

TRANSIT NEWS

NOVEMBER, 1965



A time to say thanks

"Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent foure men on fowling, that so we might after a more speciall manner rejoyce together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labours." This time

of year we remember that first Thanksgiving at Plymouth when the Pilgrims gave thanks for the bounty of fields and friendship of the natives. Let each of us, in his own way, give thanks today.

17 Receive New Suggestion Plan Awards



FIRST AWARDS in the revised Employee Suggestion Plan were announced on November 8 when 17 employees received Thanksgiving turkeys, six of them also sharing \$215.00 in cash prizes for ideas submitted to the suggestion committee.

Top cash prize winner was Robert Tucker, South Shops, who was awarded \$90.00. Five others were the recipients of \$25.00 each. They are: John C. Cacciato and James Cooney, both of South Shops; Walter G. Ringhoff, North Park; Jeanette L. Ludmann, Claim, and Charles Qualiardi, Skokie Shops.

Awards of turkeys in addition to those named above, went to 11 other employees, as follows: Patricia A. Spak, ticket agent; Paul S. Whitemon, 52nd; Ronald R. Kramer, Training and Accident Prevention; Ervin Harmon, South Side rapid transit; Robert H. Buerger, Skokie Shops; Alex Andrulis and William Rohe, South Shops; Shirley J. Johnson, Insurance; Stephanie VanMeter, Stores; William Revoyr, Accounting, and James E. McCoy, Real Estate.

A total of \$125.00 also was distributed to four other employees whose suggestions were submitted under the previous plan. A \$50.00 award was presented to Ray Gunderson who is employed at Kedzie Shops. William Baldyga of the Utility Department received a \$25.00 award, and Fred Egger and Paul Ehmke, both of Skokie Shops each received \$25.00.



THE FIRST group to receive awards in the revised Employee Suggestion Plan assembled for this photo after being congratulated by T. B. O'Connor, general manager, and C. E. Keiser, operating manager. They are, seated, from left: Charles Qualiardi, James Cooney, John C. Cacciato, Jeanette Ludmann, Robert Tucker, Shirley J. Johnson, Stephanie VanMeter, Patricia A. Spak. Standing, from left: Mr. Keiser, William Rohe, Robert H. Buerger, Alex Andrulis, Mr. O'Connor, William Revoyr, James E. McCoy, Ervin Harmon, Ronald Kramer, Walter C. Ringhoff and Paul S. Whitemon, two other winners, were unable to appear for the picture.

Since the new plan went into effect on September 20 employee suggestions have soared. As this issue went to press 830 suggestions had been received for processing. In a 10-month period this year a total of 2,069 suggestions had been received. This almost doubles the number submitted during a corresponding period last year.

In accordance with the new plan, an Honorable Mention is awarded if an intangible or small savings suggestion has been adopted. Two such Honorable Mentions by the same person within a period of one year will entitle the employee to a minimum award of \$25.00, or more if the committee so elects.

It is well to remember that the additional incentive award of a 15-pound turkey to those who get an Honorable Mention is in effect until December 20, in ample time to win a free turkey for Christmas. So it behooves employees to send in their suggestions before that date. Maybe you will be among the lucky ones who receives a gift bird for your holiday dinner. You can also qualify for a cash award if your suggestion is accepted for adoption. Employees are advised to watch the suggestion bulletin boards for the status of their entry.

SUGGESTION IDEAS have set a new record since the revised Employee Suggestion Plan was announced. Testifying to this is the office of Russ Warnstedt, suggestion coordinator, and Barbara Burns, Clerk II, whose desks are stacked with entry forms.

CTA: Its Organization and Operations -

FOURTH IN A SERIES



ACTIVITIES OF the Statistical Section are the responsibility of Mary E. Clarke, supervisor of that section.

DEVELOPMENT OF training programs and training materials are under the supervision of Eliot L. Hirsch.

SUPERVISORY TRAINING Coordinator Frank A. Johnson is responsible for programs to help supervisory personnel. He also administers the graduate and cooperative trainee programs and the tuition refund plan.



THE OCTOBER issue of TRANSIT NEWS covered the employment functions of the Employment and Training Department which is under the direction of John A. Baker, superintendent. The other functions of the department are accident statistics, program development, and supervisory training. They are described in this issue.

The Accident Statistical Section is responsible for classifying, recording, and analyzing CTA accidents in which the public and operating personnel are involved. From the accurate compilation of accident data, meaningful reports and studies are prepared for management, supervisory, and operating personnel to keep them informed of current accident problems and the need for safety-training activities. Evaluation studies are made to determine the effectiveness of significant safety-training programs.



Accident data is also furnished as helpful information when decisions are to be made on equipment design, traffic planning, and other activities that will provide the safest possible service to our customers.

The Program Development Section is responsible for the development of training programs for employees below first level supervisors. For many years concentration of work was almost exclusively for Transportation Department operating personnel. Then as these training procedures and methods

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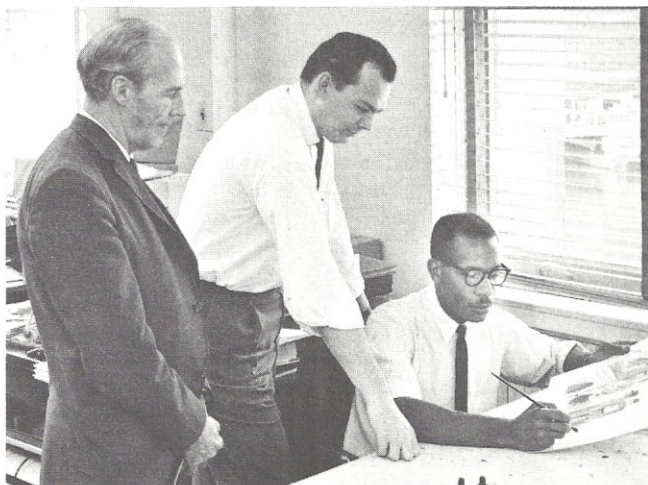
ORIGINALITY OF presentation coupled with accuracy and thoroughness of subject content are the main ingredients of effective training programs. Employees of the Program Development Section are pictured on this page. Above, seated, left to right, are Walter B. Garbutt, training assistant; Bernard J. Ford, training specialist; Joseph O'Sullivan, training assistant, and standing, Stuart W. Maginnis, training coordinator and apprentice training coordinator. Above, right, John F. McKenna, training assistant of the supervisory training section, and Margaret M. Conway, stenographer. Below, William Barnes, training clerk, E. Theodore Jung and Burton H. Bosan, artists.

proved effective, they were adopted to training for other employees principally in the Shops and Equipment Department and for apprentices throughout the Authority. The facilities of the section are available to all departments having training needs. The section works closely with line departments to establish program content and objectives and then prepares training schedules, Instructor outlines, passout material, audio-visual aids, and other training materials. The training, itself, is conducted by personnel of the line department concerned.

The Supervisory Training Section is responsible for development of training activities for personnel in supervisory positions and for employees being upgraded to supervisory positions. The section helps supervisory personnel uncover problems, analyze them, and develop activities to meet their needs.

Recruitment, selection, and arrangement of rotational work assignments for Graduate Trainees and Cooperative Trainees is also a responsibility of this section. Trainees are selected for their specialized educational backgrounds which normally cannot be found in the ranks of present employees. Graduate Trainees are permanent full-time employees who have received their college degrees. They receive varied work experience for about two years and then are assigned to a specific position.

Cooperative Trainees are temporary employees who are working toward their college degrees. They attend college every other school term and





work full time at CTA during the alternate terms. After graduation they are eligible to become permanent employees.

A new activity, the Tuition Aid Plan, is administered by this section. Under the plan, permanent employees are eligible to receive tuition reimbursement for academic courses related to their work at CTA.

CLASSIFYING, RECORDING, and analyzing public accidents is performed by personnel of the Accident Statistical Section. Investigating accident hazards is also a responsibility of this section and is performed by James P. Tretton Jr., safety inspector, far left. Others are: back row, Joanne Nowosielski, typist, and Edward Henry, supervisor of accident record clerks; Joseph Nash and Gerald Blair, second row. Front row: Ronald Kramer, traffic accident clerk, and Michael McCarthy, accident statistical clerk.



SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING a Shops and Equipment Department instructor training program, 14 employees received certificates at graduation ceremonies held on October 15. The group was made up of both surface and rapid transit personnel. Members of the class, instructors, and S and E supervisory personnel who participated are pictured here. They are, front row, from left: L. G. Anderson, superintendent of Shops and Equipment; Frank Cihak, engineering assistant; Adam Fiorito and James Dudley, instructors. Second row: Thomas Donnelly, Terrence McGuigan, Harold McGann, Frank Sprovieri, J. J. Repplinger, superintendent of surface system shops. Third row: Julius Dain, superintendent of garages; Stephen Sluzinski, LeRoy Hagen, Robert Dain, William Millar, Donald Sturenfeldt. Lower picture, rear row: Anthony Arini, Eugene Rymke, E. R. Hendrickson, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals; H. G. Doering, assistant superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, Mr. Cihak. Front row: Anthony Porcaro, general foreman, rapid transit terminals; Henry Dickerson, Sheldon Rita, Michael Vasquez, Mr. Fiorito, James Dudley, Mr. Anderson.





"Brainstorming" Sessions Seek to Solve Winter Woes

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT employees at the supervisory and operating level are going all out in an effort to reduce accidents and minimize service delays during days of snow and sleet by their attendance at system-wide "brainstorming" sessions.

At these sessions, the group leaders present the problems that hurt CTA's image and ask for ideas on how the problems can be overcome. Because the participants have personal experience, the ideas submitted are many and varied and result in spirited meetings. After completion of all the sessions, the ideas are summarized into one master list and are fed back to all concerned so that each employee can benefit from the ideas of all other employees.

The sessions began on October 19 and were completed on November 18. The groups attending were Surface System traffic supervisors, instructors and bus operators and Rapid Transit traffic supervisors. So that all could have a chance to ex-

press their ideas, the sessions were limited to small groups. However, it is estimated that attendance will be more than 6,000 employees, almost half of the total CTA personnel.

Because some sessions will still be in progress at presstime, a later issue of TRANSIT NEWS will carry a more complete summary of results of the program along with pictures of rapid transit supervisor and bus operator sessions.

The program was developed jointly by the Training and Accident Prevention and Transportation Departments.

CTA Crews Complete Loop Structure Projects

TO IMPROVE the appearance of the Loop "L" structure and to brighten Wabash avenue, CTA crews recently completed dismantling unused portions of the outer loop structure.

The unused areas were dismantled along Wabash avenue at Randolph, Madison, and Adams streets.

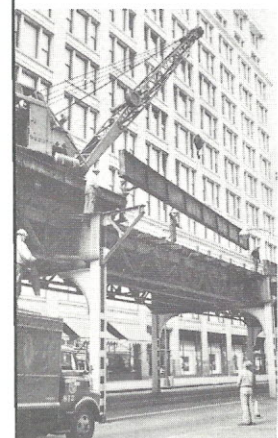
At each of the stations, the unused portions of platforms including the unnecessary structural steel were removed. Three hundred and fifty feet of each platform was left intact to accommodate six-car trains. Station buildings also were razed. Modern fare collection facilities and waiting areas will be constructed to replace the station buildings.

While the work along Wabash avenue was in progress, CTA also renewed the ties and footwalk planking, stripped and relaid running, guard, and third rails on the Lake street bridge which was closed on Sundays to permit the city to make repairs. During the same period, CTA ironworkers renewed six track stringers east of Clinton street on the eastbound track under a derail switch where the switch ties also were renewed.

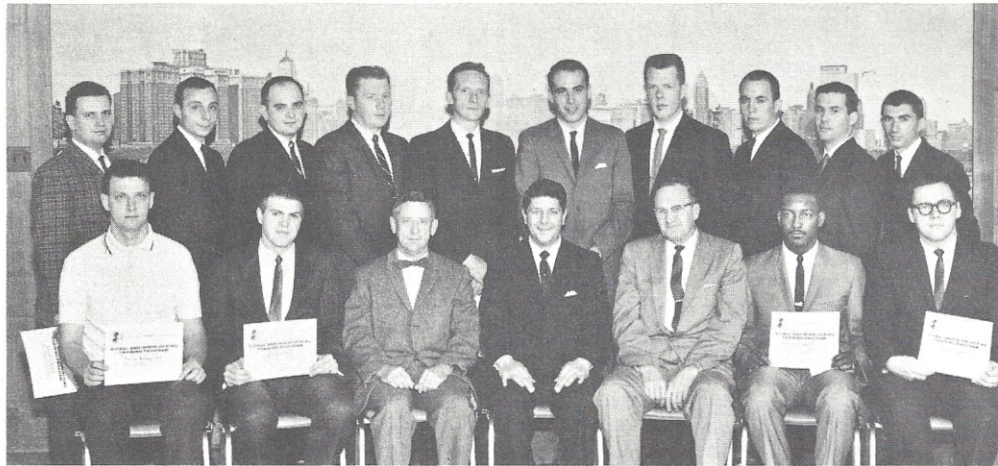
At No. 18 tower at Lake and Wells streets the rail in the curve and switch leading into the inner Loop on the eastbound Lake street track was renewed.

Shuttle bus service between Clinton street and the Loop was operated by CTA for the convenience of riders during the periods the bridge was closed to traffic.

A RAIL-BORNE crane, left, removing structural steel at Madison and Wabash; below, CTA crews renewing trackwork on Lake street bridge.



Electrical Department Interlocking and Signal Training Course Completed by 14



A CLASS of 14 CTA employees from various departments received certificates on October 15 in recognition of their completion of a signal and interlocking training program developed by the Electrical Department.

Established in 1938 primarily to train Signal Department employees for new equipment to be used in the State Street subway, the program was affiliated with the Chicago Board of Education as an evening training course in 1944. In 1960 it was taken over entirely by CTA and restricted to CTA personnel only.

The classes have been used to teach CTA employees the operation and maintenance of automatic block signalling and interlocking plants and to acquaint them with the work and duties of signal maintainers. The sessions consisted of lectures, laboratory and field inspection trips.

The classes are available to a limited number who do not desire to transfer to the Signal Department but want to further their knowledge of elementary electricity and of general railroad operation.

Members of the class and engineering personnel are shown in the accompanying photo. They are, left to right, seated: V. A. Gasparaitis, S and E, Skokie; L. B. Mere, rapid transit motorman; C. E. Keiser, operating manager; C. L. Wiksten, senior signal design engineer and instructor; C. W. Wolf, electrical engineer; Percy Erves Jr., bus operator; P. D. Devitt, electrical. Standing: K. W. Kleich, S and E, Skokie; R. R. Babilla, bus operator; D. J. Strand, rapid transit conductor; C. C. Laskowski, C and M department; W. F. Corso, electrical department; D. H. Greig, S and E, Skokie; D. G. Batterson, S and E, 77th; C. R. Hayes, S and E, 77th; R. J. Caudill, S and E, Skokie, and J. R. Naples, rapid transit conductor.

1,207 Named for CTA "Employee of Year" Citation

IN RECOGNITION of their outstanding job performance and good personal records, 1,207 Transportation Department employees were designated as "employees of the year" during the 12-month period from June 1, 1964, to May 31, 1965, according to a recent report of the campaign to provide better service to the public.

Their selection marks the end of the second year of the continuing effort to improve CTA's public image and was based on a review of records which indicated their alertness in all phases of their job responsibilities. As of June 1, 1964, the recognition program entered its third year.

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

The "employee of the year" rating is established by evaluating work records each year. Station superintendents then review these records to determine which employees meet the requirements for the selection. Employees who have qualified are notified by their station superintendents who present them with a wallet-sized recognition card inscribed with their name.

Of the 1,207 employees who were honored during the year, 739 were from the surface system. On the rapid transit system, 226 were conductors and motormen, 183 ticket agents and 59 porters.

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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF APPLICATION OF REVENUES TO FIXED REQUIREMENTS
10TH FOUR-WEEK PERIOD ENDED OCTOBER 2, 1965 AND OCTOBER 3, 1964
THE TEN FOUR-WEEK PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 2, 1965 AND OCTOBER 3, 1964
AND THIRTEEN FOUR-WEEK PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 2, 1965

(Revenues applied in order of precedence required by Trust Agreement)

	10th Four-Week Period		10 Periods to Date		Thirteen Four-Week Periods Ended
	1965	1964	1965	1964	Oct. 2, 1965
Revenues	\$10,916,124	\$10,268,842	\$105,304,214	\$102,585,951	\$136,862,461
Operation and Maintenance Expenses	<u>9,206,039</u>	<u>8,630,400</u>	<u>91,304,623</u>	<u>88,669,118</u>	<u>118,565,986</u>
Available for Debt Service	<u>1,710,085</u>	<u>1,638,442</u>	<u>13,999,591</u>	<u>13,916,833</u>	<u>\$18,296,475</u>
Debt Service Requirements:					
Interest Charges	263,295	276,475	2,673,289	2,796,062	
Deposit to Series of 1947 Serial Bond Maturity Fund	155,197(1)	155,017	1,537,634	1,532,828	
Deposits to Sinking Funds (2) -					
Series of 1947	166,967	155,755	1,581,260	1,470,458	
Series of 1952	34,143	32,554	338,011	321,787	
Series of 1953	<u>10,391</u>	<u>9,907</u>	<u>102,872</u>	<u>97,900</u>	
	<u>629,993</u>	<u>629,708</u>	<u>6,233,066</u>	<u>6,219,035</u>	
Balance Available for Depreciation	1,080,092	1,008,734	7,766,525	7,697,798	
Provision for Depreciation	<u>873,290</u>	<u>821,507</u>	<u>8,424,337</u>	<u>8,206,876</u>	
Balance Available for Other Charges or (Deficit in Depreciation Provision) (3)	206,802	187,227	(657,812)	(509,078)	
Appropriated for Revenue Bond Amortization	-	-	-	(19,483)	
(Accumulated Deficit in Depreciation Provision) or Balance Available for Other Charges:					
To end of previous period	<u>(1,215,637)</u>	<u>(456,701)</u>	<u>(351,023)</u>	<u>259,087</u>	
At close of period	<u>\$(1,008,835)</u>	<u>\$(269,474)</u>	<u>\$(1,008,835)</u>	<u>\$(269,474)</u>	

() Denotes Red Figure

PASSENGER STATISTICS

Originating Revenue Passengers	<u>38,242,285</u>	<u>37,297,307</u>	<u>381,857,841</u>	<u>373,404,306</u>	<u>498,922,750</u>
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NOTES:

- (1) Equal monthly installments to retire \$2,000,000 principal amount of Series of 1947 Revenue Bonds maturing on July 1, 1966.
- (2) Equal monthly installments to currently retire Series of 1947, 1952, and 1953 Revenue Bonds by purchase in the open market, after invitation for tenders, or by call on next interest date.
- (3) Deposits may be made in the Depreciation Reserve Fund only to the extent that earnings are available therefor. The requirements for these deposits, however, are cumulative, and any balances available for Depreciation must first be applied to cover prior period deficiencies which may exist in deposits to the Depreciation Reserve Fund. The Supplemental Trust Agreements covering Series of 1952 and 1953 Revenue Bonds provide for quarterly deposits of \$300,000 and \$16,713.50, respectively, (cumulative within any one year) to the "Revenue Bond Amortization Funds" to the extent that earnings are available therefor after making the required deposits to the Depreciation Reserve Fund; also, that deposits of \$900,000 are to be made to the Operating Expense Reserve Fund in any calendar year that earnings are available therefor. Deposits to the Municipal Compensation Fund may be made only from earnings remaining in any one year after making all required deposits in the Depreciation Reserve, Revenue Bond Amortization and Operating Expense Reserve Funds.

Two New Engineering Appointments Announced

TWO APPOINTMENTS affecting CTA engineering supervisory personnel were announced effective October 31 by Charles E. Keiser, operating manager.

G. J. Clark, engineer of equipment, was named chief equipment engineer, and C. W. Ricker Jr., chief specifications engineer, was appointed assistant to chief equipment engineer.

Under the new alignment of duties, the division engineer at Skokie Shops and those who report to the division engineer are designated as the rapid transit technical services group and will report to the assistant chief equipment engineer, as will the superintendent of technical services, surface division, and personnel who report to him are designated as the surface system technical services group.

The appointments were approved by General Manager T. B. O'Connor.

OBESITY — OVERWEIGHT

THE GOOD AND BAD EFFECTS OF DIETS

THE WEIGHT problem is or should be everybody's business. It is a universal one. Superstitions about the fat and the lean have prevailed since the beginning of time. Fat people, thin people, young and old, rich and poor are now conscious of their weight. It has not always been this way. Many years ago fat seemed to be desirable. It was a tangible and visible sign of prosperity. Some people believe that fat persons are kind and gentle while the thin ones are mean and malicious.

According to Dr. Fishbein's book on this subject overweight is a matter of bad physiological bookkeeping. The people who get fat are mostly the ones who have never learned how to subtract. Of course there are some exceptions. We all know of a few persons who eat excessive amounts of food without gaining weight. We must remember that obesity is not only related to the number of calories taken in but also to the way the calories are utilized, burned up or expended in body activity.

Obesity or overweight is usually defined as a body weight in excess of twenty percent of what is desirable and average for one's sex, age, body build, and height. An honest look in the mirror is a quick and easy way to tell if you are overweight.

Obesity has a very definite relationship to health and disease. There is absolutely no doubt that proper weight is essential to good health and efficiency. We also know that overweight predisposes to heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, arthritis, liver disease, and many other illnesses. Statistics prove that overweight decreases life-expectancy.

The causes of overweight in over 90 percent of the cases is simple unadulterated over-eating. In the small remaining number of cases we find glandular or endocrine deficiencies (such as hypothyroids), hereditary, emotional, physiological, psychological, and occupational factors. The emotional stress group is especially important and includes those who over-eat to counteract anger, loneliness, boredom, insecurity, or domestic difficulties. The urge to eat is a primitive and powerful instinct which is associated with the desire and will to live.

A sensible program for weight control includes the following suggestions.

1. You must have a good reason and strong motivation and will power for going on a diet. There can be many reasons but I think the desire for good health, better work efficiency, and happiness should be the main reasons.

2. Next it is wise to have a physical examination by your family doctor for advice about weight reduction. The educational factor of a weight reduction program includes a proper understanding and knowledge of what to do and what not to do.

3. Eat a well balanced diet which should consist of servings from the milk group, the meat group, the vegetable group, the fruit group, and the bread and cereal group. It is nearly impossible to stop eating what you have been accustomed to eating and start learning to eat something else. The smart thing to do is to eat less of a well balanced diet.

4. For the people who have an emotional problem it is well to get it under control by some substitutional activity other than eating.

5. Remember weight reduction is a long, tedious, and difficult job and requires constant perseverance.

6. Moderate exercise is also helpful.

A few remarks about the humorous side and also ill effects of weight-reduction diets seem to be in order.

Certain fads in diets are very common. The public is spending an unbelievable sum of money (many million dollars) on 900 calorie, canned diets, Hollywood diets, and so-called miracle weight reduction pills. Diets such as the Mayo diet, the Rockefeller diet, and many others have been used. It is safe to say that the so-called Mayo diet, as it is commonly referred to, was never recommended by the Mayo Clinic.

For example, the 18-day Hollywood diet consists of a little tomato or orange juice and black coffee for breakfast; a little lettuce and stringbeans at noon, and toast, thin soup and egg for dinner. This sort of a diet goes on for 18 days. As a side remark it is reported that a Chicago fireman ate the entire or whole 18-day Hollywood diet one morning for breakfast without any ill effects.

The sad story about weight reduction is that in some cases the fad is continued so long that patients develop malnutrition and serious mental illnesses.

In conclusion, I want to emphasize that common sense is the most important factor in weight reduction. Remember the slow, long progressive and permanent program should be the main objective. Rapid ups and downs in weight have serious effects on your body and in some cases it is better to maintain a constant weight even though it is slightly above normal.

By Dr. George H. Irwin,

CTA Medical Consultant

MEDICALLY

SPEAKING

OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS



MANY GOOD deeds performed while on duty by our operating personnel often go unreported by riders who have noticed them but fail to transmit the details in a letter of commendation. Others, however, who recognize a thoughtful and considerate act as worthy of special mention express their appreciation in a letter citing the employee for his exemplary conduct.

Excerpts from such letters follow:

"I work in a downtown bank and was on my way to my office on the Lake street 'L' and after I got off at Randolph-Wells, I suddenly became short of breath. I managed to get down the stairs, but then recognized that I was having a heart attack. I sat down on the stairs and your man who collects transfers (Collector Frank J. Wasinski, badge No. 219, 69th) at the rear door noticed me sitting there.

"When he asked me what the trouble was I told him to call the pulmotor squad as I had a bad heart and could scarcely breathe. He went into a store and called the Fire Department and then brought out a chair for me to sit down. He stayed with me until the ambulance came and I was rushed to Wesley Memorial hospital. I am very grateful to him for his prompt action for he undoubtedly saved my life."

Another incident which required an unusual action by Richard McFadden, badge No. 5127, Kedzie, is related in this letter:

"I wish to report an incident which indicated that many of your drivers are excellent men and should be recognized accordingly. I was riding on a Madison bus recently when, between Ogden and Madison, there was a disturbance on the bus since a man had held up an elderly man who was seated next to him and took away his watch. The victim was apparently quite frightened and made no outcry, therefore the people around him did not notice what had happened.

"However, when the robber attempted to leave the bus, the elderly man called out to the operator that that man had taken his watch. The operator immediately grabbed the culprit, forced him to return the watch, and then bodily pushed him off the bus. I certainly admired his courage and his honesty. He should be commended."

This letter, from the pastor of a northwest side church, tells of a thoughtful act by Operator Stanley H. Holmes, badge No. 4804, Forest Glen:

"Last Sunday night it was brought to my attention that one of your operators rendered a service beyond the call of duty.

"A gentlemen came to our evening services via CTA. His legs allow him to stand and move about only with great difficulty and he therefore uses a wheel chair. When he arrived at the stop near the church, the operator assisted the man off the bus, sat him in the wheel chair and wheeled him across the street to the church. We want to extend to him our highest commendation and sincere thanks for service with a heart."

An incident such as reported in the following letter of complaint can do much to create bad feeling among our customers:

"While boarding a bus I handed the driver a dollar bill. He made change and literally threw it at me, causing a dime to drop to the floor. I explained that I had a bad back and couldn't stoop for it, but he refused to make any effort to pick it up. He said he wouldn't move until I recovered the dime, but fortunately another passenger left his seat and retrieved the dime. If it were not for this, the driver would have delayed the bus further."

COMMENT: Efforts are constantly being made to make our service as attractive and convenient as possible. We must all work together in an effort to promote use of our service. Incidents like the above reflect on our operating personnel at the same time we are trying to improve CTA's public image.

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

	October 1965	September 1965	October 1964
Commendations	155	185	201
Complaints	1,101	1,141	1,442

LOCATION: Logan, Lake & Douglas

INQUIRING REPORTER: Helen Pallister

QUESTION: What do you consider the most enjoyable way of spending Thanksgiving?



MARIE MULVIHILL, ticket agent: "This Thanksgiving will be a big day in our home. The whole family will gather for dinner and relaxation."



STEVE GECAN, ticket agent (with Reporter Helen Pallister): "My family and I go to church on Thanksgiving morning, then the family comes over and we have our turkey dinner."



MARTIN BEGLEY, ticket agent: "Since the death of my beloved wife, who passed away three years ago, my family and I now celebrate the great feast day at a good restaurant. In years gone by Thanksgiving Day was an occasion we all looked forward to. Yes, they were the happier ones we used to know, and I imagine there are many more like me, who share such fond memories."



ELEANOR HASBROUCK, ticket agent: "This Thanksgiving will be a very happy one as my son, Jim, is home from the army. I will cook a big turkey dinner for the family. My oldest son, Bob, will also be home from college."



HAZE TROUTMAN, porter: "Thanksgiving is the start of the Holiday Season for me and my family."

Transportation Department Names Seven to New Posts

SEVEN APPOINTMENTS affecting supervisory personnel have been announced by the Transportation Department.

Effective November 7, E. G. Milz was named superintendent of operations, surface and rapid transit systems. J. R. Blaa became superintendent of rapid transit operations; E. J. Heatter was appointed station superintendent, Lake and Logan routes, E. W. Larson became district superinten-

dent, rapid transit system, Herbert Lowenstein was named relief district superintendent, rapid transit system, and E. G. Strey was appointed district supervisor, rapid transit system. Effective November 1, A. J. Tchelebian was appointed relief district superintendent, Operations Control.

The announcements were signed by D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, and approved by Charles E. Keiser.

CTA Chairman Named to Insurance Board

GEORGE L. DeMent, chairman of Chicago Transit Board, on November 1 was elected a director of Benefit Trust Life Insurance company, a Chicago-based mutual legal reserve company.

Mr. DeMent was elected chairman of CTA in 1963 after serving as Chicago Commissioner of Public Works since 1954. Last July 1 he was elected president of the Institute for Rapid Transit, a national group interested in the development, manufacture, and operation of transportation equipment.

say
MERRY CHRISTMAS
with
CHRISTMAS SEALS



FIGHT TB AND OTHER
RESPIRATORY DISEASES



HISTORIC ST. PETER'S church in Rome provided the background for the pictures of the two groups comprising the CTA European Tour. The edifice, located in St. Peter's Square, is the largest Christian church in the world. Beneath the central dome, rising 404 feet above the pavement, is the high altar at which only the Pope may read Mass. Beneath the altar is the Crypt containing St. Peter's tomb. Dedicated in 1629, the church for nearly three and one-half centuries has been the focal point of many religious pilgrimages and has a special appeal to visitors who come to Rome from all parts of the world. Two 54-passenger buses were used to transport the group on the land tour of the continent. On the going trip they flew from Chicago to London, and returning the trip was made by a plane non-stop from Paris.

THE INSIDE NEWS

-AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

ANN SLOAN and MARTHA NEFFAS, Voucher, along with a sizable group of CTA employees, enjoyed a three weeks' fun-filled vacation in Europe. They visited England, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, Italy, Monaco, and France. Some of the highlights of their trip were a boat ride on the Rhine river in Germany and a dreamy ride down the canals of Venice, Italy, in a gondola with singing gondoliers. The fascinating Blue Rock Grotto in the Mediterranean Sea was another outstanding sight. After lying low in a small boat in order to enter the grotto, the view of the blue iridescent but transparent water which seemed to glow with underground lights was breathtaking. The grotto was on the way to the romantic Isle of Capri, also located in the blue Mediterranean. The castles and cathedrals in the various countries were some of the never-to-be-forgotten sights enjoyed. The flight, food, and weather left nothing to be desired. . . A welcome is extended to KARL E. GAEGER who returned from military service. . . ANN O'BRIEN, formerly voucher section, who is now a "lady of leisure" dropped by to say "hello" to her friends and former co-workers.

- Mable Potthast

(Material & Supply) -

When your scribe left Chicago on September 17 to drive to Denver, Colorado, the temperature was 83 degrees, but by the time we reached our destination it was very cold and damp with the feeling of snow in the air. The following day we experienced the first snow storm of the season. Traffic was snarled and the mountain passes were closed. However, the next day dawned bright and sunny, melting the snow and enabling us to go to Colorado Springs and enjoy a tour of the Air Force Academy.

On the way home we stopped in Minden, Nebraska, to find the Pioneer Village, owned by Harold Warp of Chicago, most interesting with its unique collection of antique cars, engines, and other historical items.

- Clara Lawrence

(Revenue) -

MARIE FOLZ, with her husband and daughter, spent four days of their vacation at her sister's cottage in Green Bay, Wisconsin, visiting relatives and catching up on all the news of the family. The rest of their vacation they stayed home and relaxed and caught up with things that had to be done at home! . . ALICE ARKIN and her husband spent a week at the Whitcomb Hotel in St. Joseph, Michigan, and enjoyed the excellent entertainment and food. . . ANN WEINSTOCK stayed in beautiful Chicago where she found the weather ideal. She visited with some friends she hadn't seen for some time and caught up on some shopping and entertaining. She also indulged in her hobby of baking goodies. . . Congratulations to CHRISTOPHER GACA on his recent marriage and on his transfer to Reproduction Services. DENNIS SIPICH also transferred to Reproduction Services, and his cousin, KENNETH SIPICH, is a new transfer counter, as is ANTHONY ANDREWS. . . MARY JANE HOSTETTER is now back at work after recuperating from an operation. Glad to see your smiling face, Mary Jane. . . LORRAINE KOZLOWSKI has resigned and plans to make her family and home her full-time job

. . . LORRAINE MC EVILLY has been promoted within the department. . . ALBERT LATHOUWERS served on jury duty in Waukegan, Illinois. Monsieur Lathouwers was such a good juryman that they had him serve on seven cases. . . BOB MICHALCZEWSKI, who became seriously ill while at work, was sent to Illinois Masonic hospital. Bob, who is now back and well again, said an intern at the hospital noticed his name on the records and introduced himself as a relation Bob hasn't seen in many a year.

-Joanne Paris

(Tabulating) -

Congratulations to EDDIE O'ROURKE for his fine acting in the Noel Coward play "Nude with Violin." We certainly enjoyed it very much. . . PAULINE TORREY spent two weeks in California with her daughter. Pauline was skeptical about flying so she took the train. . . ROSEMARIE DE STEFANO enjoyed a week's vacation just resting and relaxing. . . JOHN ECKEL and EMIL RUSINAK were feted recently at the annual baseball dinner -- Emil, for his usual stellar playing in the field, and John for displaying acumen by managing the team into undisputed possession of third place. Eckel accepted a beautiful trophy which was presented to the team for their fine showing. . . JOHN BOLAND returned from a two weeks' tour of jury duty. He claims it was an interesting experience, but he was glad he was sitting on the right side of the bench. . . U.S. Savings Bonds are easily available through the payroll deduction plan!

- Marion Sutherland & Edward O'Rourke

(Payroll) -

A pleasant surprise was announced by DORIS YOST -- her daughter and hubby will present her with her first grandchild in spring. They are now living on a base in Japan. Doris' eyes light up like lanterns when she is called "grandma!" . . Illinois' reputation as a land of history was one reason for EMILY COYNE's short trips around the state. Also, between being clothed in the lush flower-spangled green of its summer raiment and its sparkling white winter robes, the changing colors made the landscape a thing of kaleidoscopic beauty. . . We welcome back MARK PIZZA who has returned to work after his military service in the army. While stationed at Kitzingen, Germany, every available free moment was spent journeying the continent. The experience will be gold-starred in memory with a German and an Italian feminine pen pal to keep some of it fresh in mind.

-Eileen Neurauter

ARCHER -

It's turkey time again! Archer was looking good in the I. S. C. award contest, but about all we can win now would be a stewed pigeon. . . There's been a change in Operator ERNEST JOHNSON since his recent marriage. Ernest, I thought that you were supposed to be losing weight, not gaining it. . . Operator RONALD HENDERSON has taken that long final step. Congratulations, Ronald, on your recent marriage. . . This is Casey month for vacations, your reporter included. . . MAURICE SMITH and myself hope to make it to the sunny shores of Cali-

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fornia. Operator EUGENE EASTON is going hunting on his dad's farm in Kembrook, Illinois. Operator ERNEST JOHNSON is going on a second honeymoon. Smiling WILLIE WALKER is spending his vacation here. Operator NABORS MILES is praying for one so that he may stretch out his new car. Sorry Miles, not a vacation to be had this month. Operator CHARLES ASBURY is spending his two weeks in Arizona, hunting and fishing. If anyone is looking for extra work on his vacation, Operator JAMES COFFEY is planning on remodeling his basement, and the word is out that he is hiring and paying fifty cents over lunch money for labor, such as tearing down walls. Operator JOHN FLANAGAN is spending his two weeks puttering around the house . . . Operator MIKE MULCONERY is retiring after 44 years of service. Good luck, and our wishes are that you have a wonderful retirement... Happy Birthday to little CHERYL SCHOPPER, daughter of Operator FRANK SCHOPPER . . . Our condolences to HANK MOSLEY on the passing of his mother and sister . . . Happy Thanksgivingmen.

- Loid W. Brown

CONGRESS (Agents) -

It's the hope of getting what you haven't got that gives zest to life, but life only seems fine if we have good health and a good job . . . Welcome back to Agent EDWARD THUROW after his illness and stay in the hospital. Congress Conductor JAMES KELLY is also home because of illness. Agent HELEN MC MAHON is feeling much better after an attack of virus. Lake Street Agent LOUIS GOLDBERG is back to work after a stay in the hospital. Lately, he and his family have been driving out to some orchard in Lake Zurich. "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." Agent WILBUR STRASSER is in Masonic hospital, and Lake Street Agent FRANK CZARNECKI is recovering from a heart attack . . . Our deepest sympathy to Pensioner HERBERT HERAFELDT on the loss of his beloved wife, and also to the family of REGINALD VAN DYKE, a pensioner who passed away, and to Congress Conductor T. KATO on the loss of his beloved mother, VICTORIA T. KATO . . . Congratulations to Congress Conductor T. ROPA and his wife, CECELIA, on the birth of a baby girl, BARBARA THERESA, born September 23. She has two sisters, WANDA and JANE, who will assist their mother in giving the new baby tender loving care . . . Welcome to new Agent MAURICE HICKEY, a former CTA detective; ROBERT DAIME, a graduate of the University of Chicago, DOROTHY SMITH, a student at the South Side Teacher's college. Also, a note of welcome to Conductors ENGLAND EPLEY, EDWARD ANDERSON, and MICHAEL BOLDEN, who will work at the West Side, and to MARION COLEMAN, LORENZO HARRIS, and GREGORY WILLIAMS, who are to work on the North Side . . . Pensioner ANTHONY VITALE is looking very well for himself, but misses his CTA co-workers . . . Our out-of-town students have returned to their respective schools: PAT SKELTON and JAMES GORSKI, Lewis college; PHILIP GIARDINA, Detroit university; EUGENE WOLK, Xavier university; WILLIAM ZIELKE, Luther college, Decorah, Iowa; TIMOTHY ZIJEWSKI, Knox college, Galesburg, Illinois; MARY JEAN KILLS, Quincy, Illinois, college; THOMAS GIBBONS, St. Norbert, Green Bay, Wisconsin, and BONNIE HAANING, Wheaton college . . . October 10 was Student Agent THOMAS CORROL's birthday. Agent CATHY ROTTER celebrated her birthday, October 8, and Agent AGATHA TOSCHOSIK celebrated hers October 28.

Former Student Agent ROBERT HAAS is now teaching school. A former student agent is now Dr. RALPH MADONNA who has a dental practice in Wooddale. His jovial chairside manner had PAT SPAK and RICHARD WEEKS on a laughing jag. Former Agent JAMES SCANLON passed his bar examination . . . What civic minded agent with the initial "S" is playing the role of fire hero? . . . Douglas Park Conductor WALTER MAYSCHAK stayed home and walked the dog while his wife, MARGARET, went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Colorado. She had a wonderful time and is feeling much better . . . Agent MARY GALLAGHER went home to Ireland for a visit. After she returned, she went to a baseball game and woke up in the hospital - a ball hit her! . . . Lake Street Agent VERONICA NICHOLS had a very pleasant time at the fair in New York and then went on a tour of the New England states . . . Supervisor ED VOLENTA and his wife had a most enjoyable vacation in Europe . . . Porter AUSTIN YOUNG and his wife went to visit friends in Columbia, Tennessee, the town where he was born . . . Porter JAMES CLARK and his wife went to Detroit and then into Canada. While in Canada, James caught 26 fish. Now that the fishing season is over, he's doing some hunting. I hope he bags an extra pheasant . . . Porter WAYMOND COBB and his wife went to California. Cobb's pet peeve was his wife's myna birds. He was about to send them on a one-way trip to China when a neighbor offered them a home . . . MARGUERITE MCMAHON and her sister are enjoying themselves in Miami Beach, Florida. They are staying at the Deauville . . . Agent PEGGY DEFILLIPPIS and her sister and brother-in-law, ROBERT TUCKER, of South Shops, were surprised October 9 with a visit from their parents, Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD ROE of Metamora, Michigan . . . NORMAN LODERHOSE and his wife, MYRTLE, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on November 21 with her two children and nine grandchildren. Their daughter also celebrated her birthday on the same date . . . To the jolly bus driver at Kedzie depot for whom wedding bells will soon toll: "A wedding ring is like a tourniquet. They both stop the circulation."

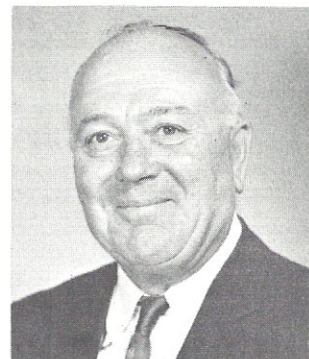
- Julia Brousek

BEVERLY -

Coffee and rolls are getting to be a habit at Beverly as we keep breaking records. September was three accidents lower than August. Superintendents JOHN O'CONNOR and JOHN FARRIS cautioned the men on the winter months ahead and said that a good professional driver goes through the rough weather without having an accident . . . Your scribe and family just returned from vacation and spent a wonderful week at Operator RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT's honeymoon lodge. We made a trip to Dodgeville to see the "House on the Rock," which is located 45 miles west of Madison on Route 18. The admission charge is only a dollar and it is open all year round. We stopped at Blue Mounds on the way back to pick up some Swiss cheese, apple pie cheddar, hickory smoked bacon, and sausage. While I was away, one of my spies reported that JOHN MAHONEY was seen looking in a shoe store where he was trying to buy shoes with cuban heels. This way he won't have to stand on a transfer to check in and it will make Night Clerk JOHN COOK very happy as he is tired of running outside to see who is at the window . . . Received some beautiful cards and pictures from Operator RAY RADLOFF, Pensioner M. COOPER, and Pensioner CHARLIE BERRYHILL who took the CTA tour to Europe. The picture of Lucerne with the Alps and the mountains in the background is a beautiful sight, and I

NEW PENSIONERS

EVERETT BLACKMAN, Repairman,
61st Street, Emp. 11-21-45
VICTOR P. BROWN, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 1-14-27
THOMAS J. CURNANE, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 5-27-25
THOMAS C. FREI, Janitor,
North Avenue, Emp. 5-27-25
EARL V. GRANNUM, Motorman,
61st Street, Emp. 7-25-18
WILLIAM W. HAIG, Conductor,
Howard Street, Emp. 12-07-44
ELMER H. HARWOOD, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-27-26
MARTIN HAUGH, Cleaning Machine Oper.,
Lawndale, Emp. 11-12-41
RALPH HODGES, Trackman I,
Track & Struct., Emp. 6-01-43
DANIEL LAWLOR, Cleaner,
77th Street, Emp. 3-24-43
JOSEPH W. KOZUBEK, Cleaner,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-16-43
ALVIN J. LAWSON, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 10-05-26
OSCAR H. LUDMANN, Civil Engineer,
General Office, Emp. 5-21-34
PATRICK J. MC CARTHY, Supervisor,
Limits, Emp. 12-27-26
WALTER MRAZ, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 10-06-25
MARVIN L. MULCONREY, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 5-5-21
MARK J. PARE, Coordinator I,
South Shops, Emp. 10-03-21
OLAF E. PETERSEN, Gateman,
North Section, Emp. 9-05-44
HENRY A. PIOTROWSKI, Clerk,
61st Street, Emp. 2-07-30
MATE PUNDA, Laborer,
Track & Struct., Emp. 4-13-34
ANTHONY ROSE, Elect. Worker A,
South Shops, Emp. 3-22-26
FORREST M. ROSS, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 11-28-25
JULIUS H. SCHEHL, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 4-13-26
NICHOLAS F. STARK, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 3-13-26
VELMA L. TIERNEY, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 3-06-44
EMMA J. WEBER, Record Clerk I,
General Office, Emp. 10-24-21



TRANSIT SERVICE was terminated recently with the retirements of the four 40-year men pictured here. The new "men of leisure" are (left to right, above): MARVIN MULCONREY, IGNAC J. SCHUBAT, (below) THOMAS C. FREI, and WALTER MRAZ.

JACOB WEINBERG, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 10-21-42
WILLIAM G. WERMES, Truck Chauffeur,
Utility Service, Emp. 2-12-44
RALPH WHITE, Electrician,
Electrical, Emp. 4-17-16

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

PATRICK F. BROWN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 3-06-44
LESTER C. CRISPELL, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 4-09-24
DANIEL HANNON, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 1-07-26
JOSEPH KOLMAN, Conductor,
61st Street, Emp. 11-23-42
JOHN B. LIPINSKI, Welder,
South Shops, Emp. 11-20-42
PETER VANDA, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 6-10-37

ELECTRICAL -

The welcome mat is extended to "B" Helper ROY SUNDH who transferred to our department from Transportation on October 11 . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lineman JOHN ROCHE on the loss of his mother who passed away on September 22 . . . Lineman Helper JOHN FRIEDMAN was busy passing out cigars recently. John became a father for the second time, when on October 8, his wife gave birth to a baby boy. The newest arrival for the Friedman family was named PAUL EDWARD . . . Congratulations to Lineman Helper CHARLEY SALVATORE and his wife, DOROTHY, who celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on September 25. Also many happy returns to Charley, who celebrated his birthday on October 18 . . . Congratulations are in order to Lineman Helper BILL CORSO and to "B" Helper

sure wish I had gone along on this trip . . . Operator LOUIE ARSENEAU is a grandfather for the first time and the way he is beaming you'd think he was passing out the cigars . . . Operator "Nite Car" JOHN PIERSON of 95th has recovered from his illness and will be working at the Merchandise Mart . . . La Rabida Knights of Columbus recently held an open house and the guest speaker was Officer JAMES WINESBUR of the Traffic Bureau. He discussed our "traffic rights" which was very interesting in our daily work. JERRY GLEASON, our Union Leader scribe, and Loader JAMES GEARY had charge of the arrangements . . . Pensioner ERNIE TOCCI reminds the boys to get their tickets for the Fourth Degree Dinner dance at the Chateau Bushe.

- Tom Daniels

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PAT DEVITT who both graduated after successfully completing their courses in the interlocking school on October 21 . . . Sorry to report, as of this writing, that HARRY WILSON is still on the sick list, as is "B" Helper BILL LUBY. We all wish them both a speedy recovery . . . On vacation at this time are ED KRUSZYNA and JOHN WILLIAMS. We hope they have a wonderful time.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

ENGINEERING -

Congratulations to C. C. RUSAKIEWICZ who married MARY O. SCIABBARRASI on October 2, at 9:00 in St. Tarcissus church. They had a small reception at home. For their honeymoon they went through part of Wisconsin and Illinois . . . Congratulations also to ROY SMITH who was married on October 23 to MARYANNE CALPIN . . . Good luck to OSCAR LUDMANN who is retiring. There was a nice open house on October 28 for him . . . We extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives of BILL CAMERON and RICHARD KOCH who have passed away.

- Jean Lysen

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

We're happy to have BILL NOTT back at his desk after a long illness . . . DIANA MIKRUT transferred from Employee Relations to our department, and we're very pleased to welcome her to our staff. . . PATRICIA SCHULER, receptionist, left us to join the ranks of "mothers." Her little bundle is expected in February. . . Congratulations and best wishes to LELA LYONS and TED BRANGAN, who were married at St. Henry's Catholic church at 3:00 p.m. on October 30. KAREN LAWLER, of Methods and Procedures, was Lela's matron of honor. There was a reception at Lela's sister's home following the ceremony for the immediate family. Before the wedding, the girls in the department entertained Lela with dinner at the Cart, and presented her with a lovely wedding gift. . . While SHIRLEY and VIC JOHNSON were honeymooning in France, they extolled the wonders of America to Shirley's sister who lived in Belgium with her family. They did such a good job that HUGUETTE and her husband, MAURICE VANDERBIEST, and their two children, PATRICIA and RUDY, have arrived to make their home here. Shirley, of course, is very happy to have her family here with her.

(Medical) -

MARYANNE CALPIN and ROY SMITH, Engineering Department, were united in holy matrimony on October 23 at 12 o'clock Mass in St. Rose of Lima Catholic church. There was a reception immediately following the ceremony at the Driftwood Steak House for about 150 people. The happy couple honeymooned in Florida.

(Reproduction Services) -

Welcome to DENNIS SIPICH and CHRISTOPHER GACA, who transferred from West Shops to work with us as multilith operators . . . PAUL KOVARIK spent his vacation relaxing at home.

- Ann Golding

FOREST GLEN -

Operator HARRY ANDERSON joined the ranks of pensioners in September, and ELMER NEUBAUER in October. We wish these men many years of happy retire-

ment . . . Operator SYLVESTER "Slim" PATELSKI and his wife, CHAROLETTE, became grandparents with number 13. Daughter, GENEVIEVE, and son-in-law, ANTHONY BOVA, were blessed with a baby boy. Operator JESSE RODRIQUEZ and wife were visited by the stork and were delivered a baby boy, JOHN MICHAEL, September 15 . . . Supervisor KARL SORENSEN and his wife, THEODORA, celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, may there be many more happy years in the future . . . Operator PETE HNATIUK vacationed out West to visit his brother who is a dean at San Fernando Valley State college in Northridge, California . . . Operator GEORGE SCHROEDER and his wife flew to Germany for their vacation . . . Clerk EDWARD VAN CLEVE and his wife motored to Canada and through the New England States . . . Operator WILLIAM and Mrs. SCHIESTEL and Operator WILLARD and Mrs. LYONS became proud grandparents. . . Operator FRANK ENGELTHALER was married to JOSEPHINE ZEIMKOWSKI on September 18. The couple flew to Los Angeles, California, for their honeymoon. Congratulations and many years of wedded bliss . . . TOM WISE, son of Vacation Relief Receiver JOHN WISE, is a junior at Holy Cross High school and is having a bang-up year on the gridiron. Tom plays left half and has scored two touchdowns against St. Viators and two against St. George for his contribution towards victory in both games. Who knows, someday he may be a headliner. Good luck, Tom . . . Operator ALFRED BECK passed away suddenly of a heart attack. Al was a graduate of the University of Illinois, majoring in journalism. He had been a longtime sports reporter and columnist for the Niles Township News and was known as "Mr. Sportsman of Niles Township." Al hadn't missed the Olympic Games since 1952, having traveled to Helsinki, Melbourne, Rome and Tokyo . . . I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and sincerely hope that we all have something to be thankful for, including the many things we take for granted.

- Frank Carpino

GENERAL OFFICE (Training & Accident Prevention) -

JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN and his wife, HELEN, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 10. Joe's mother and father, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1960, were among the many guests entertained at the O'Sullivan home. Joe and Helen enjoyed a second honeymoon at Turkey Run State Park where they spent their first honeymoon. On his return visit, Joe said he found it a little more difficult to climb the hills . . . Your reporter wishes to advise that JULIE PRINDERVILLE has undergone a gall bladder operation and is recuperating at Oak Park hospital as of October 25. The stack of cards, bringing "get well" wishes from her many CTA friends, is helping Julie on her way to recovery, and she is very grateful . . . JOHN MC KENNA's son, DENNIS, recently completed the 14-week training program at the Chicago Police academy and is assigned to the 21st police district. Dennis' brother, MICHAEL, works in CTA's Electrical Department.

(Employment) -

ARTHUR STAHL was welcomed back to work after an operation that necessitated a 12-week convalescent period . . . GENEVIEVE BAGGER had a wonderful vacation visiting cousins down on the farm at Waterloo and Hampton, Iowa. Genevieve said the countryside was never so beautiful.

(Research & Planning) -

FRANK MISEK and his wife, STASE, had an enjoy-

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able vacation when they motored to Yellowstone and the Grand National Park, Wyoming, despite the snow which gave them a preview of winter . . . TOM HARTNETT is at home recovering from recent surgery, and best wishes are extended from his co-workers . . . WALLY OQUIST terminated a long association with the Staff Engineer's Office (now Research and Planning) when he "signed on" with the Transportation Department . . . ED TOBIN returned to the Institute for Rapid Transit office . . . DALE MANGELSDORF, who transferred from the Claim Department, was welcomed to Research and Planning.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEELER -

Hi, fellows! You all looked sharp at uniform inspection. Now who did I borrow that jacket from? . . . "Three lashes with a wet noodle department!" Offense - failure to include the name of Operator FILTZ in the outstanding employe of the year roster. A special tip of the hat to you, Filtz . . . Wishes for many happy years in retirement to Operator H. CLIFFORD. His wife, BUZ, had a party in his honor October 2. All the boys at Keeler were invited . . . Belated happy holiday wishes to all our Jewish friends and operators . . . Back to school good wishes to all the college students who did such a fine job as summer operators. Look for you next year, fellows . . . Sick bay returnees: Welcome back guys. Namely, Operators M. GANSKI, L. KUZUYK, JOHN GRYS, and Night Clerk RONNIE MILLER. The mystery of the depot is how could Clerk Ronnie Miller swing a new car while off sick? . . . Janitor SY GOLDMAN's wife, PEARL, is home from the hospital after surgery. Hurry over to see us, Pearl . . . Get well wishes to Operator CAJDA. Also, to the wife of Operator G. GANSKI.

Proud grandpa department: Night Garage Foreman JACK KAMIEN's daughter, BARBARA, presented Jack with a beautiful granddaughter. By the way, this is his 19th grandchild. Ho hum, so what else is new? . . . Operator FRANK CALDIRON's son, GEORGE, put Frank in the grandpa rocking chair again . . . Vacation greetings from Garage Foreman JACK KAMIEN . . . Board member ART SCHNEE post-carded us from San Francisco . . . Night Foreman of the Garage, FRANK ROBACK, says there's no place like home, even on vacation . . . Our condolences to Operator ARNOLD CHRISTENSEN whose mother died recently . . . Well, some folks have to learn

TWO MORE employes were added to the long list of pensioners recently. EVERETT BLACKMAN, repairman, and HENRY PIOTROWSKI, clerk, (left and right center) are the new additions from 61st Terminal Shops. Foreman M. SHANNON (left) and General Foreman A. J. PORCARO (right) are seen bidding the men farewell.



for themselves. Anyway, our very best wishes for many happy married years to Garage Man ROBERT LOZAROS who was married October 9, and to Operator D. PESCE who was married September 18 to lovely CAROL. They honeymooned in Mackinac, Michigan, and Canada . . . Chief Clerk ELMER RIEDEL and his wife, MARGARET, really did up the town. The reason for this eventful date was to celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary, October 20. Many, many more, chief . . . From the supervisory department comes a timely tip: Watch out for those slippery streets. That time of year is here again. Thanks for the tip, Supervisor MAC INTOSH . . . So, till next month, heed this wee bit of advice: "Try praising your wife, even if it does frighten her at first."

- Ernest C. Carter

LIMITS -

Clerk JOHN GILMORE is a medical patient at North-lake Community hospital as of this writing . . . Operator EDDIE KASMIERCZAK is on his final week of vacation and spending it in northern Wisconsin. I suppose we will hear about the big one that got away when he returns . . . Operator CONRAD JOHNSON returned from his annual deer hunt at Rainey Lake, Canada. First time in ten years that he didn't bring home a deer, but he was lucky in the fish department and brought back a good sum of fish . . . The Amalgamated Convention held in Frisco was attended by our very congenial Board Member, CHARLES HEROLD, and Operator ERNIE JOHNSON and was enjoyed by both. They were both aboard the same train but never encountered each other until they arrived in Frisco . . . Operator AL BECK, North Park Depot, passed away very suddenly in October at the age of 51. He was a graduate of the U of I at Urbana in 1935 and employed by C.M.C. in 1937. He was a Skokie News Columnist and a leader in the Skokie Y.M.C.A. He was also the organizer of the Niles Township High school Booster club. He and his wife had attended the last three Olympic games in Melbourne, Rome, and Tokyo. We extend our sympathy to his wife, ELLEN MARIE, and two sons, AL Jr. and TIMOTHY, and to his mother . . . Coffee and rolls were served in October by the management for another good courtesy record set by Limits. The treat is extended to us when the commendations exceed the complaints. Superintendent GEORGE MAY and his assistants thank all who helped make this possible . . . Superintendent George May's wife had the misfortune of fracturing her hand on their recent vacation in San Francisco. She received medical attention and has recovered completely at home. Incidentally, the Mays enjoyed the Amalgamated Convention in Frisco.

- George Clark

KEDZIE -

First of all, I want to apologize to Operator G. SULLIVAN for not announcing the birth of his grandson in last month's issue. A belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. KUCIN on the arrival of a son, STEPHEN MICHAEL, born September 10. This makes Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan grandparents for the 9th time . . . Operator FRANK ROWINSKI received an award from the Illinois Federation of Sportsmen's Club for conservation organization on behalf of the Beagle and Bass Hunting and Fishing Club. Operator Rowinski is president of the club. The award was presented on October 9 at the First Governor's award banquet in the LaSalle Hotel. Governor Kerner attended. The club, headed by Frank, is now eligible for consideration in national award programs

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conducted by the National Wild Life Federation and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. The following CTA men belong to the club: Kedzie Operator J. JEFFERY; G. WROBEL, janitor, Archer-Lawndale; North Park Operator A. FRENCH; T. MUSTACCHIO, Blue Island, and F. VANGEENAN, North Avenue wreck wagon . . . Your reporter is walking around with his chest out. I have a very good reason. My daughter, GERALDINE, had a baby girl October 23 at the Norwegian American hospital. They named our first grandchild VALARIE. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. TUFANO . . . I saw retired Operator TOMS. We had a nice talk and he sent regards to all. "Duffy" was operated on for his breathing. He is doing very well and looks fine . . . A speedy recovery to Operator J. JEFFERY who hurt his feet when he fell off a ladder . . . A hello to Board Member C. SEABOCK who is home sick. Hope to see you back on the job soon . . . Your reporter's niece, JUDITH ANN, was married October 16. Judy is the daughter of MICHAEL J. FIORITO, operator out of North Avenue. Their reception was held at the Palace in Cicero where everyone had a very good time. Congratulations to you, Mr. and Mrs. R. KAZANOW . . . Guess Who? What well-known janitor does all his fishing from a basket?

Your reporter and his wife had a good vacation last month. We drove up to Niagara Falls, Canada, and saw the falls from the United States side, too. We spent four days and nights there, took in the tours, and just relaxed and enjoyed ourselves. We left Niagara Falls and drove to Washington, D.C., where we spent four days and nights. We saw most of the Government buildings, President Kennedy's Grave, and the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. For the short time we were there we covered a lot. But to see Washington you need at least two weeks. From there we drove to Bethesda, Maryland, to visit some very good friends of ours, Mr. and Mrs. G. KEEFE, and spent a day with them. We then drove to Dayton, Ohio, to visit some cousins on my wife's side and spent three days with them and enjoyed every minute of it. We put a lot of miles on the car, but it was worth it just to get away from the daily routine.

- Raymond Graham

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

JUNE BAREKMAN and Porter JOSEPH PARTIPILO are on the sick list at this writing. We wish them, and others who may be ill, a speedy recovery . . . MIKE DONAHUE, a former Lake Street agent now on pension, is in the Austin Convalescent home and would like to hear from his many friends. Either a visit or a card would make Mike very happy . . . MARY BURROW's son, MIKE, underwent appendix surgery, but is home now and recuperating rapidly . . . Former West Side Ticket Agent ELIZABETH PAYSON's sister, MARGARET MARSHALL, passed away in California on September 15. We offer our condolences to Miss Payson and her family at this sad time . . . Agent ELIZABETH WEST left for California the first week of October. The weather was pretty cold here so she picked a good time to go . . . DAVE GRAFMAN and his wife, HARRIET, celebrated 31 good years, as Dave says, on October 27 . . . Agent JACK JOYCE and his wife, IRENE, drove to Akron, Michigan, on October 9 to attend a wedding. Jack's two daughters, son-in-law, and two little grandsons went along, which of course made grandpa very happy . . . STEVE and Mrs. GECAN went to Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the weekend of October 9 . . . Glad to see all our friends at the West Side agents dinner. We were especially happy to see

former Assignment Agent MARGARET QUEENAN again. She stays forever young, as do all our ladies on pension. Conspicuous by his absence was ALEC SCHNEIDER, who tries to attend our dinner every year. He and his grandson went on a fishing trip up north, for which none of us can blame him. We still haven't seen him, so we don't know if he caught anything or not . . . Agent STAN SLOWIK tells us that he has been going to a wedding every Saturday and is still getting invitations. Watch out, Stan, this could break you . . . Happy Thanksgiving to all. Watch those calories!

- Helen Pallister

LOOP -

Student Agent ROBERT BURNS has returned to Christian Brothers college . . . Agent J. HEFFERNAN recently spent six days in Michigan. He almost bought a horse while there. The reason was that he is sick of paying \$4.75 to get home from the Douglas "L." If you ask Joe why he has to take a cab he won't tell. His face turns red and he can't talk. Joe, how about letting us in on this deep, deep secret? . . . Regular Agent SUE REDDING has resigned from the agents job and has returned to school. She is now a student at Southern Illinois university . . . Former Student Agents JOE RUSSO and R. HAAS spent the Labor day week-end at Brown's Lake, Wisconsin. Now that they are back and working hard they feel they should spend the Christmas and New Year week in Florida. Must be nice to have lots of money. How about that, boys . . . If anyone should see a little fellow dashing through their station with books in his arms and a big pencil behind his ear, it is Student Agent DON DONOHUE, who is back at DePaul university. Don is really carried away with both his studies and agents job . . . Agent KEN DERMA resigned on October 14. He has been taking quite a number of extras at school. To keep on top in his classwork, he needs all of the free time he can find to do his homework. Ken is going to Wright Junior college . . . Many thanks to Agent ANN WASTIER and M. WENSTROM for the novinas and prayers for my husband, DAN, while he was sick.

Agent PAT SPAK did it again. She was godmother for the second time. And she's happy to say both are girls. By the way, Pat has gone regular now. She is taking a little time off from her books, but hopes to return to school at a later date . . . Sorry to hear former Porter STEVE STUBER's wife was in the hospital a short time ago. Now that you are home, LEONA, we hope you are feeling fine and that you keep well . . . On the sick list at this writing are Agents J. TAYLOR, E. NOLAN, G. GIBSON, E. CORRIGAN, N. HANSEN, and A. BALKAS. Also, Porter G. WILLIAMSON. Just received word that Agent JUNE BAREKMAN had spent a few days in the hospital. Hope by this time that you are all well and back on the job. We miss you . . . Porter JERRY JORDAN just came back from his Florida vacation. Jerry said the deep sea fishing was very good and exciting, too . . . Agent A. DUNLEAVY spent her vacation at home trying to catch up on her rest . . . Congratulations to the agents who made employee of the year. They are: K. H. DUNN, T. L. EDWARDS, F. FILIPEK, M. FLANAGAN, M. FLEMING, C. A. BALKAS, D. A. BERO, A. E. CARLSTROM, W. WENSTROM, T. JARVES, M. E. MORGAN, L. S. NELSON, and M. LYONS . . . Student Agent TOM BARRETT has recently returned from a trip to New York. The trip was very nice, but being back and out of money is rough . . . Student DON KLUGG has left for the U. of I., where he will complete his studies. Good luck . . .

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WEDDING BELLS rang on July 10 in Van Wert, Ohio, for HERBERT ALLEN SCAER and VIRGINIA EILEEN PIEPER, daughter of R. G. PIEPER of the Stores Department. The young couple now reside in Columbus, Ohio, where the groom is enrolled as a medical student at Ohio State university.

Student Agent MARY JEAN KILL left to go back to Quincy college . . . Dreams do come true! Student Agent LOIS NELLIS agrees with this, as her lifetime dream came true recently. Lois and her girlfriend made that dream come true with a trip to Hawaii. Both girls agreed that it was the time of their life and can't wait for a repeat performance.

Welcome back to the CTA family for EDWARD EPLEY, who has just finished his three years with Uncle Sam. One year was spent in South Viet Nam. Last year Ed was overseas on his son's first birthday. So, this year, PATRICIA ANN, his wife, had a double birthday on October 23. One for Ed, whose birthday was October 25, and for their son, October 23. Danny is just two. Ed's father is E. EPLEY, a repairman at Kedzie depot and Patricia Ann's father is Lake St. Clerk DAN DOYLE and her mother is reporter and West Side agent, MILDRED DOYLE . . . Just received word that Agent JUNE BAREKMAN is still in St. Joseph's hospital. We do hope you are feeling real good and back on the job by this time. We miss your pleasant smile . . . Agent W. STRASSER is also in the hospital. See, I told you not to try doing the twist. Hope you are back and on the job by now . . . Your reporter wishes to thank all the girls who called her while she was home sick.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Birthday congratulations to Supervisor EDWARD STRYZEWSKI, November 10 . . . Wedding anniversary congratulations to Pensioner EARL BARNTS and his wife, November 24; Clerk JOSEPH DILLON and his wife, November 16; Operator RALPH HARTSELL and his wife, November 3; Operator EDWARD MENTH and his wife, November 8; Operator ARTHUR WEINREICH and his wife, November 10; Operator DOUGLAS HALBERG and his wife, November 11; Operator PHILLIP SMITH and his wife, November 19; Supervisor OWEN CALT and his wife, November 27; Operator JOHN BEDNARZ and his wife, November 25; Operator JOSEPH HEBDA and his wife, November 26, and Pensioner FRANK BRAMAN and his wife, who celebrated their 47th anniversary on October 9 . . . Operator FRANK GNADT and his wife, LORRAINE, announced the marriage of their daughter, KATHLEEN, to VITO BATTAGLIA on October 9 . . . We welcome new Operators: A. Giles, J. Cymbolisti, C. Brown, J. Stringfellow, G. Calm, Richardson, J. Stamps, H. Topinka, G. Hagele, T. Gray, L. Humphreys, and R. Bridwell . . .

We received a post card from vacationing Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN and his wife, JOSEPHINE, who are doing some hunting in Iron River, Michigan. Barney says "hello" to all his friends at North avenue . . . Operator EDWARD SCHNEIDER and his wife vacationed at Maple Beach resort at Lake Nacquebay, Crivitz, Wisconsin. Ed reports the fishing was terrific. Operator HERBERT LINDEMANN and his wife also did some fishing at Lake Nacquebay . . . Operator OMAR HART and his wife visited his hometown, Mc Leansboro, Illinois. He hunted geese at Cairo and quail on his farm. He reports good hunting . . . Operator FLORIAN DWIEL and his wife fished at Lake Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin . . . Operator HAROLD HIGHTOWER and his wife visited Mauston, Wisconsin. Weather was cold, fishing was good . . . Operator WILLIAM NEHLS and his wife vacationed in Arkansas. They paid Pensioner BILL ECHOLS a visit . . . Senior Instructor EDWARD BRODD did some fishing at Bruce, Wisconsin, in the north woods . . . On the first day of his vacation Instructor J. BORK's car caught fire and burned. Not being easily discouraged, he boarded a Greyhound bus and enjoyed his vacation . . . Senior Instructor JAMES WALSH was on vacation for a two-week, well-deserved rest . . . Night Foreman ERNEST PEARSON and I spent a vacation at Big Round Lake, Hayward, Wisconsin, fishing. It was quite cold, the water in our minnow buckets had a coating of ice in the morning. We caught plenty of walleye, crappies, northern, and perch. I gained a few pounds on Ernie's good cooking. We had planned to visit Pensioners HAROLD LEMIEUX and ARMIN KOEHN but we ran into some bad weather so we came directly home.

Congratulations to Switchboard Operator RAY STRATTON who was promoted and is now working at the Mart . . . Operator ERNEST BOCK spent a week in the hospital and is back with us . . . GEORGE "Sinatra" KUENSTLE, Repair Department, reports that his mother underwent surgery and he hopes, with the help of God, she will soon be well. We also wish her a speedy recovery . . . Pensioner PAUL DIBBERN passed away October 18. Operator ARTHUR MOILANEN lost his brother, OIVA, and attended the funeral at Lanse, Michigan. Repairman JAMES JOHNSON lost his father-in-law. LUCILLE OLSEN, wife of Clerk ARTHUR OLSEN, passed away October 3. Clerk AL ROHDE's brother, FRANK, departed this life. Our deepest sympathy to these bereaved families . . . We wish you all a prayerful and blessed Thanksgiving. As we give thanks for our many blessings, let's remember in prayer our men in the armed forces all over the world.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH PARK -

Miss CARLA BRONSON, daughter of Operator and Mrs. HERBERT WILSON, was married on October 9 to DONALD HEINLEIN, brother of ROBERT HEINLEIN, assistant editor of the Transit News magazine, at St. Hilary's church. The reception was held at the Millionaire's Club on North Broadway Avenue, and was attended by 150 guests. The newlyweds went to the Abbey at Lake Geneva for their honeymoon . . . Operator TOM JOYCE was married October 9 to Miss MARGARET VON ZEL- EWSKI at St. Gertrude's church. After a wedding breakfast attended by the families, the newlyweds left for a honeymoon in Washington, D. C. . . Operator HAROLD MILLER and his wife, MARCELINE, celebrated their 25th anniversary September 28. High mass was celebrated by Father DONALD KELLY who married the Mil-

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lers 25 years ago at St. Andrew's church. A surprise party was given the Millers at Weber's hall by their three daughters, PATRICIA, CAROL, and JUDITH, with 150 guests attending . . . Operator BILL STINESPRING and his wife, DOLLY, celebrated their 36th anniversary October 23. The Stinesprings held open house at home with a gathering of friends and relatives . . . Operator ROY BOWLIN and his wife, BILLIE, celebrated their 18th anniversary October 18. The Bowlins dined at the Mundelein Gardens restaurant and then took in a movie . . . Operator AL MEISTER and his wife, BERTHA, celebrated their 32nd anniversary October 15. The Meisters took a trip to Conoga Park, California, to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. MARTIN STURMAN, and grandchildren . . . Operator ED KURCZEWSKI and his wife, BEVERLY, along with Operator DAVE MAUSER and his wife, BEVERLY, celebrated their 16th and third anniversaries together. The two couples dined at Jardines restaurant and then went to Drury Lane to see the stage play, "A Man in Arms." . . . Operator STANLEY ZALE and his wife, MARIE, celebrated their 37th anniversary, November 22, with a party held at the Wishing Well restaurant . . . Operator JOHN TEER became a father for the third time when his wife, PATRICIA, presented him with a son named JOHN ALLEN . . . Operator LEO HARA became a grandfather for the second time when a son named LORNE was born to his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. SHERWIN HARA, October 14 . . . Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUE, spent their vacation at Miami Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Key West, Florida. Sid and Sue chartered a boat for fishing and caught a 50-pound marlin and a 20-pound sailfish.

Operator JOHN HALL and his wife, MARIE, spent their vacation around Detroit, Michigan, and Windsor, Canada, where they were visiting many friends . . . Operator ROY THOMPSON, his wife, GENEVIEVE, and grandchildren, PAT and RICKEY, relaxed at Eagle Lake, Wisconsin, where Roy has a cottage. Roy reports that the fishing was bad this year . . . Operator JAMES DOWEY, his wife, EULALIE, and brother-in-law, Reverend JOHN NICHOLSON of Deer River, Minnesota, flew to Kansas City, Missouri, to visit Mr. and Mrs. ERNIE NICHOLSON, where the folks relaxed and had a great time . . . Operator ED PALEN and his wife, EVELYN, relaxed around Chicagoland on their vacation, dining at various restaurants and taking in some shows, with a few visits to the race tracks included . . . Operator VIC MICETIC spent his vacation at Kentucky Lake State Park camp grounds where the fishing for catfish was excellent. Vic closed another successful season as president of the Hiawatha Park Youth program. Vic's team, the Angels, won the American League title, but in the playoffs lost the championship to the Redlegs, two games to one.

Operator BILL SEIFERT and his wife, MIN, took a trip around Lake Michigan and Lake Superior. The feature stop was at Wawa, Ontario, Canada, where the wild geese breeding grounds are located. The Seiferts were also impressed by the waterfalls at Fort Williams, Canada, which they considered as beautiful as Niagara Falls . . . Operator JIM KIRKWOOD, his wife, MARY, and sons, NATHAN, STEPHEN, and BETHEL, spent their vacation at Gull Lake, Michigan, where they enjoyed a bible conference which was held by a series of churches . . . Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, spent the Jewish holidays as part of his vacation, which gave the Posners ample time to observe the high holidays in worship . . . Operator PETE MARCHISOTTO and his mother-in-law, Mrs. BERTHA LOMBARDO, flew to San Francisco, California, and then to San Jose where Pete

has extensive holdings in vineyards and fig tree orchards. Pete reports the trip was a success and that the grapes and figs are plentiful this year . . . Board Members FRANK LASKE, his wife, GERTRUDE; WARREN SCHOLL, Election Commissioner JOHN O'BRIEN and his wife, MERCEDES, attended the 38th Amalgamated Convention held in San Francisco, California. The group accomplished much and reports of dining and recreation were fabulous . . . MICHAEL SCHRAMM, son of Operator HENRY SCHRAMM, graduated from Great Lakes boot camp and is now a boilermaker apprentice . . . RUSSELL DEGELMANN, stepson of Operator HAROLD SEDIN, was inducted into the Navy October 11 and is receiving his boot training at Great Lakes Naval Base . . . Mrs. MARY HENRY, mother of Operator EARL HENRY, underwent major surgery at Bethesda hospital and at last reports is convalescing at home . . . DALE BOWLIN, son of Operator ROY BOWLIN, fell on a water pipe in his back yard and split the main tendon in his leg requiring 16 stitches . . . Pensioner HARVEY and Mrs. GEHMAN were in Chicago for the baptism of his grandchild, RICHARD WILLIAM KOLANY, at St. Paul's Lutheran church. Harvey, who is living in Highlander, Iowa, says the trout fishing was poor this summer, but invites his friends to come and spend some time with him . . . Operator FRANK HESS traded in his Honda motorcycle for a larger Suzuki. The reason for this was that when Frank drives Operator ED GOTTERT home, the larger bike will be able to cut it better . . . JOYCE DIDIER presented her parents, Operator and Mrs. TED DIDIER, with a new 23 inch Silver-tone color TV set at their recent house warming party which was a great success . . . GARY KEMP, son of Operator CHARLIE KEMP, completed another successful season as a tackle on the Emerson Tigers of the Park Ridge Park league. Gary is a two-way player and does all of the team's kicking. The Tigers had another exceptional season with Gary being selected as their most valuable player.

Operator IRVING SHER had an unusual piece of bad luck happen to him. While helping a blind lady across the street someone stole his tripsheet holder with \$15.00 in it . . . Operator KEN KLEICH is now working in Skokie Shops as an electrician and we wish him the best in his new field . . . Operators PAT SCIORTINO and PETE MARCHISOTTO, co-chairman of the St. Joseph society, held their annual dinner dance November 20 at the Chateau Royale. The affair drew over 1,000 patrons and the proceeds are to be used for scholarships and death benefits . . . Operator ED KURCZEWSKI did his usual excellent job of managing the Bridge View Tigers, who finished third this year after finishing in first place the last four years. Ed says they were rebuilding this year. Ed's two boys, JIM and TOM, play with the Tigers . . . Congratulations are extended to Operator JOHN O'BRIEN and Clerk DAN MC FADDEN on their recent election as election commissioners . . . Birthday greetings are extended to Instructor GEORGE RELSTAB, October 2; Operator FRANK HESS, October 8; DENISE LIBERT, October 8; Operator VINCE SHAYER, October 13; DANIEL KOZIOL, October 11; Operator JIM DOLAN, October 21; Operator STANLEY ZALE, October 24; Mrs. EVELYN RELSTAB, October 28; Operator WILLIAM STINESPRING, November 1; Clerk BOB PETERSON, November 13, and Mrs. MABEL PEOPLE, November 15 . . . Our sympathy and condolences to the families of Operator AL BECK and DOROTHY TORSON, sister-in-law of Operator GEORGE TORSON . . . Repairman GEORGE JONASON spent his vacation at St. Petersburg, Florida, with side trips around various areas . . . Repairman ED "Big Feet" CORDA spent a week visiting Pensioner MIKE

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

NELSON R. ALEXANDER, 75, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 9-05-11. Died 9-06-65
ANTHONY G. ANDERS, 56, Limits,
Emp. 5-1-43. Died 10-3-65
ALFRED BECK, 56, Forest Glen,
Emp. 6-23-37. Died 10-11-65
JOHN F. BUROW, 75, 61st Street,
Emp. 11-17-28. Died 9-07-65
WILLIAM B. CAMERON, 57, General Office,
Emp. 8-28-24. Died 10-02-65
FRANK DE SANDE, 79, West Section,
Emp. 11-21-23. Died 9-24-65
PHILLIP E. DIEHL, 73, North Section,
Emp. 12-02-13. Died 9-21-65
RAY K. DOUGHTY, 69, South Section,
Emp. 2-18-14. Died 9-02-65
MARTIN FADDEN, 80, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-20-17. Died 9-24-65
CLARENCE F. FLIEGEL, 64, Forest Glen,
Emp. 2-17-23. Died 9-02-65
JOHN FRAWLEY, 86, North Section,
Emp. 5-11-08. Died 9-12-65
THOMAS GARRITY, 58, South Shops,
Emp. 3-22-45. Died 9-07-65
LAWRENCE E. KEATING, 61, North Park,
Emp. 11-29-33. Died 9-30-65
EDWARD H. KREUTZ, 66, West Section,
Emp. 11-11-26. Died 9-12-65
DAVID F. LOWREY, 68, South Section,
Emp. 7-9-18. Died 9-17-65
WILLIAM P. MAXEY, 82, Devon,
Emp. 1-13-21. Died 9-26-65

JOHN MC GILL, 69, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-18-21. Died 9-21-65
JOHN O. MC GRATH, 67, Howard,
Emp. 4-28-26. Died 9-24-65
CLARENCE W. METCALF, 78, South Section,
Emp. 1-05-20. Died 9-03-65
JOHN H. MEYERS, 82, North Section,
Emp. 8-30-04. Died 9-28-65
RUDOLPH MILLER, 73, Beverly,
Emp. 2-02-16. Died 9-27-65
VINCENT MILLER, 61, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 1-5-28. Died 10-13-65
EARL T. NELSON, 66, Limits,
Emp. 11-18-22. Died 9-17-65
LORETTA M. POTVIN, 58, South Section,
Emp. 7-29-46. Died 9-17-65
FRANK R. RIDLER, 78, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-24-13. Died 9-28-65
DAMJAN RUDOVICH, 70, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 5-02-36. Died 9-27-65
EMIL H. SCHROEDER, 83, North Section,
Emp. 8-07-18. Died 9-28-65
TIMOTHY J. SULLIVAN, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-22-18. Died 9-06-65
JOHN SZYMEKEWICZ, 79, South Shops,
Emp. 7-13-25. Died 9-14-65
MATHEW F. TUIE, 66, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 1-25-24. Died 9-03-65
WILLIAM W. WRIGHT, 72, North Section,
Emp. 2-14-44. Died 9-11-65
PETER J. ZURRO, 75, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 10-16-20. Died 9-10-65

JOHNSON, former foreman of North Park Repair Department, who has a beautiful plantation at Strawberry Plains, Tennessee. Ed treated all the boys at the garage to samples of mountain dew which he brought back with him. . . Repairman MIKE SCHULTZ is still off sick and all the boys are hoping he will be back soon so that things will get back to normal. . . Foreman ED JAEGER wishes to thank all the men who were instrumental in passing the recent annual fire inspection with flying colors. . . Repairman PETE MERSCH spent his vacation taking in the sights of Chicago and canning all the tomatoes that he harvested in his garden. . . FRANK SIBLEY JR., son of Repairman FRANK SIBLEY, has enrolled at Northern Illinois university where he is majoring in business administration. . . VIOLET DITTERY, wife of Assistant Foreman HARRY DITTERY, required major surgery at Bethesda hospital and at this writing is convalescing at home. . . Repairman TONY GALLO had all the luck in the baseball pools and is now sporting a large bankroll. . . Your reporter, and all of the personnel at North Park wish you and yours a glorious Thanksgiving, and hope you remember to give thanks for your many blessings.

- Melvin Horning

PURCHASING, STORES & SPECIFICATIONS (Purchasing) -

At this writing, HELEN TOTH and MILDRED BONOMO are vacationing in Las Vegas!

(Specifications) -

JOANNE BRADY recently returned from a two-week vacation in Colorado.

(South Division) -

Mr. R. C. GAVERT, divisional storekeeper, is the proud grandfather of twin boys, ROBERT and RAYMOND, born on August 15 to Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD GAVERT. . . Our sincere sympathy to the family of CHARLES MATTHEWS, retired yard foreman, who passed away on October 3. . . FRANK FRIEDL, Storeroom 59, just returned from a week's vacation at Couderay, Wisconsin. He spent most of his time fishing, but wasn't too lucky. Other than that, the weather and scenery were beautiful. . . Miss DENISE SPRINGER is the new clerk-typist in the Divisional Stores Office. . . GEORGE FRAILEY, craneman at Storeroom 48, is sporting a new Pontiac Starfire, and STANLEY HALL has a new Plymouth Fury.

(North Division) -

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Mrs. SAM INGRAFFIA who, at the present writing, is a surgical patient in Resurrection hospital.

- D. Jane Bell

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE P. LEAHY, parents of PHILIP LEAHY, schedule maker, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary at the Martinique restaurant on Saturday, October 9, with the complete family. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Leahy. . . ERNEST GEHRKE, traffic checker, was married on September 25. Congratulations to him and his wife. . . RAY PRIMEAU is vacationing in Montreal, Canada. . . BILL DENTAMARO attended a convention in Springfield. . . We welcome NORMAN

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OSWALD to the Schedule Department . . . RAY GOLDSTEIN, a former part-time West Section ticket agent, and son of RICHARD GOLDSTEIN, assistant superintendent, is teaching International Relations to Juniors at Regis college in Denver, Colorado . . . A Happy Thanksgiving Day to All.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

NELLO "Jimmy" PAOLICCHI, machinist and his wife had a wonderful trip to Florida, and JOHN KALINOWSKI, painter and his wife also had a marvelous time in Florida with a week spent in Nassau . . . CATHERINE ANN HARNETT, typist, is happy to have her brother PATRICK home on leave from service. Pat was a repairman at Kedzie before going into service. When his furlough is over he will be stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, as a clerk-typist . . . HOWARD JENSEN, clerk, who has been off sick, visited us the other day and hopes he will be able to return to work soon . . . Our deepest sympathy to the families of VINCENT MILLER, machinist, and GUS LINDSTEDT, retired blacksmith, who passed away recently, and to VICTOR ANDERSON, retired blacksmith, who suffered the loss of his wife. Vic wishes to say "hello" to all his friends at Skokie.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

Once again we are in the season of turkeys and pumpkin pies. A Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your families . . . Motorman LAWRENCE MAY and family really traveled on their vacation. First they went to Niagara Falls and then to New York City. While there they saw the World's Fair, Statue of Liberty, the United Nations Building, and other places of interest to sightseers . . . Congratulations to Supervisor DON MURPHY and his wife, GEN, whose son, WILLIAM, was married to PATRICIA ANNE MORDUS on October 9 at Sts. Peter and Paul church in Whiting, Indiana. Best wishes to the happy couple . . . Quite a few of our men at Loomis Street this year have taken their pension. Motorman EARL GRANNUM was the latest, retiring on October 1. Loomis Street had a get-together for Earl with sandwiches, cake, and coffee. A token of remembrance was presented to him from his co-workers. Everyone wishes Earl much good fortune on his pension . . . "Hello" to transferred employes from the North and West Sections to the South Section: CLARENCE LEE, STANLEY JACKSON, and JAMES HALLIGAN . . . Motorman EARTHON JOHNSON and his Mrs. vacationed in the Ozarks in Missouri. They said the Fall coloring of the trees was just beautiful in the hills of the Ozarks . . . Retired Porter WALTER MORRISSETTE visited 61st Street recently. He is 84 years old. We asked him how he keeps in such good health and he said: "Keep busy as much as possible and you won't grow old" . . . Our deepest sympathy goes out to former Motorman EDWARD MCSWEENEY, Claim Department, whose wife passed away recently . . . The BOB ROESINGS, superintendent of agents and porters, vacationed in Nassau at a luxurious hotel just taking life easy and basking in the warm sun, enjoying this island paradise . . . Back at their respective posts from the sick list are: Motorman JAMES NORRIS, JAMES FOSTER, and Agent RUTH LOVELL.

Had a long chat with Retired Motorman JOHN BURKE who was around to see the boys at 61st Street and he

looks younger than ever . . . Porter JOHN TOUSSAS, who temporarily was working on the West Section, is back working on the South Section again . . . Retired Motorman JOSEPH SERRITELLO and Conductor DAVID LOWREY passed away recently. Our condolences to their families . . . Our Chief Clerk, JIM MARTINEK, and his wife, DOROTHY, flew to New York City to see all the sights of this big city, and they enjoyed the trip very much . . . Part-time Agent ROBERT MUSSER was transferred to West Section recently . . . Collector BOB MANDUJANO had a swell vacation touring San Francisco, taking in many night spots such as Chinatown and Fisherman's Wharf and riding the old cable cars . . . At this writing, Agents JOSEPH WALINCHIUS, NICHOLAS ROGERS, and JAMES WIVINIS are on the sick list. A speedy recovery is wished to all of you . . . Heard that former Agent PHYLLIS HINES MACDONALD and her husband came in from Marinos So. Clements, California, to visit Chicago. While here, Phyllis renewed old friendships with Retired Agents LULU HAMANN, ROSE HEIDENBLUT, SARAH McEVOY, and THERESA FOLEY; and they all enjoyed reminiscing over old times . . . Our heart goes out to Conductor JOHN KALTSAS, whose father, JAMES KALT-SAS, retired conductor, passed away recently . . . Received a card from Retired Towerman ELMER PIPKORN and his wife who are visiting in Hendersonville, North Carolina. This month they will be celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary . . . Flash-Flash: The Rapid Transit Employees Blood Bank Incorporated Cards for 1966 are now out. See your representative for your new card . . . Trainman GERALD CAREY was recently enrolled as a member of the "Courtesy Caravan Club" when he received a passenger commendation for the audible and clear manner in which he makes his station announcements.

- Verna Hartney

WEST SECTION -

Thanksgiving is here! Let's all be thankful for our most prized possession, just to be an American. May the turkey and the trimmings fill you with happiness . . . Congratulations to conductor CLEVEN WARDLOW JR. and his wife, JOEVELYN, on their new born son, CLEVEN WARDLOW III. The child's name was put in the third world series game pool and won it. So he is starting out in life a winner . . . Congress Conductor TADE-USA ROPA and his wife, CECILA, just had their third child, a lovely girl, named BARBARA THERESA. Mother and daughter are doing fine . . . Motorman TED KASZMARSKI of the Congress line and his wife are mighty proud of their daughter who was chosen homecoming queen from Proviso East High school. We know what Ted looks like so we presume his daughter looks like her mother . . . To a wonderful young lady named PATRICA PTACIN, I would like to send praise for her unselfishness and great humanitarian service by living in the jungles of Guatemala. She has been nursing and teaching the poor people in the undeveloped part of Guatemala. After spending 18 months there she will be coming home for a new assignment from the Catholic Missions. The happy and proud parents are Conductor RUDY PTACIN and his wife, CAROL . . . After being on the sick list, Motorman JOE FOLKEN and JEROME ROBINSON are back to work and are feeling great . . . The early a.m. men appreciate the kindness of Agent DOROTHY FORD who brings sweetrolls every morning. Especially since they are free. We late arrivers would like some too . . . Porter SCHULTZ is feeding us baloney when he tells us his dog, MICKEY, will not eat chicken unless it is fried

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in butter. I believe he is spreading it on too thick . . . Apologies to Conductor REDMOND MC GOVERN and his wife for saying that they were married 25 years instead of 35. Gee, they have a daughter who is in her early thirties . . . Condolences to Motorman K. C. DAVISON of Logan Square on the death of his stepfather . . . So long, and see you at Christmas.

- Santo Siciliano

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

The boys at 61st Street gave a huge celebration to bid a fond farewell to retiring Clerk HENRY PIOTROWSKI and Repairman EVERETT BLACKMAN, who retired on November 1 after 35 and 30 years of service respectively. While adding their names to our pensioners list, we all wish them health and success in their future years . . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of ERNIE JONES, retired foreman from Wilson Avenue, on the passing of his father in Johannesburg, South Africa . . . It is good to hear that A. KUNZ is at home and recuperating after undergoing major surgery. Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to him . . . Everyone at Congress was glad to see SAM SELVAGGIO back at work after being on the sick list . . . Congress' soldier boy, DENNIS PAPALEO, stopped in for a short but nice visit. Dennis is on furlough from the army, and boy does he look sharp in his uniform . . . When you call out "Jones" at Congress, don't be surprised if you get two answers. J. JONES and his brother, L. C. JONES, who have just transferred from Howard Street, will be the two echoes . . . Congratulations and welcomes were extended to JOHN WOULFE, who was promoted to "B" repairman and transferred to Congress from Lake Street . . . The MATTHEW BUCHANANS will not soon forget the vacation they spent in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Not only did they visit with their son and his children, but they got to see the World Series. Hope they saw a game the Twins won . . . Those who got a short chance to rest before another year of work were: D. Brodie, T. Vintan, F. Fawcett, G. Anderson, and J. Madigan of Wilson.

- Ray Brzezczek

69TH STREET -

At this writing, we are enjoying marvelous Indian summer temperatures incorporated with mother nature's artistic golden scenery. Doesn't all this bring back memories of the not too distant past when "bad rails" due to falling leaves were also part of the picture? You can still slide on modern tires, so be extra careful . . . Vacation news is almost passed, but a few of our lads are still enjoying recent memories. The ED TIERNEY family took in the New York World's Fair, and a good part of the East . . . Instructor RAY PRYOR went to Florida, where, in the course of events, he visited with Retired Superintendent RAY KRAUSE . . . Assistant Foreman JIM HOPKINS motored to California . . . A lot of us here would like to say hello to the two fine sons of ED MULVANEY, MIKE and BERNIE, who are studying for the priesthood at St. Joseph's college for Redemptorist priests in Edgerton, Wisconsin. Mike worked as a bus cleaner at Beverly Garage all summer. Our best wishes to the boys and congratulations to their proud parents . . . Congratulations to LEE GRIFFIS and the Mrs. on their 29th. I presume it's their wedding anniversary because it seems highly improbable to have identical birth dates and each be 29 years old. However, judging by appearances it could be possible. Whichever

it is, they have our best. Also, to Operator W. C. and DOROTHY PICKETT who celebrated their 10th anniversary on October 18. Congratulations are also in order to Operator JIM and Mrs. HUNT who have become rookie grandparents. Mommy and dad of the handsome boy are Repairman GEORGE and PEGGY HUNT . . . The Rev. ARTHUR R. BUHRING, son of Pensioner A. W. BUHRING, celebrated his first holy mass in the United States on October 3 at St. Basil basilica. The Rev. Buhring was ordained at Racapa, Guatemala, in January. Mr. Buhring visited his son in Guatemala, returned to Chicago and made plans to establish residence in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Probably by now his new address is 3962 N.W. 35th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Florida . . . Recently JOE CURRAN and JACK WILSON spent a few hours chatting about the old days at 69th with Retired District Superintendent CLAUDE GILLESPIE. He and Mrs. GILLESPIE will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on January 18, 1966. It couldn't happen to nicer people . . . RAY ORACKI is back on the sick list just after returning to work from a prior illness. Let's hope by this reading that Ray and his Polish jokes are both back in circulation . . . Retired Collector TONY GALLAGHER is at Holy Cross hospital and would like visitors . . . Our sympathies are extended to WILLIAM ROACH on the death of his brother, JOSEPH.

- William J. Donahue

77TH STREET -

Assistant Superintendent FRANK KRAUSE recently returned from Miami, Florida, where he visited the following former CTA employees: Operator TOM SMITH, 77th; Receiver GEORGE KYNASTON, 77th; Superintendent HERMAN ERICKSON, Limits, and, of course, brother JACK KRAUSE from the radio room. He reports all are enjoying their well-earned retirement in sunny Florida . . . The following operators are on the sick list: W. Green, F. King, H. Donohue, B. Iseminger, A. Giles, C. Pollard, B. Shimashus, C. Allen, C. Johnson, and C. Porter. We all wish them a speedy recovery with the hope that they will be back on the job soon . . . Chief Clerk WALTER DALY and the Mrs. are presently enjoying their vacation on a western tour including the Grand Canyon, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Las Vegas . . . Supervisor H. BUIKEMA should be passing out cigars, as he became the proud grandfather of a baby girl on September 29. Mother, CAROL ROWE, and daughter are doing fine . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator ALBERT HICKMAN. His son, NEIL, passed away suddenly at Pearl Harbor on September 15. Funeral services with full military honors were held at St. Helena church at 101st and Parnell . . . Clerk RALPH SHORT has just returned from an enjoyable trip to Turkey Run, Indiana. No report as to whether he bagged any turkeys . . . At this writing, the total accidents for 1965 are 14 less than in 1964. This indicates that 77th operators are doing a fine job in achieving the CTA goal of making 1965 the safest year of all. Keep up the good work, fellows . . . The welcome mat is out for the following new operators: Bass, Owens, Gardner, Holloway, Hurst, Jackson, Spearman, Long, Graham, Johnson, Foster, Gohlstein, and Foreman . . . The CTA bowling league operating on Wednesday nights at 81st-South Park needs new members. Contact JIM PATE . . . It is reported that Operator BANKS gives checker lessons in the trainroom any weekday. All scrubs invited. Banks accompanies the lessons with a song.

- Amos Foster

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