . KAREN CURCIO did her civic duty by serving on the jury for two weeks. She was assigned to the Civil Court and said it was a very interesting experience.

(Reproduction Services) -

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE BENSISH drove to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for a three-week vacation. Their daughter, DENISE, from the Law Department, flew down to join them for a week. George went deep-sea fishing, but all he caught was a case of sea-sickness . . . Mr. and Mrs. JOHN GRITIS took a train to Albany, New York, and spent a day sight-seeing and then drove to Germantown, New York, to visit their daughter, MARY, who became a novitiate in the Carmelite Order for the Aged and Infirm.

DOANE CLARK, along with JOHN POPE of the Treasury Department, flew to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they spent nine wonderful days in the sun. They visited

with many of our pensioners among whom were ART JOHNSON and LUCY WINKLER, who retired from Accounting. They also visited with Mrs. MORTON, whose husband was a former treasurer of the old C.S.L. . . ADELE MONSON, JOANNE SCHULTZ, and JOAN FITZGERALD flew to Montreal to watch the Blackhawk vs Montreal hockey game and then to Detroit to watch the Hawks battle Detroit. They had a wonderful trip in spite of the fact that the Hawks lost both games.

- Ann Golding

KEDZIE -

Your new reporter, RAYMOND GRAHAM, has asked me to report the April news and he will begin his articles with the May issue. I hope you will give him the cooperation you have given me in the past . . . Taking over in my place as chief clerk is ROBERT HEALY, whom I know will serve you to the best of his ability, and taking over for Bob Healy is CORNELIUS "Red" O'CONNOR. My best wishes to both of them . . . Our sympathy is extended to Operator EDWARD McCALLUM in the loss of his wife and to Operator HENRY BLAHA in the loss of his mother . . . At this writing Operator JOHN STACK is recovering after surgery and we hope to see him back on the job soon . . . Also making a marvelous recovery is Janitor FRANKLIN WEST. Keep up the good work, Frank . . . To all the wonderful personnel whom I enjoyed working with, I will just say "so long, but not good bye".

Operator CLARENCE SHUMACHER completed 25 years without a chargeable accident. Congratulations, Clarence, this is a record you can be proud of as the superintendents are proud of your record also. Keep up the good job . . . Operator ANDY LEE DOMINECK was presented with a baby girl on March 24. Congratulations and the best of health to mother and daughter.

-C. P. Starr

LIMITS -

Operator LEONARD URBAN and his wife report an enjoyable vacation. They traveled through the Smokies and onto Florida where they toured the state extensively, stopping to see our recently retired superintendent, HERMAN ERICKSON, and his wife, MARTHA. Both were in good health and send their best to all at CTA. Leonard and his wife then travelled by boat to the Bahama islands stopping at Nassau. On their return to the Florida mainland, they drove to Pensacola where they visited with their son, RAYMOND, who is in flight training at the Naval Air Force Base there. They drove to New Orleans where they took in the sights then back to Chicago and home. They enjoyed the trip very much and report no car trouble . . . A bulletin letter from General

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CTA TRANSIT NEWS

INSIDE NEWS



FIRST PLACE winners in a recent baby contest were the two tots pictured here, **KIM MARIE**, 3, and **SCOTT MICHAEL**, 16 months. Their daddy, **CORNELIUS SCHAAF** of Congress Terminal Shop, helped them collect their prize - a \$100 savings bond.

Manager **TOM O'CONNOR** states he can look back to 1964 with great pride. It was the safest year in CTA history with 1,400 fewer passenger and traffic accidents than in 1963. All operators were presented with a bus tie clasp. Mr. O'Connor was also pleased that there were many more courteous rides in 1964 setting a new record in CTA history. There were 2,700 commendations, far in excess of previous years and a record of commendations exceeding complaints. For this we were all treated to free coffee and the offer stands when in any month this repeats itself we will have coffee on the management.

Mrs. **ART MAAS**, wife of Operator **ART MAAS**, traveled to San Antonio, Texas, to visit her son who is in the hospital at Lackland Air Force Base. He was taken there from Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Maas returned home saying doctors were still taking tests . . . The two key men of our Limits Credit Union were both hospitalized at the same time - Operators **CLARENCE BUTHMAN** and **ART MAAS** - our treasurer and assistant treasurer. We, the officers, realize how valuable they really are and we miss them but I must say that **CONRAD JOHNSON**, **LOUIS GEISHEIMER**, and **RALPH VENN** substituted favorably and we thank them for a job well done. Art and Clarence are now recuperating at home and want to thank all for visits, cards, and telephone calls while in the hospital . . . The annual visit of the medical bus at Limits in February found all in good health . . . The general system pick of depots took place in March. To those men who left Limits we wish them lots of luck in their new station and to you men coming to Limits - we welcome you and hope you will like it here.

The Saint Patrick's Day parade was the largest in several years in spite of the weather. A new bus pulling a horsecar was an unusual attraction, each identifying the old with the new. The 241 float was as popular as always. Limits had a good showing. Refreshments were served following the parade at St. Pat's church hall. **CHARLES HAROLD** says thanks to all . . . Received a letter from Retired Operator **EMIL SCHREIBER**, who lives at Hendersonville, North Carolina. He and **OLGA** have been enjoying themselves planting in the garden during mild temperatures. He remarked that the bees were humming and the birds were singing, which is a sign of a good onion crop at Rustic Retreat . . . The annual Little Flower mass and communion breakfast was held on March 28. Limits Depot was well represented with over 50 members. Our chartered bus had Operator **LOU GEISHEIMER** at the wheel and all enjoyed the ride very much . . . Father **PAUL** gave a very inspiring talk on the Catholic Church of 1965. Irish soda bread was served at the breakfast and four loaves were baked by **TOM KELLEY**'s wife. The committee at our station also donated four loaves. **CHARLES HAROLD** says thanks to

a wonderful renewal membership response, it was increased from 98 to 125 . . . Limits Depot had the best accident record in history in 1964. As of January 31 we were second and let's hope we can make a brand new record in 1965. For this we say thanks to the men at Limits shop and to our shop superintendent, **TIM RIOR-DAN**, whom we think does an excellent job keeping our buses in tip top shape.

- George Clark

LOOP -

Agent **WILBER STRASSER** has put his skis away till next winter. He says with spring here he will spend much of his time bird watching in the Chicago parks. Girl watching, too, huh Wilber? . . . Nice to hear Former Porter **J. GALLAGHER** and **W. MEANY** are very happy with their new jobs with the CTA . . . Agent **BETTY DIAMOND** just finished two weeks of jury duty. She says it's very interesting, but it's good to be back in her little booth . . . Trackman **CHARLIE WRIGHT** went on his pension April 1. Charlie has been with the CTA for many years. He and his wife are thinking about moving down south where they can be warm all winter . . . Assignment Clerk **J. MC CARTHY** took his vacation March 14 to 20. He had two good reasons. Justin went down to Urbana for the basketball game and he wanted to celebrate St. Patrick's day in a real big way. And he did . . . Sorry to hear **AL BROWN**, clerk, is still off sick. Also agent **C. FICK**, **P. MILLER**, **M. BURROWS**, **L. GARRET**, **H. ELLIS**, **L. MORRIS**, **D. HAY**, and **H. EVANS**. Porters off sick are **C. NICHOLS**, **A. STRESSEN**, **C. WILLIAMS**, **L. GORDONHAY**, and **J. HODYS**. Hope you all are feeling much better if not already back on the job . . . Back from being on the sick list are Agents **R. MAPLE**, **T. COGLIONESE**, **G. YARDLEY**, **M. DUNN**, **L. RUSSELL**, also porters **J. DOOREY** and **A. DICKENSON** . . . Welcome to the new Agents: **W. HANSON**, **G. WADE**, **W. PERRY**, and part time student agents **M. SCHNEIDER** and **L. STEVENS**.

Retired agent **IRENE CULLEN** was downtown a few weeks ago. She stopped by and said hello to several agents. Irene looks real good and seems to enjoy her pension. Stop around again soon. We would like to see you more often . . . Many thanks to porters who kept the ice and snow cleared off the platforms around the structure. Also thanks to Porter **O'BUCHANAN**, who came early every day and chopped away the ice from the stairs at Madison and Wells . . . Have you noticed how the stations Madison-Monroe to Jackson-Van Buren in the Dearborn Subway sparkle. Thanks to our ambitious porter, **STEVE CUNNINGHAM** . . . Part time student **J. MORROW**, who is liked by all agents who worked with him, has left CTA. He has a new job and says he enjoys it very much. Also student agent **JOHN KIRK** has found a new job and is doing very well. **HARRY ZARROT** has left us, but not for a new job. He and his brother are on their merry way to California to become surfers. Good luck to all of you and let us hear from you . . . Agent **JOHN FILIPEK** after five hours of studying will become a Webelow father. He will have several boys in his group looking for adventure. These boys are too young for the boy scouts and too old for cub scouts. They will learn wood carving and how to follow trails. They will camp out on weekends in the woods and wide open spaces. Who will be the brave ones, John or the boys? John doesn't like to sleep away from home, and let's say these little fellows are real brave . . . Our little colleen, **K. BURK**, will say "I do" on April 24. The lucky fellow is an iron

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worker for the CTA. His name is Grady. Best of luck to both of you . . . Agent A. CARLSTROM just had a lovely vacation down in New Orleans. He and his wife were there for the last four days of the Mardi Gras. They then went on down to Florida and after several days in the nice warm sunshine, they came back to what? SNOW.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

At North Avenue Depot we celebrated St. Patrick's Day having coffee and rolls for a special safety award. We had a lower accident rate for 1964 than for previous years. Your station superintendents thank you and hope we are deserving of another such award for this year. . . Instructor BILL KENNEDY and his wife, MADELYN, went out to dinner to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary March 2. After dinner it was suggested that they stop off at their daughter's home in Norridge. They were surprised when they were greeted by 80 of their friends waiting for them. A good time was had by all. Congratulations to them, and to Operator RAYMOND ZIELINSKI and his wife who celebrated a wedding anniversary May 2 . . . Many happy returns to the following who celebrated birthdays: Supervising Instructor EDWARD WEHMEYER, April 17, Instructor CLARENCE LEMKE, April 15, and Sanitary Technician CHARLES ANDERSON, April 16. . . Supervisor CHARLES LANGNER and his wife, STELLA, are proud to announce the graduation of their son, RICHARD CHARLES, from Beloit college on April 24. Richard is house director of the north dormitory which includes 200 freshmen. Sorry we missed Stella's birthday January 15, Charles' birthday February 7, and their wedding anniversary January 24. Belated congratulations! . . Pensioner ROBERT SCHANZLE lost his wife, LILLIAN, on February 23. Pensioner CHARLES HAERLE passed away March 3. Pensioner FRED FREDERICKSEN lost his wife, ANN, on March 10. We extend our sympathy to these bereaved families in the loss of their loved ones . . . Golfers, fishermen, and other sportsmen are getting their gear in shape for an enjoyable spring and summer. Here's wishing them good luck whatever their sport. Night Foreman ERNEST PEARSON and his wife took a trip to Texas and we know he had his fishing gear ready to try every lake and stream along the way. . . Clerk ARTHUR OLSEN celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a trip to Ireland.

We welcome new Operators WILLIAM WILLIAMSON, EMERY STEWART, JOHN JACKSON, JAMES MORTON and GARLAND REED . . . Repairman JAMES TIMULTY took his pension on March 1. Operator JOSEPH YORK took his pension on April 1. We wish both the best of everything and hope they'll stop in for a visit when they're in the neighborhood. . . GEORGE "Sinatra" KUENSTLE, repair department, hopes you've seen his nephew, CHARLES KUENSTLE, on "Profiles in Courage." It's on TV Sunday afternoons and he's been in many of the episodes. George's grandchildren help him pick so he will have more time to spend with them. . . We are glad to report that Operator JOSEPH CHAZINSKI is back at work as a street collector after a recent illness, and that Operator OMAR HART is back after a long illness. Thanks to the good nursing of his wife, LA VERNE, all of the gang from North are happy to have JOHN CASEY, repair department, back, and they want him to know he's lucky to have such a pretty nurse . . . At North Avenue we've had visits from Pensioners DAVID MC GRATH, HUGH

GARRY, CHESTER NEUGEBAUER, and FRED HALE. Fred looked quite dapper in his tuxedo and bow tie.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH PARK -

CHARLES E. KEISER, operating manager, DAVID M. FLYNN, superintendent of transportation, and JOHN A. BAKER, superintendent of training and accident prevention, presented North Park with the 1964 Courtesy Caravan Plaque as the depot which received the most commendations on the system. Superintendents C. A. KERR, R. W. CHRISTIAN, and M. H. DE WITTE treated for cake and coffee. Supervisor ED CHAPLESKI also entertained us with his accordion music. All operators and non-operating personnel would like to extend their thanks to the company for the beautiful tie clips which were awarded to each employe as a memento of CTA's best year of safety in 1964 . . . North Park depot again won second place in the union meeting attendance contest. Board Members LASKE and SCHOLL wish to extend their thanks to the men for attending the meetings, and also for the support in the St. Patrick's Day Parade . . . Airman 1st Class JAMES STEVENS, son of Ticket Agent EARL STEVENS and brother of Operator JOHN STEVENS, was married on February 13 to Miss GINGER HAISER of Los Angeles, California, at Randolph Air Base in San Antonio, Texas. The young couple honeymooned in Los Angeles and will reside at the air base . . . DONALD KEALEY SNODGRASS, son of Operator and Mrs. WILLIS SNODGRASS, was married on February 12 at Las Vegas, Nevada, to Miss DONNA DEAN of Long Beach, California. Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass will reside in Long Beach, where Mr. Snodgrass is employed. . . Sister FRANCIS ELLEN, daughter of Operator ERNEST HUCKSOLL, who spent 20 years in the Sisters of Providence Order as a teacher, is now teaching at Our Lady of Mercy school, where she has been for the past six years. . . HARRY O'NAN, formerly of Limits Depot and brother of STERLING O'NAN, was elected president of the Atlanta, Georgia, Restaurant association. Their mother recently fell and broke her arm and is now convalescing at home . . . Clerk S. F. BARNETT and his wife, HAZEL, became parents of their fifth child when a son, MALCOM S., was born February 28 at Illinois Research hospital. Frank was on his vacation at the time the happy event took place, so he handled the household chores like an old pro . . . Operator MIKE NILES and his wife, CHRISTINE, became parents of a son, WILLIAM, born on February 23 at Cuneo hospital. William is the Niles' first born and may be a future bus operator . . . Operator RICHARD and Mrs. HUMES became parents of their second child when a daughter, ANGELA, was born on March 5. Richard's son, MICHAEL, 2-1/2, will now have a playmate . . . Operator HARRY CRUM became a grandfather for the third time when his son, HARRY JR., and daughter-in-law, PAT, became parents of their first born. Grandson ANTHONY was born February 8 at Lyons Community hospital . . . Sanitary Engineer JOHN J. BARRETT retired on pension April 1 after many years of faithful service. John and his wife, MARY, are contemplating on settling somewhere in Florida at a later date.

Operator DON BENNETT and his wife, MARIE, celebrated their 18th anniversary March 2, while his brother-in-law, Operator ARTHUR OLSON and his wife, LENORE, celebrated their 26th anniversary February 14. The happy couples celebrated together at a party in Lake Forest given by friends . . . Operator ARTHUR LUCKY and his wife, JEAN, celebrated their 24th anniversary February

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15. The Luckys held open house for their many friends . . . Operator ADOLPH JENDRYCZKI and his wife, JEAN, celebrated their 28th anniversary on April 10. Adolph took Jean out to dinner and to a movie for the evening . . . Operator ARTHUR MUIR received a letter from retired Motorman TOM HENRY of Burbank, California, who wishes to be remembered to all his friends . . . LOUIS SCHWARTZ JR., son of Operator LOUIS SCHWARTZ, was chosen from a large field of candidates for a position with the State Department in Washington, D. C. He is in charge of getting personal and other data on all presidential appointments that have to be approved by Congress . . . JANET STERN, daughter of Operator ARTHUR STERN, was promoted to assistant secretary to the secretary of the vice president of the Commerce Clearing House. Janet has been working for the company for one year . . . Private HOWARD MARTENS, son of Operator MAURICE MARTENS, has been shipped from Fort Hood, Texas, to Frankfurt, Germany. Howard is a clerk in the army post office . . . JOSEPH H, son of Operator JOE VAN DEN EEDEN, was promoted to senior field property claim representative by State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company . . . JUDY STACH, daughter of Clerk BOB STACH, plays the drums in the concert band of Schurz High school. Judy also plays the accordion and has a four piece combo which entertains at different social affairs . . . Operator ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION, have bought a condominium apartment at 6961 North Oakley and will be at home May 1. Everybody is welcome to visit the Lemkes, but must bring their own refreshments . . . Operator JIM RENTSCHLER and his wife, HAZEL, spent their vacation touring the state of Florida. Jim says the weather was very poor and he could not do any fishing this trip . . . Operator ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH, visited Mr. and Mrs. BILL EDWARDS in Independence, Missouri, where their niece, MARYLYN, was entered in a beauty contest . . . Starter LEROY PEDERSEN, formerly of Armitage Depot, has given up his hobby of raising champion beagle dogs and is now nursing all the aches and pains that come with advanced age . . . Supervisor CARL SORENSEN was hospitalized and at this writing is at home recuperating . . . Supervisor BILL LOHSE bought a 1955 Super Buick. Bill says in 1975 he will get his '65 . . . TOM STIGLIC JR., son of Superintendent of Instruction TOM STIGLIC SR., led his team, St. Benedict's High school, to the Parish League championship. In four years of high school he has played on four title winning teams . . . Operator LEN BAEUCHLER spent his vacation in Phoenix, Arizona, where he visited his mother and brother, EDWARD. Len watched the Phoenix open golf tournament for four days and then spent two weeks playing golf, trying to outdo the name pros.

Operator TONY ANTHONY has transferred from North Park to the Electrical Department at Skokie Shops . . . HOWARD LOWING has returned to work as a ticket agent on the "L" lines . . . The following operators have been off sick for quite a spell and would like to hear from or see their friends. ART LUCKY, LYLE PRITCHARD, FRANK WEISS, JOE BERGTHAL, MEL KARSHNICK, and JOE RANELLO . . . Operators STAN ZALE, RED LASKE, and WARREN SCHOLL played 18 holes of golf at the electronically controlled Pebble Beach Golf Course in Franklin Park. Zale had a fine 82, Laske 94, and Scholl a 95, which is fine golf for these boys . . . Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operator CHESTER DAMIAN, March 2; Receiver ED STENZEL, March 9; Operator ED NEWTON, March 17; DANNY KURCZEWSKI, son of Operator ED KURCZEWSKI, one year old, March 31; Operator LE ROY CONKLIN, April 5;

Operator ADOLPH JENDRYCZKI, April 28; TOMMY KURCZEWSKI, son of Operator ED KURCZEWSKI, April 5, and RAY MIJANOVICH, March 17 . . . Our sympathy and condolences to the family of Pensioner CLARENCE THOMPSON; Pensioner ART JACOBY, who lost his wife on March 7; Instructor GEORGE and Mrs. RELSTAB on the loss of Mrs. RELSTAB's father, HENRY WAGNER; Pensioner PHIL HAGSTROM; Operator TED DIDIER, on the loss of his brother, HENRY DIDIER, and Pensioner JOHN BARRETT on the loss of his mother, Mrs. ANN BARRETT, who passed away on March 7, one day after her 100th birthday in Ireland . . . Pensioner ART WENSEL is recovering satisfactorily after recent surgery in Holy Family hospital in Des Plaines, Illinois . . . Pensioner NICK SIMMONS, formerly of Armitage and Devon depots, was around North Park reminiscing with his friends. Nick and Mrs. Simmons are living in a houseboat at Rockwell Avenue and the Chicago River. Their address is 4114 North Rockwell Avenue . . . Operator HANK SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, spent part of Hank's vacation at Traverse City, Michigan, visiting their new grandson, ROBERT HENRY, and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES SCHRAMM. The rest of Hank's vacation was spent in Mansfield, Ohio, visiting Hank's sister, Mrs. ELIZABETH HETLER . . . Operator GARDENIO MOTO cashed the stub end of his check with Thillens check cashing service and a frantic cashier was seen running all around the depot trying to find Gardenio to retrieve the check instead of the stub. It seems some people have all the luck . . . Pensioner ART EBERLAIN was confined again at Alexian Brothers hospital for major surgery and at this writing is home recovering. Art's address is 3538 North Seeley Avenue and he would like some visitors . . . We would like to extend a hearty welcome to all the operators who have come to North Park Station on the new seniority pick and wish the best of everything to all the operators who have left for other stations.

- Melvin Horning

PURCHASING & STORES (Purchasing) -

IRENE HERMAN's Daughter, HARRIETTE, who is 13 years old, has been granted a full scholarship to Royce-more high in Evanston, Illinois. Needless to say - Irene is a very proud mother.

(Stores) -

Mr. and Mrs. ED BRUCKNER recently returned from a Florida vacation where they enjoyed temperatures in the 80's. They visited St. Petersburg, Tampa, and Sarasota.

- D. Jane Bell

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

S. E. BAGROWSKI, traffic checker, and Mrs. BAGROWSKI were presented with a new granddaughter, ALLISON CAROL WINNER, born February 6. Congratulations! . . . Our sympathy to JOHN BILLIS, traffic checker, and family on the death of his stepfather . . . LAURA SCHRECKE was very surprised and delighted with the corsage, beautiful pin and wonderful dinner at Bigg's restaurant when KATHRYN BATINA, BERNADETTE KIZIOR, and MARGARET VIDAL took her out to celebrate her birthday and her retirement . . . GEORGE HANUS, traffic clerk, went through surgery March 24 at the MacNeal Memorial hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery and hope you will join us soon . . . We wel-

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

DOMINICK ALONGI, 69, Way and Struct.
Emp. 1-21-25. Died 2-02-65
ANTHONY H. ARENDT, 69, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-25-22. Died 2-21-65
WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, 71, Transportation,
Emp. 2-04-16. Died 2-15-65
RALPH E. BURIAN, 56, Archer,
Emp. 3-30-34. Died 3-01-65
HUGO CARLSON, 90, Burnside,
Emp. 4-12-09. Died 2-12-65
MARY E. DEVINE, 71, South Section,
Emp. 11-14-47. Died 2-26-65
BLAINE E. ELKIN, 52, Limits,
Emp. 11-10-48. Died 2-22-65
GEORGE ERSCH, 51, Forest Glen,
Emp. 8-12-41. Died 3-18-65
MORRIS FINKLESTEIN, 79, Lawndale,
Emp. 8-07-18. Died 2-07-65
AUGUST GRABE, 65, South Section,
Emp. 2-15-45. Died 2-07-65
HARRY R. GRESKE, 68, Ravenswood,
Emp. 6-02-26. Died 2-06-65
JOSEPH F. GUTH, 61, West Section
Emp. 3-16-42. Died 3-09-65
CLARK C. HARVEY, 90, Diversey,
Emp. 5-17-26. Died 2-03-65
SAMUEL J. HEASLEY, 76, South Shops,
Emp. 6-13-17. Died 2-24-65
JOHN J. HUGHES, 82, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-10-12. Died 2-19-65
JOSEPH JOHNSON, 72, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-27-36. Died 2-25-65
PATRICK J. KING, 73, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-13-18. Died 2-10-65

JOHN KROLEWCZYKJ, 89, West Section,
Emp. 2-15-45. Died 2-07-65
HARRY H. LEADERS, 76, Way and Struct.,
Emp. 10-15-19. Died 2-25-65
ANTHONY T. MALLAK, 72, Armitage,
Emp. 8-14-13. Died 2-05-65
RICHARD L. MERCER, 65, North Section,
Emp. 1-26-63. Died 2-13-65
SYLVESTER MILCHZ, 76, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 10-08-23. Died 2-25-65
WILLIAM T. O'MEARA, 50, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-31-45. Died 3-06-65
EDWARD F. POZAN, 72, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-01-28. Died 2-18-65
AUGUST RAHN, 78, Kedzie
Emp. 4-27-10. Died 2-27-65
FREDERICK A. SASS, 86, North Section
Emp. 10-01-01. Died 2-03-65
PAUL SCALETTA, 88, North Division
Emp. 4-05-06. Died 2-23-65
CHARLES E. SCHULTZ, 81, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-06-12. Died 2-23-65
HENRY E. SCHULTZ, 82, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-07-05. Died 2-09-65
JOHN SOMMER, 65, South Shops,
Emp. 11-14-19. Died 2-27-65
GUS STAVREDES, 81, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-06-20. Died 2-06-65
RUDOLPH STASKA, 55, Transportation,
Emp. 2-07-45. Died 3-05-65
WARNER C. YENNI, 60, Kimball,
Emp. 12-17-46. Died 2-26-65

come GEORGE WYERS, traffic checker, to the department.

April 1 marked the retirement of LAURA SCHRECKE. Laura started her transit career with the North Shore line in the Edison building on October 4, 1925. On June 1, 1930, Laura was transferred to the CRT as a coasting clerk. In 1941 she was appointed timekeeper for ticket agents. Laura has been with the CTA Schedule-Traffic Department since 1947 in the positions of posting clerk and traffic record clerk. Laura says this 40 year transit career went by very fast and was always interesting. Good luck and good health, Laura, and enjoy your retirement . . . WILLIAM DEVEREUX, schedule-maker, was putting his car in the garage when a dog bit him. He was taken to the hospital for a tetanus shot . . . Soldier boy EDWARD BENNIS, son of JOHN BENNIS, surprised his folks with a weekend visit to their Tinley Park home . . . Laura Schrecke celebrated St. Joseph's day by taking the girls to a luncheon and also presented them with a beautiful gift. Thanks, Laura, we certainly appreciated your hospitality.

- Katherine Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES KING, former electrical apprentice at Skokie Shops, on the birth of their daughter, MARIANNE. Marianne weighed only 4 pounds 4 ounces so she was kept at the hospital for a while . . . Recently received word from pensioner

WILLIAM MEWS, who is enjoying the warm sunshine down at Fort Lauderdale, Florida . . . Proud grandparents are HOWARD and ALICE JENSEN because their grandson, JERRY MUELLER, 14, became champion of the basketball free throw at Northwest Grammer school. Howie is a clerk at the Skokie Shops.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SHOPS -

JOHN W. MUELLNER, supervisor of garages, wishes to extend his heartfelt thanks to everyone for their many kind expressions of cheer, good wishes, calls and visits during his hospital stay and convalescence. It was most gratifying to be remembered, and is deeply appreciated . . . The South Shops bowling party was held on April 25 with an attendance of 40 men. The top bowlers were AL ANDRULIS and IRV KRAULEDIS. Everyone had a wonderful time . . . JOSEPH WACK, carpenter "A", and his wife are very proud of their grandson, JEFF WACK, a 6th grader who recently won a school spelling bee and will now enter the county spelling bee. Good Luck! . . . In this issue we would like to welcome DON TARNOWSKI, who recently returned from 6 months in the marine reserve. Don is now working as a production record clerk in the Industrial Engineering Department. . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of JOHN SOMMER, foreman of the electrical workers, who has passed away.

- Al Haas & Karen Hoffman

SOUTH SECTION -

The signs of spring are finally here. The Cubs and Sox are starting their new season. Let's all wish them luck . . . Our 61st street office was washed and freshly painted and it looks so nice and clean . . . Hi! to our newly transferred trainmen from the north and west sections: ROBERT BLACK, GEORGE JEFFERSON, FRANKLIN PETTIS, CHARLES OWENS, and BOBBY WINSTON . . . Motorman JOHN SEERY, who was on the sick list for many months, went on pension March 1. We all hope that your health will improve, John, and you will be well soon . . . Motorman RON MROZ has become a home owner. He and his family have just moved into their new home. Ron has suddenly become an expert carpenter and handy man of all trades working around the new place . . . Supervisor DON MURPHY was telling us about his wonderful Florida vacation this winter. While down there he spent a day with Retired Towerman PAUL ZOSEL and his wife at Homestead, Florida. Paul sends back his best regards to everyone . . . Our pensioners are really enjoying life. Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS and his son, FATHER JOE, recently took a Caribbean cruise on a luxurious liner and visited such exotic ports as St. Thomas, Martinique, Haiti, and Puerto Rico. Charlie said the food was delicious on the boat, the climate warm, and the ports real scenic . . . On his 65th birthday DOMINICO DI MARIA, janitor at the Frog Shop, celebrated by bringing home-made Italian spaghetti down for lunch and we all enjoyed it. He went on pension April 1 and he and his wife are going to take a trip to Florence, Italy, in June for a few months. He has been employed since 1923 and all the men in the Frog Shop will miss him . . . It's so nice to see our people coming back to work off the sick list: Towerman PATRICK HICKEY, Conductor LORENZO LAWSON, and Agent JEAN GUSTAFSON . . . Former employe VINCENT HANEY, who lived in Los Angeles, California, and whom all the pensioners always would go out and visit when they went to California, passed away recently.

Congratulations to all South Section employes for doing their part and helping to make the year 1964 CTA's safest year . . . Retired Agent LULU HAMANN wishes to thank everyone for all their kindnesses when her sister passed away recently in Denver . . . Motorman FRANK KLEKOVICH and Agent JAMES MIDDLETON have successfully finished their training and now are qualified extra clerks . . . Condolences to Conductor THOMAS BEGGAN whose brother passed away recently; to Agent ALPHONSE DELCORSE whose father, 93 years old, passed away, and to Porter ELIJAH BROWN on the loss of his brother in Mississippi . . . Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY's sister called me to tell me she just came back from visiting with Hugh in Miami Beach, Florida, and he said to tell all his friends "hello" . . . Our Courtesy Caravan Club members are still growing: Conductor P.R. HARDLEY received a passenger commendation for the courteous and efficient manner in which he performs his duties, and Conductor JOHN DANEK received a passenger commendation for the excellent manner in which he calls out stations . . . Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Agent MARY KLUMPP, whose husband passed away just recently . . . More of our employes have left us: Conductor CHRISTOPHER WADE, who just returned from military service a few weeks ago, resigned; Motorman PAUL WEST resigned to accept another position; Conductor RALPH VERNON resigned for a new job out in California, and Part-time Agent KAY CONNORS resigned for other part-time work and further studying . . . Porter WILEY STEWARD and his family wish to express their sincere appreciation of everyone's thoughtfulness

RECENTLY ELECTED to the National Honor Society was DOROTHY SULLIVAN, daughter of GEORGE SULLIVAN of the Engineering Department. Dorothy, who will graduate from Regina Dominican High school in June, plans to major in Psychology at Marquette university.



and kindness when his wife passed away recently . . . "Traveling" Retired Towerman ELMER PIPKORN is on the go again. He went up to Rochester, Minnesota, for a few days and said it was mighty cold up there. Well we sure had our share, but double, of cold and snowy weather right here in Chicago this winter . . . On the sick list at this writing are Conductor ALFRED GREENAWALT and Agents HELEN SHANNON and CHRISTINE EVANS. Let's wish them all a speedy recovery . . . Congratulations to former South Section agent, who works on the Loop Section now, OPAL MADISON, on her marriage. May you have much happiness.

- Verna Hartney

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

April brought many changes to our terminals. On April 1 repairman EDWARD SCHROEDER from Wilson Avenue retired after 46 years of service. Fellow repairmen from 61st Street, TONEY ROCHE and ANGELO HAROS, also retired with 23 years and 20 years of service respectively. The best of luck for health and prosperity in their golden years are sent their way . . . It seemed like the fellows were playing checkers with the following moves: JAMES O'TOOLE, IRA FARMER SR., LOUIS JAKEL, JOHN MADIGAN, ANTHONY RUANE, and JOHN ANTONUCCI transferred from Kimball to Wilson Avenue while JOSEPH MORRISON, EDWARD O'DAY, WILLIAM MURPHY, MICHAEL RUSSIN, LEROY STEWART, and STANLEY DOBEK made the move from Wilson Avenue to Kimball. EDWARD TAYLOR went from Lake Street to 61st Street. Congress sent HENRY ROSINSKI to 61st Street and GEORGE MUNYER to Lake Street and in return 61st Street sent E. SHIELDS and C. SCHAAF to Congress. And last but not least, NICK SUERO and RAY CATANESE, both from Logan Square, went to Congress. If you try calling any of these men make sure you have plenty of patience and lots of time to spend . . . Our belated sympathy is sent to the family of WARNER JENNI, who passed away on February 26. Our sincerest sympathy is also sent to RALPH SULLIVAN of Howard Shop on the passing of his wife on March 1 . . . This month also had its share of illness. It's good to see AL BOLING from Congress at home and doing fine after his stay in the hospital. A hearty welcome back was extended to ED STAMBORSKI of Kimball who had a short stay in the hospital and to MARVIN BRINSON and JESSIE CROSS both of 61st Street who were confined to their beds at home. An extra welcome was given to ARTHUR WASHINGTON of 61st Street who came back after undergoing a serious operation . . . Wishes for a speedy recovery are for MRS. P. COTTER and MRS. H. WHITEHEAD. Special wishes are sent to them from their husbands because it sure takes a lot out of a man doing all that housework.

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MIKE FAHEY of Congress left for his three-week vacation with a big problem on his mind. He couldn't figure out why its called a vacation when he knew that his wife would have more than a daily eight-hour work program waiting for him . . . Congratulations to the Rahn family. MRS. RAHN presented ROBERT with a bouncing baby boy . . . JOHN CAPACCIO of Congress has begun big party preparations. Everyone keeps telling him to wait until June when number one daughter, MARY KAY, will graduate from Madonna High school, but John says everything must be perfect.

- Ray Brzezczek

WEST SECTION -

Congratulations to Lake Street Motorman BENJAMIN C. MORRIS and his wife, GERALDINE, on the birth of their first child born February 20 in St. Lukes hospital . . . It's good to know that chivalry is not out of vogue or dead and that we have a thoughtful, gallant man as a co-worker. LOUIS GOLDBERG, Lake street Agent, was seen taking off his coat during a cold blizzard and placing it over a lady who was lying on the cold wet street after an accident. There were others around, but it was Louis who was the thoughtful one . . . GEORGE HARRIG, husband of Lake street agent DIANA HARIG, took off one uniform and got into another. He's now working as a laboratory technician at Mt. Sinai hospital . . . Agent CLARA SOLA became a very proud grandmother of a little girl, DEBORAH ANN, born on February 23 . . . Porter JAMES CLARK's recreation room has recently been completed. Suggestions for a suitable name are welcomed . . . ROY CLARK, Congress yard foreman, did some interior decorating while on his vacation . . . Agent BEULAH FIELDS looked beautifully tanned and rested after her Southern vacation.

The Porter's Club is going to hold its annual dance in May. The Club is well over the 25 year mark and it has always been said everybody always has a good time. If you don't, it's your own fault. Tickets may be purchased from the porters on all lines . . . Congress conductor WILLIAM CONLEY and his wife became the proud grandparents of a little girl, JILL SPENCE, born March 15. She is their seventh grandchild . . . We are sorry to hear that agents DIANA HARIG, CHRISTIAN FICK and PAUL MILLER are on the sick list. . . Agent GEORGE E. HENKE whose birthday was March 1, was treated to dinner by his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. VIGGO WINDFELD. Mr. Windfeld is a bus operator from North avenue . . . To LAURA SCHRECKE, from the schedule department, and CHARLES P. STARR, from the Kedzie Depot, who retired April 1, we extend our very best wishes, but Charles Starr cannot completely retire because he is a member of the Little Flower Committee and there's no such thing as retiring. So, Charley, we'll be seeing you . . . The Little Flower Communion breakfast was held Sunday, March 28. To see so many co-workers and pensioners rise early, meet, pray, sing, laugh, smile, talk, and work together leaves one with a wonderful feeling. If you missed this one plan on coming to the one in October and see what we mean . . . Incidentally, memberships to the St. Joseph League of the Little Flower are accepted throughout the year . . . CATHERINE BURKE has requested a leave of absence. Next issue will tell all about it . . . SOPHIE MIRABELLI, wife of agent JOSEPH MIRABELLI, has a delicious recipe for meat balls and spaghetti . . . Congress Clerk JOHN CAROLAN wouldn't have had a special treat if SOPHIE hadn't ditched the stuff from her official tasters, Joe and the pooch.

We are sorry to hear that agent H. EVANS is hospitalized at this writing. Also Porter BEN PYZIK. To them we wish a speedy recovery . . . PETE GURETZ, Logan Square clerk, had a month's vacation. Wonder if he had some inside info on the weather. How lucky can you get? . . . Agents M. BEGLEY, MINNIE DIKEMAN, and DOROTHY PARKER celebrated their birthdays in March. Happy Birthday and many more of them . . . We are a little late in reporting this item. Agent B. LINNE, his wife and son, ELLIOT, drove to Florida in February. Bert says the driving was pretty rough as they left on that icy Saturday. After they got down there though, it was fine fishing as the specimens they brought back will prove . . . Pensioner EMIL WIEDMANN called and says he is in fine shape and on the go all the time. He asked to be remembered to all his friends on the surface and rapid transit lines . . . Agent CATHERINE BURKE is taking the big step on April 24. She is getting married but failed to tell us the name of the church. We wish you and your bridegroom much luck in the coming years, Catherine . . . Clerk WILLIAM CHAMERLIK is back to work after his illness and looking fine.

MADELEINE HAYES, West Side ticket agent, and MARY AVALLONE, Loop agent, are retiring on May 1. We congratulate these wonderful ladies and wish them many healthy and happy retirement years . . . As usual, the Metropolitan Credit Union dinner held at the Oak Park Arms hotel March 20 was a big success. We all enjoyed the food and entertainment immensely and it is always nice to see all our friends and their families. Orchids go to the entertainment committee for a job well done. We heard many nice compliments that night on both the food and fun . . . Our sympathy is extended to the family of Agent JOSEPH GUTH, who passed on March 9. We knew him well and always enjoyed working with Joe . . . We cannot close this column without a word to our West Side and Loop porters. It was a rough March, boys, but surely April was better. At least you didn't have to shovel the rain.

- Helen Pallister & Julia Brousek

69TH STREET -

Our operating personnel express their thanks to Mr. DE MENT and T. B. O'CONNOR for the handsome tie clasps recently presented to us and for the thought behind it. Also we might give some thought to the fact that courtesy, patience and accident prevention do go hand in hand, and if we improve one we upgrade the others . . . The recent bad weather left some of our lads in pretty bad condition. Clerk TONY KRAUS suffered a broken leg, and both MIKE BARRIS and SYLVESTER SCELLATO suffered injuries due to falls on icy pavements. We wish these men a speedy recovery . . . We are happy to see GUS MELANDER back at work after a bout with some intestinal bugs . . . Our congratulations to M. J. HENEGHAN on the newest addition to the family. It's a boy, also to Grandparents ANDY and Mrs. KOHLSTEDT. Little DAVID ALLEN is their fourth grandchild, but has the distinction of being the first boy. The parents are ANDY Junior and JEAN. Poppy is in Uncle Sam's air force . . . Our sympathies are extended to the families of Collector W. O'MEARA, Pensioner HANK KRUSE, and JOHN NOVAK, who passed away recently. Also to Retired Board Member TOM COUGHLIN, on the death of his beloved wife, to our Sanitary Engineer CHARLES EDMONSON, on the death of his wife, and to W. MARTIN and family whose mother-in-law passed away.

- William J. Donahue

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