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TRANSIT NEWS

CTA Board Approves 1966 Budget

New Buses, Capital Improvements Included in Plans for Year

THE 1966 budget for Chicago Transit Authority with estimated revenues of \$142,120,000 that will meet operating expenses and provide several capital improvements was adopted at the December 9 meeting of Chicago Transit Board.

"We are encouraged by the increase in riding during 1965 and have estimated riding to continue this upward trend in 1966," commented George L. DeMent, Board Chairman. "Our concerted efforts to economize, without impairing the safety, speed and efficiency of our services, will continue."

Revenue passengers are estimated at 504,876,000 for 1966, an increase of 2,376,000 over 1965. Passenger figures for 1965 are based on ten months actual and two months estimated. Passenger revenues are estimated to be up \$3,015,500 as a result of the continued increase in riding that was experienced in 1965.

Included in the increase in passenger revenues is the reimbursement received from the State of Illinois for carrying students at reduced fare which will amount to \$2,296,500 more than in 1965. In 1965, \$1,353,500 for reimbursement was included with the revenues for the period of September 15 through December 31.

The proposed operating budget indicates that revenues of \$142,120,000 will be sufficient to meet all operating expenses of \$124,972,000, the debt service requirements budgeted at \$8,127,000, but only \$9,021,000 will be available to meet the \$11,369,600 required to be deposited in the depreciation reserve fund in 1966. In addition, a \$1,146,400 estimated deficiency to be carried over from the year 1965 boosts the total deficit to \$3,495,000.

Although the Trust Agreement requires that 8 per cent of gross revenues be deposited in a depreciation account, the indicated deficit actually is a limiting factor in the amount of money available for the capital budget. Therefore, the capital budget for 1966 includes only that amount that will be available for expenditures.

A total of \$20,143,000 is budgeted for the purchase of passenger equipment and plant improve-

ments in 1966. The funds for capital budget consist of the estimated amount of depreciation provision which will be earned in 1966 (\$9,021,000) plus funds carried over from the previous year to cover authorized expenditures which have not yet been made.

Nearly half the amount, \$10,024,500, will be spent on modern passenger equipment. About 350 new buses will be added to the fleet, of which 150 already are on order. These buses will replace aging units having up to 18 years of heavy-duty service behind them.

Escalators to take the climb out of using the "L" will be installed at State and Van Buren and at State and Lake. One additional escalator will be installed at a location to be selected. For these improvements, \$245,000 is allotted.

An objective, more than 75 years in accomplishing, finally will be achieved with the installation of an automatic train detection and overspeed control system on the Lake rapid transit route. Shortage of capital funds and other priority needs have previously prevented fulfillment of this well-recognized need. Recent breakthroughs in space-age technology will make it possible to produce for the first time a signal right in the driver's cab of each train, with compulsory overriding train control features, at less cost than would have been possible with older, less effective systems. The new budget allots \$700,000 for installation of this equipment, some of which was purchased in December, 1965, at a cost of about \$250,000.

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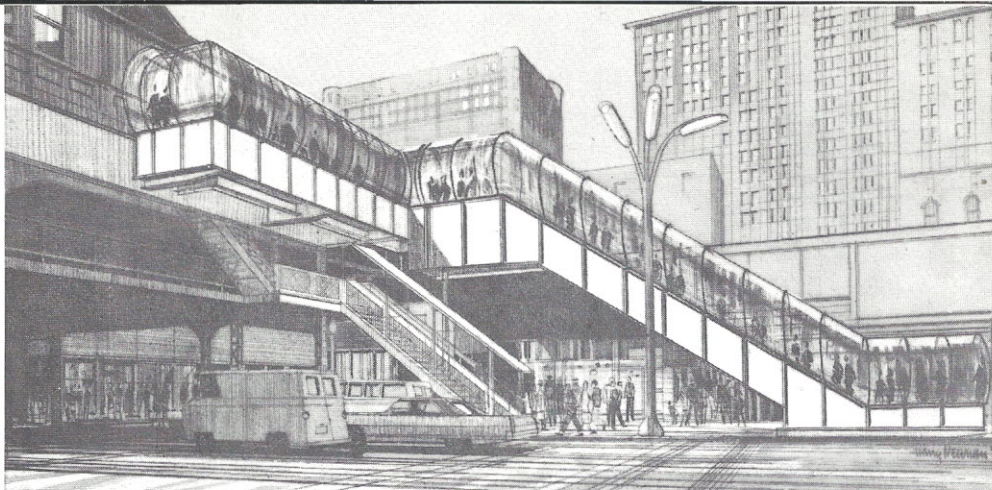
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AMONG THE new improvements provided for in the 1966 budget is the installation of two escalators from sidewalk level to upper loading platforms at State-Van Buren and State-Lake Loop stations, as depicted in the accompanying engineering sketch. These will be the first passenger facilities of their kind in the Loop area and will eliminate a long climb up stairways for CTA patrons.



Another essential project made possible by space-age technology adapted to rapid transit operating needs will be an automatic car identification system. This equipment, for which \$60,000 has been appropriated, will read car numbers of passing cars and compile needed records automatically.

Additional major expenditures planned under the 1966 capital budget are expected to be of indirect benefit to patrons through improved operation, maintenance, and administration. Included in this category is additional work in the 10-year program for modernization of 50-year old power conversion equipment for the rapid transit system. This is a joint venture with the Commonwealth Edison company. CTA's share of the \$1,175,000 cost in 1966 will be \$693,900.

An expenditure of \$1,300,000 is planned for completion of a car servicing shop and terminal yards for the Lake rapid transit route in Forest

Park to replace an obsolete 75-year old plant east of Pulaski road in Chicago. The total cost for terminal facilities at Lake - Harlem will be about \$2,700,000 when all work is completed.

Other capital improvements budgeted for 1966 are: track and yard improvements at Kimball, Logan Square, and Howard terminals -- \$200,000; transportation department office buildings at Congress and Howard terminals--\$315,000; modernizing the heating and ventilating facilities at Archer, Beverly, and North Avenue bus garages--\$275,000; and new bus garage, transportation office building, and bus fueling facilities at 77th and Vincennes -- \$800,000 of the total \$2,600,000 cost of the entire project.

Many desirable improvements, such as the installation of additions to the signal and train control system, had to be eliminated because of the lack of funds.

New Comfort Feature for Buses: Fiberglas Seats

THE FIRST of five CTA buses completely outfitted with modern, comfortable fiberglas seats was placed in service on the 63rd street route on December 28.

Four other 50-passenger buses in the 5500 series are being equipped with the fiberglas seats. All five of the buses will operate on the 63rd street route.

The seats of one-piece construction are made of fire-resistant polyester resin, glass fiber reinforced with a mottled surface created by the random swirl pattern of the glass fibers. The supports for the seats are stainless steel tubing. The seats were purchased from the American Seating company, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The seats are green in color with contoured bucket seats and backs. The 36-inch cross seats conform to the width of seats that have become standard on all CTA buses and rapid transit cars purchased since 1961.

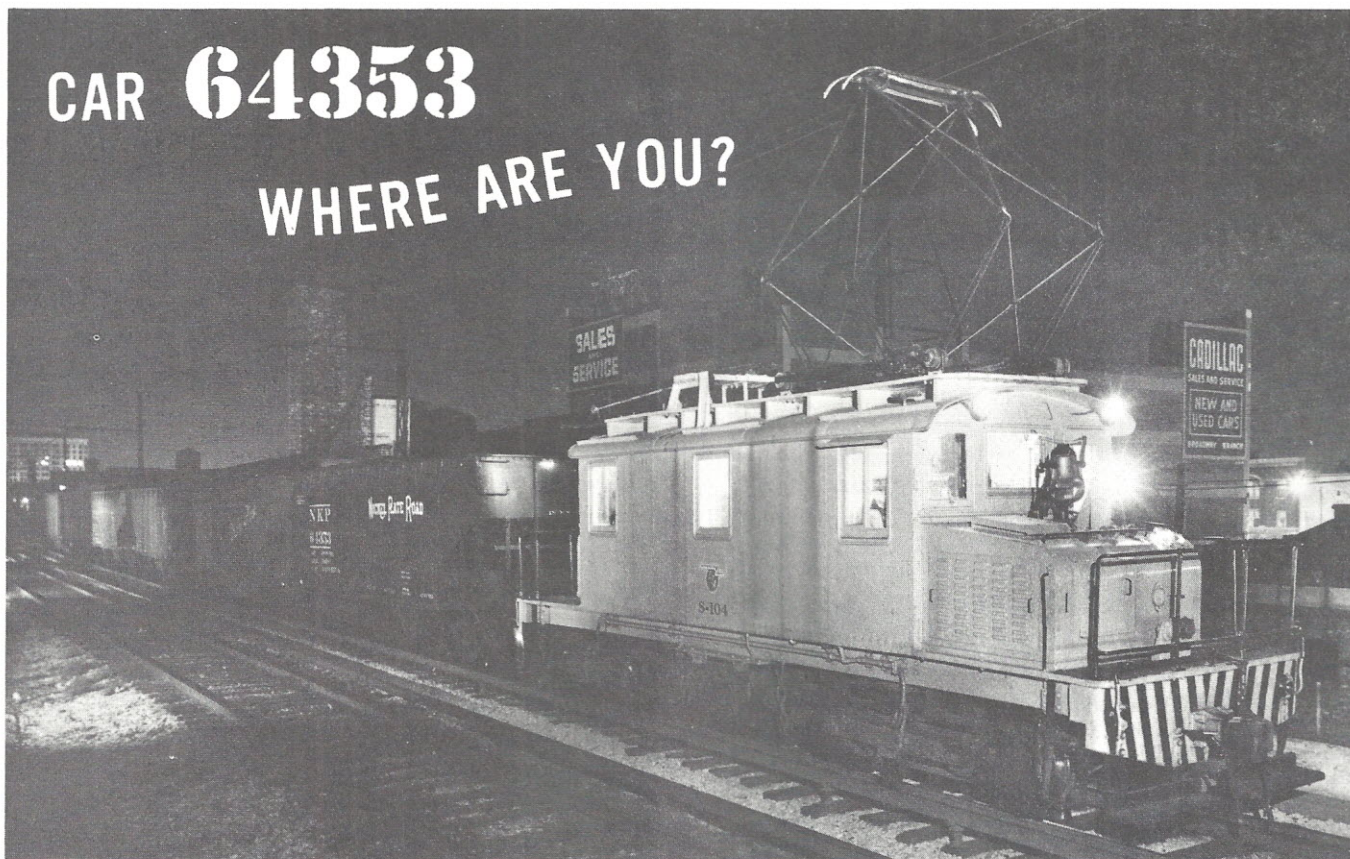
The new seats are designed for comfort as well as durability. It is hoped that the use of fiberglas will help to alleviate the costs for repairing upholstered seats due to vandalism. Seat vandalism amounts to about \$120,000 annually for CTA.

TEST-RIDING A bus equipped with fiberglas seats are two South Shops stenographers, Kathy O'Brien and Sandra Pfund.



CAR 64353

WHERE ARE YOU?



FOR CONDUCTOR Frank Volltrauer, finding car 64353 became an important part of a day's work on a cold wintry night recently. No, he didn't lose his train in the Howard street rapid transit yard. He was just doing his job which, incidentally, is insuring that thousands of Chicagoans will have heat this winter.

Unlike every other CTA conductor, Volltrauer is not on duty to serve passengers--he is in charge of CTA's only freight train and must supply coal cars, such as 64353, to the Lill Coal & Oil company on Chicago's North Side.

When it arrived in Chicago, 64353 was just one of the hundreds of coal cars from coal mines of Illinois, Kentucky, and West Virginia. Soon after its arrival, however, it was sorted out in a railroad classification yard with other cars destined for Lill and earmarked for routing via the Milwaukee Road-CTA ground level Buena Park freight interchange near Irving Park and Kenmore.

When Volltrauer reported to work at 9:30 p.m., he telephoned the CTA Operations Control Center to obtain the coal car "spot list" which Lill had

OPERATING OVER the North-South rapid transit route, locomotive S-104 is shown here near Foster avenue with a freight consist of seven hopper cars bound for the Lill coal yard.

provided earlier in the day. This list calls for the spotting of each car, filled with a particular type of coal, over a certain hopper or coal bin.

With the list in one hand and a lantern in the other, Volltrauer began his tour of the freight yard in search of car numbers, including 64353, which was to be placed on spot No. 4 on the west track over the coal yard.

By 10:15 p.m., when CTA Motorman John Gifford arrived with an electric locomotive and two switchmen, Volltrauer had located each of the cars and was ready to unscramble them and make up the train with a minimum of switching moves. As soon as the consist was complete, the freight train began its trek up the incline onto the elevated structure and north to the coal company at Balmoral avenue.

Providing the nighttime freight service is a year-round job for the CTA, and although Lill receives most of the cars handled, service is also provided to three other locations -- a warehouse at Wilson avenue in Chicago, the Hines Lumber company and a team track (public siding) on Chicago avenue in Evanston. The train normally operates five nights a week, Sunday through Thursday, between 9:30

OUR COVER: One of two locomotives which comprise the motive power behind CTA's nighttime freight service is shown in the ground-level yard near Montrose and Sheridan, where it is starting to ascend the half-mile long incline to the elevated structure.



FREIGHT CONDUCTOR Frank Volltrauer, a veteran of 19 years service on the freight train, is standing alongside car 64353, which had to be located for coupling into the train.

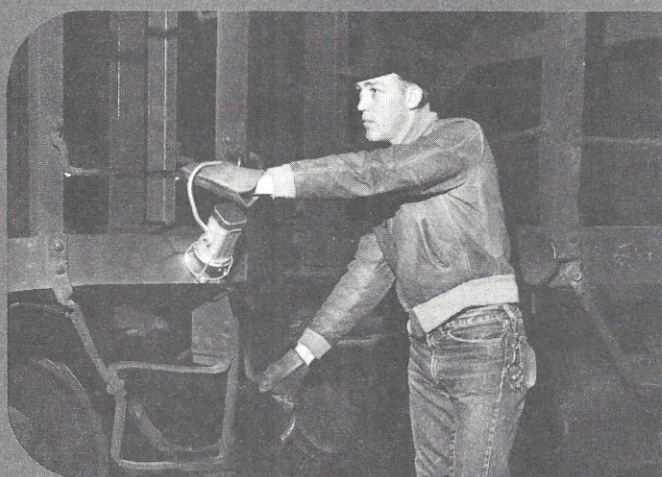
p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Although the number of industries served has decreased in recent years, an historical commitment assures the continuance of service.

A CTA predecessor, the Northwestern Elevated railroad, had its first contact with the freight business in 1908 when the street-level Milwaukee Road tracks north of Wilson avenue were leased for a rapid transit extension. Milwaukee Road passenger service was discontinued; however, freight service continued with steam engines. The Lill Coal company opened its Balmoral avenue yard in 1911.

In 1920, the rapid transit company acquired two 50-ton steeple cab electric locomotives, which were used extensively in constructing the elevated right-of-way north of Wilson avenue. When all trains were shifted to the new tracks in 1921 the locomotives were assigned to and began operating the freight service. On October 1, 1953, all leased property north of Montrose avenue was purchased by CTA from the Milwaukee Road.

In operating the freight service, CTA acts merely as an agent of the Milwaukee Road and is reimbursed for all operating and maintenance expenses incurred.

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AT THE controls of a CTA locomotive (top photo), is Motorman John Gifford who is shown while backing a train into the Lill siding.

GUIDING THE train into the coal yard (center photo) is Extra Switchman Carl Lyday, who is giving hand signals with a fuzee.

A HOPPER car which has been spotted over a coal bin is uncoupled (lower photo) by Extra Switchman James Utter.

THIS LETTER is currently on display at all operating stations. Mr. O'Connor is very proud of the good job operating employees did in 1965. For this reason he requested that the letter be printed in the Transit News for the family and friends of CTA operating employees.

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THOMAS B. O'CONNOR
GENERAL MANAGER

January 12, 1966

To All Operating Personnel:

Thanks for your help in making 1965 a year of great accomplishment for CTA. Your careful operation helped keep our passengers safer than ever and you very nearly set an all time safety record for traffic accidents too - despite the worst weather condition Chicago has had in many years.

This excellent safety record, our improved relations with our customers, and the continued upgrading of our equipment and service have resulted in an increase in customers for CTA in 1965.

This increase in riding gave us the confidence to sign wage agreements which will increase employee wages and benefits by about eleven million dollars a year by the third year of the contract. We must retain all our present riders and attract 90,000 new steady riders - just to cover these additional payroll costs.

We all put our future on the line each time we carry a passenger because the manner in which he is treated, more than anything else, influences his choice to ride CTA again.

I'm very proud of the job you operating employees did in 1965. I know you are proud of these results too. Let's build on these results to make 1966 an even better year for all of us.

Sincerely,

General Manager

Board Awards Contract For New Transportation Office Building at 77th

CHICAGO TRANSIT Board at its January 6 meeting awarded a contract for \$498,370 for the construction of a new Transportation Department office building for CTA's 77th street operating station.

The low bidder for the work was the Duggan-Karasik Construction company, of 2400 Main street, Evanston.

The building for Transportation Department personnel will be located north of 79th street and east of the new overhaul shops at CTA's South Shops complex. It will replace the out-dated office building at 77th street and Vincennes avenue.

Of ranch-style design, the structure will cover 16,000 square feet. It will be constructed of white glazed brick and architectural glass panels. Interior walls will be structural tile and the floors will be terrazzo.

Construction is scheduled for completion by the end of 1966.

The Board also awarded contracts totaling \$948,119 for the purchase of power rectifiers and switchgear equipment for the Illinois and Sedgwick substations and for the installation of power equipment at the 20th street substation. These major purchases are part of CTA's seven-year plan for replacing the existing 25-cycle power equipment with 60-cycle equipment at 19 substations. Expenditures are being shared on a 60-40 basis by CTA and the Commonwealth Edison company.

A contract for \$277,750 also was awarded to the I. T. E. Circuit Breaker company, of 105 W. Adams street, for power rectifiers, transformers, and switchgear equipment for the Illinois street substation at 152 W. Illinois street. For the Sedgwick substation at 1544 Sedgwick street, a contract for \$458,367 was awarded to the General Electric company, of 840 S. Canal street, for rectifiers, transformers and switchgear equipment.

The Meany Electrical Engineering company, of 7657 S. Vincennes avenue, was awarded a \$212,002 contract for the installation of power equipment at the 20th street substation at 2001 S. Dearborn street.

22 Employees Share Suggestion Awards

TWENTY-TWO EMPLOYEES shared cash and honorable mention awards during the month of December according to the report issued by the Employee Suggestion Plan Committee.

Six of the group received checks for \$25.00 each plus turkeys and the other 16 were recipients of turkeys for submitting ideas which were selected for honorable mention. This makes them eligible for a \$25.00 cash award if they send in another suggestion which merits an honorable mention within a year.

The six who qualified for both cash and turkey awards were: Arthur J. Beauchamp, John R. Kalinowski, George Edwards, William Rohe, and Irving Krauledis Sr., all of South Shops, and Alfred C. Schuster, Electrical, Blue Island. Mr. Krauledis also was awarded a \$35.00 award for a second suggestion which he submitted.

Those named for honorable mention awards which entitled them to free turkeys were: Edward P. Henry and Michael McCarthy, Training and Accident Prevention; Michael Castiglione, South Shops; Wilbur Martz and Cornelius Jones, Lake street, rapid transit; Melvin Stoldt, Beverly; Alger Yodual, 77th; Theresa LoCoco, Insurance; Raymond Tieri, Stores; Zeke Jagst, North Park; Joseph Sabol, Schedule-Traffic; Edward Gertz, South Shops; Lee M. Lampley, Beverly; Collette Szczepanek, Transportation, General Offices; Robert Wilinski, Security Officer, and John Pietrowski, Logan, rapid transit.

At the end of 1965, suggestion submissions for the year totaled 2,715, a considerable increase over 1964 when the total was 1,629. During 1965, 154 suggestions were adopted as against 110 the year before.

The special incentive award has been extended from January 1 to April 10 by offering a family-size ham of their choice to all employees who submit an adoptable suggestion. This is in addition to an honorable mention citation or a cash award. Sixty-two suggestions were adopted since the inception of the new plan late in September of last year. In that period, a total of \$450.00 in cash has been awarded.

At this writing the committee was processing additional cash awards whose number will be posted on the suggestion bulletin boards shortly. Winners may claim their award by presenting or sending the stub from the bottom of the suggestion blank to Room 7-190 in the Merchandise Mart.

Office Workers Bring Yule Cheer to Children's Ward

CHRISTMAS HAD a brighter aspect for youngsters in the children's ward at Cook County hospital when two CTA General Office employees decided to make their own holiday more meaningful by sharing it with the less fortunate.

The two are Kay Thompson, Employment, and Maureen Schram, Property Accounting, both typists, who set out to raise funds to buy gifts for the hospitalized children and collected enough from friends and neighbors to provide 250 Christmas packages. On Christmas eve morning the two girls distributed the packages to the appreciative youngsters at the hospital.

When Kay and Maureen told CTA associates of their project they received instant response, including cash contributions. Other funds were raised by the girls ringing doorbells in their neighborhoods. Kay resides in Oak Lawn and Maureen in Berkeley. They were well pleased by the generous amount they collected.

With the help of a co-worker, Walter Garbutt of the Training and Accident Prevention Department, and his wife, Kay and Maureen were able to purchase gifts at a considerable discount, making it possible to stretch their money and obtain real bargain prices.

The girls undertook the project entirely on their own volition. It originated when they both decided to do something for small children for Christmas. After inquiring of various hospitals and orphanages they selected the children's ward at the County hospital for their beneficent act.



TWO ATTRACTIVE young ladies, CTA general office employees, played the role of Santa's helpers on Christmas eve when they distributed gifts to youngsters in Cook County hospital children's ward. Kay Thompson (left), Employment, and Maureen Schram, Property Accounting, collected money from friends and neighbors to buy the toys and games which surround them in the picture.

Both young ladies are 1964 graduates of local high schools. Both have been CTA employees for one and one-half years, and both agreed that they enjoyed the experience of helping others to have a merrier Christmas.

But the biggest thrill of all, they said, came when they saw the happy faces of the children as they opened the gift packages that made the spirit of Christmas very real to all.

John E. Blare Retires After 44 Years of Service

TERMINATING A lengthy career in public transportation, John E. Blare, special consultant to the CTA, retired December 31 after 44 years of service.

Mr. Blare's association with the transit field began in April, 1921, as an employee of the former Chicago Rapid Transit company at the pay of 69

cents per hour. He also worked as a shopman, extra trainman, switchman, conductor, and motorman.

In 1923, Mr. Blare left the elevated organization and was employed as a schedule clerk with the former Chicago Surface Lines. He subsequently became a schedule maker and later was transferred to the Public Relations Department as an assistant to the director.

Following the CTA takeover of local transit properties, he became executive assistant to General Manager Walter J. McCarter, retired, who now is administrator of the National Capital Transportation Agency in Washington, D. C.

At an open house marking his retirement held December 29, Mr. Blare was greeted by his many friends and co-workers, among them James R. Quinn, left, vice-chairman, Chicago Transit Board, and Mrs. Bernice Van der Vries, board member, who presented him gifts and mementoes commemorating the occasion.





WILLIE F. McCLAIN, operator (with reporter Ernest C. Carter): "To fulfill a three-year dream of my wife and I, which is to buy a home of our own."

GERALD E. FELS, operator (top left): "To take my son to Disneyland and on a tour of California."

JERRY JEARAS, operator (left): "I hope for health for my entire family which has been lacking for several years. If this were attained, I would consider 1966 a most wonderful year."

HENRY RICHTER, garage foreman (right): "My hope is that all my sons have a most happy, healthy and prosperous year in 1966."

ALLEN JACKSON, operator (left): "I hope to take my family on an historical sightseeing tour on my vacation, with Washington, D.C., being my first stop. A tour of the White House, Federal Building, and President Kennedy's grave will be among the greatest things we can look forward to."



QUESTION:

What objective for you and your family do you hope to attain in 1966?

LOCATION:

Keeler Station

INQUIRING REPORTER:

Ernest C. Carter



AN IMPORTANT phase of public transportation work - or any job where customers are involved - is courtesy to these customers. It doesn't call for extra service to be courteous. It's just being considerate and helpful in your attitude towards our riders. Courtesy makes life and our jobs so much more pleasant. CTA passengers react favorably to courteous and thoughtful treatment. Letters from riders show that good personal service is appreciated. A few such letters, reprinted here in part, were received recently:

"One of the things most of us fail to do in life is express our appreciation for little things we take for granted, such as saying 'thank you' to our bus driver.

"I have been a resident of Chicago for 14 years and have now moved to California. As a constant CTA rider for those years I want to express my gratitude to the most outstanding and courteous driver I have known, No. 7470 (Frank A. Kouba, Limits). His kindness and consideration to everyone, young and old alike, is beyond belief.

"He waits that extra minute for someone on crutches or crippled to be secure before starting his bus, or waits an extra second for someone to make his bus, where other drivers practically jump the light to avoid picking up one more fare.

"Driving a bus is no picnic; I wouldn't want the job. But No. 7470 makes it seem like play and I have seen customers like myself let two or three buses pass, even though it was cold or raining, just to ride on his bus."

Brief but to the point is this letter commending Thomas J. Quinn, badge No. 12304, North Park operator:

"I am soon going to retire. Perhaps I may not have the opportunity of getting on your bus again. So I would like to thank you for being so kind and considerate to me these past years. The CTA could certainly use more gentlemen like you."

Recovery of articles left on vehicles is reported many times by grateful customers, some of whom have feared they are lost for good. However, alert employees and the Lost and Found service quite often have been able to restore them to the owners as cited in this letter:

OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

"Recently I lost my new glasses on the Howard 'L'. Never having had much faith in any lost and found, I abandoned all hope of ever having the glasses returned. A day later, however, I turned to CTA lost and found. When I telephoned, records were immediately checked out after only minutes I was informed that my glasses were found and I was advised to claim them at the Howard 'L' station.

"I cannot express my joy at retrieving them. I understand they were found by your employe, M. N. Reynolds, badge No. 23147 (Howard-Kimball). This letter is to express my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Reynolds, whose honesty is to be commended, and to the CTA for the prompt, courteous and efficient handling of the matter."

No action by our operators irritates our customers more than passups, and especially so during the winter months, when patrons are left standing in the snow or during extremely cold weather. This is reflected in complaints received by CTA. An example is this letter:

"As a regular CTA customer I have become very dissatisfied with the situation pertaining to buses passing up designated stops. Every evening several of us who board at the same stop have to wait for five or six buses to pass before one decides to stop. These drivers who pass us up are, by no means, operating crowded vehicles. We've even tried taking turns signalling and waving to get the operator's attention, but to no avail."

COMMENT: Aggravating customers by passing them up when the bus is not crowded, except under extreme circumstances, is no way to gain friends for CTA. When an operator of an unfilled bus speeds past a regular stop without opening the door, though the reason for doing so may be to close up a service gap at some other location along the route, patrons waiting on a street corner have no way of knowing this. Naturally, they blame the operator for the passup. This practice should be avoided whenever possible.

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

	December 1965	November 1965	December 1964
Commendations	167	163	168
Complaints	1,114	1,125	1,561

January Retirees Include 15 With 40 or More Years of Service

YEAR-END RETIREMENTS were notable for the number of employes with 40 or more years of service who joined the ranks of CTA pensioners on December 31.

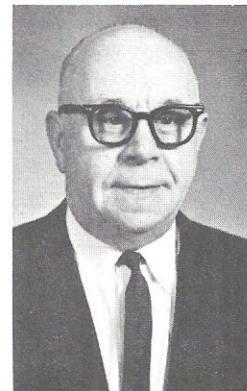
Of the group who terminated their active transit careers as of that date, there were 15 credited with four decades or longer of continuous employment with CTA and predecessor companies. The combined records of the 15 totaled 650 years of service.

Topping the list in seniority was John Horvat, electrician at South Shops, who completed 48 years of service. Next highest on the list were Olive Battersby, control clerk, Accounting Department, and Anthony Anderson, emergency line truck chauffeur, Utility Department, both of whom had 47 years of service.

Pictured in the accompanying photos are some of the new retirees with 40 or more years of service who joined CTA pensioners at the close of the year.



JOHN HORVAT
48 years



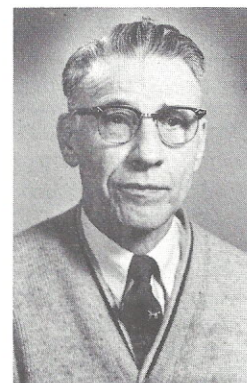
ANTHONY ANDERSON
47 years



OLIVE BATTERSBY
47 years



EMILY URBAN
46 years



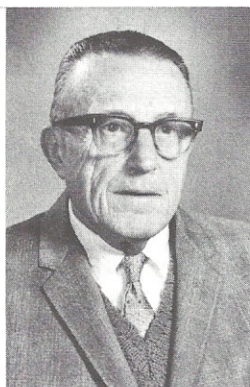
FERN SMITH
44 years



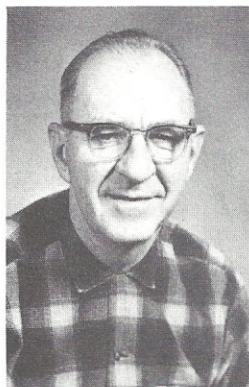
ALBERT O'DOWD
42 years



THOMAS HARTNETT
40 years



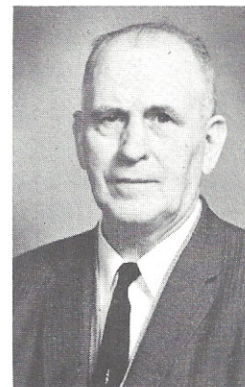
OTTO WEBER
42 years



PETER RECHS
40 years



NORMAN WHITELEY
41 years



EDWARD DURKIN
42 years

Employees Aided by Tuition Reimbursement Plan

THIRTY-ONE EMPLOYEES made 53 separate applications for aid and received more than \$4,000 during 1965, the first full year of CTA's Tuition Reimbursement Plan.

The plan, which was begun on July 1, 1964, provides financial assistance for work-related courses to all full-time employes having more than three months of service.

The majority of persons who benefited from the plan are in CTA's Engineering Departments but the

Accounting, Insurance, Public and Employee Relations, Employment, Training and Accident Prevention, Transportation, and Shops and Equipment Departments were also represented.

All persons interested in attending school for the purpose of improving their job skills are encouraged to join their fellow workers in the use of the tuition aid plan. Their supervisors will be pleased to answer any questions and to provide the required application forms.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin,
CTA Medical Consultant

INSOMNIA (A Very Common Disorder)

ACCORDING TO statistics Americans, generally speaking, are the poorest sleepers in the world. In a recent study it was revealed that 52 per cent of Americans had trouble sleeping. Next in line were the Frenchmen 46 per cent, the Hollanders 43 per cent, the British 41 per cent, the Canadians 41 per cent, the Danes 23 per cent, the Swedes 23 per cent and the Norwegians 15 per cent.

No definite reasons were given for the figures, but we imagine it is because the Americans, as a race, are so ambitious, active, and progressive that they cannot relax enough for sleep. Perhaps excess drinking and smoking play a factor also.

Sleep disturbances in infancy and childhood are rather common. In many instances this characteristic is carried throughout life. Faulty training or some shocking experience, fear or some other emotional upset in early childhood may be the beginning of a poor sleep pattern which may continue throughout life.

Sleeplessness ranks next to headaches and constipation as a frequent complaint. In practically all cases of insomnia, the origin can be traced to some nervous upset.

There are, broadly speaking, three main types of insomnia. In the first type the person has trouble falling asleep. But once he gets to sleep he has no more trouble. The second type is the person in which sleep is broken frequently during the night. The third type includes the individual who falls asleep without any trouble but awakens earlier than usual and is unable to fall asleep again.

There are several theories about sleep. One common theory is that sleep is produced by stimulation of the sleep center. A more likely theory is based on the depression of a wakefulness center. The latter theory seems to be supported by the effect of stimulating drugs, coffee, liquor, nervous tension and worry. The more stimulation by these drugs the less effect on the depression sleep center.

Normal sleep is a normal daily occurrence from the first to the last day of life. Naturally, it is assumed an essential to good health and well-being. Sleep is also thought to be associated with growth and repair of the human body. That is why youngsters require more sleep than adults. Once a person falls asleep, sleep is reportedly deepest in the first two hours.

The management and treatment of insomnia varies according to the age of the person, the duration of the disorder and the general mental and physical characteristics plus many extraneous factors.

First, the treatment should start with proper pediatric care including parental education. The earlier in life causes are discovered the better the results will be. I again want to emphasize that the treatment which helps one patient may not help the next patient.

Establish a bedtime routine and follow it regularly. Stop everything that requires intense mental effort. Don't worry and shed your cares before you shed your clothes.

Try to have a fairly regular retirement hour.

Keep bedroom temperature between 60 and 65 degrees.

Have comfortable and loose fitting bed covers.

Have the decor of your bedroom in keeping with relaxation. Avoid bright stimulating colors.

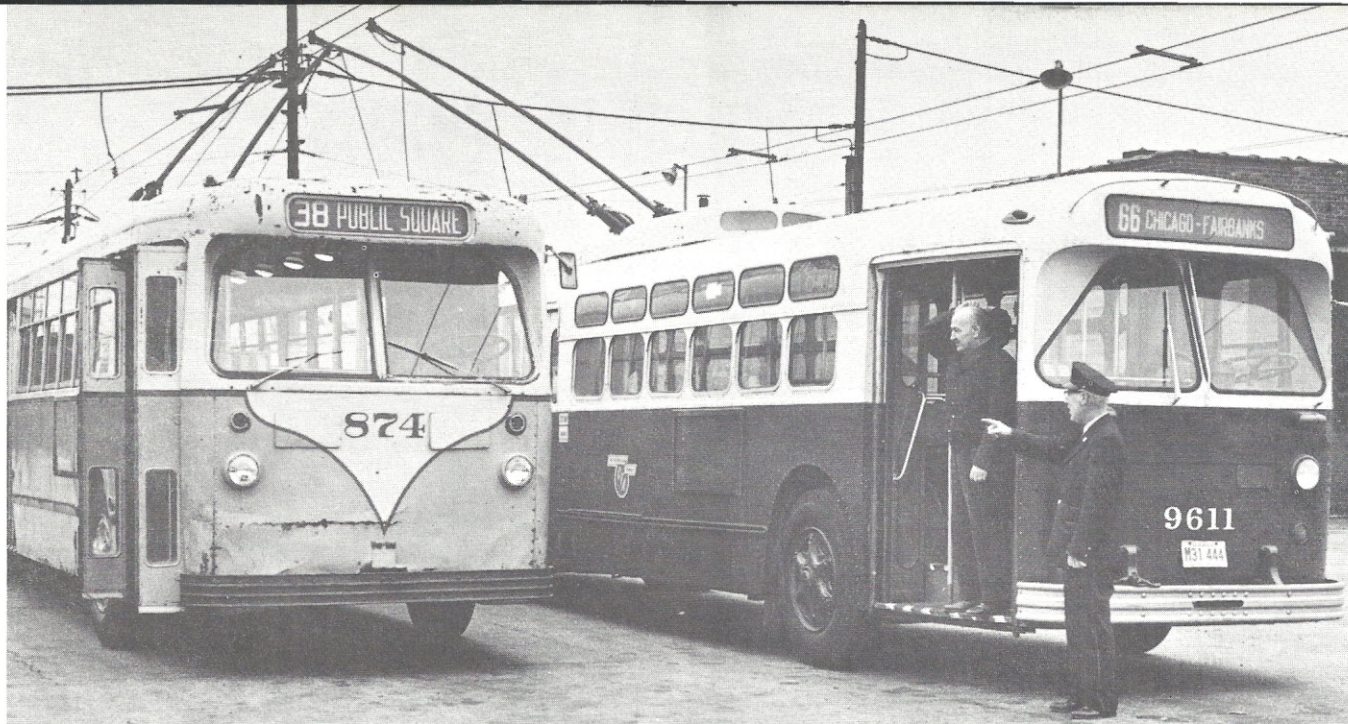
A proper mattress is very important. Generally speaking, a moderately firm mattress is more conducive to sleep than a soft one. Humps or hollows tend to produce muscle irritation which prevents sleep.

Encourage proper mental attitude toward sleep in any way you can. By this I mean that if you find reading before retiring is helpful then by all means read. Others find a light snack is conducive to sleep. Some say a brisk walk or a warm bath is helpful.

One of the best sleep producers I know of is a good hard day's work which is free of strain and emotional stress. This plus a clear conscience at bedtime helps more than anything else.

Do not take or rely upon sleeping pills unless prescribed by the doctor. Sleeping pills and highballs which are frequently used together may make a dangerous situation.

If after following the above general suggestions you fail to get a good night's sleep, then by all means see your family physician.



THIS TROLLEY BUS REALLY GETS AROUND

CTA RIDERS and operating personnel alike were taken by surprise on Sunday, December 19, upon seeing a Cleveland Transit System trolley bus operating on the streets of Chicago -- still sporting its tan and cream paint job.

The thought may have crossed many a mind that CTA was hard pressed for buses but, actually, the unit was in service just the one day and its passengers were transit buffs who bought tickets in advance.

The bus was operated for the Omnibus Society of America, a non-profit organization devoted to

BEWILDERED BY the appearance of a Cleveland trolley bus in the yard at North Avenue station are Operators Louis Urban (left) and Sam Kelly. The visiting vehicle was stored until Sunday, December 19, when it made its debut in Chicago carrying a group of transit fans on a tour of CTA routes.

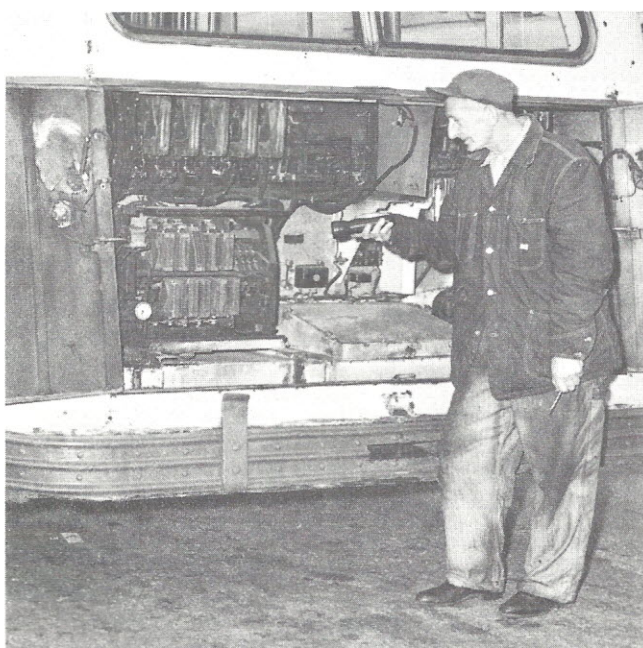
the study of mass transit, whose members own the bus.

Trolley bus 874 was originally built by the Pullman-Standard company in 1949 for United Electric Railways of Providence, R.I. In 1953, the Cleveland Transit System bought the second-hand bus and thus it became what is known in the transit industry as a boomer -- a vehicle that goes from one transit property to another. The unit was subsequently purchased in 1963 by the Omnibus Society and operated on charter trips in Cleveland and later in Johnstown, Pa. The bus was towed from Johnstown for its one-day appearance in Chicago. Its next stop, and final destination, is Union, Illinois, where it will be displayed and eventually operated on the property of the Illinois Railway Museum along with the five other trolley buses owned by the group; which include three former CTA and two Milwaukee Transport buses.

On its tour of CTA's trolley bus facilities the bus traversed more than 60 miles of street and operated on seven of the 14 trolley bus routes.

Operating from the North Avenue station, the bus was piloted by Operator Vito Loconte.

A CLEVELAND Transit System trolley bus may be a stranger to Chicago, but its mechanics are not foreign to Repairman Joseph Piantkowski--a Shops Department employee with 41 years service who has serviced trolley buses since they began operating in Chicago in 1930.



THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

THOMAS, son of WILLIAM FOLTA, asst. general accountant, after completing his basic training in the armored division of the army at Fort Knox, Kentucky, came home on a short furlough for the holidays. Tom formerly worked at Kedzie Garage . . . BARNEY KANE is back to work after recuperating from a short stay in the hospital . . . DENNIS McFADDEN, at the present writing, is at home convalescing nicely from a recent operation . . . ALICE NOVALICH, Voucher, and her husband drove to Florida on vacation. While there Alice became quite ill and passed away November 19 in Key West, Florida . . . A. J. FITZSIMONS, general accountant, became a grandfather for the fifth time when a boy was born to his son, RAYMOND, and wife on November 30. The wee one has been named MATHEW RAYMOND, making a total of five grandchildren: three boys and two girls . . . A letter from CAMILLE GILLIES, retiree from the Accounting Department, states she is now living in California. Camille misses her friends and would appreciate hearing from them. Her address is Pinebrook Guest House, 920 Dewey Avenue, Lafayette, California.

- Mable Potthast

(Material & Supply) -

Two of JOAN GEORGESON's sisters came in from New York and California, respectively, during Joan's vacation to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with her. They all were real "tourists" and took advantage of the interesting museums in Chicago and the surrounding area.

- Clara Lawrence

(Payroll) -

A proud mother was EMILY COYNE when she received a brochure through the mail announcing the selection of color photographs by a San Francisco artist to be shown at the Pasadena Art Museum, the artist being her favorite person, her son, ROBERT COYNE. At present he teaches college in San Mateo. To quote Robert, "Photography is one of the most competitive fields of all professions and the idea of art is never to quit, just keep trying." . . . A retirement luncheon was held for OLIVE BATTERSBY in Henrici's Oak Room in the Merchandise Mart on December 30. Many of her friends and retirees attended. Olive has worked for the Chicago Surface Lines and CTA for 47 years . . . Congratulations are in order for ERNA KARGE and EMILY COYNE on their new positions -- keep up the good work, girls . . . CLAIRE KOCH retiree, was recently operated on and is now well on her way to recovery. So glad to hear from our senior citizens. We are interested in their activities since they retired . . . VI MEYER has just bought herself a new Mustang -- a lush gold tone with black interior. Wow! What a combo! We wish her good luck -- she is a "good" woman driver, men, so watch out.

-Eileen Neurauter

(Revenue) -

Welcome GREGORY PAPALEO. Gregory is our new transfer counter . . . It's hard to find the right words to thank all the wonderful people who sent their condolences on the passing of my father, DOMINIC J. PARISE, November 10. My father worked on the rapid transit out of

Congress Terminal. Thank you and may God bless you all.

-Joanne Paris

(Tabulating) -

CARMELLA PETRELLA gave herself a very nice Christmas present -- she spent her vacation sunning in Florida . . . MARGE DORGAN spent a week's vacation resting up after the holidays . . . A group of girls from CTA, including PAT POLIC and ROSEMARIE DeSTEFANO, had a wonderful time ice skating at Marina City skating rink. A few bruises, but no broken bones.

JOHN ECKEL received a letter of praise from Jack Mabley, Chicago's American Reporter, for his commendable effort in prompting Tabulating personnel to contribute to the "Forgotten Children" fund at the Dixon State hospital. John's action resulted in 49 children receiving a visit from the portly old gentleman, venerable St. Nick . . . EMIL RUSINAK claims that the annual Christmas party for the children held at his Legion post was a "howling" success.

- Marion Sutherland & Edward O'Rourke

ARCHER -

Station Superintendents M. F. HARRINGTON, J. H. LYNCH, and G. D. PEYTON wish the men of Archer a happy and prosperous New Year . . . What is the trouble with our Archer drivers? We have been wrecking every record that we have made! There is no point in trying to keep our schedule when 9 out of 10 times we are taking unnecessary precautions. The company has taught us Defensive Driving tactics, so why not try to use them. We may be good drivers but the motorist next to us may not be. Always reduce your speed in the snow and rain. A number of us wait for a slide to slow down, and because we wait it's often too late. Let's get on the ball men! We have proven that we are capable of good, safe driving, so let's cut down on these accidents! . . . Operator and Union Steward JOHN OGAR informs me that we have quite a number of our operators and a couple of our collectors who are sick at home or in the hospital. I'm sure a card or word from us would make them feel much better. They are Operators L. SZACIK, M. MICK, M. MANTIA, and D. FITZGIBBONS. The collectors are D. MARREN and G. RENTFREW . . . Congratulations to Operator GEORGE COX on the birth of a son and belated congratulations to JOHN BURNS who also had a son . . . We lost three good men to the supervisory staff. Good luck ZEKE WILLIAMS, JOE STEWART and L. DIXON . . . A hearty welcome to RAYMOND RICHARDS and STEVEN NANCE, two new men . . . Operator THEODORE MACK is a true blue woodsman, he hunts every Saturday . . . Operator JOSEPH LATTIMORE has a ring on his finger symbolizing his acceptance of the age old saying "Two can live cheaper than one." Congratulations, Joe, on your recent marriage. By the way, how did you get PAUL DANIELS to put on a suit? . . . As of this writing, the basketball team isn't doing so well . . . Operator DONALD GRANT is the new whist champion around the station. Operator KEMP informs us that Grant will sit up all night just so a duce will take a book

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and then he gets uncontrollable energy with his knowledge of the game . . . On Sunday 47th street is a one-name street! Driving it are Operators Kenneth Brown, Julius Brown, Rick Brown, Claude Brown, James Brown and your reporter. Claude leads Kenneth, and James relieves Kenneth. Now if we could get Valene Brown out there on Sundays.

- Loid W. Brown

BEVERLY -

The holiday season is over and we look forward to 1966, and hope we can duplicate all the honors we won by good defensive driving . . . Supervisor AUGUST SHIMKUS and his wife recently motored to Florida. They took a boat trip from Maimi to Nassau on the good ship Bahama Star. The best part of the trip was on the way back, as they stopped to visit their daughter and son-in-law, who is stationed at England Air Base. Augie was glad to get the car in the garage as he drove over 4,000 miles . . . We express our sympathy to Operator ROBERT BROEKSTRA on the loss of his wife, to Pensionier BILL FARRELL, whose wife died, and JOHN CARR, whose mother passed away . . . RUDY COPROWITZ, our sanitary engineer, has taken his pension and we wish him good luck in the years ahead. Rudy was one of the nicest men we had at Beverly, and we will miss all the good advice he freely handed out . . . Santa Claus came early to the home of Operator C. HOLLEY, as he finally received the adoption papers for the little boy who has been staying with him the past year . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. ROSE NICHOLSON who underwent surgery at Little Company of Mary hospital. Rose is the wife of Pensionier TERRY NICHOLSON, who was a su-

pervisor at 79th and Halsted terminal for many years . . . Pensionier RALPH BRAMLETT, who lives in Longmount, Colorado, has recovered from his recent illness and is eating his favorite pancakes again . . . La Rabida Council #980 Knights of Columbus gave a Christmas party for 150 children and each child received a gift from Santa Claus . . . La Rabida Knights also distributed Christmas baskets to the poor and needy. It made us very happy to hear poor kids say, "Hey mom, we got a turkey for Christmas." . . . Thanks go to Operator RAY HAMMER-SCHMIDT of 69th, Loader JIM GEARY, Union Leader scribe JERRY GLEASON and Pensionier JOHN MALONEY, who know how to roll up their sleeves and get a hard job done. God rewards us in many ways, and many a poor child and mother will say a prayer for men like this who still have time to think of someone else . . . Thanks also to Operator ART GIBSON who offered us the use of his station wagon to make the deliveries.

- Tom Daniels

CONGRESS (Agents) -

Like Christmas toys, New Year's resolutions are soon broken . . . There was great rejoicing at the home of Motorman WALTER MAYSCHAK. He and his wife, MARGARET, each had a grandchild to hold . . . Agent GEORGE GREENEY, who recently retired, helped the children decorate the tree . . . Porter JAMES CLARK and his wife, ARMEDELLA, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary December 15. Their children and grandchildren had a wonderful dinner party for them . . . Agent MARY NOLAN did her Christmas shopping on her vacation . . . Agent HAROLD EVANS, his son, THOMAS, and six-year old grandson all celebrated their birthdays

NEW PENSIONERS

ANTHONY W. ANDERSON, Emerg.
Line Truck Chauf.,
Utility, Emp. 1-15-18
OLIVE BATTERSBY, Control Clk.I,
Accounting, Emp. 5-21-18
GEORGE R. BOHAKEL, Ticket Agt.,
West Section, Emp. 4-14-43
RAYMOND BUFKA, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-19-29
CLARENCE A. BUNDE, Ticket Agt.,
South Section, Emp. 10-11-29
CLIFFORD M. BURKE, Cleaner,
Congress, Emp. 7-24-45
JOHN J. BURKE, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 2-23-22
JAMES BURNS, Machinist,
West Shops, Emp. 2-20-43
LOUIS COCONATO, Car Cleaner,
Kedzie, Emp. 12-08-43
DOUGLAS C. CRON, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 9-02-27
STEPHEN CULLOTON, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 2-14-45
EDWARD DURKIN, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 9-10-23
JOHN FURST, Carpenter "A"
West Shops, Emp. 7-12-43
THOMAS E. GARY, Repairman,
Kedzie, Emp. 4-17-37
ALFRED GREENAWALT, Conductor,
South Section, Emp. 4-10-43

THOMAS GORDON, Cleaner,
77th Street, Emp. 9-10-42
THOMAS HARTNETT, Transfer Clk.,
Engineering, Emp. 4-07-25
JOSEPH J. HAUG, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-03-24
GEORGE HILLEBRAND, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 2-10-43
JOHN P. HORVAT, Elect. Worker,
South Shops, Emp. 4-30-17
FRITZ JOIKE, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 7-03-43
PAUL KOVARIK, Multilith Operator,
General Office, Emp. 1-15-26
GUSTAV KUEFNER, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 3-11-26
ELMER E. KURTH, Operator,
Keeler, Emp. 8-28-28
MARK F. McDONNELL, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-09-27
STANLEY A. MRUGACZ, Janitor,
Limits, Emp. 11-21-23
TRACY G. NORTON, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 3-15-26
ALBERT O'DOWD, Janitor,
77th Street, Emp. 9-19-23
PETER RECHS, Serv. Truck Chauf.,
Utility, Emp. 3-03-25
ARTHUR O. RICHTER, Mail Clerk,
General Office, Emp. 3-02-27

CURTIS ROBINSON, Porter,
North Section, Emp. 10-30-42
SALVATORE SCIABICA, Janitor,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-09-36
FERN E. SMITH, Towerman,
North Section, Emp. 2-17-22
EMILY URBAN, Information Clerk,
General Office, Emp. 12-03-19
OTTO S. WEBER, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 8-27-23
NORMAN A. WHITELEY,
Statementman,
Claim, Emp. 3-24-24
EDWARD J. WISS, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 10-18-26

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

WILLARD E. MESCHER, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 1-07-30
MARION MILAVICH, 'A' Laborer,
West Shops, Emp. 7-01-36
JOSEPH NIMKAVAGE, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 9-14-43
ARNOLD ORLICH, Clerk III
West Shops, Emp. 1-03-44
JOSEPH VONFREIBERG,
Iron Worker Helper,
West Shops, Emp. 1-19-44

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December 25 on the greatest birth date of all . . . Porter AUSTIN YOUNG had a birthday December 24 . . . While on vacation, Agent JOSEPH MIRABELLI saw three hockey games, two football games, and played poker four nights . . . Agent JO DILLON came back very rested from her vacation . . . We extend a great big welcome to the new agents . . . PAT O'BRIEN, former motorman, finally came home from Ireland. We all thought Dan Cupid had him planted under the mistletoe . . . Those who recently joined the ranks of the legion of leisure are Congress Trainman J. CONNELLY, L. C. LATROBE, HAROLD SCHURTTLEFF, and Porter VIVIEN REED . . . LAURENCE FRICOT did his term on jury duty . . . Porter PETE NAUGHTON was in the hospital with pneumonia . . . WILLIAM STRASSER was on the sick list . . . Former Porter PERCY MAY was in the hospital . . . Former Assignment Agent MARGARET QUEENAN had a heart attack and was in St. Anne's hospital . . . Agent BARNEY SOBKOWIAK underwent surgery in a hospital in LaSalle, Illinois . . . Former Agent MADELINE BURROFF was in Mercy hospital for a check up. We are happy to say they are all doing well . . . For some, the holiday season was a big heartache. We wish to extend our sympathy to the families of Agent HARRY HANUSKA whose beloved father, ALOIS HANUSKA, passed away on December 11 . . . To Agent GEORGE PECCHOUS whose father passed away December 4, and to JACK NAUGHTON and his wife on the loss of their son. It is always difficult to find the right words to say at such a time . . . Former Porter LOUIS THOMPSON is in better health and visited his niece in Cleveland during the holiday season . . . I wish all a happy, healthy and prosperous year . . . Student Agent DANIEL BURKE and MARIE WILSON, former student agent, are engaged and will be married next year . . . Student Agent RICHARD MCCARTHY left to take a teaching assignment. We wish him the very best.

- Julia Brousek

CLAIMS -

Greetings! We're both hoping that all of you had a joyous and holy Christmas and a very happy New Year! Hmhmhmhm, how many resolutions will be broken this year? Well, the two of us have made a resolution -- but we need your help! We're having a difficult time gathering news for the magazine, so, if you have any items you think would be of interest, please call it to our attention. Thank you! . . . We'd like to take this opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to CAROLYN HOWARD, BRUCE POPE, KEN CROTZKE, JOHN GILLESPIE, and THOMAS HOUGH, and we'd like also to bid a very fond farewell to MARY KENT. Mary has left the company to become a stewardess with Delta airlines. Her first destination is Atlanta, Georgia, for a five week training period before being permanently assigned to a home base. Good luck to GEORGE SMIDERSKI on his new job, too! . . . We're all hoping that the retirement days of JOHN PIERSON and NORMAN WHITELEY are indeed very enjoyable. Mr. Pierson and Mr. Whiteley have retired from the CTA after a combined 71 years of service . . . BING APITZ is the proud owner of a brand new 1966 Chevy Impala. But JOHN HENNESSY, adjuster, is even beaming more, for his wife, BETTY ANN, presented him with a daughter, MEGAN MARY, on October 4. Another new "daddy" in our department is GEORGE KAHLFELDT, statementman. The new little Kahlfeldt was named BETH ANN --- this makes four for the Kahlfeldts! . . . MELVIN CLAUSEN, statementman, became a grandfather for the second time. The stork delivered little MICHAEL ROBERT on November 7 . . . My fellow scribe became a

"Mrs." on November 6. SANDRA CZOSEK was married to JOHN MAJEWSKI at St. Ferdinand's church. Their lovely reception was held at the Garden Terrace banquet hall. The couple then honeymooned at the Montagu Beach hotel, Nassau, Bahamas. They had a wonderful time swimming, sunning, and taking in the sights.

MARY BERRY was also a globe-trotter. She spent 10 wonderful days in sunny Mexico visiting Mexico City, Taxco, and Acapulco. Seeing the Aztec ruins and the bull fights were just some of the highlights of Mary's trip . . . MARY ANN JAGODZINSKI and her husband, BERNY, went south for their vacation, too. They drove to Miami, Florida, and travelled by boat to the Grand Bahama Island where they took advantage of the tropic sun and beautiful beaches, sunning, swimming, and scuba-diving . . . Florida must be "the place", because VERNON THORNTON and his wife, ANNA, recently vacationed by trailer to Tavares, Siesta Key, Fort Myers, Naples, and Marco Island. This is one trip that Vern didn't come back empty-handed, he caught a 16 lb. snook off a pier at Marco Island . . . We're hoping that CHESTER URBAN, locator, and his family spend many happy days in their new home on south Kostner avenue . . . CYNTHIA GARRO, daughter of SOL GARRO, adjuster, recently was honored by being selected as a member of the court of "Miss Northern" at Northern Illinois university in DeKalb, Illinois . . . A pleasant visit was recently paid to us by BOB LAMONT, a former Claim Department employee, and his beautiful bride. Bob was inducted into the army on December 8.

- Sandy Majewski & Kathy Ashley

ENGINEERING -

Congratulations to the Engineering Department, which contributed \$131.00 to the Good Fellows Fund in lieu of sending Christmas cards . . . Everyone in the Engineering Department wishes you a most happy and blessed New Year . . . We extend our deepest sympathies to MARSHALL FOSTER, bricklayer, whose father died December 10.

- Jean Lysen

ELECTRICAL -

The holiday season this winter was a time of vacation for some of our friends. HARRY and BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI and their wives visited Florida. While traveling they took time to stop and see AIDEN KENNY, a pensioner who resides in Florida . . . ROBERT CORBETT, his wife, and daughter flew to Germany to visit their son who is stationed there in the armed forces . . . VIRGIL KRUSE and his family traveled south to enjoy some of the Florida sunshine . . . Blue Island was made a little brighter by visits from some of our retired friends. We enjoyed seeing GILBERT ANDREWS, THOMAS LANNIGAN, and THOMAS CURRAN . . . Mr. and Mrs. JOHN VARSVILLAS are to be congratulated on their 25th wedding anniversary . . . Our thanks to BOB BOOTH for the beautiful Christmas decorations at Blue Island.

Lineman Helper BOB HORMEL became a father for the third time recently when his wife, ROSEMARIE, gave birth to a baby boy. The newest addition to the Hormal family was named JAMES ROBERT . . . On the sick list at this time we find Electrical dispatch clerk WALTER OLSON and Lineman ED DURAL. We all wish them the very best, and hope that their health will improve rapidly . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to "B" Main-

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tainer ARTHUR MAXWELL on the loss of his uncle who passed away on December 19 . . . Belated birthday greetings are extended to Third Rail Construction Foreman CHARLEY KNUTSON, and to Light Maintenance Foreman SIGMUND DOBOSIEWICZ . . . Pensioners who paid us a visit at the shop recently were BILL EGAR, TOM CALMULET, and JIM McANDREWS. They were all well and are enjoying retired life to the fullest . . . Taking their winter vacations at this time are GORDON BITTOURNIA, PAT DEVITT, DON GIERHAHN, CURT HOLIBAUGH, JIM KELLY, and BERNARD McCORMICK. Have a good time fellows.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

GENERAL OFFICE (Research & Planning) -

JAMES TOOLIS and his wife, ROSE, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. An anniversary mass was attended by Jim's family and later a reception was held at Sacred Heart's Parish hall, where over 300 guests were present to extend best wishes to Jim and Rose.

(Employment) -

Sympathy was extended to DOROTHY COUGHLIN on the death of her mother, Mrs. MARGARET MORAN, on December 6.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

GERALD BLAIR was extended best wishes with his new job at South Shops. He was the successful bidder.

(Reproduction Services) -

JIM RIZZUTO has returned to his Multilith Machine after serving two years in the Army. Jim saw action in Santa Domingo . . . TERRY LATTIN is the latest member of Reproduction Services to be called into service . . . PAUL KOVARIK took his well earned pension on January 1. Paul had almost forty years of service, most of them as an operator out of Archer station . . . At this writing DOROTHY WILHELM is still recuperating from surgery. Hurry back, Dorothy, we all miss you.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEDZIE -

Congratulations to Operator EDWARD BARRY who was married November 27 at Resurrection church. Mr. and Mrs. Barry held their reception at The Mansion on 63rd st. There were about 400 people in attendance. The service and food were unexcelled. Everyone had a grand time. The newlyweds flew to Niagara Falls, Boston and New York on their honeymoon . . . Operator J. SPRAGS and family moved to their new home. Their son, JAMES Jr., took their dog out without a leash and the dog ran away. For two weeks the Sprags looked for King. They called the Anti-Cruelty Society but no luck. After two weeks the unexpected happened, King came home by himself. What a reunion! Now James Jr. never leaves the leash behind . . . Operator DONALD and Mrs. WILSON celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 1. A surprise party was held at Aletto's Cottage Inn in Lyons, Illinois. It was attended by relatives and friends of the happy couple. They received gifts of silver. It was a surprise for the Wilsons and something to remember for years to come. Don presented his wife with a beautiful diamond ring and Mrs. Wilson gave her husband an electric wrist watch . . . Operator E. MICEK

and his wife celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on December 15 . . . Operator JOSEPH GILLIO and his wife celebrated their 25th anniversary December 1 at Marquinte Lounge. To share in this happy occasion was their daughter and son-in-law and sister-in-law . . . Our deepest sympathy to Operator T. FILIPIAK whose wife passed away . . . Retiring from service is LOUIS COGNATO and TOM GARY. Both men work in the Repair Department. Many happy years to both of you.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Hi fellows! A happy and prosperous New Year to you all . . . The old year didn't do too bad for Operator M. ROSSILLE and Operator PERCE. Both fellows surprised their families with new cars . . . Day Janitor E. GLONKE's daughter, PAT, made him a grandpa for the ninth time. The new arrival was named DONALD . . . Congratulations to Operator WILLIAM FOX and his wife, ROSEMARY, on their 25th anniversary. Now I know where all the silver coins have been going; friends saving them for the Foxes . . . Operator GEORGE SCOTT became a proud papa December 18 - twas a baby girl . . . All our best wishes to Operator N. GIBSON and SHIRLEY DEDMON who effected a merger December 18 . . . Welcome back to Operator FRANK NEUMAN from a three-week illness . . . It's six-year anniversary wishes to Operator W. KARSTENS and his wife, MARGARITE . . . Birthday greetings to: Operator J. FITZPATRICK, December 10; Operator TED BARRETT, December 17; Janitor SY GOLDMAN's wife, PEARL, December 18; Operator D. SEGAR, December 20; Operator G. DEARMAN, December 25, and Operator CHARLES BENNETT, January 1 . . . Operator WHITEY SZYMELL says he'll spend his vacation around home starting January 10. Our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, HELEN . . . Others enjoying winter vacations are: Operators E. STROH, L. KETTERING, I. SCHANK, and C. PETERSON. Also, Chief Clerk ELMER RIEDEL who is flying to North Hollywood, California, and Day Janitor SY GOLDMAN . . . Our tip for the new year: "Politeness is an inexpensive way of making friends." . . . See you next month!

- Ernest C. Carter

FOREST GLEN -

Now that Santa and the reindeer have disappeared into thin air, the birthday of the Christ child honored, and the paper hats and noisemakers stored away, we can all settle down and look forward to what the New Year has in store for us . . . CHESTER STEVENS joined the ranks of pensioners. We wish him many years of happy retirement. The people on Lawrence ave. will miss him be-

50 YEARS of wedded bliss were celebrated on November 24 by PAUL and ANNA BURANDT. Mr. Burandt was employed by the Chicago Surface Lines and the CTA for 45 years prior to his retirement nine years ago.



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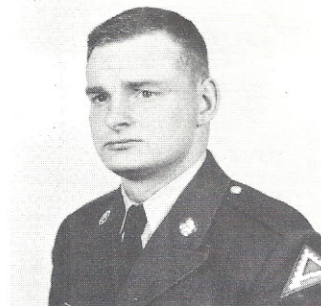
cause he had a terrific personality and was a good mixer . . . We welcome back Sanitary Engineer HENRY SCHOFFEN who had been off due to illness . . . Newcomers to the world are a baby girl for Operator CHRIS and ALICE GILBERT, and a set of twins (boys) for Operator JOE and LILLIAN ROQUE. Congratulations, and may the new additions fill your hearts with many years of happiness . . . EDWIN STOBART was elected for position #2, board member, no opposition. But there was a run-off for position #1 between ANDY KOHLAR and NORMAN MACY. Andy was elected and expresses his appreciation to all those who supported him in his victory . . . Operator MARTIN DEL CONTE and his wife, AUDREY, vacationed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for a week and visited the elder DEL CONTE . . . Operator SVERRE JOHNSON and his wife celebrated their 25th anniversary on October 12. Their daughter, PATRICIA, was married to DANIEL ROUMPOS on November 13 at Christ the King church in Wonder Lake, Illinois. We would like to congratulate the happy couple who are now residing in Spring Grove, Illinois. Johnson also celebrated 25 years with the CTA on November 22. I wonder if he bought drinks for the car-pool riders on the way home . . . Our two Sanitary Engineers, HENRY SCHOFFEN and CHARLEY ANDREWS, did a beautiful job decorating the trainroom with lights, Santa, and all the trimmings . . . Deceased in the past month were FRANK WEST, former operator from Forest Glen, the mother of Operator WILBUR LAKOFKA, and the father of Operator WALTER REICH . . . Pensioner FRED BARTZ and his wife, FRIEDA, who have retired in St. Petersburg, Florida, celebrated their 50th anniversary in November and were honored with a party which was attended by numerous friends and relatives. I would like to wish the happy couple countless years of good health and happiness in the future.

- Frank Carpins

LIMITS -

Operator MARVIN ROBERTSON is a ham radio operator and has had lots of fun the past two years. He picks up foreign countries and to date has contacted 41 in all. He recently contacted a fellow ham operator in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. After informing him that his former boss, retired Superintendent HERMAN ERICKSON, lived there, the ham said he would call him by phone and they could have a conversation, which they did very successfully. The hookup between the radio operator and the telephone is considered a local call. Marvin served in the navy specializing in radar and followed electronics after his discharge. His call letters are WA9INF. Be calling you sometime Marvin - collect . . . Operator JAMES E. REED became a father in November. He named his new born son, CRAIG, and enrolled him in Limits Credit Union. Craig is our youngest member on record . . . Operator PAT CRONIN and his wife, EMILY, became grandma and grandpa for the fourth time when KATHLEEN presented them with a grandson . . . Received a letter from retired Superintendent HERMAN ERICKSON and his wife, MARTHA. They are both enjoying good health at their home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and the weather has been perfect. They are both soaking up the Florida sunshine . . . I met retired Receiver SAM DeSALVO recently and he is in the best of health. He and his wife recently spent two weeks in California. While there they visited retired Operator BEN MARTINEZ from Keeler. Sam says that Ben is in good health and is really enjoying his senior years. Sam has 15 grandchildren from his two daughters. He retired from North Park depot.

RECENTLY SELECTED as army soldier of the month was MICHAEL B. POGUE, now stationed in Germany. Mike, former bus cleaner from Forest Glen, is the youngest son of BURCHARD POGUE, line supervisor in Operations Control.



Instructor JESSE RODRIQUEZ informs me that the brainstorming sessions held throughout the system were very fruitful during December. Jesse asks the men to keep up that defensive driving and perhaps the year of 1966 can bring us a brand new accident record. Another accomplishment by our very able instruction department . . . Receiver GEORGE SINGER is confined to his home with the flu as of this writing . . . Receiver JIM O'BRIEN is in George's place . . . Limits depot is number one on the list for commendations over complaints, and we were treated to free coffee by the management on Wednesday, December 22. Sweet rolls were on the Credit Union. This is a record that we are proud to present to Superintendent GEORGE MAY and it shows teamwork does pay off . . . Our Night Sanitary Engineer STANLEY MRUGACZ retired on January 1 after 38 years of service. Good health, Stanley . . . As of this writing, our accident record at Limits is below 1964, and let's hope we can beat that record. Our Shop Superintendent, TIM RIORDAN, with the aid of his wonderful mechanical force, has made this achievement possible by keeping our buses in tip-top shape . . . You can save and borrow at Limits Federal Credit Union and have a payroll deduction . . . Operator CLEVEN WARDLOW, our most courteous operator, has a family of eight children; and all, including Cleven, and wife are members of Limits Credit Union.

- George Clark

LOOP -

Trainman J. McCARTHY has left the CTA and is in the U.S. Army. Good luck and hurry back . . . This was a very happy Christmas for Trainman ED EPLEY and his wife, PATRICIA ANN, and their two-year old son, DANNY. The last three years Ed was in the army. So this year they had a big Christmas dinner for the family and open house all afternoon and evening. Ed says Christmas with the family and loved ones is something to be thankful for. One of his three years was spent in South Viet Nam . . . Agent HERMAN OLSEN and his wife celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary November 10. Time sure flies doesn't it, Herman? . . . Agent JOHN FILIPEK and his wife celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary December 11. The \$65.00 question is, was John Santa on Christmas day? He won't tell . . . Sorry to hear Student Agent PAT SPAK is on the sick list. But very glad to hear she will continue her education . . . It's nice to see Agent WILBUR STRASSER back on the job. Remember, Wilbur, you were told to take it easy . . . Student Agent RICH McCARTHY has left the CTA family. We will miss your big smile and "hello there" as you entered the booth. Well, good luck and best of everything. Stop around and say hello sometime soon . . . So we have a night owl among us! It's Student Agent JERRY McCANN. He just loves midnight. Why! . . . We'd all love to know who the lucky one is that received those pretty flowers from Student Agent RICHARD WEEKS. A few days ago he was

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running like mad to catch the train and in his arms were a few books and a bouquet of flowers . . . Sorry to hear Porter P. NAUGHTON is quite ill. We do hope by now you are much better and back to work. Also, Agent G. GREANEY has been off for quite a while. Hope you also are much better now . . . Welcome to JACK CAROLAN who is our new chief clerk at the Lake Street office . . . Your reporter wishes to thank the many agents who phoned and sent cards and notes to me while I was off sick. Now that you all know I'm back, let us in on some interesting news.

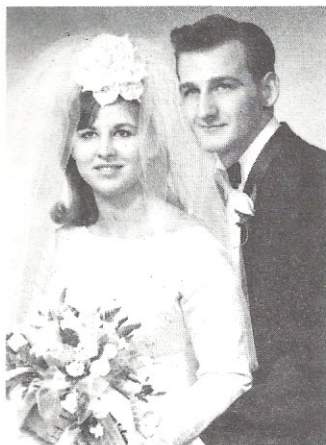
- Mildred Doyle

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Here we are, back in the groove again after the holidays. Your reporter hopes that all of you had wonderful holidays with your families . . . We attended the Loop Agents dinner at Joe Ryan's on north Cicero ave. The food was good and everybody had a wonderful time. The guests were too numerous to mention. DOROTHY RICHTER and MARIE BLANCHFIELD were the gracious ladies honored . . . MARIE MULVIHILL had her three boys together at Thanksgiving and was so happy to have the family together when I talked to her. DAVID, the youngest, is attending a seminary in Niles, Illinois . . . DIANE HARIG has left CTA to await the stork. We remember Diane when she first came to work as a student agent, and then as a regular agent. I worked with Diane at Logan Square for some time and it was a pleasure to be associated with her. She married GEORGE HARIG who also was a student agent and later went regular . . . Agent STAN SLOWIK's wife, ROSE, celebrated her birthday on December 12, as did my youngest granddaughter, ELIZABETH BRANDT. Liz's mother, HELEN, celebrated her birthday on December 22.

West Side clerk BILL CHAMERLIK had a birthday on New Year's Day. He admits to 37 years, but we think he is stretching it a bit. How about it, Bill? . . . Agent ARLENE SWANSON had her son, BARRY GLASGOW, and his family for Christmas dinner. The Glasgows live in Dayton, Ohio . . . On December 10, Agent EMILY JO DILLON entertained some friends at her home. The Christmas spirit prevailed and everyone had a most enjoyable time . . . Agent MINNIE DIKEMAN was bustling around a month before Christmas getting presents for her grandchildren and is now relaxing . . . Porter REID took his pension on December 1. Mr. Reid has worked on the West Side for 27 years. He visited us just before Christmas and says he feels fine. He certainly looks very well . . . What West Side clerk and West Side porter celebrate the same birth date? It is jovial JOE MARKOS and Porter

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES marked the union of DOLORIS ZAPP and RICHARD HALLAS recently. The two were married on November 27 in St. Peter's church, Itasca, Illinois. After a honeymoon in the Smokies, the couple set up residence in Villa Park. Dolores is the daughter of Operator RAY ZAPP of Forest Glen.



JOE CHAPMAN. Hope you had a happy birthday, boys . . . About that trip to Ireland. We can't quote any prices or details unless we know how many would be interested. It all depends on that, so if you would like to make a reservation I can be reached at 384 or you can make reservations with JIM KEEGAN of the tie gang . . . Assignment Agent LILLIAN CULLINAN's sister, MARIE FARRELL, passed on after a long illness. Our deepest sympathy to Lillian and her family . . . We are sorry to hear that Agent JOSEPH PETTER passed away suddenly and was buried on November 24. Our condolences to Joe's family . . . CHRISTIAN FICK, former agent on disability, passed on in November. To his wife, CLARA, and family we offer our sympathy . . . At this writing, former Assignment Agent MARGARET QUEENAN, Porter STEVE CUNNINGHAM, Porter HAYES TROUTMAN, and Logan Motorman REG BURROWS are on the sick list. We hope they will all be well on the road to recovery soon.

- Helen Pallister

NORTH AVENUE -

The instructors and station superintendents wish to thank all the Operators for the improvement on their defensive driving. During December the accident rate has dropped. Let's continue on the "no accident" team. Keep your bus under control at all times. In the event of rain, snow or ice, always remember that safety is more important than your schedule. Let's start the new year right by being alert and polite. Call your streets, watch your doors at boarding and alighting. Do not get caught short on braking, especially during the snowy weather. Keep your headlights on, especially when streets are wet or icy. Remember your buffer zone. Keep smiling because it makes your passengers feel happy, too . . . Operator VAN PAYNE and his wife, PEARL, became the parents of a baby boy, TERRANCE, on November 29 . . . Night Foreman ERNEST PEARSON and his wife, ANNA, became grandparents for the third time when CRAIG LLOYD was born on November 23 at Edwards hospital in Naperville. Ernie is being promoted to day foreman at Lawndale. We'll miss him and we wish him the best of luck . . . PFC WILLIAM PARSON, son of Operator EINAR PARSON, has been sent to South Viet Nam near Saigon. He is in the 69th Signal Corps. He expects to be there for eight more months. Receiver JAMES MC GANN's son, JAMES W. MC GANN, entered military service December 30. ROBERT CASEY, son of JOHN CASEY, Repair Department, entered the service on December 1. John took his vacation and hopes his son will be home for Christmas with him, Mrs. Casey, and their dog, Corky. Our prayers and best wishes are with these boys . . . We welcome new Operators Lloyd Dowd, Frank L. Jones, James Thompson, John Bonner Jr., John B. Davis, Iva L. Barnes, Willie Baker, John Brown, Daniel Melendez, and George R. Gorski . . . The following pensioners stopped to see me: Pete Messin, August Johnson, Edward Rowland, Clarence Voss, Chester Neugebauer, John Ziemba, Michael J. Byrne, and Bruno Schultz. It was good to see them all . . . We are sorry to report that Repairman JOSEPH PIANTKOWSKI is back in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery . . . Repairman LEONARD CARYLON returned to work after being off since July . . . My seven year old son, DAVID, is fine after a short stay in the hospital.

Senior Instructor EDWARD BRODD, Instructor VICK JOHNSON, GEORGE RELSTAB, WILLIAM KENNEDY, JOHN MC INTOSH, and CLARENCE LEMKE had their vacations . . . Janitor STANLEY SCIABICA took his pen-

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sion January 1. Stop in and visit us when you are around . . . I met Pensioner FRANK FREY who is looking hale and hearty . . . Pensioner L. STATON passed away December 16. Operator HILDING HAGSTROM lost his mother, HILDA, November 26. Sanitary Technician FRANK WEST passed away December 6. Operator JOHN JENDRZEJJEK lost his son, ROBERT, December 6. Pensioner RICHARD GOLDEN passed away November 23. Pensioner CHRISTIAN FICK, formerly of North Avenue, departed this life November 26. Operator RALPH EL-LISON lost his father December 11. Operator JOHN NAUGHTON's son, JOHN, lost his life in an automobile accident December 16. EDWARD JAEGER, formerly of North Avenue garage, passed away. We extend our deepest sympathy to these families . . . The medical bus has been at North Avenue for the past few months. Hope you all passed your physicals and are in good shape. The doctors did a good job and were very thorough . . . Operator REGINAL BARRON lost his father, WILLIAM, on December 20 . . . Received a letter from JAMES C. HAASE, clerk at North Avenue, now with the armed forces. He reports he will be home sometime in January.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH PARK -

DAN MALONEY Jr., son of Operator DAN MALONEY, is in Great Lakes Naval hospital where he is recuperating from injuries suffered in Viet Nam. Dan Jr., a sergeant in the marines, was wounded near the Da Nang Air Base. Our prayers are with you, Dan, for a speedy recovery . . . Operator LOU BIELSKI had his basement remodeled and the bar is out of this world. Lou's French Poodle, Fifi, has a special stool where she can eat her dog biscuits off the bar. The remodeling job was Lou's present to his wife, BEA, for her remarkable recovery from recent major surgery . . . BONNIE NEWMAN, daughter of Operator HENRY NEWMAN, graduated from Kelvyn Park High school January 29 and is going to take a long look at the business world . . . ROGER HORNING, son of Operator MEL HORNING, graduated from Lane Technical High school and this coming fall will enroll at Murray State college, Murray, Kentucky, where he will major in physical education . . . Sanitary Engineers FRANK NEISIUS and ANDY PETERSON are to be complimented for the fine job they are doing in keeping North Park looking ship-shape. Frank says he wishes that they would make wider brooms so that he could sweep more often . . . Operator CASEY JOHNSON and his wife, EUNICE, motored to Danville, Illinois, to visit Casey's sister, Mrs. WILLY MAE NOLAN, who had a recent heart attack . . . Operator ARTURO "Pancho" VELDEZ has an interesting sideline. Pancho is a part time shoe salesman for the Mason Shoe company and would appreciate anyone who is looking for a good shoe-fit to look him up . . . Operator FRANK "Lefty" BRUBACH, our champion golfer, has discovered a new rust proof material for automobiles which he will be glad to show to anyone who is interested. Lefty uses it on his new Lincoln, so it has to be good . . . Operator JOE MIKIETA is having a new home built in Glendale Heights, which is located near Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Joe expects to move into his home in January and will be having cookouts this summer for his many friends . . . DIANNE FRIEB, daughter of Pensioner FRED FRIEB, was one of 11 girls picked out of 112 applicants trying out for cheerleaders at Holy Cross High school. Holy Cross, being a boys school, is fortunate to have a girl of Dianne's charm and ability to lead them on . . . Operator BILL KNIGHT has purchased a new '66 Ford 10 passenger station wagon, and will be

able to pick up all the parishioners who don't have means of transportation to come to church . . . Operator MARVIN SALMANOFF gave his wife, ETHELYN, a new Zenith hi-fi combination radio-phonograph for her first Christmas present . . . Pensioner JOE "One Pint" GRASSL, whose address is Route #4, Box 2A, Edgerton, Wisconsin 53534, would like to be remembered to all his many friends and requests that his charge call can be heard anytime you come out his way . . . Supervisor TOM LOFTUS is going to retire February 1 after 41 years of service. Tom started his career at North Avenue Depot and has been a supervisor for 18 years, and a great one, as his many friends will attest. Tom will now settle down in Harwood Heights and pursue his hobby of gardening, which will provide him with many hours of leisurely living . . . Operator MANEK KURCBAUM became engaged to Miss SANDRA DAVIES of Liverpool, England, and will be married July 10 in Liverpool . . . Operator JOE EIFFLES flew to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to see his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. LYNWOOD EIFFLES and their five children . . . Operator DON HEANEY, his wife, SONJA, and children, SUSIE and TIM, spent two weeks in Florida. The Heaneys visited Key West, Cape Coral, Miami, and then relaxed at Hollywood, Florida, where Sonja's mother, Mrs. MARGARET BACKMAN, resides . . . Operator DALE GILMER and his wife, OPAL, spent their vacation at Newport Richie, Florida, visiting Mrs. CARL OSMAN. The Gilmers spent considerable time fishing at Tarpon Springs where they had great success catching many groupers. While fishing one day, Dale came upon a nesting ground of rattlesnakes and killed four of them. It was a most terrifying experience which he does not want to happen again.

Operator JOHN MARCINIAK spent his vacation visiting his mother, Mrs. JULIA MARCINIAK, who resides in Norwich, Connecticut. John also made stops in Springfield, Massachusetts, and a couple of days in New York City where he had quite a time. Operator MEL HORNING his wife, VIOLET, and sister-in-law, Miss EDITH JACOBSON, spent two weeks touring the State of Florida with a cruise to Nassau on the U.S.S. Yarmouth on the agenda. He said, "We covered everything that could be seen in Florida and have only praise for this great state. To anyone who has not been in Florida, it is a must on your vacation plans as you have not lived until you see how this country can satisfy your mode of living" . . . Operator CLARENCE HENRICHS and his wife, AILEEN, celebrated their 10th anniversary December 23 in Welch, West Virginia, where the parents of the Henrichs reside. January 1, the Henrichs are moving into their new home in Mt. Prospect, Illinois, and at a later date will announce the date of their open house . . . Operator HAROLD ANDERSCAT and his wife, ANN, celebrated their 26th anniversary November 25. The Anderscats were invited out for dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. SCHROEDER for an evening of merriment . . . Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, celebrated their 27th anniversary January 1. The Posners had a party at Pavilions restaurant with a number of friends invited . . . Operator HARRY SALITRE and his wife, REGINA, celebrated their 40th anniversary November 15. The Salitres, along with their children and grandchildren, had a wonderful evening at Mangam's Chateau . . . Operator IRVING WEINER and his wife, IDA, celebrated their 35th anniversary Christmas Day. Ida's brother hosted a huge party in his house with many friends in attendance . . . Operators JOHN OWENS and SYLVESTER CARTER have been inducted into the service and our blessings are with them . . . R. MICKELS has been promoted to supervisor . . . CAROL JOYCE DALY, daughter of Operator

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

AXEL S. ANDERSON, 74, Devon,
Emp. 9-07-07. Died 9-12-65
JOHN J. BECIC, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-12-09. Died 11-11-65
CHARLES BLAHA, 69, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-28-19. Died 11-30-65
PHILIP BREIT, 73, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-21-14. Died 11-28-65
GEORGE EDWARDS, 60, South Shops,
Emp. 10-14-48. Died 12-10-65
CHRISTIAN FICK, 60, West Section,
Emp. 10-11-27. Died 11-26-65
EDWARD J. FISCHER, 64, Engineering,
Emp. 1-14-27. Died 11-18-65
JOHN FLEISCHMAN, 82, North,
Emp. 3-01-11. Died 12-06-65
CHARLES FOLEY, 60, North Park,
Emp. 4-21-43. Died 12-08-65
WILLIAM FORMBY, 79, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-14-18. Died 11-25-65
STANLEY FRUGA, 52, Lawndale,
Emp. 11-07-40. Died 12-07-65
PATRICK J. GANNON, 74, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-10-20. Died 11-09-65
WILLIAM T. GARVOS, 79, North Section,
Emp. 3-26-18. Died 11-09-65
GEORGE H. GONDOLF, 80, Armitage,
Emp. 7-18-13. Died 12-01-65
RICHARD GOULDEN, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 4-11-14. Died 11-23-65
GEORGE F. GRIFFIN, 70, Forest Glen,
Emp. 4-07-20. Died 11-10-65
WILLIAM J. JACKSON, 64, Archer,
Emp. 11-21-22. Died 11-23-65
EDWIN JAEGER, 58, North Park,
Emp. 3-04-30. Died 12-10-65

TONY JANKAUSKIS, 82, Archer,
Emp. 6-01-09. Died 11-10-65
HERBERT G. KOEHLER, 70, North Section,
Emp. 6-15-17. Died 11-28-65
WILLIAM MACKILL, 71, North Park,
Emp. 4-01-20. Died 11-24-65
JULIUS MATRAI, 84, Building,
Emp. 6-18-43. Died 11-30-65
WILLIAM H. MEWS, 68, Skokie,
Emp. 2-13-17. Died 11-28-65
CHARLES MISKINIS, 75, West Shops,
Emp. 5-09-25. Died 10-29-65
ANDREW MORAN, 88, Archer,
Emp. 1-15-06. Died 11-09-65
WILLIAM MRUGACZ, 68, Limits,
Emp. 1-27-20. Died 11-13-65
WILLIAM MYLAN, 79, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-21-07. Died 11-13-65
JOHN NORWICK, 75, Way & Structures,
Emp. 12-17-42. Died 11-24-65
ALICE R. NOVALICH, 47, Accounting,
Emp. 8-01-51. Died 11-19-65
OSCAR A. OSTERBERG, 81, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-20-11. Died 11-27-65
JOSEPH PETTER, 49, West Section,
Emp. 8-11-42. Died 11-21-65
ROLAND F. RISPEN, 67, West Section,
Emp. 6-17-29. Died 11-08-65
GEORGE E. RITTER, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-30-12. Died 11-03-65
THOMAS T. SULLIVAN, 81, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-21-14. Died 11-17-65
THOMAS THOMPSON, 91, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-28-16. Died 12-08-65
FRANK WEST, 63, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-26-29. Died 12-09-65

and Mrs. JIM CONNER, gave birth to a daughter named TAMMY LEE, born November 22 at St. Joseph hospital. This was Jim's seventh grandchild . . . Retiree HARRY BURKE, former conductor at Devon and later with the CTA police, who has been residing at Crystal Lake, Wisconsin, presently is confined to St. Mary's hospital, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, following a stroke. He would appreciate hearing from some of his old buddies.

Mrs. MARYLIN EDELMAN, daughter of Operator and Mrs. IRVING SHER, gave birth to a daughter named JUDI CARA, born November 15 at Edgewater hospital. Irv now has five grandchildren . . . Mrs. MARGE CHAMBERLAIN, wife of Senior Instructor WARD CHAMBERLAIN, was hospitalized at Columbus hospital due to severe hemorrhaging of the nose. Mrs. Chamberlain is now at home convalescing and is coming along fine . . . Operator ART STERN was confined to Bethesda hospital for observation of gall bladder or ulcer trouble . . . JAMES HOSTERS, stepson of Operator JOE MIKIETA, was confined to Cook County hospital for observation of ulcers and kidney failure. At this writing, James is awaiting results of tests . . . Operators HERMAN KOWFELDT and PAT BROWN are now on disability pension, but are progressing very well and hope to be back to work in the near future . . . Happy birthdays are extended to PATRICIA MEDINA, daughter of Operator JOHN MEDINA, November 5; Operator BILL SEIFERT, November 21; LEO HARA, November 25; PETE MARCHISOTTO, December 2; MEL HORNING, December 17; TOM CONROY, December 23; LOU BIELSKI, December 24; HAR-

OLD ANDERSCHAT, December 25, and BARBARA ANDERSCHAT, December 18 . . . Our sympathy and condolences to the families of Operator CHARLES FOLEY, Pensioner WILLIAM "Scotty" MACKIEL, Repair Department Foreman EDWARD JAEGER, and also to Operator DUDEK on the loss of his father, JOSEPH DUDEK . . . Signal Maintainer JAMES NESBIT had a visitor during the recent holidays, former Operator FRANK KELLER, who is now a trucking company executive. Frank would like to be remembered to all his friends at North Park . . . Pensioner JOHN STOPA, formerly of Devon Depot, was around visiting the Repair Department and is enjoying his leisure hours . . . Acting Foreman JOHN JOYCE's son, TIM, underwent surgery at St. Luke's hospital and is coming along fine . . . Assistant Night Foreman ANDY KARIOLICH's wife, ANN, underwent surgery at Edgewater hospital and at this writing is convalescing at home . . . Repairman JIM MARTIN's wife was in St. Luke's hospital for surgery and is progressing well . . . Repairman JULIUS MERSCH again played the role of Santa Claus for his gang of grandchildren and it was another big day for Julius . . . Our new Union Hall meeting place will be called the Musician's Hall, located at Wells and Washington streets. Let's all try and attend these meetings and give our fine officials 100% support . . . In our last issue I inadvertently omitted Senior Instructor WARD CHAMBERLAIN's name from the office force Christmas greeting list.

- Melvin Horning

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NORTH SECTION -

The North Section Rapid Transit will be represented each and every month from this edition on. Your interest and concern will advertise this section and inform the other sections of our activities. If you have any information concerning this section or its employees, please contact Motorman FRANK JASCH. . . By the way, when you finish reading the Inside News section, go back to the front of the magazine and observe a few of our boys in action. I'm talking about our nocturnal "heat suppliers", JOHN GIFFORD, FRANK VOLLTRAUER, CARL LYDAY, and JAMES UTTER. . . Congratulations to Conductor TOM CAPRA who married HELMA KIFFNER on November 27, at St. Viator's church. . . There is a new arrival in the home of Conductor MARTIN COOKE and his wife, MADGE. . . Our sympathy and condolences to Pensioner JIM O'BRIEN and family. . . After a long illness, Motorman BILL MESCHER has taken his pension. . . Congratulations to Motorman SAM CHILIA and his wife, SANDRA, on their new arrival, a daughter. . . North Section Instructors A. ANTHONY, R. TESCH, B. LIMANOWSKI, and M. LAVELLE would like to congratulate all North Section operating instructors for a fine job during 1965. They're hoping for a safer and better year in 1966. . . Our condolences to the family of Pensioner Conductor DAN HANNAN, who passed away in Ireland on December 15.

- Frank T. Jasch

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Pensioner LAURA SCHRECKE joined BERNIE KIZIOR, MARGE VIDAL, and yours truly at the Germania Club for our annual Christmas celebration. . . FRANK CORBETT and MIKE DORE are taking a Christmas vacation. . . PAT McBRIDE, son of Traffic Checker JIM McBRIDE, is a member of the new "Colony Six", a group of boys who have cut their first record with the Centaur Record corporation. . . MARGE VIDAL resigned on December 31 to be a full time Gary housewife. Bye Marge. Drop in and see us when you are in town. . . STEPHEN LAW-LOR, traffic checker, gained another daughter-in-law when his son, STEPHEN Jr., was married on Saturday, December 11. Steve's friends, Mr. & Mrs. JAKALE, Mr. & Mrs. FITZGERALD, Mr. & Mrs. LENNIHAN, Mr. JOSEPH T. LYNCH, and W. P. DEVEREUX were at the reception held on the West Side. . . We in the Schedule Department wish JOHN BLARE of the Executive office good luck in his retirement. John started his famous transit career in our department and he always came in to visit us whenever he had the chance.

- Kathryn Batina

A HOT spot to be in these days is Viet Nam, especially when you're a member of the medical corps, as is PETER PLUTA, former multilith operator from Reproduction Services. Pete says he'd like to hear from his friends at CTA. His address is: SP 4 Peter S. Pluta, U. S. 55793569, B. Co. 1st B.N. 26th Inf., San Francisco, California, A.P.O. 96345.



PURCHASING, STORES & SPECIFICATIONS (Specifications) -

All the girls in the department want to thank Mrs. LEE DeSUTTER for all the time and effort she put into arranging our Christmas dinner party. The dinner was wonderful and everyone had a good time!

(South Division) -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. RAY TIERI who became parents for the very first time when FRANK JAMES was born on December 1. . . TONY "Hot Rod" VELCICH is now sporting a new plum-colored Buick Riviera with all the trimmings. . . GEORGE CROFOOT, Store-room 32, will be spending the coming holidays in sunny St. Petersburg, Florida, where he hopes to get in some fishing and swimming. . . Word has it that everyone had a gay time at the South Division's annual Christmas party held at the Sea Breeze Lounge! . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Mr. ART EGGERT who, at this writing, is at home recovering from recent surgery.

- D. Jane Bell

SKOKIE SHOPS -

GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, and his wife entertained their son and daughter-in-law and new baby from Portland, Oregon, for Christmas. While they are here they will have their baby and George's other new grandchild christened in a double ceremony. George and his wife are spending their Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Hines hospital teaching dancing. Keep up the good work. . . ALPHONSE SCHMITZ, carpenter, and his wife entertained their daughter and son-in-law from Bloomington, Minnesota, over the holidays. . . PEGGY HALLAHAN, typist, left Skokie Shops to work in the Claim Department at the Mart. Sorry to loose you, Peg, but wish you the best of luck. . . CATHERINE ANN HARNETT, typist, and family had a pleasant surprise when Catherine Ann's brother came home unexpectedly from Camp Fort Leonard Wood. PAT hoped to get home again for Christmas. . . A recent visitor was WILLIAM UHL, former material clerk at Skokie, and now in the Claims Department at the Mart. . . Received Christmas cards from Pensioners JOHN J. DWYER, EARL K. LEAMING, and FERRELL COFFEY. Nice to hear from you all. . . Another pensioner who recently visited Skokie was DAVID GURWICH.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

A happy and prosperous New Year to all. . . The pensioned agents club Christmas party was held on December 5 at Sharko's East restaurant. Our compliments to Retired Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT who have come up with another successful party. There was a huge crowd of pensioners, some whom I haven't seen in a long time. Retired Motorman CHARLES MC MORROW and his wife came in from Mt. Home, Arkansas, for a few weeks and were present at the dinner. Talked to Retired Agent BESSIE RENTFRO, who hadn't been to one of the parties in a long time, and she looked fine. Also saw Retired Conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO, who is feeling good after a recent illness; Retired Motorman JOHN BURKE and EDWARD HENNESSY; Retired Conductor WILLIAM MANNICH; Retired Agents MARY CARSON, CATHERINE COLLINS, LILLIAN RUSSELL, MARY MURTAUGH, and so many other wonderful people. The dinner was good and afterwards they had a Christmas grab bag and some entertainment which made the evening

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really festive . . . Some people are lucky! The shop clerk at 61st Street, JIM DALEY, is basking in the sun in Florida on vacation for a few weeks . . . Received the nicest letter from Retired Switchman WILLIAM SAUNDERS and his wife, and they wish to be remembered to all their friends back here. Bill does quite a bit of fishing and puttering around the house to keep himself busy . . . Back to their respective posts and off the sick list are Conductors JOHN KALTSAS, ANDRE NETTERVILLE, and Agent NICHOLAS ROGERS.

"Hi" to those who transferred from the Surface Division to agents: DAVID WINSTON, ALLEN GILES, and FRANK MARTIN . . . Heard from Retired Work Train Conductor GEORGE MC MILLAN. He had been ill for some months, but he is improving rapidly. He has been on pension 10 years and still is living in Chicago . . . My hubby, ROLAND, and myself wish to thank the committee who invited us to the Loop agents retirement dinner which was held on November 21 and honored newly retired Loop Agents DOROTHY RICHTER and MARIE BLANCHFIELD. We had a nice dinner and met so many friendly Loop Agents and their friends.

Agent JOHN RYBAKOWSKI, who had been on the sick list for some time, is now back working, and wishes to thank all the agents for their kindness while he was ill . . .

Our condolences to Motorman ROBERT MORTON, whose father passed away recently . . . Retired Clerk CHARLES SASSO is off to California for the holidays to visit with his son and his family . . . Best of luck to Agent RUTH DAVIS who resigned recently . . . One of our "Ace" Conductors, JOHN DANEK, who receives many commendations, received another for his courtesy and helpfulness to the passengers . . . Retired Construction and Maintenance Foreman ERNIE LINDER was around to see the boys at 61st Street recently. He is looking real good for himself . . . On the sick list at this writing are Motorman JIMMIE WHITTAKER and Agent EDWARD STEP-NICKA. Hope you both are back to work real soon . . . Retired Motorman JOHN SEERY's mother passed away recently and he flew to Ireland for the funeral . . . Porter EDWARD FREEMAN's 14 year old daughter, PAMELA, who is an usherette at Josephinum High school, recently served as an usher on the Don McNeill Breakfast Club radio show, and she got the biggest thrill when she got a chance to be on the show and say a few words . . . Our sincere sympathy goes out to Assignment Agent LILLIAN CULLINAN, whose sister passed away recently . . . Retired Conductor JOSEPH KOLMAN called and said that he had been in the hospital for a couple of weeks, but is home now recuperating . . . Assignment Agent JERE VINZENS flew out to Long Beach, California, to visit her daughter and her family for Christmas and they had a wonderful get-together.

- Verna Hartney

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

After 20 years of service, C. BURKE retired on December 31. Wishes for continued health and happiness in his golden years are sent his way . . . A hearty welcome was extended to RICHARD LORIMER on his return from the service. Glad to see that Rich made it through the tough military grind without even a scratch . . . Sorry to see that ED WINFREY has left us. Hope he finds success in his new business venture and when he gets that first million I hope he doesn't forget his old friends . . . Its nice to see F. RIO and A. KUNZ back at work. Both were off on the sick list for a bit of major surgery . . .

The grapevine has it that there was an increase in the mouths to feed at the NOWOSIELSKI household. It seems that WALT's pigeons have increased in number. Have the new little ones won any awards or trophies yet . . . It seems that the holidays were so exciting and eventful that N. FIERAMOSCA of Congress, LOUIS CORTOPASSI, NICK SCIMECA, and VINCENT DENTAMARO of Wilson needed their vacation time to recuperate from all of the merriment.

- Ray Brzezczek

WEST SECTION -

1965 ended with a very successful Christmas and pension party. What a pleasure it was to see everyone so happy and kind to each other. Now let's keep this brotherly love the whole year round. The pensioners that attended all looked so good, that it makes us want to hurry up our pension so we can improve our looks. To Motorman TOM MCGOURTY, who left on pension January 1, we wish him health and happiness . . . We have two new additions to this world of ours. The first is a little lady born to Motorman VINCE VEDASIA and his wife. The other is a little gentleman named KENNETH BROWN, son of Conductor KENNETH BROWN and his wife, DONNA . . . Yard Foreman TOM MCCORMAK was in the hospital for a couple of weeks and is back to work now looking good . . . Supervisor BYRON HAWLEY brought his wife home from the hospital and is taking her to California for her recuperation . . . The Lake Street Credit Union is having its annual meeting on January 29 at 5150 West Division street; all members are invited to come. To all the new and old employees, now is the time to join, for when in need there is always friendly JERRY around . . . Those dog pretzels which Conductor JAMES LUDWICK and Switchman J. VAN HILST Jr. ate kept them barking all day . . . And now that Porter E. SCHULTZ's dog, Mickey, was written up in the Transit News, he can't do a thing with him . . . The most congenial man on Lake Street was Conductor TOM KING, and he was the most logical choice because he keeps everyone happy . . . A few words of wisdom from Motorman CHARLES GUZIK, "It is better to give than to receive, as long as it isn't money."

- Santo Siciliano

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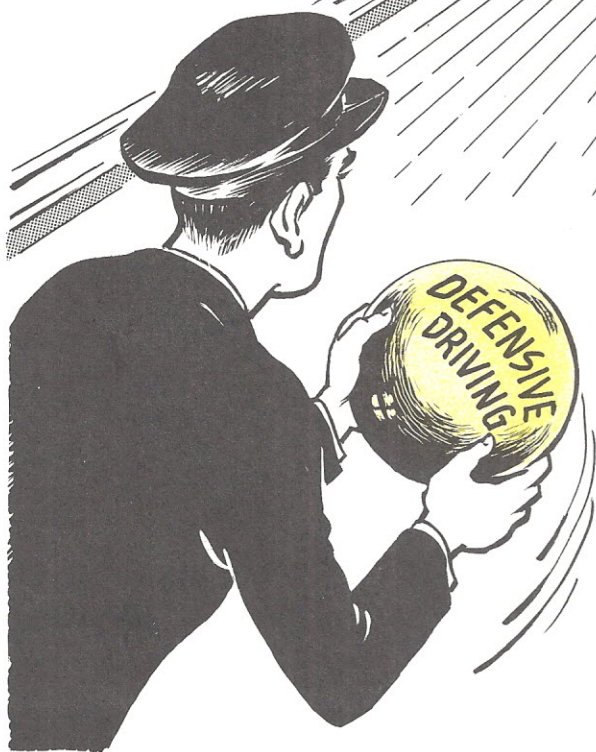
With everyone wishing each other a happy and prosperous New Year, we hope it will be just that for you and yours. Not much to report, however, in the way of news . . . By the time you read this our Credit Union will have had its annual meeting and elections. Hope you attended and enjoyed the festivities . . . Our beautiful Christmas display in the trainroom was due to the efforts of our station superintendents, and to them we extend a heartfelt "thank you" . . . On the sick list and at Alexian hospital is JERRY MORRISEY; JOE BIRMINGHAM, who fell into the pits is convalescing at home. Also ailing are the wives of PETE SPOO and MEL CASPER. Both are hospitalized. Our best for a speedy recovery to all. ART KRUEGER also spent a few days with the medics, but am happy to say he is back on the "boulevard", feeling fine . . . The sudden death just prior to the holidays of SAM DINOVO saddened all who knew him. To his bereaved family we extend our sympathy. Also to CAL CLAUSSEN on the death of his sister, BESSIE, and to ROY HORNING whose father-in-law, H. PROKAS, passed away.

- William J. Donahue

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