

# TRANSIT NEWS

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# Division 241 Approves New Three-Year Wage Contract by 3,413 to 556 Vote

MEMBERS OF Division 241, Amalgamated Transit Union, approved a new negotiated three-year wage settlement plan that will advance costs the first year by about \$2,222,000 at a special referendum vote held December 1 at union headquarters. About 8,600 CTA employees, representing operating and clerical personnel, were affected by the new contract.

The agreement was reached in negotiations between Chairman George L. DeMent of Chicago Transit Board and the wage committee of the union. The proposed contract will expire November 30, 1968. The vote for the approval by Division 241 was 3,413 for; 556 against.

In subsequent negotiations, members of Local No. 726, State and Municipal Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union, International Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, also approved a contract for a three-year period.

Still negotiating as this issue of Transit News went to press were Division 308 of the Amalgamated Transit Union, representing some 2,500 rapid transit operating employees, and 15 other unions, representing mostly craft workers. Chicago Transit Board at a meeting on December 9 passed an ordinance authorizing the execution of agreement with the two union groups who approved the contracts.

The wage settlement plan calls for a three-stage wage increase for hourly rated employees of Division 241 as follows: 8 cents per hour, December 1, 1965; 11 cents per hour, December 1, 1966, and 12 cents per hour, December 1, 1967.

In addition, the cost-of-living allowance, now currently at eight cents per hour, is frozen into the basic wage rates. Effective December 1, this year, the rate for bus operators, who constitute the majority of CTA employees, will become \$3.18 per hour.

Monthly rated employees who are members of Division 241 would receive wage adjustments on a percentage basis, as follows: 2.581 per cent, December 1, 1965; 3.548 per cent, December 1, 1966, and 3.871 per cent, December 1, 1967.

For all 8,600 employees a cost-of-living allowance would be continued, based upon a formula involving the percentage increase in the cost-of-living

index for Chicago as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics using October, 1965, as the base.

In addition to the wage adjustments, the plan increases welfare benefits as follows:

1. Vacations are increased to four weeks after 17 years service; and five weeks after 23 years. Former vacation benefits were five weeks after 25 years of service, four weeks after 20 years, and three weeks after seven years.

2. Life Insurance benefits were changed to \$2,500 after one year and less than five years of service, and \$4,000 after five years of service. The former contract called for \$2,500 after one year of service.

3. Sickness and accident allowances were increased from \$56.00 to \$65.00 per week, effective December 1, 1965; \$67.50 per week, effective December 1, 1966, and \$70.00 per week, effective December 1, 1967.

4. A subsequent day off will be granted to employees who are deprived of one of the six holidays because the holiday occurs on the employee's scheduled day off.

5. One day's pay would be granted for attending the funeral of a mother, father, spouse, or children on a work day.

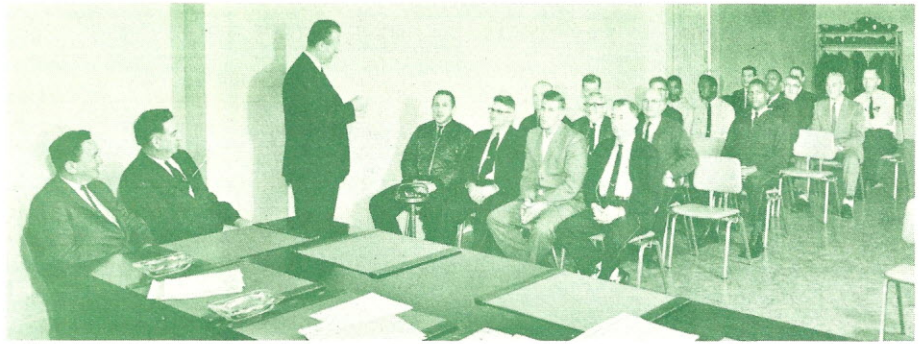
6. The former contract calls for no wages to be paid for the first two days off for sickness unless the illness lasts longer than 14 days. The new plan calls for wages to be paid for one of the two days if the illness lasts longer than eight days and payment for both days, if the illness lasts longer than 14 days.

Also management and the union will make a joint study of such inequities in rates of pay on certain job classifications as may be found among various groups of employees covered by the agreement and such adjustments as are found necessary are to be made as soon as possible.

The total wage and welfare cost of the plan would amount to \$2,222,429 for the first year, \$4,502,063 for the second year, and \$7,042,394 for the third year.



## Operators Speak out at "Brainstorm" Sessions



"BRAINSTORM" SESSIONS on winter driving problems held recently for Transportation Department operating and supervisory personnel were well received and highly beneficial if the interest displayed at the system-wide meetings is any criterion.

Just under 6,000 employees participated and came up with nearly 18,000 ideas. Because small groups met in the sessions, there were many duplicate ideas, especially in the bus operator sessions where there were hundreds of duplicates.

The suggestions most often submitted on "how to avoid accidents when there is snow or sleet" were: (1) Slow down; (2) Increase following distance; (3) Start slowly to avoid spinning rear wheel; (4) When stopping, pump brakes lightly; (5) When possible, increase right side clearance; (6) Pick a safe spot for boarding and alighting - stay clear of snow banks; and (7) Request passengers to watch their step.

There were hundreds of other worthwhile ideas which will soon be compiled into a master list and issued to all who participated.

The sessions pointed up that if operating and supervisory personnel will adhere to these suggestions - their own methods which have proved successful - the hazards of winter weather can be greatly decreased.

METHODS AND means of beating winter storms was the objective of a series of "Brainstorm" sessions for Transportation Department employees. In the picture above, James Blaa, superintendent of rapid transit operations; James Roche, district superintendent, Operations Control, and Elmer Milz, superintendent of operations, explain the purpose of the sessions to a group of rapid transit supervisors. Pictured below, Instructors Edward Havlicek and Frank Vitek (in white shirts) check in some operators who attended the sessions at Beverly station.



## Lunt-Touhy Route Extended to Serve Growing Area

A ONE-MILE extension of CTA's Lunt-Touhy (No. 96) bus route to Kedzie and Pratt avenues was approved recently by Chicago Transit Board.

The extension will serve the residential areas west of California avenue along Touhy avenue, the Horwich center, the new condominium development along Kedzie avenue, and the industrial area along Pratt avenue.

Service on the extended portion will be established as soon as the off-street turnaround on Pratt avenue, about 500 feet east of Kedzie, is constructed.

On Mondays through Fridays between 7 a. m. and 7 p. m., certain trips of the Lunt-Touhy route originating at the Morse avenue rapid transit station will operate over the established route via Sheridan, Lunt, and California avenues, and then via Touhy, Kedzie, and Pratt avenues to the new bus turnaround. In addition, certain other trips originating at Howard street and Hermitage avenue will operate over the presently established route via Hermitage avenue, Rogers avenue, and Touhy avenue, and then continue in Touhy, Kedzie, and Pratt avenues to the turnaround.



## Free Turkeys For Suggesters' Yule Dinners

THERE WILL be turkeys for Christmas dinners in the homes of 18 employees who were named for Honorable Mention awards in the report of the Employee Suggestion Plan Committee issued recently.

They received the turkeys for submitting ideas which were deemed worthy of adoption by the committee and which, coupled with another acceptable suggestion within a year, would make them eligible for a cash award of \$25.00 or more.

The winners were: Monica Starzec, Robert C. Lee, Edward Valenta and Charles Bansar, of the Rapid Transit System; Jerry Thomas, Charles Larson and Andrew Peterson, of the Surface System; Jean Galinski, Ted O'Connor, Marlene Wildi, Ed Thorne, Irene Peterson and Frank Tamburrino, of the General Offices; John Kalinowski, Clarke White and George Kuenstle, of the Shops and Equipment Department; Alfred Schuster, Electrical Department,

and Willie Montoye, Construction and Maintenance Department.

Evidence that the revised plan has stimulated employee participation in submission of suggestions is the record for the two-month period ending November 27. During this period the committee received 1,010 suggestions. The committee reports that it is still evaluating many of the ideas sent in for consideration and will make the results known when the final decisions of the studies are complete. Employees are advised to watch the suggestion bulletin boards for the status of their entries.

The CTA exhibit at the 23rd annual convention of the National Association of Suggestion Systems held recently in Chicago won an honorable mention award. The convention was attended by 650 delegates from all parts of the nation. The award winning display was designed by Russell Warnstedt, suggestion coordinator.

## Four Field Offices Moved to West Shops

A NEW office facility, accommodating several units of the Building and Track and Structure Departments, was recently placed in service at West Shops.

The office houses the personnel formerly located in four different areas, namely, Wells Street terminal, Lincoln and Wrightwood, Flounoy yard, and 69th and Emerald.

This is the first step towards consolidating the field force of the Engineering Department, Utility Department, Electrical Department and that part of the Storage Department that compliments the departments mentioned.

The office, as shown in the photograph, was formerly a section of the bus overhaul shop of the Shops and Equipment Department. The large office which now houses the foremen, clerical, and steno-



graphic personnel was a degreasing room for the bus overhaul shop.

The record storage and transfer counting operations also are located in the area formerly occupied by the bus overhaul shop, a move made necessary by the sale of the property at Division and Western.

## New Schedule Signs in Use on Ravenswood Route

PERMANENT ALUMINUM signs with "Early A.M." schedules printed on them are being installed at stations along CTA's Ravenswood rapid transit route to aid early morning riders gauge the time of their trips.

Two signs are being mounted in each of the station buildings between Kimball and Belmont to replace the present cardboard posters. Train arrival

and departure times at the individual stations, from midnight until the morning rush period, are shown on the signs.

The three-color metal signs, 18 inches high by 12 inches wide, have the schedules printed in bold type for easy reading.

Eventually, the permanent signs will be installed at all stations on CTA's rapid transit system.



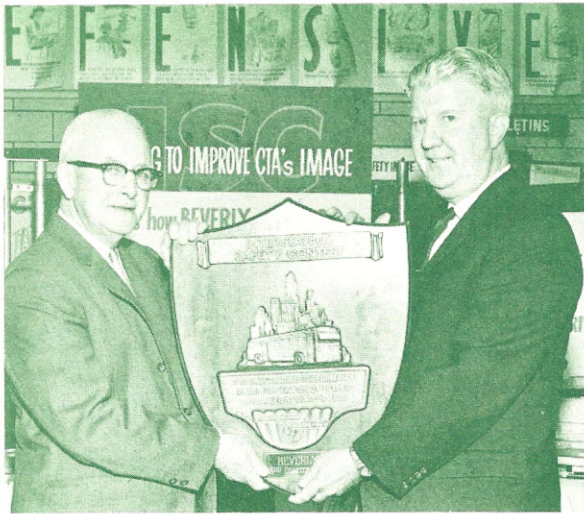
*Merry Christmas!*

*Let us hope the spirit  
of this glorious season will  
remain an inspiration  
to all of us throughout  
the coming year!*

*Thomas M. Olmsted*  
GENERAL MANAGER







BEVERLY WITH a perfect score of 75.00 won the surface system plaque and Logan with a close 74.40 claimed the rapid transit system plaque in the Interstation Safety Contest for the third quarter of the year. Runners-up were Archer with a 50.97 score and Lake with a 63.54 count. The presentations were made to the winners at their respective stations in early November by D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation. In the picture at the left, J. J. O'Connor, superintendent, Beverly, receives the plaque from Mr. Flynn. At the right, Mr. Flynn is flanked by E. J. Heatter, superintendent, Lake and Logan, and J. R. Blaa, superintendent of rapid transit operations.

## EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE OVER \$77,000 TO MERCY CRUSADE

CTA EMPLOYEES subscribed a total of \$77,914.75 in pledges and cash gifts to the 1965-66 Metropolitan Crusade of Mercy Campaign during the system-wide appeal held October 4 to 29.

Employee pledges through authorization of payroll deductions amounted to \$6,210.80 per month. This project over the year, if all authorized deductions remain in effect for the 12 months, amounts to a total of \$74,529.60. An additional \$3,385.15 was collected in non-recurring cash contributions to reach the final figure.

Of the total of 12,196 active employees on the payroll as of October 31, 1965, 10,546 or 86.47 per cent are actively participating in the Crusade of Mercy campaign, either through monthly deductions or cash contributions. In this connection it is noted that 168 employees increased their monthly payroll deductions this year.

Specifically, a total of 9,285 employees as of October 31 had authorized the monthly payroll deductions. This included 592 new pledges during this year's campaign. Cash contributions were made by another 1,261.

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

This year for the first time 55 suburban community chests in the Metropolitan area, members of the Suburban Community Chest Council, participated in the solicitation, in addition to the Community Fund of Chicago and the Mid-West Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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

The money allotted to the Red Cross provides its traditional disaster services, aid to veterans and servicemen and their families, the first aid and water safety programs.

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# Social Security Tax Contributions Higher in 1966

CTA EMPLOYEES will start paying higher social security tax contributions on more of their pay beginning in January, 1966, according to the Social Security Administration.

The social security amendments of 1965, voted by Congress in July, increased the tax contribution rate to 4.2 percent of the first \$6,600 of a worker's earnings, or payments up to a maximum of \$277.20 annually. Workers earning less than \$6,600 will pay proportionately less.

Your contribution, together with matching amounts paid by CTA, are credited to the social security trust funds, which may be used only for social security purposes.

The tax contribution rate of 4.2 percent is slightly higher than the 4.125 percent rate already scheduled to take effect in January before the recent amendments were passed. The 4.125 percent rate would have applied to the first \$4,800 of your 1966 earnings. In 1965, 3.625 percent of the first \$4,800 of your pay for the year was deducted for social security, or up to a maximum of \$174 annually.

The social security deductions, and matching payments by employers, finance monthly retirement and disability benefits to workers and their families and to survivors when the worker dies. In addition to increasing these benefits and broadening their coverage, the new amendments provide hospital insurance for all persons at age 65 under the new "Medicare" program.

You will actually pay two social security contributions. The biggest deduction of 3.85 percent in 1966 will be for the established social security program of retirement, survivors, and disability insurance. The second deduction, much smaller, will go toward hospital insurance under "Medicare" and will amount to 0.35 percent of 1966. The rates are scheduled to increase in succeeding years.

In addition to hospital insurance protection, the 1965 social security amendments also set up a supplementary medical insurance program under "Medicare." This plan will help pay other medical expenses, including doctors' bills. The medical insurance plan will be financed out of \$6 a month premiums, shared half-and-half by the older people who sign up and the Federal Government.

Two examples will help show how the new social security contribution rate and wage base could affect your take home pay.

Suppose you earned \$77 a week in 1965 and expect to earn the same in 1966. This amounts to about \$4,000 a year. If so, you paid about \$2.80 a week as your social security contribution. Under the new law, you will pay \$2.97 each week for social security and \$.27 a week for hospital (or "Medicare") insurance, a total of \$3.24.

Or, assume you earned about \$127 a week in 1965 and expect to have the same earnings in 1966, or about \$6,600 for the year. Your social security deductions were \$4.60 each week until about the end of September, 1965 (when your earnings had reached \$4,800). Under the new law, your social security deductions will be \$4.89 and your "Medicare" deduction will be \$.44, or a total of \$5.33 each week of the year. This is the highest amount anyone will have to pay.

Benefit payments to retired or disabled workers under the new law range up to \$135.90 monthly, depending on the worker's average earnings. A worker may eventually receive as much as \$168 a month, but since this amount is based wholly on the new wage base, it will generally be payable only to people retiring some years from now.

Anyone who has a question about social security is invited to get in touch with his nearest social security district office. Look under Social Security Administration in the telephone book, or ask at your post office, if you do not know the address.

## RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

ALBRECHT, W. R., Repairman, 77th Street  
ALFRED, T. E., Cleaner, 77th Street  
BARTON, G. E., Shops Clerk, South Shops  
BOUDREAU, E. S., Cleaner, Kedzie  
CLINE, W. J., Multilith Operator, General Office  
FOLTA, T. F., Repairman, Kedzie  
JACKSON, S. M., Trackman, Engineering  
KRASOWSKI, J. W., Cleaner, 69th Street  
LAZARZ, R. F., Cleaner, Keeler  
MARRON, RICHARD M., Cleaner, 77th Street  
MARRON, ROBERT E., Cleaner, 77th Street  
McGUIGAN, T. J., Repairman, Limits  
MOORE, L. D., Operator, North Avenue  
O'BRIEN, DAVID F., Graduate Trainee  
RENFRON, D. A., Cleaner, 77th Street

SCHULTZ, T. F., Cleaner, Archer  
WARD, J. A. Jr., Repairman, Keeler

## RECENTLY RETURNED

BRANNIGAN, W. J., Extra Guard, North Section  
BURTS, RALPH Jr., Operator, North Park  
CHANDLER, HENRY L., Operator, North Park  
GREGORY, JOHN, Conductor, West Section  
MATHUS, HERMAN F., Operator, North Park  
NOGA, C. J. Jr., Cleaner, 69th Street  
PRITT, JACKIE L., Motorman, North Section  
STENZEL, R. P., Cleaner, Forest Glen  
WHEATLEY, R. E., Operator, 69th Street



**QUESTION: What do you like most  
about the Christmas season?**

**LOCATION: Accounting Department**



**ROD HEFFERNAN**, General Accounting (with reporter Mable Potthast): "I enjoy shopping for Christmas gifts for the family and watching the children get excited with all the decorations and Santa Claus. Also, this time of year seems to make a person cheerful and happy with the Christmas spirit."



**ANNE GARRITY**, Material & Supply (with reporter Clara Lawrence): "I like everything about the Christmas season, especially when family and friends gather from near and far. It works like magic, transforming people and surroundings into a land of gayety, color, laughter, and good will."



**JOHN ECKEL**, Tabulating Department (with reporter Edward O'Rourke): "The joyful innocent expressions on the faces of our young ones proving that they have been "O so Good" and surely Santa will not forget them. The pleasantries exchanged between friends and strangers alike, wishing one and all, a merry and a happy season. The many store windows which are so gayly decorated and in general, the wonderful warm glow that one feels inside himself."



## INQUIRING REPORTERS: Clara Lawrence,

Eileen Neurauter, Edward O'Rourke,

Joanne Paris, Mable Potthast,

and Marion Sutherland



ESTHER ANDERSON, Payroll Department (with reporter Eileen Neurauter): "I like the hustle and bustle of Christmas, the fragrance of a fresh cut Christmas tree and the lovely aroma of holiday baking that my family will devour to my delight."

MARGE DORGAN, Key Punch Department (with reporter Marion Sutherland): "When the shopping, wrapping, and rushing are over, I enjoy the peace and contentment found in attending midnight mass on Christmas Eve. Here I am reminded of the real meaning of Christmas, Christ's birthday."



WANDA BEKIER, Revenue Accounting Department (with reporter Joanne Paris): "I always thought Santa Claus was someone special until I found out that he was only a legend. Now as I am growing older I love Christmas Eve best because all the hustling and bustling is over, and I can sit back and reminisce. I'm grateful for my memories. I guess I am somewhat of a Scrooge!"





# OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

AS 1965 closes and the year 1966 begins, it is encouraging to note that passenger complaints have decreased noticeably in the past 12 months. The emphasis on good personal service has been implemented by the Courtesy Caravan program and the attention focused on the practice of defensive driving. Though the latter is a safety factor, it also generates customer good will because it provides a smoother ride and indicates a cautious regard for the rider's comfort. This is helping to improve CTA's image.

Operating a transit vehicle is no easy job. It calls for alertness as well as an understanding of human nature. It implies a considerate attitude, and while there are some people who are chronic complainers, they are in the minority. Those who write letters such as the following recognize a job well done by our employees and express their appreciation.

An out-of-town visitor to Chicago records his impressions of CTA service as demonstrated by Operator John W. Mason, badge No. 6244, Kedzie:

"As a stranger in town, I needed information twice as to the route his bus would take. Both times the answer was given clearly and cheerfully. As other passengers in succeeding stops requested directions or information, the driver continued to furnish the answers courteously and concisely.

"In operating his bus in the congestion of the Loop area traffic he was skillful and considerate.

At no time did he become impatient or belligerent. His turns and stops were smoothly accomplished. In his dress and appearance your driver was unusually neat and tidy. I trust that you will indicate to him the very favorable impression he creates on the passengers he carries."

A rider writes this commendatory letter for Operator Robert C. Ruhmann, North Park, who noted his prompt response to a street emergency:

"On my way home this evening I had the pleasure of riding with one of the finest and clear thinking operators I have come in contact with in a long time. The number on his badge is 3215. This was a Broadway northbound bus.

"Just south of Washington Street, parked by the Brunswick building, was an automobile on fire. Your driver stopped the bus, removed the fire extinguisher and proceeded to put out the fire, returned to his bus and went on his way. I am certain that he did not miss a light by the quick, decisive action.

"I thought you should know of this, so I take the time necessary and offer this as a testimonial to a fine man and good public servant."

Return of a lost article through the help and honesty of an employee is always appreciated by a customer. Here is a typical letter:

"This letter is written in recognition of Operator No. 11960 (Elmer E. Kurth, Keeler) for an act of extreme honesty and kindness. Recently on a No. 76 bus he found and returned my handbag, which I had left on his bus on Michigan avenue, with all contents untouched and intact.

"When I learned the lost purse had been recovered, I was extremely relieved, but of course I did not expect the cash to be returned. Certainly it took a man of great integrity to return all lost cash and credit cards unflinchingly.

"I want Mr. Kurth to know how much I appreciate his generous act. This man deserves much admiration, and the Chicago Transit Authority can be proud to have men of such calibre on its staff."

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

	November 1965	October 1965	November 1964
Commendations	163	155	160
Complaints	1,125	1,101	1,413



DIABETES MAY be defined as a chronic disease in which the body is unable to utilize or metabolize the carbohydrates, starches and sugars in the diet. This inability to utilize the starches and sweets, in turn, occurs because the pancreas fails to produce the normal or adequate amount of insulin. Many people think diabetes comes from eating too many sweets. Actually, this is an associated characteristic but again it must be remembered that the deficiency in insulin production is the main cause. This explains why certain people in Group I can eat large amounts of sweets and still not be diabetics. Other people in Group II may eat very few sweets and to their surprise have diabetes.

In Group I there is an adequate supply of insulin present to burn up the starches and thus there is no excess of sugar in the blood.

In Group II there is an insufficient amount of insulin and even those people on a very modest or low starch-sugar diet will show increased blood sugar.

The magnitude of this disease is realized by the statistics which reveal that there are between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 people in the United States afflicted with diabetes. It is even more appalling to learn that about 50 per cent of this number do not know they have this condition until it is discovered by their doctor. Uncontrolled diabetes produces much discomfort, illness, and shortens life expectancy. It thereby decreases our productive power by millions and millions of dollars each year. Diabetes ranks eighth in the leading causes of death in Illinois.

**TYPES OF DIABETES.** For the reason of simplicity let us assume there are two general types of diabetes. The juvenile type is the most severe and always requires insulin. The adult type, which the name implies, develops later in life and is usually mild and often is controlled by diet and oral diabetic pills. Then there is the potential diabetes. In this type the person has no apparent symptoms of the disease and there is no sugar in urine. The condition is discovered by an abnormal glucose tolerance test.

The hereditary nature of the disease is transmitted in a single gene and those with a congenital predisposition usually develop the condition eventually. This has been demonstrated by the identical twin of a diabetic who always develops the disease in time. The same occurs to the offspring of two diabetic parents. Obesity is a predisposing or contributing factor in diabetes.

The symptoms of diabetes may be very mild or severe. In the early potential case there are no symptoms at all. Usually there is increased thirst, visual disturbances, fatigue or tiredness, and loss of weight. Add to the above a history of diabetes in the family, plus an overweight condition and you have fairly strong presumptive evidence of diabetes.

tes. The presence of drowsiness or coma is a late symptom and is only found in advanced cases. Diabetes is also an associated factor in many circulatory disorders, such as hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure, coronary heart disease and peripheral vascular disease.

The diagnosis depends mainly on blood sugar tests. While finding sugar in the urine is most always unmistakable evidence of diabetes, it usually signifies that the condition is well advanced. In this day of modern medicine the urine test for sugar is considered an obsolete and unsatisfactory test for early diabetes. The glucose tolerance test is the only sure and positive laboratory test for the diagnosis of early diabetes.

The successful treatment of diabetes, as in many other diseases, depends upon early diagnosis and also upon the severity of the condition. The juvenile type is the most severe and practically always requires insulin. The outlook for the juvenile is not as good as the adult type. Fortunately, it must be remembered that diabetes is essentially a disease of middle age; four out of five people with diabetes are 45 years old or over.

People developing this disease today can be thankful it did not happen years ago. Diabetes was once a dread disease, but modern medical care has changed the outlook for the better. In the last four decades, since the discovery of insulin, the average span of life for the person with diabetes has increased 18 to 50 percent. In fact an adult with diabetes under treatment today has the same life expectancy as the non-diabetic.

There are only two main parts to the treatment of diabetes. First is the proper diet which is low starch and sugar. The second part is the proper or adequate supply of insulin. This is accomplished either by insulin injections or diabetic tablets orally. The treatment must be followed and controlled periodically throughout life. Diabetes is not curable but when the proper treatment is adhered to, people can carry on business successfully throughout a normal span of life. Many outstanding business and government officials have been diabetics. As a reminder for safe emergency care the wearing of a medic alert insignia, either a wristlet, necklace or card indicating you are a diabetic, is suggested.

The Diabetic Association is doing a good job in arranging free examinations for the detection of this disease.

In conclusion, let me emphasize the regular periodic examinations by your family doctor. He is the proper person to make an early diagnosis and outline the right medical care.

**By Dr. George H. Irwin**  
CTA Medical Consultant



# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (General) -

BEA FRANK, Voucher, and her husband drove to Minoqua, Wisconsin, on her vacation. They went boating and fishing and Bea said their luck was good as they caught some "big ones." Then they drove to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where her husband had been stationed in an army camp many years ago. From there they went to Ontario, Canada, where they ran into a heavy snow storm which cut the Canadian trip short. On the way home, they crossed the Mackinac Bridge, which joins the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of Michigan. The trip was enjoyable and scenery beautiful . . . The father of PHYLLIS WHITE, Voucher, passed away October 30 after an extended illness in a Joliet hospital . . . RUTH HAVLIK, General, her mother and sister, MARIE, Electrical, made a short trip to Washington, D.C., to see their sister off on a European Tour and to pick up Daisy, the family dog, who was to board in Chicago while the sister was away. The East was a riot of beautiful Fall colors. While there they revisited Mount Vernon, the White House, the late President Kennedy's grave and Great Falls Park, Virginia.

- Mable Potthast

## (Revenue) -

Mr. and Mrs. FELIX PALILUNAS gave a reception at their home in Palos Heights following the wedding of Mr. Palilunas' niece, EVELYN CHAPKIN, to STEVE FELIX . . . We all wish a speedy recovery to ALICE ARKIN's husband, BERNARD, who is confined to Illinois Masonic hospital, and welcome back ANN WEINSTOCK who has returned to work after a hospital stay . . . We would like to welcome Transfer Counter RAYMOND PIWNICKI to the family . . . Your scribe asked LOIS JAHNKE to write about the many sights she saw on her trip to the West Indies while on vacation recently. Lois writes: "Visited Antigua and Nelson's Dockyard; Dominica, the most unspoiled island, with its lush vegetation; Martinique with its picturesque fishing villages, and St. Pierre, the former capital, which was completely destroyed in 1902 with the eruption of Mont Pelee; Barbados with its miles of sugar cane. Then to Trinidad which has one of the wonders of the world. Here in Pitch Lake tons of asphalt are being removed all the time. There are also huge coconut plantations. Christian cathedrals, Mohammedan mosques, and Hindu temples can be seen. Then on to Curacao, a little Netherlands, with the famous floating pontoon bridge and floating market."

Being that time of the year again, I'd like to wish one and all the best of the holiday season and good health from all of us in Revenue.

- Joanne Paris

## (Material & Supply) -

After serving our company for forty-four years, EMMA WEBER retired very quietly and with no fanfare, according to her own wishes. MAE KEARNS and IRENE WENKE were on hand, October 29, to wish her well, and welcome her into the "ranks of the retired." The department extends its best wishes for Emma's good health and happiness . . . SARAH O'ROURKE and her husband JOE, drove to Whitefish, Montana, in October. While there, Joe went to the Bob Marshall wilderness for big

game hunting and was fortunate in bagging a bear and an elk, which was very exciting. During this time Sarah took the train to Portland, Oregon, and enjoyed a visit with her sister. They were proud, however, to return with 350 pounds of elk meat.

- Clara Lawrence

## (Budget) -

W. S. COMSTOCK and his wife drove to see their son who lives in historic Lexington, Massachusetts. Going east they crossed Canada up through the Thousand Islands of New York State. In and around the New England states the fall colors were in their finest array. For a different route home they chose the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which is one of the finest scenic routes thru the state. Little traffic and a few straggling tourists were met coming home.

## (Payroll) -

Your scribe and her husband, RUDY, accompanied her father, JOHN MURPHY, to his home in Long Beach, California, after his recuperation from a broken hip and his convalescence in Chicago . . . A luncheon was given for MAE BUJNOWSKI who retired December 1 after 21 years of service. It was held in the M. & M. Club of the Mart on November 29. Many of her co-workers, retirees, and friends attended. Mae intends to loaf for awhile, and if you mention the State of Colorado she beams -- so our guess is she will be taking off for a trip soon. We wish her good luck . . . Sympathy is extended to JOANNE PARIS, Revenue, on the sudden passing of her father, DOMINIC PARIS, a rapid transit conductor on the West Side.

Special notice to all General Office employees who belong to the Rapid Transit Blood Fund: Please get your 1966 cards from EILEEN NEURAUTER (Ext. 2337) as soon as possible. Thank you!

- Eileen Neurauter

## (Tabulating) -

CLARENCE BUTHMAN insured having turkey for Thanksgiving dinner by winning a raffle held annually for and by I.B.M. personnel . . . DAN FRUSOLONE and JOHN ECKEL are both shopping for new automobiles. Santa Claus will more than likely make delivery of both on or before Christmas morning . . . BOB RISE is anxiously awaiting the opening of "Hello Dolly." He ordered main floor seats the day they went on sale. Rich or poor, it's nice to have money!

- Marion Sutherland & Edward O'Rourke

## ARCHER -

Merry Christmas everyone. This is the day when all have a friendly word and a smile on their faces; too bad it can't be like this all year long . . . Operators RUFUS PORTER, HORACE KEMP, and HERBERT HODGE have a bowling team. Operator Porter reported that Kemp can't bowl until he is in the lineup. Operator CLARENCE TAYLOR asked me to pass the word on to Kemp that he will see him at Christmas dinner at his house . . . Op-



## INSIDE NEWS

erator JOHN MEANS is preparing for his annual New Years Eve party . . . Operator WILLIAM CAMPBELL is spending part of his Christmas in Philadelphia . . . Operator BERTELL BURNS is looking and walking like he's all of at least 17 years old . . . We have formed a basketball team comprised of men from Archer. The "Sharp Shooters" from Archer are: Operators JACK "Jumping Jack" STEWARD, JOHN "Big John" SHIELDS, CLAUDE "Spider" BROWN, ALVIN "Snagglepus" CAMPBELL, ROY "Deadeye" ROGERS, and EARNEST "Smiley" JOHNSON. So far they have a perfect record: "0" won and "0" lost; I'll try to inform you on their progress... Merry Christmas again!

- Loid W. Brown

### BEVERLY -

The "Brainstorming" meetings conducted by Instructor BILL SCHWEITZER showed that line instructors can come up with some pretty good ideas. Let us hope that we use some of them in the winter months ahead . . . Operators RED RICKER and JOHN KING were seen one morning comparing cigars. Red claims crooked wine-soaked cigars are very good, but John claims his factory seconds are the best . . . Patrolman THOMAS J. MADRIGAN of the traffic division recently held a drivers test for the La Rabida Knights of Columbus. Supervisor JACK NICHOLSON and District Deputy HENRY MATTICK were high scorers with 76 out of a possible 80 points . . . Pensionier JOE BRADY has a soft touch driving a new station wagon around town. Joe drives the girls from St. Xavier's college to wherever they want to go . . . Operator BERNIE ZESCH has taken his pension. Bernie sold everything, bought a trailer and went to Florida . . . Union Leader scribe JERRY GLEASON and Pensionier ERNIE TOCCI are collecting canned goods for the Christmas poor. There are a lot of poor people in the city who are too proud to ask for charity and these are the ones we are looking for . . . Had the pleasure of having JOHN "Baldy" MALONEY as a passenger on my express bus recently. John is still chewing "Tip Top" tobacco and looks as tough as ever. John was our union steward at 69th for many years and knew how to stand up for a good union man if he was right . . . We express our sympathy to VIRGIL TRIMMER on the loss of his sister; Supervisor FRANK McGLYNN whose mother-in-law died; and BILL MURPHY whose mother died, and to TOM CHOREK whose mother-in-law passed away. We also wish a speedy recovery to IRV "Motorcycle" WAGNER, our old buddy from 69th . . . Received a card from Operator LEO OJEIDA vacationing in the Smokey mountains of North Carolina. Leo must have thought he was driving a bus and stayed right on schedule, driving the 700 miles without a stop.

- Tom Daniels

### ELECTRICAL -

WILLIAM B. MORAN, Broadway Operator, retired on October 1. Mr. Moran had accumulated 22 years of service. We wish him health and happiness . . . November 1, RALPH WHITE, "B" electrician, joined the ranks of retirees from the Electrical Department. A farewell breakfast was attended by 25 of his friends. ANDY BOURNE presented him with a gift. Best wishes were extended by Superintendent C. W. WOLF, C. J. BUCK, and HAROLD COYNE. Sweet rolls and coffee were served with "real" butter and cream. Blue Island chefs, please note . . . Mustangs were designed for the younger

set. I guess working for CTA makes some of us feel pretty young. How about you, Cook? . . . It is said "No news is good news," but without it we cannot have a column. Please let us hear from you.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

### FOREST GLEN -

Operator ELMER HARWOOD joined the ranks of pensioners. We wish him many years of happy retirement . . . Pensioner GEORGE GRIFFIN passed away . . . Clerk HERB SCHMIDT and Vacation Relief Clerk WALLY RINGHOFF spent their vacation on the West Coast of Florida and had "fun in the sun." When I was talking to Herb he was going through the customary procedure which I had experienced in the past, that is, to divide the bags of citrus fruit brought back with him . . . GEORGE "Donut King" FUENTES did a bang-up job as a donut salesman by getting orders for his daughter who was in a school drive to raise money. It was a good cause and George is to be commended for his efforts . . . I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone who helped make the Little Flower raffle a big success. For the last four years, Forest Glen has been able to contribute over \$1,000.00 to this annual event. The proceeds are used to help send young men through the priesthood. As with anything else, it is only through the cooperation of many that you are able to accomplish anything. The same holds true with this column, without your individual contributions there is nothing to publish. I am sure pensioners look forward to reading the column and would like to know what is taking place at Forest Glen. Without your cooperation I have nothing to tell them. But, with the holidays upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the pensioners in Florida and throughout the States, and all who read this column, a blessed and joyful Christmas. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men of good will." With a New Year filled with good health and happiness.

- Frank Carpino

### GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

Good luck to KAREN CURCIO and her husband, TONY, who have left the Chicago area to make their home in Phoenix, Arizona, where Tony has accepted a position with the Goodyear company. NANCY OBERLE, who transferred from Stores, will replace Karen. Nancy worked with us before and we're happy to have her back . . . We also welcomed PAT MURPHY who transferred to us from Employment. Pat's father is an emergency truck chauffeur stationed at North Park.

### (Transportation) -

We're happy to report that your former scribe, JULIE PRINDERVILLE, is now home and feeling wonderful again after undergoing surgery at Oak Park hospital. Julie sends her sincere thanks to all of you who brightened her stay at the hospital with cards and good wishes.

### (Medical) -

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. NOLD on the birth of another son on November 18. They are now the proud parents of six sons and one daughter.

### (Reproduction Services) -

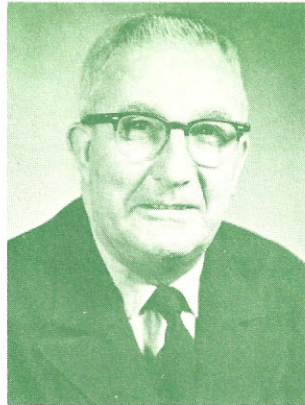
Multilith Operator WILLIAM CLINE is the latest member of our office to enter military service.

- Ann Golding



## NEW PENSIONERS

FRANK J. ADAMS, Radio Telephone Operator,  
District "C", Emp. 12-02-26  
EDWIN O. ANDERSON, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 10-17-27  
HARRY H. BOREN, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 6-22-25  
VINCENT J. BREZINSKY, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 3-10-26  
MAE J. BUJNOWSKI, Payroll Clerk II,  
Accounting, Emp. 11-27-44  
JAMES J. CAREY, Emergency Serv. Helper,  
Utility, Emp. 1-26-42  
RAY B. CATLIN, Conductor,  
Howard, Emp. 8-26-24  
CHARLES CEFFALIO, Electrical Worker "A",  
Skokie, Emp. 5-04-20  
JOHN S. CROSSEN, Supervisor,  
District "A", Emp. 3-23-42  
EVALD C. ERICKSON, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 9-01-42  
DELIA D. HAYES, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 1-21-46  
THOMAS W. JACEK, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 5-03-27  
MARTIN J. JOYCE, Porter,  
North Section, Emp. 6-20-23  
LINCOLN LATHROPE, Conductor,  
West Section, Emp. 3-26-43  
ARTHUR L. MUIR, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 9-13-29  
HELEN A. NEWELL, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 7-31-47  
THEODORE NOOR, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 8-27-42  
MAURICE J. O'TOOLE, Repairman,  
South Shops, Emp. 7-10-42  
JOHN M. PIERSON, File Clerk,  
Claim, Emp. 2-11-26  
STANLEY RADASZEWSKI, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 10-25-43  
VIVIAN REED, Porter,  
West Section, Emp. 10-25-38  
CHARLES SEEBOCK, Collector,  
Kedzie, Emp. 9-01-27  
HAROLD SHURTLEFF, Conductor,  
West Section, Emp. 1-18-26  
LEO STEPHANOWSKI, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 3-20-29  
CHESTER STEVENS, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-05-43  
JOSEPH T. VALCHAR, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 7-23-23



SANTA CLAUS distributed pensions from his bag of gifts to the three men pictured here. The retirees, each with 40 or more years of service, are (left to right, above): JOSEPH T. VALCHAR, RALPH A. WHITE, and (below) MARTIN J. JOYCE.

FLOYD P. VALERIOUS, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 2-26-29  
ADOLPH J. ZACH, Bus Cleaner & Repairman,  
Lawndale, Emp. 6-07-39  
BERNARD F. ZESCH, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 12-19-23

### DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

EDWARD T. CHAPLESKI, Supervisor,  
District "D", Emp. 8-28-47  
CLEVELAND CLAY, Car Cleaner,  
Lake Street, Emp. 8-28-47  
THOMAS J. DUNN, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 4-22-44  
HERMAN C. KOWFELDT, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 3-25-48  
MICHAEL A. ROVELLA, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 9-17-43  
PATRICIA M. TRANT, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 7-25-39

### KEDZIE -

Mr. and Mrs. J. COLLINS, the son of Operator R. COLLINS, had a baby boy November 11 at St. Ann hospital. They named their son WILLIAM. Congratulations to the parents and the grandparents. William is their first grandchild. . . . On our sick list we have Operator S. L. MARKOWITZ; H. JACOBSEN, who is out at Hines hospital; J. JEFFERY, and C. SEABOCK. We hope to see you all back on the job soon. . . . Belated birthday greetings to Operator E. GULLY, and also to JOE FIORITO of the Repair Department. . . . Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. WILLIAMS whose husband, Operator CLAUDE WILLIAMS, passed away on November 19, and to Mrs. E. NOLAN, whose husband, formerly out of Kedzie, passed away November 20. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. DOMINICK on their 55th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of Operator A. DOMINICK. . . . To

all the operators at Kedzie: Once again we improved our accident record and had coffee on the house. Let's keep up the good work. Now that the bad weather is coming, safety first! . . . To all the operators and the men in the Repair Department and their families, your reporter wishes a Merry Christmas.

- Raymond Graham

### KEELER -

Hi fellows! Your scribe is having quite a hard time gathering news to pass on to you. Is it because you are not doing anything news worthy? . . . It seems that the only hunter we have is Clerk RONNIE MILLER. He has the pictures to prove it too. So if you novice hunters want some of the fine points of hunting, see Ronnie. . . .



## INSIDE NEWS

Operator BILL HODGSON and his wife, LORRAINE, vacationed at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Bill says they had a tremendous time, keeping dry that is. It practically rained every day they were there . . . Day Janitor E. GLONKE and his wife, MARTHA, recently celebrated their 39th Wedding Anniversary. Our heartiest congratulations to you both . . . Operator BILL KNUDSEN and his wife, GAIL, are still starry-eyed and proud of each other on their 3rd Wedding Anniversary. They are proud that the other had such good taste in choosing a life partner . . . Our congratulations to little DARLENE KUMBERA on making her First Communion. We are almost as proud of you as papa, Operator L. KUMBERA . . . Operator EDGAR's son, BRUCE, is stationed in San Diego for boat training. This bit of news set Edgar to reminiscing about his army days in World War II. Any printable stories Ed? . . . Operator TISSMAN became a grandfather for the seventh time. The new entry is SHARON DENISE LILLA.

Operator FRANK WAGNER traveled all the way to Iowa to vacation with his grandchildren . . . Happy Birthday to Operator MOON, November 28, and belated birthday wishes to Operator TOMIE PHILLIPS . . . In order to remain in Chicago, I'd better give birthday wishes to my oldest daughter, MYRA, November 10, and to my mother, Mrs. MAGGIE FIELDS and my sister-in-law, YOLANDA, both on November 20 . . . We old vets of wars past would like to say to our present day service men that we are proud of you and the job you are doing. To us, everyday is Veterans Day and whether you are an old pro or just in training camp you are one of the carriers of the torch of freedom . . . Operator A. D. MER-RICK and wife returned from their Southern vacation in time for A. D. to greet his mother, Mrs. VIRGINIA RUSSELL, Mrs. Russell hails from Altus, Oklahoma, and made the trip to Chicago to celebrate her 75th birthday . . . The boys are saving up to give Car Cleaner WILLIE B. KAUDEN some sun glasses. After 20 years on the nite shift, she has transferred to days . . . Welcomed back from the sick list were: Operators FRANK PER-RONI, L. THOMAS, R. MIESZKOWSKI, H. ECHEVERRIA, C. BENNETT, H. BROWNING, and Receiver R. PENNIE . . . Our condolences to Operator M. STOKES on the loss of his father . . . We all are grateful for the re-election of our Board Member, ART SCHNEE . . . Congratulations to Operator W. MOORE and his wife on the arrival of baby daughter, KYRAN LYNETTE MOORE . . . Supervisor Mc INTOSH reminds us that it's the season to be jolly and extra cautious.

- Ernest C. Carter

## PENSIONERS MEET

THE CTA pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 4, at the new Odd Fellows Hall, 4140 16th street, north, St. Petersburg. All CTA pensioners living in the vicinity are invited to attend these meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month at the above time and address.

The Division 308 Pensioners Club of Chicago will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 20, on the 13th floor at 32 W. Randolph street. All retired members of Division 308 are invited to attend these meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at the above time and address.

'TIS THE season to be jolly! VIC and SHIRLEY JOHNSON claim it has been that time of the year ever since their marriage last May 21. Shirley works in the Insurance Department at the Mart, while Vic is employed in the Storeroom at Skokie Shops. Vic's father is an instructor at North Park and Shirley's godfather, JOHN GRACE, is an operator out of Forest Glen.



## LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Agents V. BROWN and MARTIN have joined our pensioners list; also, Logan Square Trainman A. LAWSON. To them we wish many happy pension years . . . We offer our condolences to Agent CHARLES NOREK on the passing of his brother . . . Agent CLARA SALA's son, VINCENT, was married in St. Adrians church on October 23. Afterwards a reception for 155 guests was held at Sokol's Hall. Vincent and his beautiful bride, JOSEPHINE, spent their honeymoon at Niagara Falls. Many years of happiness is wished to these young people. The Sala home has been a busy one. Their young daughter, SUSAN, made her First Holy Communion on Thanksgiving Day . . . Porter STEVE CUNNINGHAM was in the hospital but is now home recovering from surgery . . . Agent DOLL's son, BILL, who is in the air force, was married in London, England. Mr. and Mrs. Doll were unable to attend the wedding but talked to the bride and groom over Trans-Atlantic phone. We wish the young couple the best of everything in their life together . . . Mr. and Mrs. STEVE GECAN celebrated their 27th Wedding Anniversary on October 29. Their daughter and son surprised them with a lovely dinner at the Rustic Manor restaurant. Congratulations, Steve and Eleanor . . . One of our recent pensioners, MADELINE HAYES, wants to thank everyone for their many kindnesses and says she is enjoying her pension. She is happy to be going places and doing what she wants, when she pleases . . . Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Logan Square Trainman DOMINICK PARIS who passed away November 10 . . . We are trying to get a CTA chartered trip planned for the summer of 1966 to Ireland. Those interested should watch the next issue of Transit News for details. We hope to have it worked out by then . . . With a ho! ho!ho! your reporter wishes Happy Holidays to all. We will be seeing you next year.

- Helen Pallister

## LOOP -

Glad to see Agent JUNE BAREKMAN is back on the job after her long illness . . . Agent M. WENSTROM looks so rested after her short vacation . . . Agent JOHN FILIPEK and his wife, with their cub scouts, attended a pow-wow at C.V.S. a few weeks back. They all had a lovely time . . . So sorry I don't have more news at this time. I have been on the sick list since October 14. So I will wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

- Mildred Doyle

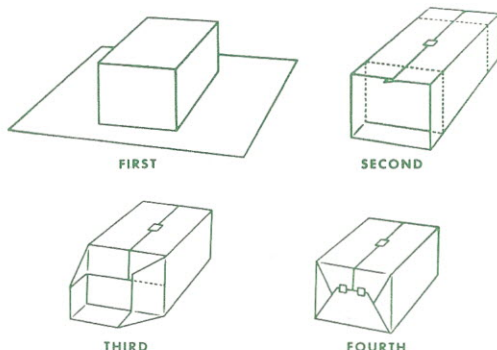


## Make Your Own Gift Wrappings

YOUR CHRISTMAS gifts this year can be more wonderfully exciting -- and better express the spirit with which you give them -- if you take the time to wrap your presents with care and ingenuity. There's no end to the clever devices you can employ, but the important thing is first to understand the fundamentals of gift wrapping.

According to one of America's foremost authorities on the subject, gift-wrapping begins inside the box. Treat every gift as though it were precious and fragile. Wrap your gift in fine white tissue -- wads of cotton, if the gift is small -- and you'll add a touch of elegance. Selecting gift paper can be fun. For small boxes -- the kind used to hold gifts like ties, stockings, or handkerchiefs -- a small, over-all pattern is usually best. Holly, mistletoe, angels; a whole host of small patterns are available. For boxes large enough to hold appliances, a robe, or a large toy, choose a paper with one larger, dominant center design -- a glistening Christmas tree, for example.

With your gift wrapped in tissue and your paper selected, you're ready to wrap. There are four basic steps. First, lay the gift wrapping paper, face down, on a clean, flat surface. Place the box, upside down, on the paper. Try to position the box on the paper so that

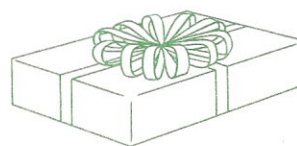


the design will show to the best advantage when wrapping is completed. Then, cut the paper so that it is wide enough to go around the box and overlap two or three inches. The paper should also be cut to extend slightly more than one-half the depth of the box at both ends. Next, fold the paper up and around, overlap and seal with a decorative gummed sticker or with cellophane tape. Finally, as illustrated, fold top ends down tightly and make diagonal creases at the sides and then fold sides in. Seal with a decorative gummed sticker or with cellophane tape. Do the same at the other end.

Now you're ready to tie the package with ribbons and attach decorative bows. There's only one basic method of tying ribbon, but this may be varied by placing the ribbon off center in any direction. Here again, you can use your imagination in selecting the size, type, and texture of ribbon that seems most appropriate. In tying, there are four steps. First, hold the ribbon on top of the package, allowing the short end to extend about six inches beyond the center. Second, bring the ribbon around the length of the package, then at starting point, cross ribbon and bring it around width of box and back to starting



DAISY BOW



## LIMITS -

DARLENE and PAM, daughters of Sanitary Engineer ED FEDEROWICZ, flew to London during November and spent 15 days there. They enjoyed England very much and spent time in London and Liverpool. They were disappointed that they didn't see the Beatles there, but enjoyed the sights, having traveled 1,300 miles in England by train. . . . Operator FRANK PRADZIRSKI, his wife, daughter, and son-in-law enjoyed a four-day trip to the Smokies, Washington, D.C. visiting J. F. Kennedy's grave, and Niagara Falls during the Thanksgiving holiday. . . . Operator FOREST W. ROSS took his pension in November. . . . Operator E. JOHNSON is still confined to Augustana hospital as of this writing. . . . WILLIAM MRUGACZ, brother of our own night Engineer, STANLEY, passed away after 10 years on pension. . . . Mrs. MAY, wife of our Superintendent GEORGE MAY, had the cast removed from her wrist. She found out that showing George how to cook has paid off. He prepares all the meals now. Expect us all for dinner some night, George. . . . Operator JOHN PATHONEN underwent major surgery during November and is improving nicely at home. Hurry back, John.

Clerk JOHN GILMORE has made a speedy recovery from his recent spell in the hospital and is back to work. . . . The League of the Little Flower had one of the largest attendances to date and an inspiring talk by Father PAUL on charity and christianity was enjoyed by all. Committeeman CHARLES HEROLD thanks all at Limits for the good attendance in passing the quota. There were 44 in our chartered bus, piloted by our amiable driver, Operator LEWIS GEISHEIMER. . . . Received a letter from Retired Operator EMIL SCHREIBER who lives in Hendersonville, North Carolina. He and his wife, OLGA, are in the best of health. He praises the mild winters

point. Be sure that the ribbon does not twist on the bottom of the package. Third, cut off the ribbon, but leave four or five inches. This end is then brought over and under the crossed ribbon. Fourth, pull up tightly together and tie a knot.

There are scores of fancy bows you can apply. Two types are especially popular, and they're easy to make. As illustrated, form the ribbon in any number of loops of any length. Tie in the center with another piece of ribbon and attach to package. This is known as a daisy



ROSETTE



bow. In a rosette, as illustrated, form ribbon in loops measuring with forefinger. Tie same as daisy bow. If curling ribbon is used, curl ends by drawing ribbon between thumb and dull edge. To make double rosettes, tie smaller rosette on top.

Now fasten the gift card, and the job is done. If you chose your gift paper thoughtfully, wrapped the package with care, and added an attractive ribbon, it will be quite clear on Christmas day that you care about the person who's getting your gift.



<b>CHRISTMAS CAROLS</b> <p>The festive carols of the Christmas season are known in all parts of the world. Their origin is lost in many cases, but they are thought to be the spontaneous outburst of joyousness of ancient peoples at the Christmas season.</p>	<b>STOCKINGS</b> <p>No one seems to know the origin of hanging up stockings on Christmas eve...In Scandinavia, families place all their shoes together before the fireplace - the legend being that this will cause them to live in harmony throughout the new year.</p>	<b>WREATH</b> <p>Most popular of Christmas decorations is the evergreen wreath. It represents the crown of thorns which was pressed on the brow of Jesus as He hung on the cross. The red berries symbolize drops of blood He shed for us.</p>	<b>SANTA CLAUS</b> <p>The name of Santa Claus derives from Saint Nicholas, the son of a wealthy bishop. When his parents died, Nicholas gave away everything. After his death he was named as the patron saint of children whom he particularly loved. He was called "San Niklaus" by the Germans, and "Sinterklass" by the Dutch. Dutch settlers made it "Santa Claus."</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Legends of Christmas</h2>			
<b>DOWN THE CHIMNEY</b> <p>Why does Santa Claus come down the chimney - at least, on greeting cards and in the ads? The myth which old-time Englishmen favored was that Santa was thereby cleaning the chimney of soot, to allow good luck to enter the house at the New Year.</p>	<b>THE NAME</b> <p>Our name for the day, Christmas, dates back to the 11th century when it was called Cristes Maesse - literally, Christ Mass. The Germans call the day Weihnachtsfest - Holy Night Feast; the French call it Noel, which derives from the Latin Natalis, meaning birthday.</p>	<b>MISTLETOE</b> <p>In ancient times, before the Christian era, mistletoe was gathered during the winter solstice and revered as a symbol of future hope and peace. Enemies, meeting beneath a spray of it, would drop their weapons and embrace, in a gesture of friendship.</p>	<b>THE CHRISTMAS TREE</b> <p>Many legends surround the Christmas tree. One is that an evergreen protected Joseph and Mary and the Infant from Herod's soldiers; another is that the Lord sent heavenly messengers to earth to find a tree "as high as Faith, as eternal as Hope, and as widespread as Love" to symbolize the birth of Jesus. They chose the balsam fir.</p>
<b>CANDLES ON THE TREE</b> <p>Although today we use electrical substitutes to lessen the danger of fires, the use of lighted candles on the Christmas tree goes back hundreds of years to a legend that tiny lights appeared as by a miracle on the evergreens of the forest during the early celebration of the Nativity.</p>	<b>GIFTS</b> <p>It is interesting that Santa Claus is not widely known around the world as a gift-bringer. Mostly, it is the Wise Men who arrive bearing gifts. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the Stars; in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint, while in Denmark it is an elf - Jule-nissen.</p>	<b>THE CRIB</b> <p>Do homes all over the world have Christmas trees? No, it is the crib of the Infant Jesus which is more widely used as a symbol. It is the creche in France, the Nacimiento in Spain, and the Krippe in Germany. In many European countries the crib is carried through the streets by groups of singing children.</p>	<b>LIGHTING OF HOMES</b> <p>Among the ancient legends is that of the Christmas candle. It tells of a shoemaker who lived on the edge of a village. Although a poor man, he placed his candle in the window each night to guide travelers. Despite hardships and illness, his light never wavered. This inspired the villagers and at Christmas nearly every villager placed a candle in his window.</p>

and is looking forward to planting his garden in the spring. He keeps up with Chicago events through the Transit News . . . We had a new pick which started November 23 . . . Operator BOB APITZ and his wife, MYRTLE, are the only husband and wife CTA team who were presented with Employee of the Year cards. Myrtle is the very popular ticket agent at the Mart from 3 to 11 p.m. Their son, BING, is an employee of the Claim Department. Congratulations to this CTA family . . . Operator CHAPPELL is on the sick list at this writing . . . This is the 12th month and my 12th column. A very happy and healthy New Year to all.

- George Clark

### NORTH AVENUE -

Wedding anniversary congratulations to Operator JOSEPH PERNICE and his wife, KATHERINE, who celebrated on December 21; JOHN CASEY, repair department, and his wife, LAVERNE, December 9, and Operator JOSEPH ROCHOWIAK and his wife, ANNA, November 18 . . . Collector JOSEPH FLEISCHMANN and his wife, BARBARA, announced the marriage of their daughter, JOANN, to RONALD GUSTAVSON on November 13 at St. Benedict's church. Our best wishes to the newlyweds. . . Operator EUGENE HASSLER and his wife, ROSE, were recently blessed with a son, TODD WARREN. Congratulations to them and to Operator AL WALKER, who became a grandpa again on November 2 when LORRAINE ANDREA was born to his son and daughter-in-law, Mr.

and Mrs. RONALD WALKER. Ronald is at Limits Depot. We also congratulate Supervisor CHARLES LANGNER and his wife, STELLA, who were presented with their first granddaughter, SAGER, by their son, RICHARD, and his wife, JOCELYN. Richard and his family live in Moline, Illinois. He is now plant controller for the Container Corporation in Rock Island. Their daughter, JOYCE, who lives in Memphis, Tennessee, has two fine sons of whom Charlie and Stella are very proud. They visited Memphis twice last summer and had a wonderful time . . . We welcome new operators L. Hilley, A. Cammon, J. Lamar, J. Bomer, J. Thompson, F. Jones, Albert Orum Estelle Jr., Fred Robinson Jr., Omar Obed Hinojosa, and H. Chandler, who we are glad to have back from military service. The repair department welcomes James King, Gary Long, and Irv Kinsley . . . Garage Clerk MARK DUNDOVICH went to Skokie as an electrician apprentice. RON BENSISH is our new garage clerk . . . JOE PIANTKOWSKI returned to work after a recent illness . . . The boys in the repair department wish the best of luck and happiness to Repairman JOE KOZUBEK who retired November 1 . . . Operator FLORIAN DWIEL has been on the sick list. Operator WILLIAM MORAN underwent surgery. We hope both are fully recovered by now . . . Chief Sanitary Engineer THOMAS FREI took his pension after 40 years with the company. Operator EDWIN ANDERSON, with 38 years of service, and Operator LEE STEPHANOWSKI with 36 years of service also took their pensions. These three men with their friendly smiles will be missed by all and a visit by them will always be welcome. We wish them the best . . . A card



## INSIDE NEWS

to all the boys at North was received from Operator STERLING BOLTON, vacationing in Kansas. He says, "Don't forget to call out the stops." . . . Operator ED SCHNEIDER is vacationing out West, visiting his son who will be married in the near future . . . Operator EDWIN AGUAYO and his wife, ALICE, spent a three-week vacation in Miami, Florida . . . I had a nice visit at my home from Pensioner HAROLD LEMIEUX, now living in Wisconsin. We enjoyed a chat about the good old days over coffee and rolls. Pensioner HARRY FREEMAN also stopped to see me for a few minutes. Pensioner MICHAEL GROCH paid us a visit at North Depot. It's always nice to see old friends . . . Our condolences to these bereaved families: Operator EARL HELGESEN lost his mother October 25; Collector THOMAS SHEEHY lost his daughter, Mrs. THOMAS RYAN, October 28; Pensioner THOMAS SULLIVAN passed away November 18; Pensioner GEORGE RITTER passed away November 5; Pensioner WILLIAM MYLAN departed this life November 14, and Operator OTIS THOMAS lost his wife November 13 . . . I want to thank all the men in each department who helped me with news items each month. There wouldn't be any column without them . . . Once again Christmas is here with it's message of love, hope, and peace on earth. Only there is no peace. Our men are fighting and dying on the other side of the world. As we celebrate this Christmas, let's remember all of these men in our prayers and pray for the peace of God in the world. Without it, there'll always be some Viet Nam, somewhere, claiming the lives of our boys before they've had a chance to live. As we of the Christian faith honor the birth of Our Lord, we carry our burdens to Him. God bless you all, whatever your faith or creed . . . Happy New Year!

- Bill Miedema

### NORTH PARK -

The North Park Credit Union's annual business meeting will be held January 14 at River Park Fieldhouse, 5100 North Francisco avenue, at 8:00 p.m. Election of officers will be held and dividends will be declared. Refreshments will be served with a drawing for door prizes. All members are urged to attend . . . The Little Flower Communion breakfast held on October 31 was well



HAVE GUNS, will travel! - and travel they did - all the way to Milligan, Nebraska. By the looks of those sore feet one might think they walked the distance. But after the clowning ceased, the men got down to some serious business - pheasant hunting! The trip seems to have paid off as they returned with some 20 pheasants. The hunters, all operators out of Beverly, are: TOM CHORAK, CHUCK CALLEN, BILL DOWNS, and PHIL FAVIA.



A GIRL going places in show business is ARLENE, daughter of Operator ANTHONY DEL GUIDICE, Kedzie, shown here with Actor Tab Hunter, with whom she starred in the play "Mr. Roberts" on the summer theatre circuit at the Piccolo Playhouse in Joliet, Illinois. A model and former student at Chicago's Goodman theatre, where she had leading roles in a number of plays, she also has appeared in Hollywood with Pat O'Brien and other well-known personalities of the entertainment world. She is billed as Arlene Drake in her professional appearances.

attended by a large delegation from North Park. Father PAUL and the committee members wish to thank everyone for helping North Park go over their quota again. Repairman PETE MERSCH won an electric razor on the raffle, while MARIO SCALES was awarded a beautiful picture for a door prize . . . Operator DALE PETERS, his wife, SUE, and children relaxed at Texarkana, Arkansas, where Dale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. PETERS, reside. While in Arkansas, Dale and family spent a day with Pensioner BLACKIE NELSON at Mountain Home, Arkansas. Blackie would like to send his regards to all his Chicago friends . . . Operator FRANK VON SCHWEIDLER, his wife, BETTY JANE, and son, FRANK JR., spent their vacation at Niagara Falls, where they honeymooned 20 years ago. The Von Schweidlers also stopped at Detroit and Flint, Michigan, to see how Fords and Buicks are assembled . . . Operator ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION, spent two weeks fishing at Lake Norfork, Arkansas. The Lemkes were able to meet Operator ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH, while there and they spent considerable time fishing and visiting around the area. The bass and trout were in a biting mood for both couples and they had no trouble getting their limit . . . Receiver AL REMACK and his wife, DOROTHY, left O'Hare Field October 9 and landed in Honolulu on the island of Oahu. Al and Dorothy stayed a few days there touring the island by bus. The next stop was Pearl Harbor where they saw the sunken battleships, Utah and Arizona. After this they flew to the outer islands of Mani, Hawaii, and Kawaii, touring them by bus. The Remacks participated in a traditional Hawaiian Luau and entertainment at the famous Lone House in the Hawaiian Village hotel. Al and Dorothy arrived home October 23 after two weeks of marvelous vacationing . . . Operator CHARLEY KEMP and his 13 year old son, GARY, who is starting to show up Pop, caught their quota of pheasants on opening day at Marengo, Illinois . . . Operator CHARLES KNIGHT went on his annual deer and bear hunting expedition at Big Bay, Michigan. Charley had his usual good luck, bagging a 135-pound eight-point buck deer and a 275-pound black



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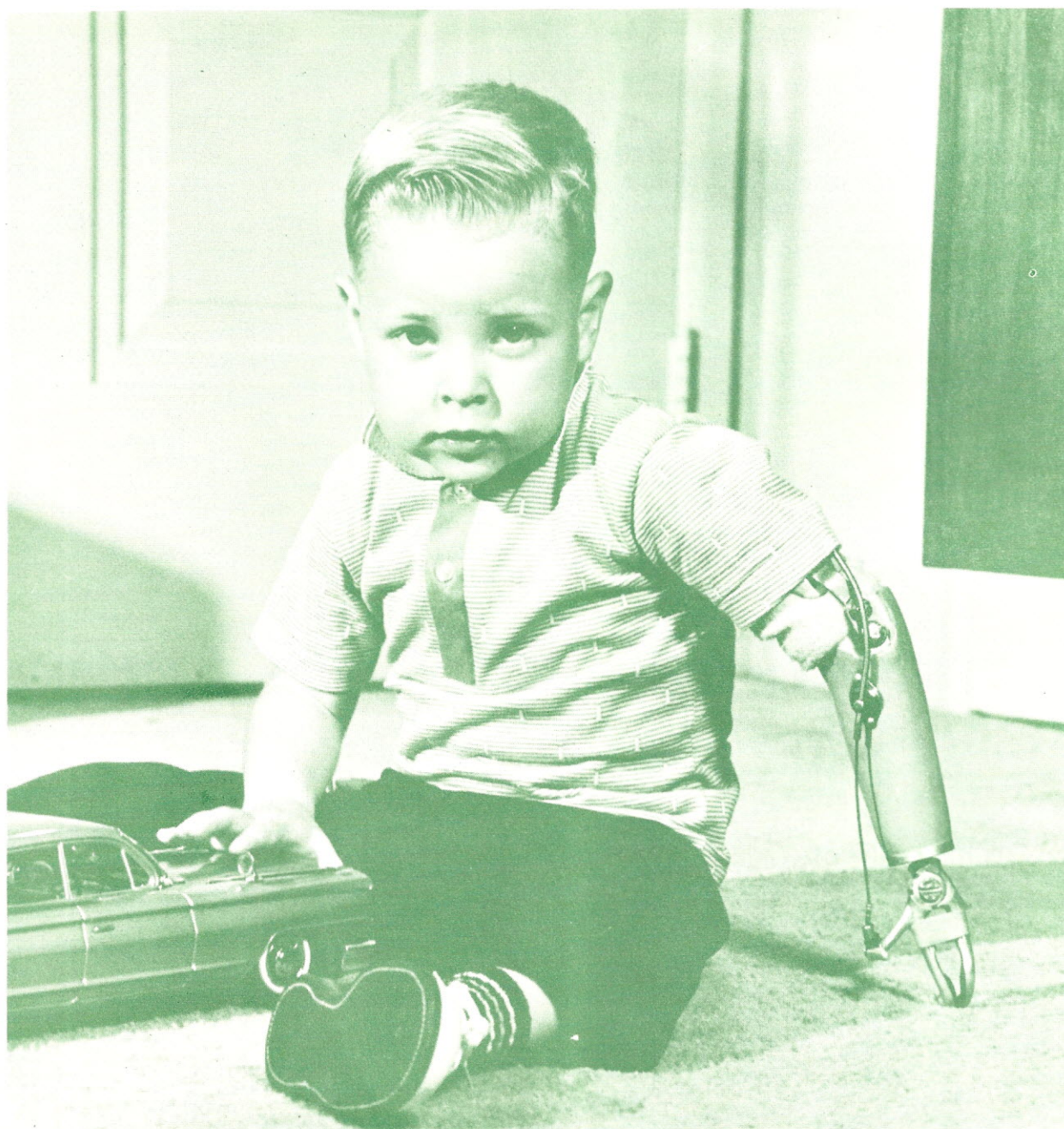
bear. Charley also brought back a number of squirrels . . . Operator GARRET FOY spent a week in Green County, Indiana, with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. BILL BOHNERT, where he had great success quail hunting . . . Operator ARTHUR TROPPE, after a recent operation for hemorrhoids at St. Francis hospital, has returned to work as a clerk, breaking in at North Park . . . Operator ED MC DONALD had the misfortune Halloween evening of seeing his garage and automobile burn to the ground. As of now, nobody knows how the fire started . . . Operator ALVIN BOYD has resumed his college studies again while driving for CTA. Al is attending Mayfair Junior college on his swing and is taking German and mathematics . . . Operator ARNOLD HARMER has become cubmaster of Pathfinder Pack 3155, Bethel Lutheran church, which has four dens of scouts. Arnold, if you need any help contact LEROY CARR . . . MICHAEL SCHRAMM, son of Operator HANK SCHRAMM, has been assigned to the U.S.S. Lester, a destroyer escort, and will see duty in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean areas . . . Operator MARTIN DEVANEY showed up for work an hour earlier than usual one morning. Can he be looking for extra duty? . . . Operator FRED STOWELL and his wife, WILMA, celebrated their 30th anniversary November 27. The Stowells held open house at home and entertained friends and relatives . . . Happy birthdays are extended to Operators AL BOYD, October 20, and CARL SANDBERG, December 29 . . . Our sympathy and condolences to Receiver ED STENZEL on the loss of his wife, JEANETTE; Operator CALDWELL on the loss of his step-daughter, DORIS HICKS, and to Operator JIM HOLMES on the loss of his mother.

All of the office personnel; Superintendents CHARLES KERR, ROBERT CHRISTIAN, and MILES DE WITT; Instructors GEORGE RELSTAB, VICTOR JOHNSON, and ART HIGGINS; and janitors, receivers and clerks wish to extend the seasons greetings to all employees of this station and their families . . . Bus Cleaner BILL STAUNTON and his wife, MARY, enjoyed a delayed honeymoon at Niagara Falls and then moved on to Montreal, Canada. As a grand climax, the Stauntons spent a week at Mackinac Island . . . Repairman MIKE MUSIELSKI and his wife, ALICE, spent their vacation around the Detroit area visiting the Ford Museum and also taking in Greenwich Village. Mike and Alice then went to Wayland, Michigan, where his brother-in-law, TED BOSEK, has a large dairy farm . . . Clerk HAROLD ENWRIGHT and his wife, IRENE, became grandparents for the 10th time when their daughter, Mrs. DOROTHY PARISI, gave birth to a daughter named KATHLEEN MARIE . . . Foreman ED JAEGER is hospitalized at this writing at Vets Hospital on Huron street and everyone is hoping to see Ed back soon . . . Repairmen AL SCARPELLI and LENNY TROZANOWSKI each bagged a deer on their recent hunting excursion and will be having the repair department over for venison steaks . . . JOHN JOYCE, assistant foreman at Archer, is substituting for ED JAEGER and is very appreciative for the cooperation the men are giving him . . . Assistant Foreman JOE COUGHLIN and his wife, DOROTHY, purchased a 1966 Ford Galaxie and drove to Albia, Iowa, to attend the Golden Wedding anniversary of Joe's parents, Mr. & Mrs. THOMAS COUGHLIN. Three of the original bridal party were on hand for the grand event and a great time was had by all . . . Repairman MIKE SCHULTZ has returned to work after being off for five months . . . Pensioner PETE GERGALINI paid a visit to the repair depot and was well received . . . Repairman PAT HARTNETT was home on a furlough from Fort Knox, Kentucky, and at last report he is expecting to ship out to new fields soon . . . Sanitary Engineer

OSCAR ANDERSON and his wife, LOUELLA, spent their vacation touring the Ozarks and were very impressed with the beautiful scenery in this section . . . Operator GENE PORTER, his wife, JUANITA, and son, STEVEN, spent their vacation in the East. Points of interest visited were Washington, D.C., with a tour of the Treasury Department and the Catholic Shrine. The Porters also went to Baltimore, Maryland, and Detroit, Michigan . . . Operator STERLING O'NAN and his wife, BETTY, had a wonderful two weeks of relaxing and dining out in some of Chicago's better restaurants while on vacation . . . Operator DAVID STOVER spent a week at Memphis, Tennessee, where he visited his mother, Mrs. JUANITA STOVER. David, who has a home in Memphis, did quite a bit of work on his property while there . . . Operator CARL SANDBERG and his wife, ELEANOR, spent two weeks in and around Florida. Carl and Eleanor held quite a reunion with his father-in-law, Pensioner HARRY LOGERQUIST, who resides in Hollywood, Florida . . . Operator JIM RENTSCHLER and his wife, HAZEL, along with Jim's mother, Mrs. MYRTLE RENTSCHLER, spent three weeks in and around the State of Florida. Jim, while fishing in the Gulf of Mexico off Yankeetown, Florida, with friends AL BROWN and boat owner HOYT PUCKETTS, had the misfortune to shear a pin in the shaft of the propeller of the boat. After drifting and tossing around for eight hours in rough weather, Jim and friends were rescued by the United States Coast Guard. Jim says that the efforts of prayer were a big factor in his being alive today . . . Operator ART MUIR retired on pension December 1 after 37 years of service. Art and his wife, RUTH, have purchased a home in Forsyth, Missouri, which is located in the Shepard of the Hills section of the Ozark Mountains. Art, who has Lake Taneycomo and Lake Shoals on either side of him, will now be able to fish and live the type of life he always craved.

Pensioner PAUL S. JOHNSON would like to send season greetings to all his friends in Chicago. Paul, whose address is P. O. Box 3250, Indian Lake Estates, Florida 33853, is located 30 miles southeast of Lake Okeechobee and would like to see or hear from his many friends . . . Pensioner JACK KARASEK spent four weeks in California where his son is studying medicine at Stanford university. Jack reports that the fish dinners at Joe Di Maggio's are great. While in Los Angeles, Jack visited with Pensioner SNUFFY BILL SHEA who is a patient in the Vets hospital. Bill's address is William Shea, c/o Vets Administration, Section 8, Los Angeles, California . . . Operator TONY SANSONE spent the first 11 days of his vacation in St. Elizabeth's hospital, where he had 146 stitches due to an automobile accident . . . Operator BILL SMALL and his wife, EUNICE, attended Mrs. Small's family reunion held at Vincennes, Indiana. A gathering of 40 relatives had a great time at the annual event . . . Operator JERRY BUDZISZ and his wife, HELEN, attended a family reunion held at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where Helen's family gathers each year . . . Operator ED and Mrs. ZIENTARA celebrated the marriage of their daughter, BETTY JANE, to LOUIS SKONIECZNY at St. Juliana church on October 23. The reception was held at the Lincolnwood Legion Post with 250 guests. The newlyweds honeymooned in California and Las Vegas and will make their home in Mt. Prospect, Illinois . . . Medical Examiner AL GLUECKERT was married on October 16 to Miss MARGARET NORA GILLESPIE at Saint Lambert's church in Skokie, Illinois. After a short trip the newlyweds will be at home in Skokie, Illinois. Our congratulations to this fine couple . . . Pensioner JOE VAN DEN EEDEN, after returning home from Europe, was injured in an automobile accident when his car was struck in the rear





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## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ROBERT AIREY, 66, 77th Street,  
Emp. 2-21-20. Died 10-25-65  
AXEL R. ANDERSON, 78, South Shops,  
Emp. 5-02-17. Died 10-21-65  
SAMUEL BELL, 61, Archer,  
Emp. 11-24-22. Died 10-06-65  
STANKO BUBALO, 73, Track,  
Emp. 5-02-36. Died 10-18-65  
JAMES BUTLER, 95, South Section,  
Emp. 11-09-01. Died 10-24-65  
PHILIP COHEN, 85, Division,  
Emp. 8-29-08. Died 10-20-65  
JOHN A CHMELINA, 68, 52nd Street,  
Emp. 9-16-19. Died 10-10-65  
PAUL W. DIBBERN 81, North Section  
Emp. 7-13-09. Died 10-19-65  
PHILLIP FINLAND, 62, North Section,  
Emp. 1-8-24. Died 11-1-65  
PETER FRIEL, 64, Const. & Maint.  
Emp. 7-01-26. Died 10-11-65  
JOHN J. HARAZIN, 89, Noble,  
Emp. 2-15-02. Died 10-07-65  
OTTO H. HILDEBRANDT 81, Devon,  
Emp. 10-13-08. Died 10-09-65  
WILLIAM F. HOLTZ, 85, General Office,  
Emp. 4-18-38. Died 10-02-65  
JENS JENSEN, 85, Armitage,  
Emp. 8-25-06. Died 10-11-65  
GERALD J. JORDAN, 71, North Section,  
Emp. 9-13-15. Died 9-23-65  
JAMES J. KALTSAS, 69, 61st Street,  
Emp. 10-14-18. Died 10-19-65  
GEORGE D. KLADIS, 85, Cottage Grove,  
Emp. 7-02-23. Died 10-21-65  
RICHARD H. KOCH, 64, Engineering,  
Emp. 6-24-28. Died 10-17-65  
RUDOLPH LEBER, 65, North Avenue,  
Emp. 2-1-44. Died 10-21-65

GUNNO A. LINDSTEDT, 59, Skokie Shops,  
Emp. 7-01-24. Died 10-07-65  
CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, 75, Stores,  
Emp. 4-17-13. Died 10-03-65  
EARL E. McCULLOCH, 78, West Section  
Emp. 12-13-26. Died 10-14-65  
PATRICK McNAMARA, 86, Electrical,  
Emp. 2-11-10. Died 9-11-65  
WILLIAM F. MICHAELIS, 93, Limits,  
Emp. 12-31-94. Died 10-28-65  
EUGENE NOLAN, 59, West Section,  
Emp. 9-25-29. Died 11-17-65  
HARRY A. O'CONNELL, 72, 77th Street,  
Emp. 1-15-20. Died 10-17-65  
RALPH O'NEIL, 45, 77th Street,  
Emp. 1-2-48. Died 10-11-65  
DOMINIC PARISE, 52, West Section,  
Emp. 12-9-41. Died 11-10-65  
MELVIN N. QUICK, 82, 69th Street,  
Emp. 8-18-14. Died 10-27-65  
FRANK J. RUSKA, 83, Lawndale,  
Emp. 7-24-17. Died 10-22-65  
JOHN A SAVAGE, 83, Burnside,  
Emp. 10-03-18. Died 10-11-65  
JOSEPH SERRITELLA, 86, South Section,  
Emp. 8-20-07. Died 10-13-65  
STANLEY STANKUS 79, South Shops,  
Emp. 7-15-25. Died 9-17-65  
LOUIS J. THOMAS, 84, Lincoln,  
Emp. 7-20-18. Died 10-29-65  
REGINALD Van DYKE, 85, West Section  
Emp. 1-11-12. Died 10-12-65  
CLAUDE WILLIAMS, 48, Kedzie,  
Emp. 9-25-29. Died 11-17-65  
ANTHONY J. WROBLEWSKI, 72, Kedzie,  
Emp. 11-08-13. Died 10-06-65

and forced over an embankment and demolished. Joe was hospitalized for five weeks with a broken arm and dislocated hip . . . Operator SAM MC CULLER has left his bus driving position for a new position as a chauffeur for the CTA working out of Blue Island Garage . . . Repairman FRANK CAHILL has expanded his hobbies now to include raising Shetland ponies and monkeys. Frank has a large ranch in Melrose Park, and in order to keep his grandchildren busy, he has 3 ponies and 2 monkeys at the ranch.

*- Melvin Horning*

### PURCHASING, STORES & SPECIFICATIONS (Purchasing) -

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. HELEN TOTH on the recent loss of her sister.

### (North Division) -

We are happy to report that surgical patients Mrs. A. DiGIOVANNI, Mrs. SAM INGRAFFIA, and Mrs. SAM CANELLA are now home from the hospital and well on the road to good health again . . . Welcome back to DAVE STETCHER, who recently returned from a three-week stay in the hospital! . . . In the last couple of weeks, birthday cakes were enjoyed at Storeroom 42 in honor of two birthday boys, WALTER MILLER and CARMEN CARDOMONE, who are now one year younger! . . . The Stores Department boys made seven Shop boys happy recently by presenting them with certificates for turkeys that they won on the turkey raffle held at the American Legion Hall

(Chas. Roth) in Oak Park on November 13. Sorry none of the Stores Department boys won, but then that's the way it goes.

### (South Division) -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR EGGERT on the recent death of Mrs. Eggert's mother . . . Also, to ZIGMANT MARTIN on the recent death of his brother . . . Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD DeSTEFANO, who are the proud grandparents of a baby boy born October 2 to Mr. and Mrs. JAMES SWANSON. The baby was named JAMIE LYNN.

*- D. Jane Bell*

### SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

GEORGE HANUS and his wife are motoring down to Florida to soak in some sun before the cold weather we're expecting arrives . . . W. P. DEVEREUX, his daughter, and granddaughter flew down to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to visit his daughter, Sister WILLIAMETTE . . . FRANK CORBETT and his family are motoring down to Clinton, Iowa, to visit with his daughter in college . . . Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD FEINBERG celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations to the happy couple and we wish them many more . . . The sympathy of the Schedule Department is extended to our Superintendent, LEROY DUTTON, and family upon the death of his dear



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wife . . . SAM DE SALVO and his wife are flying down to Florida for a winter vacation . . . GERTRUDE ANDERSON, pensioner, visited the office and says her husband, JIM, is doing fine . . . LAURA SCHRECKE, pensioner, came down for a pre-Thanksgiving luncheon with the girls . . . A Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

- Kathryn Batina

### SKOKIE SHOPS -

Your reporter E. E. ENGLAND, and his wife, and ALPHONSE SCHMITZ, upholsterer, and wife, just returned from a very pleasant trip to Florida. While there, we visited ADOLPH DAUS, retired superintendent of Rapid Transit Shops & Terminals, and his wife. Adolph just passed his 87th birthday and feels pretty good. He asked me to say hello to everyone. He thinks of the CTA often and enjoys the magazine. We also visited ERNEST JONES, retired Wilson Avenue foreman, and his wife, LOIS, who live in West Hollywood, Florida. They look good and really enjoy the Florida life. They were very happy to see someone from CTA. We also stopped to see FRED PLATTNER, retired machinist foreman, who looks wonderful, but his wife has been bedridden for a year, which we were sorry to hear; also made a visit to JOSEPH NEBOSKA, retired machinist from Skokie Shop, but did not find him at home. Sorry we missed you, Joe . . . MICHAEL DI PIERO, son of IVO DI PIERO, carpenter, was married December 4 to BECKY COLFY at a 7:30 p.m. candle light service in the United Protestant church, Grays Lake, Illinois. All dresses were hand made, including those of both mothers and of candle lighter JOSINE DI PIERO, daughter of Ivo. Best man was Ivo's son, ROBERT.

- Everett E. England

### TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

RALPH DANIELSON of Congress has started another collection. Now he collects awards for his outstanding stamp exhibit. The two newest ones are the National and the International awards . . . Congratulations to PETE SABADOSA of Congress on his new post as commander of the CTA American Legion . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of JOSEPH MASIARZ of Howard Street on the passing of his mother, and to the family of ED SHIELDS of Congress whose father passed away . . . Congratulations to HENRY DICKERSON, SHELDON RITA, and MIKE VASQUEZ who were graduated from the training course and now have the position of instructors . . . A hearty welcome was extended to ALAN ZUBOR who transferred from 61st Street to Wilson Avenue . . . Sorry to hear that FRANK RIO of Congress had to go back to the hospital for more surgery. Wishes for a complete and speedy recovery are sent to him. It is good news to know that GUS SMEROS, of Kimball, is at home and recuperating from eye surgery. Hope to see Gus back at work real soon . . . ANTHONY J. PORCARO, general foreman, served a term on jury duty. Wonder if he was foreman of the jury, or just one of the underlings? . . . Those who enjoyed vacations with the first touch of winter were Earl Haskell, Thomas Vintan, Marshall Massey, Guy Columbo, Claude Dunlap, Louis Cortopassi, Fred Soehrman, Neil McGill, Ira Farmer, Vincent Dentamaro, and Nick Scimeca . . . Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

- Ray Brzezczek

### SOUTH SECTION -

A Merry, Merry Christmas to everyone . . . Congratulations to Chief Collector PATRICK FLYNN, whose daughter, PATRICIA, was married to RUDOLPH ERANCIG on October 16 at Queen of the Universe church. A reception was held at the V.F.W. Hall at 87th and Throop in the evening. The couple honeymooned in Colorado . . . Good luck to Collector BOB MANDUJANO who transferred to upholsterer apprentice, Shops & Equipment Department, on October 31 . . . A happier man you can't find than Switchman LARRY MEYR, whose wife presented him with a baby girl on November 3, named CHRISTINE MARIE. This now makes two girls and one boy for the Meyr family . . . It is good to see Agents JAMES WIVINIS and DOROTHY MCGEE back working after being on the sick list . . . Retired Agent ROSE HEIDENBLUT is especially proud of two of her grandchildren! KATHY WOLF was elected chairman in the Mt. Greenwood Unit #844 of the American Legion, junior auxiliary, and her brother, GERALD, was elected commander of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #844 . . . Congratulations to Motorman DELMUS ALLEN, whose daughter, DORLEAN ALLEN, was married to WILLIAM BIBBS on October 31 at St. James God in Christ church. Best wishes to the happy couple . . . Conductor JOSEPH KOLMAN, who had been on the sick list for several months, went on disability pension November 1. We all wish you the very best and hope that your health will improve rapidly . . . Greetings and salutations to newly transferred employees from the North and West Sections: THOMAS MCCRAY, HAROLD DECUIT, LESLIE FORNELIUS, WARREN FEAGINS, RICHARD CURRY, ROBERT C. LEE, JAMES BRIDGES, THOMAS JOHNSON, and MARION COLEMAN. Also, to Agent DOUGLAS NELSON, transferred from the Surface Division, and newly hired Agent WILL GRIFFIN Jr. . . . Another new member was added to our grandfather's club: Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER became a grandpa for the first time when little MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER CARRELL made his entrance into this world on September 25. Fred and his wife took a trip down to Austin, Texas, to see his daughter and son-in-law and the new grandson. A good visit was had by all . . . The men in the Shop Department had a nice luncheon for Shop Clerk HENRY PIOTROWSKI, who took his pension on November 1. Best wishes, Hank, for a happy retirement . . . Switchman ERVIN HARRIS was transferred to painter apprentice, South Shops, on November 15 . . . Retired Conductor JAMES BUTLER passed away recently. Our condolences to his family.

The traveling ARTHUR ANDERSONS, assistant station superintendent, have been at it again. They flew out to Salt Lake City and then to San Francisco. While there they spent three days with retired Superintendent of Rapid Transit Operations JOHN HIGGINS and his wife. Mr. Higgins says "hello" to all his friends back in Chicago. He is a consultant engineer for the Bay Area Transportation Company of San Francisco. They all went to dinner one night at Fisherman's Wharf. The Andersons said that Mr. Higgins and his wife made their stay in San Francisco most enjoyable . . . The grandfather's club is really growing! Motorman PAUL SCHILLE became a grandpa for the first time when a little baby girl named BARBARA ANN WARD was born November 5 to his daughter and son-in-law . . . "Hello" to MOSES ASHLEY Jr., son of Motorman MOSES ASHLEY, who has just been employed as a part-time agent . . . Retired laborer of the Track and Structure Department, DOMINICK DIMARIA, visited the boys in the 61st Street frog shop recently. He and his wife have just returned from a three



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month stay in Italy. It was the first time they were back to Italy since 1948 and they enjoyed the trip and visiting with relatives they hadn't seen in years . . . Good wishes to Agents WILLIE PRUITT and MOTEE THURSTON who resigned recently . . . Retired Agent BETTY BUCKLEY, who lives in Hawaii with her daughter, JOSEPHINE FLANDERS and her family, is sure proud of Josephine. She was written up in the Honolulu newspaper recently as the "Personality of the Week." She is in charge of much of the Hawaiian entertainment at Honolulu's major night-spots. She also directs many USO shows, Junior League productions, etc . . . Some more passenger commendations have come in: Conductor WARREN FEAGINS and FRANK PHILLIPS were each commended for their clear and easily understood announcements . . . Come one, come all, to the South Side "L" Credit Union Annual meeting and get-together which will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, January 16, at the Viking Temple, 69th and Emerald avenue. There will be free refreshments and door prizes. I'm sure a good time will be had by all who attend . . . Conductor STAN ZIELINSKI is sure happy about his daughter, CAROL, being such a whiz in high school. She received a typing award for two, five-minute timings, each consisting of 54 words a minute and allowing just one error. She has been typing since the age of six. She also is a good bowler, with an average of 150 in her league. After graduation she plans to go to South Chicago Community Hospital School of Nursing to become a registered nurse . . . I want to take this time to thank everyone for the kind assistance they have given me all year long in making this column possible. So, thanks!

- Verna Hartney

### WEST SECTION -

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. May Santa endow everyone with good health and a prosperous New Year . . . The following men hinted that they would really like for Christmas: Motorman WILLIAM HAWKINS, a whistle from an old 4000; Conductor JAMES LANE, a new JOE MILLER joke book; Conductor JOHN FRAZIER, some of Lane's old jokes; Conductor LEO FORD, a new beep beep; Superintendent MICHAEL VELTRI, a bigger coffee mug; a bigger and louder alarm clock for Conductor ROBERT MCCARTHY, and last but not least, for Clerk LEONARD KUKOWINSKI, anything that will make him smile . . . The son of Motorman MARK FIORE, a guard for the Lane Tech High school, was chosen lineman of the week by the sport writers. Mark Jr. was given a citation for his great playing. The honor was presented during a luncheon at the Quarterback Club where all the stars attended. Mark and his wife were there and were mighty proud . . . MICHAEL BELLEZZO is back after having a nose operation and the doctor did a superb job because he sure is a lot nosier . . . Congratulations to Superintendent JAMES BLAA on his promotion to superintendent of rapid transit operations. I am sure his successor, Superintendent EDWARD HEATER, will continue to make Lake Street line the best on the whole system.

The imitation of a dog by Motorman TOMASKO is so real that his Conductor, JAMES LUDWICK, has been bringing him doggie bags . . . Conductor EUGENE MARCANTONIO and Agent LOUIE BECK have their New Year's resolutions ready, and that is to bankrupt a few more smorgasborg restaurants . . . Condolences to the family of Conductor DOMMINIC PARISE on his recent death. To Pensioner HERBERT HERSHFELT, our deepest sympathy on the death of his wife. Our sympathy also

to Motorman PATRICK BRODERICK on the death of his brother . . . To end this column for this year my wife, son, and I extend to all again a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Santo Siciliano

### 69TH STREET -

Superintendent TOM SCREEN, CARL GIBES, and LEO TAMUL take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you of 69th street station and their families an abundant and joyous holiday season. May health and good fortune bless all of you throughout the coming year . . . Our accident prevention figures for the third quarter of the waning year show a good improvement; we moved our depot to the third spot from seventh in the Interstation competition. Our station superintendent and instruction force think we can close the gap in these last three months. Let's show them they are correct in their thinking, so let's go! . . . The best of everything to ANTHONY and HELEN MROZYSKI on the 36th anniversary of their marriage. Probably the formal "Anthony" does not register, but it is the surname of our head sanitary engineer, "Rosey", who, by the way, also saw 38 years of service on November 11. Also, the anniversary waltz and best wishes go to genial ANDY and ALICE KOHLSTEDT, who had their 30th on October 26. They re-honeymooned in Miami, Florida . . . November was quite a birthday month in the SAM VALLONI household. Daughter, CYNTHIA, was eight, sons RICHARD and DONALD were 28 and 33, respectively, and Grandma GIACOBIE was 95 years young . . . On the sick list at this time we find FRANK ZBOSKWCZ, J. "Motorcycle" WAGNER, and JACK WILSON. We wish all a speedy and complete recovery . . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to BILL CAVANAUGH on the death of his father-in-law, PATRICK GANNON. The late Mr. Gannon was a pensioner out of 77th depot. Also, to GEORGE LAPHAM on the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. RAY LAPHAM; to HANK RISCH on the death of his brother; to Clerk BILL MURPHY on the death of his mother, and to the family of Pensioner M. QUICK on his death.

- William J. Donahue

### 77TH STREET -

Hope everyone had a very nice Thanksgiving and didn't eat too much turkey. To Operator PHILLIP and his son, GARY, we send birthday greetings . . . Sorry to hear that Operator CURLEY RUSSELL's sons were in an accident. Hope they are recovering at this writing . . . Belated, but still glad to hear that Operator GRESHAM and his "best lady" celebrated 18 years of wedded bliss September 7 . . . Here's hoping that by this writing that the "bird man", night car STOKES, will have new caps . . . Operator R. STEWART and his wife, BESSIE, celebrated nine years of married bliss on November 26 . . . Operator EDDIE GILL II was married November 26. That's why he was in the work book--Ha-Ha! . . . Well, comrades, at this writing I'm fresh from vacationing in Atlanta, Georgia, but I didn't have a chance to gather much news. My son, AMOS, spent the week-end of November 20 with me. He was home from the air force for a few days and a good time was had by all . . . One parting note--keep those accidents down and enjoy the holidays. See you next year!

- Amos Foster



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