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RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE COMMITTEE MEETS FOR 200TH SESSION

Pension Payments Total More Than \$100,000,000



Pension Benefit Payments Surpass Million Mark

A TOTAL of over \$101,700,000 in pension benefits has been paid out to CTA retirees and their beneficiaries since the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees went into effect on June 1, 1949, according to H. B. Storm, secretary of the Retirement Allowance Committee.

This was a highlight of a report submitted to the Committee at its 200th meeting on January 17 of this year and represents payments approved to date from the fund held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust company, Trustee.

The present retirement plan became effective following successful negotiations with Division 241 and 308 of the transit union, representing the Chicago Surface Lines and Chicago Rapid Transit company, respectively, which had pension plans in existence since June 1, 1941. These were subsequently consolidated with the CTA plan.

To finance the plan during the first year, the Retirement Allowance Committee made an initial deposit of \$1,000,000 with the Trustee and in January, 1950, the remaining funds held by CTA were transferred to the Trustee who thereafter made all payments approved by the committee.

The plan from the beginning provided for a Retirement Allowance Committee of 10 members, five representing CTA management and five representing the various unions. Heading this first committee as Chairman was E. A. Imhoff, now retired, and H. B. Storm, superintendent of insurance and pensions, who has been the secretary of the committee since the first meeting.

Of the 10 appointed to the original committee, five are still active members. In addition to Mr. Storm they are: P. J. Meinardi, CTA's manager of finance; Daniel J. McNamara, president and business manager, Division 241; T. J. Murray, union official, and J. E. Hastings, attorney. Other members of the original committee who no longer serve as members are Mr. Imhoff, Joseph J. Kehoe, W.A. Hall, Charles Burns, and P.J. O'Connor. Comprising the present committee in addition to the five named above are: D.M. Flynn, chairman; P.W. Flaherty, C.E. Keiser, W.J. Moran, and D.J. O'Mahoney.

A few facts and figures provide a brief review of the expansion of the pension plan from the beginning until the present.

During the first year of the plan, the committee approved 899 applications and expenditures of

\$2,522,239, leaving a balance with the Trustee of \$5,331,382. Beginning with the start of the new plan on June 1, 1949, 2,146 retirees were receiving pension benefits. During the first year, employees contributed \$905,656 and the Chicago Transit Authority contributed \$1,201,052.

During the nearly 17 years the Plan has been in effect, active retirees increased from 2,146 on June 1, 1949, to 5,470 on February 1, 1966. During this period, 6,595 deaths have been reported. The average monthly expenditures have increased from a little over \$200,000 per month to over \$700,000 per month. Assets held by the Trustee have increased from \$5,331,382 held at the end of the first year to \$41,101,165 as of January 1, 1966. Contributions to the Plan during the year 1965 were \$4,274,457 by the employees and \$7,735,813 by CTA for a combined total of \$12,010,270.

The first major changes in the Plan since June 1, 1949, were agreed to through negotiations held in the latter part of 1964 and became effective January 1, 1965. They consisted of a \$4,000 death benefit for those retiring at age 65; \$3,000 death benefit for those retiring between the ages of 62 and 65; and \$2,500 death benefit for those retiring between the ages of 58 and 62, provided they had 20 years of continuous service or more at the time of retirement.

For employees with 30 years of service or more retiring at age 62 to 63 the retirement benefits were reduced to 12 per cent instead of 15 per cent; for those retiring at age 63 the retirement benefits were reduced to 6-1/2 per cent, instead of 10 per cent; and for those retiring at age 64 the retirement benefits were reduced to 2-1/2 per cent, instead of 5 per cent.

The minimum amount for disability retirement was increased from \$75.00 per month to \$100.00 per month and the minimum monthly pension payable for employe with 20 years of service or more was increased from \$75.00 per month to \$100.00 per month.

A motorman, conductor, or bus operator age 65 with 30 years service who retired in 1941 had a flat \$40.00 per month plus Social Security; retired in 1949 with same age and service had in the neighborhood of \$93.00 per month plus Social Security; retired in 1965 with same age and years of service had in the neighborhood of \$135.00 per month plus Social Security and a \$4,000 death benefit payable to a named beneficiary.

OUR COVER: CTA top officials joined the members of the regular committee at the 200th meeting of the Retirement Allowance Committee held on January 17. Standing at the rear of the cover picture are, left, George DeMent, chairman, Chicago Transit Board, and right, T. B. O'Connor, general manager. Seated at the table, from left, are: *T. J. Murray, representing employes not members of Division 241 and 308; P. W. Flaherty, Division 241; *P. J. Meinardi, CTA; *J. E. Hastings, CTA; D. M. Flynn, chairman, CTA; *D. J. McNamara, Division 241; C. E. Keiser, CTA; W. J. Donnelly, Division 308, alternate for D. J. O'Mahoney, and W. J. Moran, Division 241. *Original Committee Members.

1965 in Review

- 250 New Buses Delivered
- New Tech-35th Station Opened
- Construction Started on Lake Terminal Shop
- Logan Square Escalator Placed in Service

CTA's continuing modernization program, its intensive safety and courtesy campaigns, and constant service improvements contributed to the increase of over 12 million more riders carried by CTA in 1965 than in 1964.

Major strides in CTA's modernization program were made in 1965 noteworthy of which were delivery of 250 new buses, the purchase of 150 additional buses, the letting of a contract for construction of a new inspection shop, and the purchase of signaling equipment for the Lake rapid transit route.

Completed construction projects during the year included the opening of the ultra-modern Tech-35th station, remodeling at CTA's Archer garage, and the installation of an escalator at the Logan Square terminal.

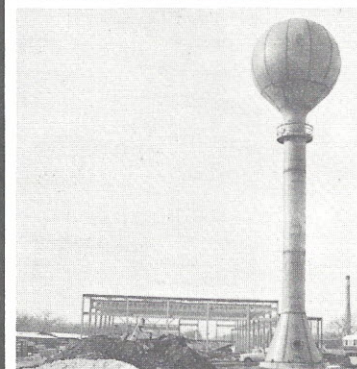
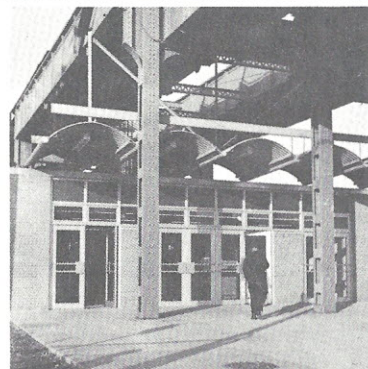
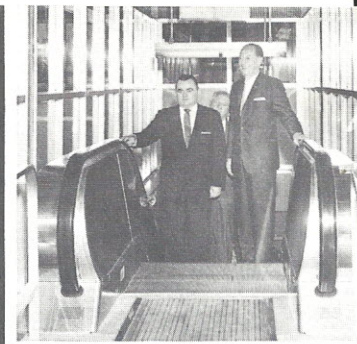
In 1965, 250 new buses were delivered to CTA. Total cost of the new equipment was \$6,742,802. Ten of the buses are air-conditioned. Two hundred and forty-five buses, of which five are air-conditioned, were purchased from the Flxible company, of Loudonville, Ohio, and five air-conditioned buses were purchased from the Truck and Coach Division of General Motors.

On April 20, Chicago Transit Authority celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its formation by action of the City Council by formally placing the 250 "New Look" buses in operation.

The purchase of an additional 150 new buses for \$3,944,292 from the Flxible company, Loudonville, Ohio, was approved in August. The 42-passenger, diesel-fueled units will replace a like number of buses that are about 20 years old. Delivery is to start in April, 1966, at the rate of 50 per month.

In June, 1965, the all-new Tech-35th station on CTA's North-South rapid transit route was formally opened. Completely fireproof, the main station building, the train platform, and the auxiliary entrance at 34th street were rebuilt at a cost of more than \$500,000 to replace the facilities damaged in the fire of October 17, 1962.

A \$1,084,000 project got underway in 1965 with the purchase of the most modern type of signaling equipment for CTA's Lake rapid transit route. The contract for the equipment was awarded to the General Railway Signal company, of Rochester, N. Y.



A contract for \$1,264,000 for the construction of a new inspection and maintenance shop at the Lake rapid transit terminal at Harlem avenue in Forest Park was awarded.

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

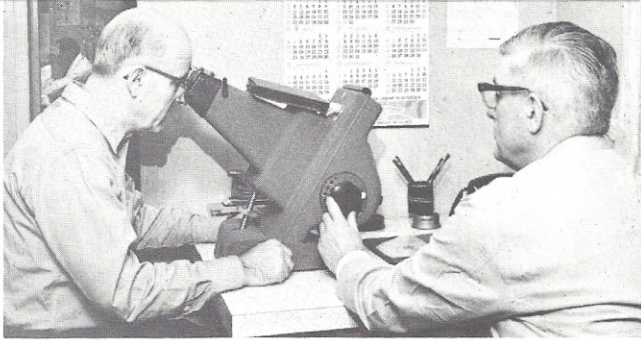
As a convenience for CTA patrons, an escalator was placed in service at the Logan Square terminal of the West-Northwest "L"-subway route on May 14. The cost of the escalator and the enclosure was \$77,000. It is south of the main stairway in the station building and serves passengers transferring to or from the six CTA bus routes that provide service to the terminal.

Skokie Swift, the jointly financed mass transportation demonstration project began its second year of the two-year test period on April 20. Riding on CTA's Skokie Swift continued to break records. A new high was reached on October 15 when 7,765 passengers were carried. This was an increase of 228 passengers over the previous high established December 4, 1964.

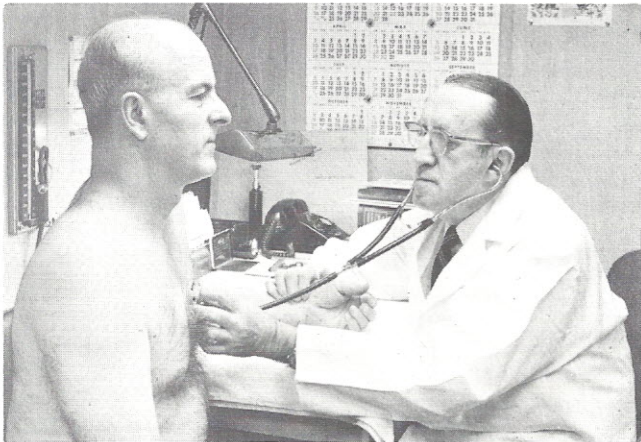
For 1965, the public accident rate of 9 traffic and passenger accidents per 100,000 miles was 43 per cent lower than 1954 when intensive training activities in public safety began at CTA, and is only one per cent higher than the all-time low safety record established in 1964.

Recently, CTA intensified its courtesy program and in 1965, complaints about CTA employees were 8.5 per million passengers carried. This amounts to 14 per cent fewer complaints than in 1964.

CTA: Its Organization and Operations -



TWO MEDICALLY-EQUIPPED buses travel over the system to give periodical physical check-ups to operating and shops personnel. In the picture above, Harry Soreghen, medical technician, is testing the visual acuity of an employe and, below, Dr. Otto Kasik, examining physician, is using a stethoscope to check the lungs of another employe.



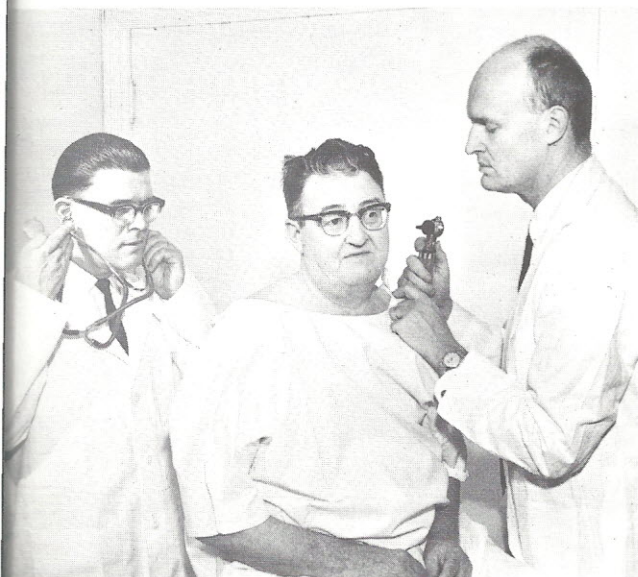
FIFTH IN A SERIES

WHEN AN applicant seeks employment with CTA he is subjected to a medical examination to determine his physical fitness and capability to perform the duties for which he is being hired.

This is one of the important functions of the Medical Department, located in Room 746 in the Merchandise Mart, where every job aspirant must undergo a pre-employment medical check-up before he is accepted as an employe.

However, this is not the only service rendered by the Medical Department. It has many other objectives covering a considerable area of protective procedures which are of mutual benefit to both the employe and employer. These can be summarized as follows:

1. Proper placement of individuals according to their physical capacities, mental abilities, and emotional status to that they can perform efficiently and effectively without endangering their health or the safety of others.
2. Diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of employes occupationally injured or ill.
3. Protection of employes against environmental health hazards.



BEFORE AN employe returns to work following an illness he receives a complete examination. Dr. Illa Roman (left) and Dr. William Nold (right) of the Medical Department staff are shown at the left checking an employe's ears and lungs as part of the procedure.

AN IMPORTANT diagnostic aid in determining heart functions is the electrocardiogram, used extensively in employe examinations. Rosemary Becker, registered nurse, demonstrates the use of this equipment.



4. Accident prevention and safety.
5. Evaluation of disability cases including employe injuries on duty, employe health and accident cases, and injured passengers.
6. Emergency treatment of non-occupational illnesses and injuries.
7. Health counselling, and education.

To spell out what these services mean to employes, it is well to explain in detail the functions of CTA's Medical Department. These are:

PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS -

All applicants must pass a medical examination in order to qualify for work with the CTA. The purpose of the examination is to determine whether or not the applicant is physically qualified to do the work for which he is being considered. The examination consists of a medical history, physical examination, vision test, urinalysis, and a chest X-ray. In addition operating personnel are given an electrocardiogram. A military medical service record is also obtained and reviewed on all applicants hired before approval is made.

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS - The majority of employes are examined periodically. Operating personnel over 45 years of age are examined every year while those under 45 years of age are exam-

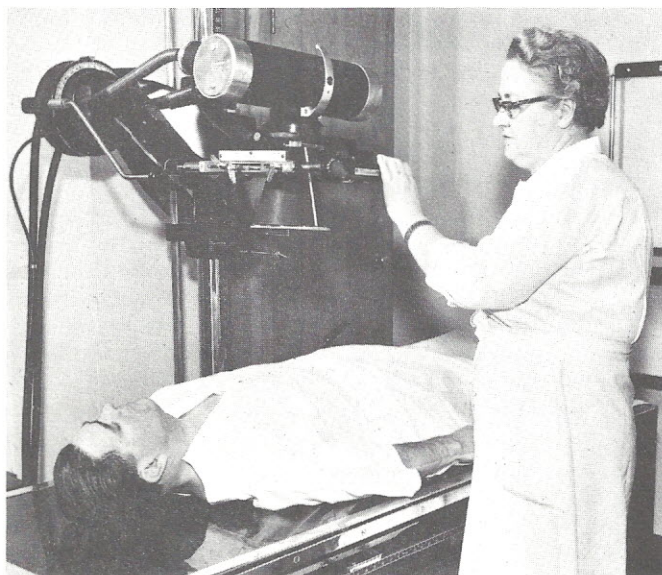


CONSULTATIONS REGARDING medical records of employes are held whenever conditions indicate such procedures are necessary. Decisions in these matters are made by (left) Dr. S. D. Mosny, medical director, and Dr. G. H. Irwin, medical consultant.

ined every two years. Shop personnel are examined every two years. Mobile examining units are used for conducting these examinations. Each unit consists of a bus which has been completely remodeled and equipped so that a complete physical examination including visual testing and urinalysis can be done. Electrocardiograms are periodically included as part of the examination. The staff of the mobile examining unit consists of a doctor and a medical technician. These examinations are done at various stations for the convenience of the employe.

HEALTH AND ACCIDENT AND DISABILITY CLAIMS - Employes who have been disabled because of sickness or injury are examined by the Medical Department before returning to work. The purpose of these examinations is to determine whether or not complete recovery has taken place so that the em-

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THE MEDICAL Department in the Merchandise Mart is equipped to take X-ray films required for employe physical examinations and injuries. Connie Calvet, registered X-ray technician, performs this phase of the medical program.

PROCESSING AND checking medical records of all employes is one of the responsibilities of (left) Regina Daren, medical secretary, and Maryanne Smith, clerk II, pictured at the right.



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ployee is able to return to his regular work without jeopardizing his health or being a safety hazard.

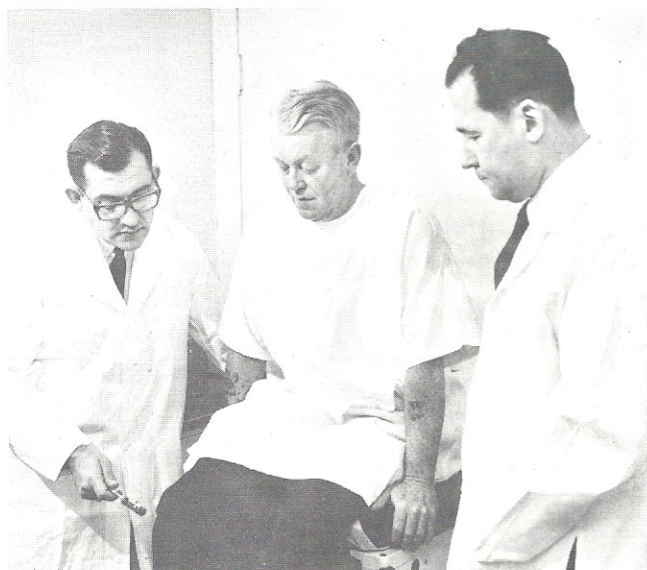
In the event that the employee is not able to return to any type of work, he is placed on disability pension. Re-examinations are done periodically to determine his physical status and extent of recovery so that proper work recommendations may be made.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND SAFETY - These discussions take place with various departments regarding environmental conditions and hazardous jobs which might be detrimental to the health of an employee. The effect of solvents, greases, oils, and fumes on the worker causes many industrial medical conditions. The evaluation of physical defects as related to efficiency and safety is important.

MEDICAL COUNSELING - Health counseling and education regarding personal and general medical problems are done when requested. A medical article concerning common medical problems appears in the monthly issue of the Transit News. These articles are widely read, very informative, and of special interest to all employees and pensioners.

MEDICO-LEGAL - Claimant cases are examined in the Medical Department to determine the extent and nature of the injuries sustained and resulting disability. A complete report is forwarded to the Claim Department covering these cases. This function is important in claim settlements.

ANOTHER PHASE in the standard physical examination is a simple testing of tendon reflexes as demonstrated by (left) Dr. Guillermo Pons and (right) Dr. Lec Zojzi of the Medical Department staff.



WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION CASES - Employees injured on duty are examined and treated in the Medical Department. A final evaluation of residual permanent disability is done when indicated. A reference list of well-qualified physicians is maintained so that employees injured on duty can be referred to them for immediate efficient care. These doctors are selected on the basis of experience, training, and qualifications. A primary requisite is that his office must be conveniently located and accessible and that he is a hospital staff member.

EMERGENCY CASES - Medical aid is given to those employees who are suddenly stricken with an illness while working. Arrangements are then made to refer the employee to his personal physician or hospital after emergency care.

OTHER SERVICES - Electrocardiographic and X-ray equipment are available and utilized very extensively as diagnostic aids. Because of the nature of industrial medical practice, accurate and specific diagnosis is essential.

Physiotherapy treatments are given to employees injured on duty. These include infra red, hot moist packs, whirlpool, and other scientific equipment.

The Medical Department staff consists of Dr. Stephen D. Mosny, Medical Director, and Dr. George H. Irwin, Medico-Legal Consultant. They are assisted by six examining physicians, a roentgenologist, a registered nurse, an X-ray technician, and two medical technicians who aid the doctors assigned to the two mobile examining bus units.

During the year 1965 a grand total of all services given in the Medical Department was 19,109. Of these 6,446 were pre-employment examinations and 4,115 were accident and health examinations; 4,675 employees were examined as part of the annual examination program; employees injured on duty compiled a total of 1,602 and claimant examinations amounted to 313.

Other services such as electrocardiogram, X-rays and physiotherapy treatments totalled 4,640.

Medical Department objectives and services have only one goal in mind and that is to maintain good health among employees. By so doing, the employee, employer, and because this is a transportation company, the public, are all benefitted in one way or another. The employee benefits by lessened disability and increased longevity; the employer by increased productivity and efficiency; and the public benefits by increased safety and less accidents. Experience has shown that a healthy employee is a very important asset to the company and everything should be done to protect this valuable asset.

1965 Public Accident Record Close to All-time Yearly Low

MAKING A strong comeback in the fourth quarter of 1965 after a first quarter setback due to treacherous driving conditions, CTA operating personnel came within 45 accidents of tying the 1964 record, the all-time low, in CTA's continuing program to reduce traffic and passenger accidents.

Indicating the progress made during 1965 to accomplish this creditable employe safety performance are the standings as recorded in the quarterly reports.

At the end of the first quarter, traffic and passenger accidents were 284 over the corresponding quarter of 1964; at the end of the second quarter, they were 330 over the 1964 rate; at the end of the third quarterly period, they had dropped back to 284 over. Then with only one month remaining in the fourth quarter and the score reading 179 over, the big push was on. At the end of December, the margin had been reduced to only 45 over the previous year.

Contributing to this remarkable effort, seven surface system stations and three rapid transit system stations scored 1965 accident records better than in 1964. These were: Archer, Beverly, 69th, Kedzie, Limits, North Avenue, and 77th on the surface system, and Howard, Logan, and 61st street on the rapid transit system.

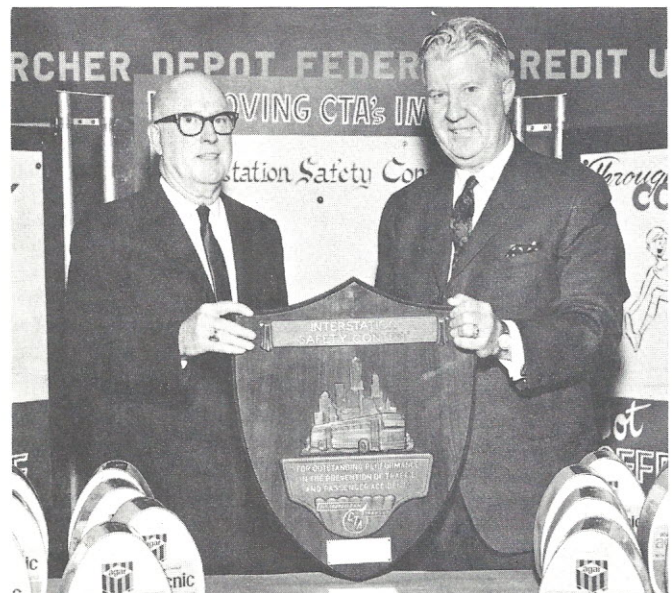
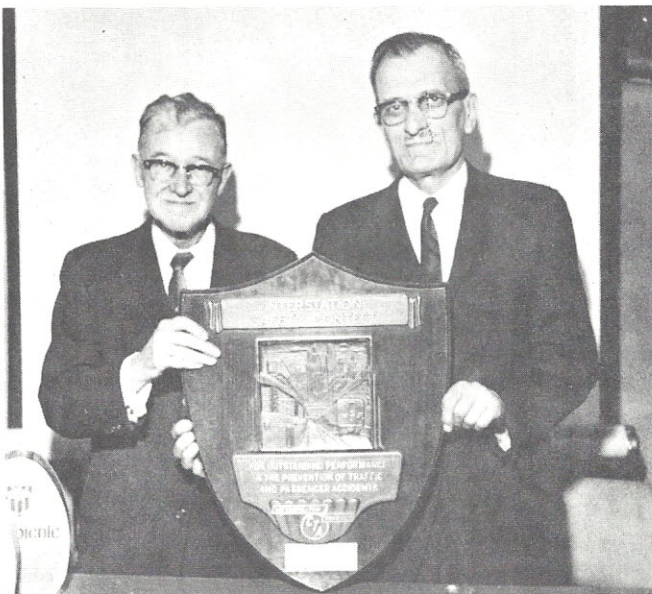
CONGRESS, OF the rapid transit system, with a perfect score of 75.00 and Archer, of the surface system, which marked up a 57.38 were the plaque winners for the fourth quarter of the Interstation Safety Contest. Runners up were Howard and Beverly respectively. In the picture at the left, T. F. Moore, superintendent of operating stations, is presenting the award plaque to W. G. Murbach (right), superintendent of Douglas and Congress stations. In the picture at the right, Superintendent M. F. Harrington of Archer station accepts the surface system plaque from D. M. Flynn (right), superintendent of transportation.



TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT station superintendents were recent luncheon guests of the general manager at which they were complimented for the fine safety record established during 1965. Mr. O'Connor pointed out that despite the extremely bad driving conditions during the first three months of last year, the public accident rate was only one per cent higher than the all-time low safety record established in 1964. He said that public safety will continue to receive first priority in CTA's intensive training activities.

It is also significant to note that despite the failure to overcome the big handicap in passenger and traffic accidents, the surface system had the lowest passenger accident frequency in CTA history.

It was a tribute to the cooperative efforts of operating and supervisory personnel. Though they did not quite meet their goal, they established themselves as a competent and capable working force.





QUESTION:

In your opinion, does today's younger generation have less respect for their elders than when you were a teenager?

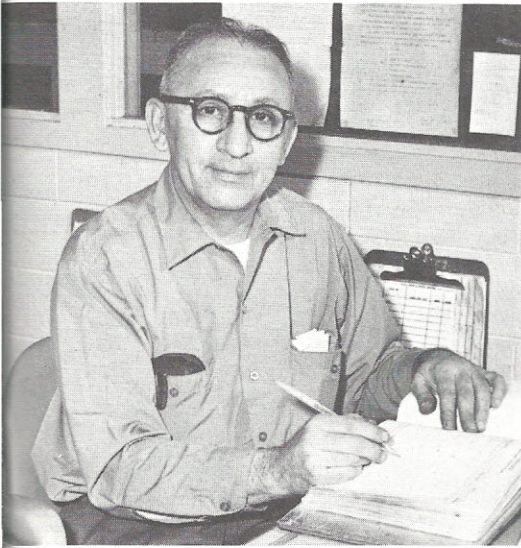
INQUIRING REPORTER:

Ray Brzeczek

LOCATION:

Rapid Transit Terminal Inspection Shops

PAUL LORIMER, senior foreman of Terminal Shops (with reporter Ray Brzeczek): "No, the majority of today's teenagers still have high respect for their elders, but due to a few bad ones that we hear and read about in the news media, their public image is not what it was years ago."



EDWARD STAMBORSKI, clerk, Kimball: "Yes, today teenagers have less respect for their elders and the main reason is the lack of training they received from their parents."



FRANK BENANTI, clerk, Congress: "Yes, we have given them too much. We've been afraid to discipline them-- to say 'No'."



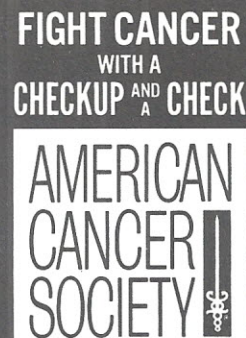
JAMES DURR, clerk, Lake Street: "Respect for the elders has always been a reflection of their home training. Children of today express themselves openly, where in my day we were to be seen and not heard."



WALTER MAJEWSKI, clerk, 61st Street: "No, I think they have as much respect for their elders as the last generation, especially if they want something-- they go all out to get it. Of course, there are a few bad apples in every barrel."

Early Detection of Danger Signals

Important in **CANCER** Treatment



THE PREVALENCE of cancer is a disturbing medical problem which scientific studies and research is seeking to solve. It is the most dreaded disease of modern times. It is a word that breeds fear and anxiety. It has touched many families who have lost loved ones, often in the prime of life. Cancer is no respecter of age or sex or color. It strikes rich and poor alike.

But the outlook for an eventual slowdown in its toll of human lives is not as bleak as it once was, reports the American Cancer Society, which is in the front line of the battle against the number two killer disease in the nation.

The ACS is encouraged by the breakthrough made in some areas of cancer research. But that is only the beginning. It requires continuing research, diligence, and public education to beat back this great menace to human health and well-being.

The American Cancer Society, Inc., is a voluntary organization of more than 2,000,000 members who have united to conquer cancer. It is national in scope and is waging its war against cancer through balanced research, education, and service.

In all its literature, the ACS stresses early detection as a basic factor in the successful treatment of cancer. A disease that takes many forms, it can attack or spread to many parts of the body. But many types can be cured. That's the hopeful promise for the future by ACS leaders in the campaign to alert the public to the need for cooperation and support.

This optimistic approach to the fight against cancer is based on the fact that there are now 1,400,000 Americans alive today, who have been cured of cancer. By "cured" it is meant that they are without evidence of the disease at least five years after diagnosis and treatment. An additional 700,000 cancer patients diagnosed and treated within the last five years will live to enter the ranks of those called cured. This means there are 2,000,000 Americans cured of cancer, although 700,000 will not formally be counted until they have completed the five years. The decision as to when a patient may be considered cured, in the sense of being free of the disease, is one that must be made by

the individual physician. For most forms of cancer, five years is the accepted time. However, some patients can be discharged as free of the disease after one year, others after three years, while some may be followed much longer than five years.

This is why the American Cancer Society is emphasizing that early detection is of utmost importance.

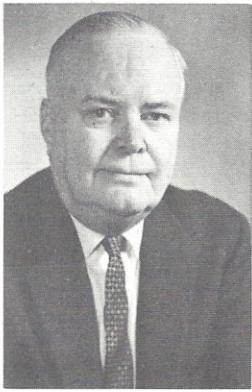
The goal of research is (1) To find out what causes cancer. (2) To find new ways to cure it. (3) To prevent it. (4) To alleviate pain and suffering.

The ACS lists the seven danger signals that may be warnings of cancer. These are: (1) Unusual bleeding or discharge; (2) A lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere; (3) A sore that does not heal; (4) Change in bowel or bladder habits; (5) Hoarseness or cough; (6) Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing; (7) Change in a wart or mole.

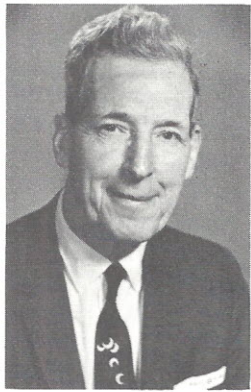
ACS advises if your signal lasts longer than two weeks go to your doctor to learn if it means cancer or some other chronic disease.

It is pointed out that your own family doctor is the key figure in the early detection of cancer. Regular physical examinations are recommended to determine if any of the danger signals are present. The doctor will advise as to prompt and proper treatment. One in three cancer victims is now being saved but doctors say this might be one in two if every individual heeded cancer danger signals and had regular checkups. Your doctor can refer you to control and treatment centers which specialize in research.

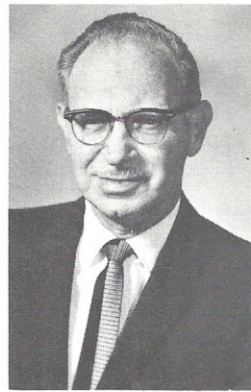
April is National Cancer Control Month. During this month volunteers will canvass the city and suburban areas and distribute pamphlets about control to the citizens of their neighborhoods and communities. They will also solicit contributions to support the program. It is suggested that you do two things during April. (1) Have a check-up for cancer, and (2) Volunteer to help their program. The funds obtained go largely to promote and finance cancer research in hospitals and institutions in Chicago and throughout the country.



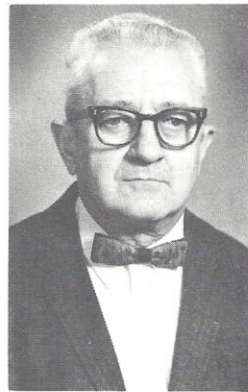
CLARENCE MELBYE
49 years



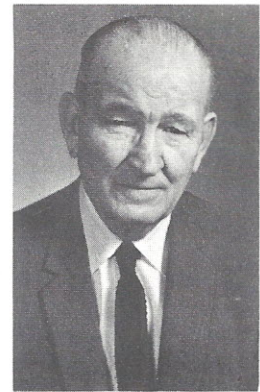
GEORGE KOEHLER
47 years



W. STOCKSON COMSTOCK
44 years



PAUL LASKY
44 years



JOHN FRUGO
43 years

10 Employees with 40 or More Service Years Retire

TEN EMPLOYEES with 40 or more years of service were among the retirees who became CTA pensioners on February 1.

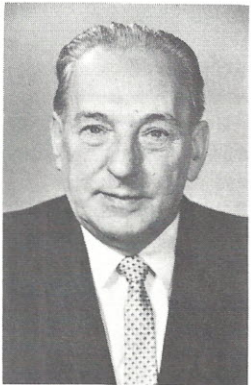
Topping the list in length of service was Clarence Melbye, senior radio-telephone operator in CTA's Operation Control Center, who had completed 49 years and eight months as an employe of the former Chicago Surface Lines and CTA.

Next highest in seniority was George E. Koehler; platform man, Kimball terminal, with 47 years of service. Two others, each of whom had passed the 44-year mark as transit workers, were W. S. Comstock, budget director, and Paul Lasky, evaluation clerk, Engineering Department.

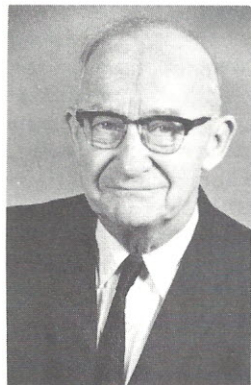
The combined service records of the 10 whose pictures appear on this page totaled 422 years.



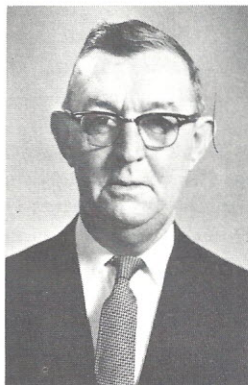
THOMAS LOFTUS
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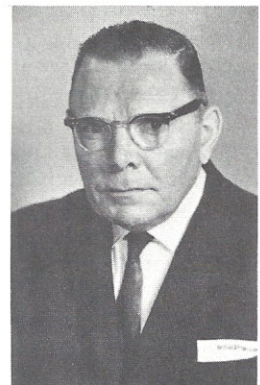
JOSEPH SARGENT
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EDWARD SCHMIDT
40 years



EDWARD REIDY
40 years



PHILIP SMITH
40 years

Six Named to New Supervisory Appointments

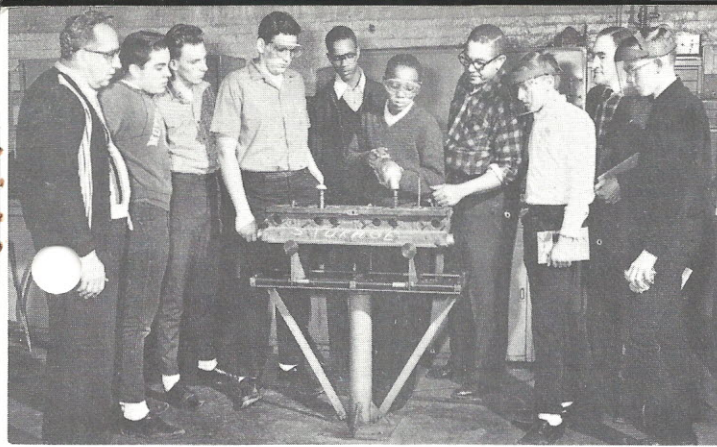
SIX NEW appointments affecting supervisory personnel in several departments were announced in bulletins issued recently.

Effective February 1, Robert E. Baxter was appointed budget accountant, replacing W. S. Comstock who retired on January 31. The appointment was signed by A. J. Fitzsimons, general accountant.

The following appointments affecting four Transportation Department employes were announced effective February 1: E. K. Peterson was named

superintendent, Kedzie station; M. H. DeWitt became assistant superintendent, Limits-Keeler; W. H. Chamberlain was appointed relief superintendent, North Park-Forest Glen, and W. A. Schweitzer became a senior station instructor.

Effective January 10, Manny Siegel was appointed bridge engineer directly responsible for design of elevated structures, including engineering of elevated structure maintenance. The announcement was signed by H. S. Anthon, general superintendent of engineering.



A GROUP of Explorer Scouts are exploring future job opportunities in a program being conducted by South Shops employees who are serving as advisors for high school students. The teen-agers are members of Scout Explorers Post No. 9607, organized and sponsored by CTA. In the photo at the left, one of the members of the group is concentrating on the use of an electric valve seat grinder as other members and advisors look on. At right: A welding job occupies the attention of a youngster whose instructor is Richard Naecker of South Shops. J. J. Replinger, superintendent of surface shops, chief advisor of the group, is an interested spectator.



CTA Program Helps Teen-agers to Choose Careers

A UNIQUE program for teen-agers, primarily designed to help boys in high school to prepare for future careers as craftsmen or in other occupations, has been initiated recently by a group of South Shops employees.

The program was formulated to provide members of Scout Explorers Post No. 9607, which is sponsored by CTA, with an opportunity to learn of the advantages offered in the transit field for skilled workers and points up the value of job training in planning for employment in the occupational classification of their choice.

The scouts, many of whom are sons of CTA employees, meet regularly under the guidance of South Shops craftsmen for demonstrations on the basic fundamentals of the various trades represented in CTA operations. They are briefed in the many phases of bus repair and maintenance as well as the requirements and techniques of other jobs in which they may be interested.

In addition to the sessions at South Shops the group also has visited the Skokie Shops where rapid transit cars are repaired and serviced and the Operation Control Center in the Merchandise Mart, the nerve center of CTA's transportation controls.

The meetings are held two evenings each month with supervision by employees who are called post advisors. The advisors determine the interests of the boys and schedule classes accordingly. In many instances, the scouts are given the chance to use the tools that are required in the particular operation being discussed.

The group is divided into smaller classes according to their preference and each class is assigned to a qualified advisor. They start by learning the fundamentals from the beginning and advance to other stages as the class progresses. Some of the trades represented in the program are mechanics, machinists, electrical workers, sheet metal workers, welders, and painters, all of whom are employed in their specialties at South Shops.

Chief Advisor to the Scout Explorer Post is Joseph J. Replinger, superintendent of surface system shops. Associated with him in the program are Noah Lewis, Richard Naecker, Carl Lidzbinski, Al Samaska, and William Miller, all South Shops employees.

Membership in the Scout Explorers Post is limited to the 14-17 age group and each applicant is required to join the group. The members pay their own dues, elect their own officers, and plan their own meetings.

Reservations Being Accepted for 1966 European Tour

A REPEAT of the same CTA tour of Europe arranged last year is being planned this summer for those who were unable to get reservations for the 1965 tour.

It will be made available at an all-inclusive rate and will cover the same itinerary and include the same sightseeing land tour of 10 countries which made last year's trip so popular.

The departure date from Chicago will be Labor Day, September 5, and the tour will end 22 days later on arrival at O'Hare airport.

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

Enthusiastic reports by CTA tour members who took the trip last year are a high recommendation for the repeat tour. Complete details may be obtained by writing Jane Mitchell, CTA, Room 734 Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

Seat Safety Belts Required on Passenger Cars After March 1

IF YOU'RE a car owner and your car is not equipped with front seat belts you can get into trouble with the law after March 1.

Effective that date, it is mandatory that all passenger cars of 1961 or later years must have front seat safety belts or the driver will be liable for arrest.

This is in accordance with a new law passed by the 1965 Illinois General Assembly. It amends the provision of the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic which, since 1956, has required all new cars to be equipped with anchor devices necessary for installation of seat belts and, since 1964, has required all new cars to be equipped with front seat belts.

Obviously, to drive with greater safety, you must do something additional not required by this law - use your seat belt. And that means fasten them around you whenever you drive.

It is pointed out that thousands of lives are lost each year because people are thrown against windshields or out of car doors by the impact of crashes. Your chances of being killed in an accident are five times greater if you are thrown from the vehicle. Your seat belt will help keep you in your car.

Estimates have been made that use of seat belts lowered the 1964 accident toll by 750 deaths, even though it is estimated that only about 30 per cent of the passenger cars had seat belts, and that these were used about 50 per cent of the time. It is further estimated that use of seat belts by all who drive could reduce deaths by 5,000 annually, and serious injuries by one-third.

CTA Radio "Hams" Will Relay Messages to Yanks in Viet Nam

TWO CTA employes, each a licensed amateur radio operator, are among local station operators who have been selected to relay messages from the families of military personnel engaged in action in Viet Nam.

Laddie Smach, towerman, Logan Square, and Delrose Tosh, power supervisor, Operations Control Center, both of whom have their own amateur radio stations, have joined other "ham" operators in the Chicago area in handling messages from the home folks direct to the fighting men in the combat zones.

They are members of MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System) and as such can communicate through military channels with fellow "hams" and through a network of associated stations with U.S. military installations all over the world.

The station operated by Mr. Smach is in his home at 7140 Addison street, Chicago. His call number is A9CYD. Mr. Tosh, whose address is 9 Area drive, Naperville, has the call number of A90B1. Both have offered to dispatch messages from CTA employes who have a family member or relative serving in Viet Nam.

Anyone wishing to send a free radio message to Viet Nam should print or type the message and mail or deliver it to the home address of Mr. Smach or Mr. Tosh. Rank, serial number, military unit, and APO or zip code of the addressee must be included.

A message from home can do much to bolster the morale of the men in our armed forces.

Operator Commended for Aiding Fire Victims

CTA TRANSPORTATION Department employes are often praised for some act of alertness and courage beyond the line of duty. Such an occurrence brought a commendation from management to Operator Harrison Anderson Jr., badge No. 7553, Kedzie.

The incident relates to action taken by the operator who was standing on the corner of Roosevelt road and Kedzie avenue when he noticed smoke and flames coming out of the window of a nearby store. He heard a woman scream for help and ran across the street to a fire alarm box, pulled the alarm and ran back to the door of the building.

The smoke was very thick and people were locked inside the hallway. With the help of an unknown

passer-by, he kicked the glass out of the door, went inside and aided two women, a small baby and a man out of the building.

Anderson, who had been waiting to relieve another operator, went to his bus, made the relief, and completed his run.

General Manager T. B. O'Connor, in a congratulatory letter to Operator Anderson, said in part: "If you had not acted promptly, the incident could have had a more disastrous ending. Your action reflects great credit upon yourself. We are proud to have men in our organization who exhibit the qualities of a responsible citizen in addition to those of a good employe."

S and E Employees Lead in Suggestion Awards

SHOPS AND Equipment Department employees again lead in the number of awards received for acceptable suggestions during January.

Nine shopmen were among the 21 employees who scored with honorary mention or cash awards, according to the tabulation of the Employees suggestion Plan Committee.

Cash prizes totaling \$105.00 were shared by five suggesters and 15 honorary mention citations were awarded. All of those named for awards, both cash and honorable mention, received a special bonus of family-size hams.

Winners of cash awards were: Thomas J. Cashin, Neil J. Cotter, and Frank W. Stolarz, all of South Shops, \$25.00 each; Frank Mendyk and William Baldyga, Utility Department, who split a \$30.00 award.

Honorable mention awards went to Ernest Gai-chas, Walter Brozek, Theodore Szymanski, and Nello J. Paolicchi, of Skokie Shops; Roy Green, R. T. West Section; Charles W. Read, R. T. Howard; Grady O. Mattison, S & E, 52nd; Harold W. Thurbush, R. T. Douglas; Patrick J. Clifford, G. O. Engineering; Neil J. Cotter, South Shops; Rodney Rusakiewicz, Stores; William J. Miedema, North Avenue; Leo Lizak, General Office; Wallace W. Brown, R. T. 61st; Bernard E. Fitzpatrick, Stores, 63rd, and Wendell Mann, R. T. South Side.

Processing of other suggestions is underway and the committee suggests that suggestion bulletin boards be referred to for information as to the status of entries submitted for consideration. 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.



AT THE American Society of Safety Engineers meeting, which was held at the Circle Campus of the University of Illinois on February 14, Charles M. Smith, a retired employe and former Insurance Department Fire and Safety Coordinator, was presented a lifetime membership to the Society. Making the presentation, in recognition of Mr. Smith's work for many years in connection with industrial safety, is L. M. Zale, President of the Greater Chicago Society.

2,800 Wisconsin Girl Scouts

Use Charter Service in Visit to City

A MASS movement of 2,800 Girl Scouts from Milwaukee and the surrounding area who came to Chicago on Saturday, February 19, to visit the Museum of Science and Industry, posed no problems for CTA's Transportation Department which took the assignment in stride.

The tour was arranged in cooperation with the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, and required coordination of services between the railroad and CTA.

On the inbound trip from Milwaukee, three special trains brought the group to Morton Grove station of the Milwaukee road where 54 CTA buses met them for the trip to Howard terminal. At Howard they loaded six chartered eight-car trains and

one six-car "L"-subway train for the non-stop trip to Jackson Park station. There, the group transferred to another 54 chartered buses awaiting them to take them to their destination.

At the completion of the museum tour, the group members were transferred by bus to Union station where they boarded the special trains for the return to Milwaukee.

This is the second tour of its kind this year. Earlier, a group of similar number, consisting of Cub Scouts from the Milwaukee area, came to Chicago to visit the Museum of Science and Industry. On March 26, another group of youngsters from the Madison and Milwaukee areas will make the same tour.

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—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Revenue) -

CLARENCE ZEIGER of the Transfer Counting Section, after 23 years of service, retired January 31. We extend our best wishes and health to Clarence. Good luck! . . . DANIEL RUGLIO is the new transfer counter replacing PAUL GIPSON who is going back to school to further his education. TOM PREVITI, transfer counter, transferred to Reproduction Services. . . Wedding Bells! We extend our best wishes to ESTELLE LUCAS on her announcement of her engagement to JOSEPH KALECKAS, December 11. We also extend our best wishes to KATHY DALY on her engagement December 24 to JIM STANGER. . . WANDA BEKIER had a gay old time "painting the town red" while on vacation. Didn't you notice how all the street lights were decorated red for Christmas? Wanda, was it you? . . . HELEN FRANSON spent her vacation decorating her home for the holiday season and finishing her last-minute Christmas shopping. . . MARY JANE HOSTETTER spent her time on vacation with her last-minute shopping and baking Christmas cookies. What, no free samples, Mary Jane? . . . GERI LAVINE took in the sights around the Chicagoland area on her vacation. Geri has been transferred to General Accounting as the new invoice posting clerk. . . Guessing game! Button, button, which button do we press? Many have been trying to find the button for the Parliament cigarettes on the vending machine in the cafeteria. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the Parliament button kindly mark it. Thanks!

-Joanne Paris

(Budget) -

W. S. COMSTOCK retired February 1. Cake and coffee was served in the Board Room to his friends and former employees. We wish him good health and a long retirement.

(Payroll) -

We welcome back MARK PIZZA from South Shops. Also to join us is MARY BLACKMORE from Voucher. . . CHRISTINE CAMERON picked a good time for her vacation. It was cold and we had heavy snow. . . STANLEY MAILUCK's beautiful 3-D color slides of the Merchandise Mart in Christmas lights wended their way to the building's manager and the building electrician. They were admired by all who saw them. . . We are happy to tell you that CLAIRE KOCH, retiree, is well on her way to recovery after surgery during the holidays. . . We wish to thank those who kept us well fed with homemade goodies during the busy holiday season. We sure do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

-Eileen Neurauter

(Tabulating) -

T.V. personality TIM O'CONNOR, currently starring in the popular series "Peyton Place" paid a surprise visit to the Tabulating Section. Needless to say, his presence caused more than a few female hearts to flutter. Mr. O'Connor proved very gracious as evidenced by the many autographs he signed during his short visit. Mr. O'Connor was accompanied by his brothers, RICHARD, and our own, JOSEPH. Joe, as he is known to his many

CTA friends, attempted to explain the intricacies of our tabulating machines, but gave it up as hopeless when the female populace started pouring in. Tim did promise to return as soon, and as often as he can. Continued success to a great performer and a grand person --- Tim O'Connor.

- Marion Sutherland & Edward O'Rourke

(General) -

Your reporter is serving as juror in the Circuit Court at the present time, and will bring you up to date on the news in her next column.

- Mable Potthast

CLAIMS -

We of the Claim Department wish to extend our deepest sympathy to VINCENT MOORE on the death of his mother-in-law. . . "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" you can be sure that they belong to the newest member of our department, PEGGY HALLAHAN. Peggy recently transferred to our department from the Skokie Shops. . . Good Luck to RICHARD POLLIZZE, receptionist, on his new job in the Treasury Department. . . PHIL HENGELS, a former vault clerk, paid us a visit recently, sporting his uniform of the United States Marines and a deep tan he acquired while stationed in San Diego, California. . . MILDRED MIMMS, wife of CECIL MIMMS, locator, recently won second place in the Daily Defender's word game "Occupation, Please!" Mildred is looking forward to spending the \$500.00 prize on a mink stole. . . ED COMAN, accident clerk, and his wife, MABEL, motored to Cinnaminson, New Jersey, to visit their son during the Christmas holidays. . . JEANNE and OSCAR LUDMANN have just become the proud owners of Pit, a curbstone-sitter.

- Sandy Majewski & Kathy Ashley

CONGRESS (Agents) -

We are happy to hear Agents MARGARET QUEENAN, MARCELLA BURNS, and retired Agent BEATRICE SHEWE are doing much better. Porter WILLIAM RAVIZEE is hospitalized after an auto accident. . . Congress Agent JOSEPH MIRABELLI had a double reason for celebrating New Years day - it also was his birthday. . . Lake Street Agents CHARLES BOHAKEL and ED DURKIN started the New Year by becoming men of leisure. . . Conductor JOHN EICHENGER and his wife celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Conductor WALTER GAUGER and his wife, former Ticket Agent VIRGINIA POWERS, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. . . Conductor ED ROBINSON was a nervous but happy bridegroom when he married Miss MARY HASELL on January 8. . . Student TERRY HANLON and BERNADETTE SCHORA are making plans for a September 3 wedding. . . Agent PAT GRITIS and PAT HILL are planning on saying "I do" on August 13. . . While on vacation, Congress Motorman FRANK GARRITY and his wife, KATHLEEN, celebrated 33 happy years of marriage. Their son, MICHAEL, had service leave from the air force and flew in from Hawaii for the occasion. . . Agents MARY NOLAN, HELEN McMAHON, and JOSEPH MIRABELLI had the

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last of their vacations and are looking forward to the next . . . Student Agent JOHN STEINBETZ left to go back to school. Come back again, John . . . A welcome to the new agents, shopmen, and trainmen recently hired: LYLE PRITCHARD of North Park, CHARLES HURTIGENNE from Limits, HORACE DOUGLAS from Kedzie, DAVID DRYSMILLER, a student agent, and Agent EDWINA HOFFMAN, whose father is E. CORRIGAN on Lake street. Also, BRIDGET O'DONNELL, who was an agent here many years ago, and SHIRLEY COLEMAN, who celebrated her sixth wedding anniversary breaking in as an agent. Her little girl, MITZI, was two years old January 10 . . . No matter what we say or do can help those who have had loved ones go the way of all men. May it comfort them to know that many hearts are deeply sorry for the loss of their beloved . . . GORDON KELLY, retired Lake Street Agent, former surface man and Transit News columnist, passed away January 12 after a long illness . . . Retired Conductor T. MORATZ was buried at the Memorial Estates cemetery January 6, Retired Conductor JOHN BLAIR also passed away . . . Services were held for retired Conductor STANLEY KLUZAK at St. Adalberts cemetery on January 8 . . . The sudden death of Porter A. STAPLETON surprised all his co-workers. Our sympathy is also extended to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM KENNEDY of North Avenue on the loss of their daughter . . . Agent BARNEY SOBKOWIAK is home from LaSalle, Illinois, where he was hospitalized for major surgery . . . Congress Motorman J. SCANLON is home from the hospital . . . Remember fellows, before you complain about women drivers - it was a man who taught them to drive.

- Julia Brousek

ELECTRICAL -

A welcome back to work for Engineer BERT ENGBERG, Electrical dispatch clerk WALTER OLSON, and Lineman ED DURAL after being off on the sick list . . . On the sick list at this time is Lineman CARL HIRSCHNER. Carl, we are happy to learn, is recovering very nicely and plans to return to work very shortly . . . As of this writing, we hope that Lineman ED WHITING is enjoying his vacation . . . We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to "B" Maintainer ARTHUR MAXWELL and his wife on the tragic loss of their son, ARTHUR Jr., who died in an auto accident on December 27 . . . Also, on a sad note, H. D. WILSON passed away on December 21 after a long illness. Mr. Wilson was much thought of by all, and will be greatly missed in his passing.

The holidays brought welcome visits from some of our retired friends. GILBERT ANDREWS stopped by to

extend Christmas cheer. JOHN MICHNICK came in loaded with delicious fruit cake his wife had baked. We all gained a couple of pounds . . . Christmas meant traveling to visit far off families to some of us. BOB CORBETT, his wife and daughter, flew to Germany to visit their son who is stationed there with the armed forces.

ED BRUCKNER and his wife spent four weeks in California with his daughter and her children . . . AL LALOND has six grandchildren now. His son, ALLEN, is the proud father of a boy, born on December 29 . . . Our congratulations to ANDY BOURNE on completion of 30 years service with the CTA . . . A speedy recovery to WILLIAM BECKMANN who was injured in December. Hope he is back to work before this goes to press . . . JOHN REZNICEK, retiree, sends his regards to all his friends at South Shops . . . Our sympathy to ART ARDUANI whose sister, Mrs. FRANCES DAVIES, passed away January 13 . . . Pensioners take note: We enjoy hearing from you and would appreciate any news you can send to us.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

FOREST GLEN -

A grandson was born to Operator and Mrs. BILL BARRON on Christmas day. That makes four grandsons. What does that make you Bill, 35? . . . Operator CHARLES and MARLENE GAST were visited by the stork and were blessed with a baby boy . . . Forest Glen station was paid a welcome visit by Pensioner FRANK KIMMEL. I guess Frank left the Florida sun to visit us Eskimos and get a taste of the cold weather . . . There are several deaths to report. The mother of Relief Superintendent MILES DeWITT, Mrs. ELSIE STOLL; the sister of Relief Clerk ROBERT STACH, and Operator JOSEPH DROGAS.

- Frank Carpino

GENERAL OFFICE (Research & Planning) -

JIM TOOLIS proudly announced the birth of a new grandson to his daughter, Mrs. MARILYN KANE, on January 30. The baby was named JOSEPH PATRICK. He has a big sister, KAREN, who is three years old . . . MARY BOSKI was welcomed to the department. Mary formerly worked for JOHN BLARE who recently retired.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

ROBERT AVRAM was welcomed to the department. Robert recently transferred from the Treasury Department. On January 19, Robert's father, VICTOR AVRAM, passed away and Treasury joined this department in ex-



GATHERED AROUND LOUIS COCONATO, Kedzie station bus cleaner, who retired January 1, are some of his fellow employees. Foreman ROBERT VANCE and Assistant Foreman JOE FIORITA presented Louis with a watch on behalf of the men.

NEW PENSIONERS

ANDREW P. ANDERSEN, Clerk,
North Section, Emp. 11-20-44
SILVESTER BONADONNA, Track Foreman I.
Track & Struct., Emp. 5-19-27
WILBUR COMSTOCK, Budget Supervisor,
Accounting, Emp. 6-10-21
WILLIAM J. CONLEY, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 12-09-26
CASTRO H. DAHMER, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 6-25-26
JOHN J. DORAN, Bus Cleaner,
Archer, Emp. 11-20-42
JOHN FRUGO, Superintendent,
Kedzie, Emp. 1-08-23
WILLIAM O. GIBSON, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 12-04-41
JOHN J. HESTER, Janitor,
Kedzie, Emp. 4-28-26
EDMOND B. HOGAN, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 7-23-57
NICK IPPOLITO, Bus Cleaner,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-11-41
LOUIS A. KEESHAN, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-04-29
GEORGE E. KOEHLER, Platform Man,
Kimball, Emp. 9-09-18
RUDOLPH KOPROWITZ, Janitor,
Beverly, Emp. 11-14-27
PAUL J. LASKY, Tabulating Clerk,
General Office, Emp. 11-09-21
THOMAS P. LOFTUS, Supervisor,
District "D", Emp. 4-03-25
ROY O. LYMAN, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 5-10-27
THOMAS A. MASON, Instructor,
Instruction, Emp. 12-10-28
JAMES A. McCABE, Janitor,
North Park, Emp. 3-23-42
CLARENCE W. MELBYE, Radio-Tele. Oper.,
Operations Control, Emp. 6-01-16

ANTONIO MORETTI, Laborer,
Building, Emp. 6-22-42
WILLIAM O'CONNOR, Clerk,
Howard, Emp. 11-09-36
EDWARD G. REIDY, Conductor,
South Section, Emp. 4-09-25
HAROLD F. ROSE, Asst. Foreman,
Wilson Shop, Emp. 11-27-28
HARRY SALITRE, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-10-43
JOSEPH SARGENT, Senior Foreman,
South Shops, Emp. 8-18-24
EDWARD G. SCHMIDT, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-29-25
HARRY J. SCHOFIELD, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 4-18-27
VERN SHEPHERD, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-29-29
PHILIP SMITH, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-25-25
LOUIS A. SPOLEC, Sheet Metal Worker,
South Shops, Emp. 9-11-29
MINNIE A. STOFFLE, Clerk,
South Shops, Emp. 5-05-20
JACK H. YOUNG, Collector,
Archer, Emp. 11-01-27
CLARENCE T. ZEIGER, Janitor,
General Office, Emp. 8-16-43
VINCENT ZITO, Trackman I,
Track & Struct., Emp. 7-24-28

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JOSEPH PERKUSICH, Carpenter,
Track & Struct., Emp. 8-16-41
HAROLD W. THOMAS, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 6-12-42

tending sympathy to Robert and his mother and sister... MARGARET CONWAY and a group of friends recently enjoyed a weekend of skiing at Indian Head, Michigan... STUART MAGINNIS was suddenly stricken with a kidney stone ailment and was rushed to West Suburban hospital on January 28. We hope he will be fully recovered by the time this goes to press . . . Chuckle for the month: JOE O'SULLIVAN, who keeps tabs on operator's commendation letters says, "The customers always write."

- Mary E. Clarke

KEDZIE -

Superintendent JOHN FRUGO retired on January 31. Mr. Frugo started his transit career back in January of '23 with the Chicago Motor Coach company. He and his wife, JANE, have two children, JOHN PAUL and BARBARA, and four grandchildren, JOHN, MARY PAT, JANEY, and NANCY. We are all sorry to see Mr. Frugo leave, but wish him the best in his retirement years . . . We express our deepest sympathy to the following: Operator WILLIAM F. WEBER and his wife on the loss of their son, WILLIAM WEBER III; Mrs. COLBERG on the loss of her husband, retired Operator W. COLBERG; Operator BLAIR, on the loss of his father, and Operator YARBROUGH, on the loss of his father.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Hi gang: A certain husband commenting on his wife's first pair of stretch pants - "Yeh, they make your feet look big too." P.S. He'll recover. Speaking of big things, the big man at Keeler is Operator DON FREY. He's a big man in heart and any other way you choose to look at him. He was made to feel even bigger, when his daughter, ANITA, announced her engagement . . . Operator GEORGE KARRAS and the Missus became proud grandparents for the second time December 26 when their daughter, LAMONE CARPENTER, gave birth to a fine baby boy . . . At a party at the Karras home recently four generations were represented - his mother; himself; his son, RICHARD (a mechanic at Forest Glen), and his son's daughter, KIMBERLY. Best wishes to all of you . . . Welcome back to Operator L. CORREA, who has returned from Puerto Rico on an emergency leave . . . "Get well" wishes go to SADIE O'NEAL, wife of Operator R. O'NEAL. Sadie underwent surgery at Bethany hospital. Hurry up and get well, Sadie, because Bob is looking thin . . . Congratulations to Operator R. SHAW and his wife, VERA, on their third anniversary January 12. It was 10 years of wedded bliss for Operator KUMBERA and his wife, SHERRY, February 10 . . . Hey! how about this? Your scribe had another birthday, February 1 . . . Little SCOTT GRAFER celebrated his third birthday February 4. Scott is the son of Operator GEORGE GRAFER and his wife, JACQUI . . . Operator T. FLOWER's birthday was January 22. Your reporter's daughter,

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DENISE, celebrated her birthday February 17 . . . The station can operate normally again now that Janitor SY GOLDMAN has returned from his vacation . . . The man on the "go-go" award goes to Cleaner ALBERT ANDREWS. We have yet to catch him at an idle moment . . . Operator WHITEY SZYMELL's nephew, BOB, flew in from Dover, Delaware, to meet his dad, Whitey's brother, Staff Sergeant JOHN FAYNIK. John, a career service man, flew in from Viet Nam to visit a few days with Whitey before returning with his son to Dover . . . Thought in passing: "A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load you can carry." . . . See you next month.

- Ernest C. Carter

LIMITS -

Operator WALTER JACKSON spent a five-week vacation in Florida. On the way down he stopped to see Retired Operator EMIL SCHREIBER at Hendersonville, North Carolina. While in Florida, he saw several retired CTA employes, including Retired Superintendent HERMAN ERICKSON and Shop Superintendent DON WILSON . . . Chief Clerk ROGER WARD and his wife, MARGARET, vacationed for two weeks at the Americana hotel in Miami, Florida. They report beautiful weather and a good time . . . Former Operator STANLEY TUREK is our new night sanitary engineer. Welcome Stanley! . . . CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his wife, ZONA, spent four weeks in California visiting Zona's brother and sister. Her brother lives in Pasadena and sister in a Los Angeles suburb. They enjoyed the trip very much on Santa Fe's El Capitan . . . Instructor JAMES BROGAN and his wife celebrated the 27th anniversary of their marriage on January 21. They spent the evening at the home of their daughter and family, feasting on wild rabbit . . . C. R. MAAR, father of Operator D. MAAR, died in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and was laid to rest there. He was a retired railroad man. Our sympathy is extended . . . Operator and Mrs. KERSH received an early Christmas present when baby KRISTEN arrived . . . Supervisor SAM SPITTALI's father passed away in January. Mr. Spittali retired 17 years ago after 41 years of service with CTA and a predecessor company. Our deepest sympathy . . . All at Limits extend their deepest sympathy to Instructor WILLIAM KENNEDY and family on the death of their daughter, CAROL (Mrs. KENNETH WARNER). Her untimely death came at 27 years of age, leaving a husband and two children . . . Receiver GEORGE SINGER spent the last of his vacation as a very busy man. He moved to a new location . . . In a bulletin letter from General Manager TOM O'CONNOR, he thanked all for a job well done on courtesy and accidents in 1965. Coffee was served all day on January 18 by the management and sweet rolls were added by the Credit Union . . . Limits had 18 more commendations over complaints in 1965. This is the only station that achieved that accomplishment. We had free coffee six times in 1965. Superintendent GEORGE MAY, EARL PETERSON, and JACK MORRIS thank all for this fine teamwork . . . Operator ERNIE JOHNSON returned to work after two and a half months of illness. He has enjoyed three weeks of his vacation in California. He traveled by train . . . Mr. GEORGE DeMENT, Chairman of the Board, featured in "Railway Age", cites the employes for a high rise in courtesy, which he believes is a big factor in added patronage, and thanks all . . . Limits station had 13 less accidents in 1965, setting a brand new record for our depot. Our superintendents thank all for this fine achievement . . . I met Retired Operator JOE BEAUMIER from North Avenue recently. He retired in 1962 after

37 years of service. Joe says he is in the best of health and looks it . . . Limits Depot Federal Credit Union held its annual meeting on Sunday, January 23, at Eagles Hall at 3900 North Western. It was attended by a large number of members and many beautiful prizes were won by the children and adults. A very delectable buffet lunch was served . . . It was nice to see our Superintendent, GEORGE MAY, and his personable wife, also Retired Operators ED CRANDALL, JOE PELLELY, and A. MCPHEE. Also, retired Shopman ALEX LANG. Last but not least, the former president of Limits Credit Union, Instructor BRUNO and AGNES KARP.

- George Clark

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

It seems that this time of the year we have so much sad news to report. Agent FRANK LUCAS is still on the sick list. We are sorry to hear Agent MARCELLA BURNS is hospitalized. Cards will reach her at West Suburban hospital. Former Assignment Agent MARGARET QUEENAN is now home from the hospital. She wants to thank her many friends for their kindness during her illness . . . Our condolences to the family of Pensioner GORDON KELLY. Mr. Kelly was a Lake Street agent at the time he took his pension on December 1, 1964. He also was your West Side reporter until he left to go on pension. Mr. Kelly passed away on January 11 after a long illness . . . CHARLES SNYDER, who has joined the agents ranks recently, having formerly been a West Side trainman, is enjoying his vacation in this bad weather . . . Agents MARY BURROWS and HELEN GUTH were surprised to find they have the same birth date, January 13 . . . Congress Porter ART HUBACZ celebrated his birthday on January 15. Agent DOROTHY FORD became a year older on February 18. To all of these nice people, a great big "Happy Birthday." . . . Agent MARTIN BEGLY's daughter, MARY THERESE, enjoyed skiing in Colorado during the Christmas holidays . . . Porter STAPLETON, who had many friends along the Congress line, passed away January 15. He will be missed by many . . . We are glad to report that Board Member ALEX SCHNEIDER's wife is up and about after being hospitalized before Christmas . . . We just got word that Mrs. MARGARET QUEENAN just became a great-grandmother. Her granddaughter, MARY MARGARET, had a little doll, MARY PAT . . . What West Side Clerk bought his wife a Buick Skylark for Christmas? - His initials are J. M. . . See you next time.

- Helen Pallister

COULD THIS be a third generation CTA'er someday? JOHN WILLIAM DOYLE JR. is the son of JOHN DOYLE SR., Beverly Repair Department. But it doesn't end there---he is also the grandson of Lake Street Clerk DAN DOYLE and Loop ticket agent and Transit News reporter MILDRED DOYLE.



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LOOP -

Student Agent DAN KARNICKE was accepted at the Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola university, and the University of Illinois Medical School. At present, Dan is undecided as to which one he will attend. Someone's found out why Dan was so nervous Christmas Eve. When Dan got his relief at 10:45 p.m. he dashed out and said not a word. He was in Walgreens by 10:50 doing his last minute shopping. Next year Dan will do his shopping after Christmas and get discount prices . . . Student MARY E. DONN had a very exciting New Year's Eve. She spent the night baby sitting. But she made up for lost time on New Year's Day . . . Former Student Agent FRANK LeMANATAGO bowled a 'perfect 300 game in "Beat the Champ." Frank bowled so good that he received a lovely write-up in the Daily News . . . Hope Agent DOROTHY TAPLETT will enjoy working on the South Side. She is one of the agents who left West Section for South . . . Welcome to Agent TONIE STIPATI who left the South Side where she worked for a long time. Now she is a West Side Agent. Her husband is Agent S. STIPATI. . . Student Agent RON FRANCHEK and SHARON LUBKO became engaged several weeks ago. Both attend DePaul. Good luck to both of you . . . Student JIM STEVENS is attending North Park this year . . . We welcome Agent BETTY DIAMOND back to the job after many weeks in the hospital. Keep well, Betty, we need cheerful people among us . . . Congratulations to Towerman WM. DONNELLY and his wife who became grandparents for the first time. Getting old, Bill?

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Retired Agent GORDON KELLY who passed away so suddenly . . . Agent MARY JOE OHNESORGE just had a nice quiet vacation at home. Agent M. WINSTROM also spent her vacation at home . . . Our best wishes to Agents E. DURKIN, O. WEBER, G. BOHAKEL, and Motorman T. McGOURTY who took their pensions January 1 . . . Thanks to Porters COUSINS and L. SUTTON, also to platform men P. McGOWAN and W. HOLMES who did such a splendid job keeping order at State and Van inner during the big Christmas rush. Kind of late in thanking you all, but as they say, "Better late than never." . . . Student Agent NANCINE THOMPSON says wedding bells will ring out some time in August of 1966. She and her boyfriend think it's time to say "I do." . . . Congratulations to Porter O. BUCHANNON who invested all his hard earned money in a real nice home on the far South Side. Now you'll have more snow to think about . . . What goes here? Porter GOVAN hurried home one Sunday recently with an arm full of roses for his wife. And Porter L. SUTTON got his wife a very pretty red dress. Take it easy boys . . . Agent JOHN FILIPEK enjoys playing the accordion, but his dog objects. When John starts playing, the dog starts howling. There's only one answer, John. Give away the dog or the accordion . . . Agent M. HAAS seems to be real happy these last few weeks, and why not. Her son is home, safe and sound, after spending a year in South Viet Nam.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Many happy returns to Superintendent FRANK BEUTOW who celebrates a February 29 birthday every fourth year, and to Limits Superintendent GEORGE MAY, formerly of North, who became a year older February 28 . . . Congratulations to Operator NORMAN GNADT and his wife who celebrated their wedding anniversary February 14, and to Pensioner CLARENCE VOSS and his wife who celebrated February 15 . . . The 29th annual

meeting of North Avenue Depot Federal Credit Union was held on January 14 at 8 p.m. at LaFollette park. The weather was bad but the attendance was great. Cake and coffee were served. A welcome visitor was Superintendent GEORGE MAY of Limits. We were also happy to see Foreman PATRICK CLANCY and Superintendent FRANK BEUTOW . . . Operator LAWRENCE PAWLAK now operates in the General Office Information Bureau at the Merchandise Mart . . . JEWELL WINDFELD, son of Operator VIGGO WINDFELD and his wife, enlisted in the U.S. Army December 7. He is with the 22nd Infantry assigned to Camp Lewis, Washington, for 12 weeks of basic training. May God watch over him . . . Operator TOM QUINN and his wife, FLORENCE, received a belated Christmas present when their son returned from Viet Nam. Sergeant TOM QUINN Jr. served with the Marine Air Support Squadron No. 2 as air control anti-aircraft warfare electronics operator in the Direct Air Support Center at Da Nang and in the field on various operations where he received a citation for meritorious service . . . Operator CHARLES W. JOHNSON takes his pension March 1 after 25 years of service. We wish him the best and hope he will visit us . . . Operator ANTHONY KEMP and his wife plan to visit Europe in the near future . . . Operator HAROLD RENNHACK and his wife, MARGARET, are touring Texas and visiting his brother, MELVIN. Harold will be there for the month of February and miss our cold and snow . . . We welcome new Operators ROBERT PRUITT, JORDAN MORRIS, JOHN RAFORD Jr., LOUIS NERI, RAYMOND MASON, JIMMY SLAUGHTER, RICHARD GIERTZ, NATHANIEL JENKINS, and WILLIAM TAITE. The Repair Department welcomes Night Foreman RAY DROPE and E. SOUVIGNY . . . Operator SYLVESTER CAROLIN was in Elmhurst hospital. We hope he will be back with us soon. Repairman JOSEPH PIANTKOWSKI was in the hospital and is home recuperating. Get well, Joe, the gang misses you, and also sends a "hurry and get well" wish to Repairman JOHN CARMODY in St. Anne's hospital. . . A word of thanks to our Repair Department who have been doing such a fine job of keeping our buses going and in good condition even in the bad weather. All operators can help them by filling out our sign-in sheets clearly and legibly . . . Instructor WILLIAM KENNEDY lost his daughter, CAROL WARNER, January 6. Pensioner EDWARD CRONIN passed away December 26. Operator FRANK PONZIO lost his brother, ANTHONY. Pensioner WILLIAM NELLIS passed away January 13. Pensioner GORDON KELLY passed away January 10. Our deepest sympathy to these families . . . Operator PHILLIP SMITH took his pension February 1. Good luck, come and see us . . . Our good friend, Pensioner BILL ECHOLS, has a new address: 2218 North 11th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85006.

- Bill Miedema



ATTENDING ROOSEVELT university as a pre-med student is ALICE DIANE RICHMAN, daughter of North Park Operator IRVING RICHMAN. Alice Diane was recently graduated from Von Steuben High school. Best of luck in your future years, Alice.

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NORTH PARK -

North Park's annual Credit Union Meeting was held January 14 at River Park Fieldhouse with a large crowd in attendance. The officers declared a dividend of four per cent on savings and five per cent on rebates of loans. All members are urged to bring their books in so that they may be brought up to date. DALE PETERS was elected president and assistant treasurer, replacing ART MUIR, who retired January 1, while TONY BRUNO was elected a director and assistant treasurer, replacing JOE VAN DEN EEDEN. Refreshments were served and 15 beautiful door prizes were awarded . . . The 1966 Festival of Leadership Scholarship Banquet was held January 27 with 80 operators and wives of North Park Depot members in attendance. Father PAUL HOBAN, National Director of the Society of the Little Flower, wishes to thank all who participated in this event which helps 400 boys to be educated as Carmelite priests and spiritual leaders of tomorrow . . . Operator ELI PESTINE chalked up his first miss in 24 years of service on Sunday, January 2. Anyone who knows Eli would certainly be surprised at this event . . . Operator JOHN "Muscles" SEQUEIRA has entered many physique contests and has placed in most of them. John has the pictures to prove his action. John also weight lifted in the 190-pound class for the Duncan and Irving Park YMCA . . . Supervisor BERNIE KERPEN has his bowling team in first place in the CTA evening bowling league, and would like to issue a challenge to FRANK LASKE's stars of the CTA morning league . . . Operator LOU BIELSKI and his wife, BEA, spent a week in New Orleans, Louisiana. Lou and Bea spent considerable time at the Fair Grounds, with the evenings taking in all the spots in the French Quarters . . . Operator ELMER WILLENBROCK has purchased a new home in Des Plaines, Illinois, and is now awaiting all the company that will be coming out his way at 9418 Meadow Lane . . . Operator JOSE PEREZ was married on September 30 to Miss ALMA URIBE of Laredo, Texas, in Christ the King church in Laredo. The reception was held there in the Hamilton hotel and was attended by 275 guests . . . Operator FRANCIS GALLAGHER was married on January 15 to Miss VI FORD at Peoples church on Lawrence avenue by Rev. PRESTON BRADLEY . . . PAT DOLAN, daughter of JIM DOLAN, formerly a North Section ticket agent, made the Dean's List at Illinois North Teachers college . . . LEE BEROTT, son of Collector AL BEROTT, was graduated from Selsens Beauty school and is now working at this fascinating profession . . . TIM SEDIN, son of Operator HAROLD SEDIN, was inducted into the navy and is now receiving his boot training at Great Lakes . . . FRANK Jr., son of Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER Sr., was inducted into the army and is now taking his basic training at Camp Polk, Louisiana . . . DONALD GIER-SCH, son of Operator CHARLES GIERSCH, was awarded his master of science in education degree in natural science for special reports in Biology at Beloit college. Donald is now teaching biology at Taft High school . . . Operator HARRY SALITRE went on pension February 1 after 24 years of service. Harry and his wife, REGINA, are going to spend three months at Miami, Florida, where their daughter, Mrs. PAULINE SEXNER, resides. Harry will then return to Chicago and pursue his hobby of selling at Warshawsky's . . . Operator MIKE MC DONNELL, after 39 years of service, will leave Western avenue to the younger fellows and just take things easy for awhile . . . Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, were in Chicago for the holidays visiting their son, TED, and his family. Harvey would like to be remembered to all his friends and issues an invi-

HONEYMOON HOTEL for SANDY and JOHN was a romantic little paradise known as the Montagu Beach hotel in Nassau, Bahamas. JOHN MAJEWSKI and SANDRA CZOSEK, stenographer II, Claim Department, were married last November 6 at St. Ferdinand's church. Their reception was held at the Garden Terrace banquet hall. Best wishes to a lovely couple.



tation to stop in Highlandville, Iowa, to fish with him.

Operator CASEY JOHNSON and his wife, EUNICE, held their annual Christmas party for the children of their block with Casey being the genial Santa. In a raffle sponsored by Casey to help defray the cost of the party, Operator WILLIAM CURTIS won a large basket of groceries . . . Mrs. ELIZABETH HETLER, sister of Operator HANK SCHRAMM, spent the New Year holidays with the Schramms . . . FAYE PARADISE, wife of Operator AL PARADISE, received a beautiful Tappen Fabulous 400 gas range from Al for her Christmas present. The new range has so many gadgets on it that Al is doing all the cooking and baking while Faye gets to clean up the mess . . . Operator LOU "Bubbles" SCHWARTZ, upon arriving home from work, discovered his neighbor, WALLY FISHER, overcome by carbon monoxide fumes in his garage, called the fire department and was instrumental in saving Wally's life . . . GLENN ZALE, son of Operator STANLEY ZALE, has started to work for CTA as a part-time ticket agent. Welcome, Glenn, and make your stay a pleasant one . . . SP/4 CHARLES BAKER, son of Operator SAM BAKER, was wounded in Viet Nam on December 14. Chuck was on a truck with 25 other soldiers moving up to a battle zone when a terrorist threw a grenade into the truck. One of Chuck's legs had a compound fracture while the other had many shrapnel wounds. Chuck was taken from the Bien Hoa Air Base hospital and is now at Great Lakes Naval hospital where he is recovering . . . Superintendents KERR, CHRISTIAN, and DE WITT would like to thank all the operators who, on the Christmas Holiday weekend, with a bad snow storm, came through with no accidents . . . Operator ROGER AYOTTE and his wife, HELEN, celebrated their 7th anniversary on February 28. Roger and Helen had dinner at the Martinique restaurant and then took in the show at Drury Lane . . . Operator WALTER LINDEMANN and his wife, ELEANOR, celebrated their 38th anniversary January 19 with a gathering of friends and relatives at Walter's house . . . Anniversaries were also celebrated by Operator JOHN EISELT and his wife, LOUISE, January 9; Supervisor LAWRENCE BENNETT and his wife, JULIA, 25th, January 11; Operator HANK NEWMAN and his wife, LEONA, 34th, February 5, and Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, 28th, February 5 . . . Operator GIBSON STYLES and his wife, EVELYN, became parents of their second child when a daughter, TERESA LYNNE, was born December 15 at Mount Sinai hospital . . . Operator IRVING and Mrs. WEINER became grandparents for the first time when

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their daughter-in-law, Mrs. SHELDON WEINER, gave birth to a daughter, ROCHELLE ANNE, born at Edgewater hospital on January 2 . . . Operator GEORGE KUHL underwent major surgery at Lutheran General hospital and is coming along fine . . . Operator GEORGE VOIGHT was hospitalized at Vets hospital on Damen Avenue and is recuperating at home at this writing . . . Operator FRANK KARL underwent surgery at Northwest hospital . . . Operator LEO HARA had a hernia operation and at this writing is doing well . . . Receiver JOE "Shoes" GASKEY has been in Wesley Memorial hospital with pneumonia and is sorely missed at the garage . . . Clerk DAN MC FADDEN is now back to work after being off sick for a long period of time and is a most welcome addition, as his cheerful manner is a ray of sunshine to everyone . . . Happy birthdays are extended to DEBORAH AYOTTE, December 1; MONICA AYOTTE, December 29; ROBERT DEAN JOHNSEN, January 11, and Mrs. MARY HOLZMAN, January 19 . . . Our sympathies are extended to Transfer Instructor WILLIAM KENNEDY on the loss of his daughter, Mrs. CAROL WARNER; Operator EUGENE PAOLI on the loss of his mother, Mrs. PAOLI; Operator TEX ABERNATHY on the loss of his father, and Superintendent MILES DE WITT on the loss of his mother . . . The Repair Department welcomes CHARLES DUNNE who was promoted to foreman at North Park . . . Repairman MAX WALDOCK was a visitor at North Park Garage. Max has been off on disability for three years and hopes to be back soon . . . Pensioner TOM MC GILL was a visitor at the garage, after spending three months visiting in Ireland where he developed sore lips from kissing the blarney stone . . . Repairman GEORGE JOHNSEN has been in Swedish Covenant hospital for observation . . . Bus Dispatcher GEORGE SERRITELLA has a new 110 Volkswagon, and when not dispatching, can be found polishing the new addition in his off moments . . . Our condolences to Assistant Foreman JOE COUGHLIN on the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. MARGARET MORAN, and Repairman RONALD ELG on the loss of his son, RONALD ELG Jr. . . Bus Cleaner B. CURRAN rates my thanks for his finding and returning lost money on buses that he is cleaning out.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

This section would like to say a hearty "welcome" to our new employees: Conductors JAMES FOSTER, JOHNNY ROBINSON, BARRY SMITH, RAMIREZ SMITH, and GIDEON STEVENS. Also Ticket Agents CHARLES HURTIENNE and LYLE PRITCHARD, both formerly of the surface system . . . As of this writing, the following gentlemen have signed the sick book, and are wished a speedy recovery by all: Supervisor MATT BERNARDY, Motorman RUSSELL LAWSON, LARRY JELINEK, Conductors GILBERT WILSON and CHARLIE WEHRSTEIN, and Towerman CHARLIE BACHELOR . . . New names and faces in this sections supervisor pool are J. GORMAN, R. JANZ, E. MITCHELL, J. MC GOVERN, L. RACKER, and A. THOMAS. Congratulations Men! . . . Back again, and hard at work, is Supervisor M. ANTHONY, who spent a two-week vacation at his home on Lake Bruin near St. Joseph, Louisiana . . . New pensioners, as of the first of this month were Clerks ANDREW ANDERSEN and WILLIAM O'CONNOR. Bringing to a close 47 years and 4 months of service is Kimball platform man GEORGE KOEHLER. Our best wishes, and many happy pension years ahead to you all . . . Congratulations to Motorman JERRY THIVEL and his wife, WINNIFRED, on their new arrival, a girl . . . The wife

is out, Evanston Motorman RUDY PLOEGER says this time he is seriously considering retirement. Rudy and his wife, OPEL, are planning to return to their property in Colorado Springs and do a lot of trout fishing when the decision has been made. Rudy honestly admits his wife is the better angler . . . Conductor JOHN RUSIN has picked a good time of the year to travel to Florida. As of this writing, John is leaving for his home in Hialeah for a few weeks vacation . . . Chief Clerk ANGELO BIANCHINI welcomes PAT O'MALLEY to his fine staff of clerks from the West Side.

Congratulations to recently qualified motorman DAVID EVANS and new Towermen TOM BURT and SAM CHILIA . . . As of January 20, RONALD SORENSON has been appointed as a regular clerk . . . Our congratulations to recently wed Motorman WALLY TAYLOR . . . True or false: Motorman PAUL KAROWSKY and Conductor LOU WEINCORD-the best crew on the road? At least this is what they both say . . . Free coffee was enjoyed by all on January 21 as thanks for a fine safety record in 1965. We are hoping for an even better year in 1966.

- Frank T. Jasch

PURCHASING, STORES & SPECIFICATIONS (Stores) -

A warm welcome to JANE COOPER who is our new stenographer I.

(Central Division) -

The ED BRUCKNERS enjoyed the holidays with their children, grandchildren, and Ed's sister in San Diego, California.

(North Division) -

Mr. and Mrs. BEN CUTRERA became grandparents for the second time on January 12 when a baby boy was born to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. VINCENT GULLO. They will call him JOHN VINCENT. They also have a little two-year old daughter, DENICE . . . Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Mrs. TONY DI GIOVANNI who, at this writing, is a surgical patient in the Martha Washington hospital . . . We received word of the death of ARTHUR H. WRAAS who passed away on Christmas Day. Mr. Wraas worked at Storeroom 42 as a laborer and took an early retirement in 1964. Our sincere condolences to his family . . . We were nicely surprised when JOHN BENANTI dropped in the other day for a visit. We were happy to see him. He looks happy and you can see that the "retired life" is agreeing with him!

(South Division) -

Personal to Mr. Eggert: We're so happy to have you back - we missed you.

- D. Jane Bell

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

RAY GOLDSTEIN, son of RICHARD GOLDSTEIN, recently represented the students of the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver at ground breaking ceremonies for an \$800,000 building for the school. Goldstein won the governor of Colorado's scholastic award for outstanding achievement, and in 1959 won the Tribune outstanding student award . . . JOHN BENNIS' family welcomes back their son, EDWARD, from the U.S. Army . . . We welcome EILEEN SHEEHAN, who transferred from Employment to the Schedule

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

- CHARLES G. ANDERSON, 82, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-18-07. Died 12-21-65
- MARTIN J. BENDA, 83, Electrical,
Emp. 5-28-20. Died 12-25-65
- CLARENCE E. BOSTER, 84, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-09-23. Died 12-28-65
- FRANK BULLIE, 67, Police,
Emp. 6-25-23. Died 12-21-65
- MAURICE DEVINE, 83, 61st Street,
Emp. 5-31-03. Died 12-26-65
- ARSEN DIMICH, 81, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 2-01-20. Died 12-23-65
- EDWARD DORAS, 78, South Shops,
Emp. 3-03-25. Died 12-20-65
- JOSEPH A. DROGOS, 51, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-12-49. Died 1-16-66
- JOHN L. ELLIOTT, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-15-26. Died 12-23-65
- MARTHA M. ENNIS, 80, South Section,
Emp. 2-15-13. Died 12-31-65
- THOMAS FITZPATRICK, 83, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 10-19-11. Died 12-04-65
- CATHERINE V. FOWLER, 73, North Section,
Emp. 7-01-36. Died 12-26-65
- LEE H. GRIFFIS, 50, 69th Street,
Emp. 4-7-43. Died 12-27-65
- DANIEL HANNON, 65, North Section,
Emp. 1-07-26. Died 12-15-65
- MICHAEL HILL, 90, West Section,
Emp. 3-30-06. Died 12-08-65
- LESTER J. HUGHES, 74, General Office,
Emp. 9-15-43. Died 12-16-65
- HENRY W. JAMES, 65, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-27-44. Died 12-12-65
- FRANK KAZMERCZAK, 74, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 10-04-19. Died 12-31-65
- EDWARD R. KLAN, 67, Devon,
Emp. 12-04-19. Died 12-24-65
- PETER J. KOCLANIS, 68, 69th Street,
Emp. 12-06-43. Died 12-19-65
- STANLEY KOLODZIEJ, 57, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 6-01-39. Died 12-31-65
- JOHN H. KRUSINA, 80, West Section,
Emp. 4-05-11. Died 12-28-65
- STANLEY L. KULCZAK, 77, West Section,
Emp. 7-15-11. Died 1-05-66
- WALTER A. LATZ, 64, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-11-45. Died 12-26-65
- VIRGIL F. LEACH, 70, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 10-20-42. Died 12-18-65
- JOHN T. LUKES, 53 South Shops,
Emp. 9-10-45. Died 12-18-65
- MATTHEW MANTIA, 52, Archer,
Emp. 10-01-29. Died 12-18-65
- JAMES J. MORAN, 81, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 6-02-19. Died 12-11-65
- THEODORE MORATZ, 73, West Section,
Emp. 5-22-11. Died 1-02-66
- OTTO C. NEUMANN 78, 69th Street,
Emp. 6-06-24. Died 12-10-65
- JOSEPH PAJAK, 60, North Park,
Emp. 8-31-42. Died 12-23-65
- WILLIAM RIPP, 83, 61st Street,
Emp. 9-27-28. Died 12-11-65
- HARRY E. RUMNEY, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-04-19. Died 12-14-65
- CARL A. SALVESEN, 59, North Park,
Emp. 1-31-46. Died 12-05-65
- ROBERT S. SMITH, 69, North Section,
Emp. 2-14-27. Died 12-19-65
- PETER SORAGHAN, 80, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-21-08. Died 12-24-65
- JOSEPH SPITALLI, 83, Devon,
Emp. 4-24-16. Died 1-07-66
- AUGUSTUS STAPLETON, 45, Transportation,
Emp. 4-22-57. Died 1-15-66
- LAVERNE STATON, 65, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-22-29. Died 12-17-65
- GEORGE H. STEIGER, 74, Devon,
Emp. 4-28-27. Died 1-05-66
- JOHN STIGLICH, 88, Electrical,
Emp. 10-15-92. Died 12-19-65
- FRANK A. STRITTMATTER, 62, North Section,
Emp. 12-15-43. Died 12-28-65
- KLEMENS J. WASSETO, 79, Division,
Emp. 10-19-09. Died 1-09-66
- JOHN W. WASZAK, 68, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-01-27. Died 1-03-66
- HARRISON WILSON, 61, Electrical,
Emp. 6-15-25. Died 12-22-65
- ARTHUR H. WRAAS, 61, North Division,
Emp. 3-30-34. Died 12-25-65
- FRANK ZIONTS, 59, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-17-29. Died 12-25-65

Department . . . Traffic Checker WILLIAM HANNON is on the sick list . . . ED JURIC had an accident around the house and fractured his toe. That "do it yourself" kit isn't so good, is it Ed? . . . GERTRUDE ANDERSON sent us a post card from her winter home in Florida . . . MICHAEL DORE celebrated 20 years with the company on January 16. Mike is looking for at least another 20 years . . . We welcome our friend MARIE SHUMON, formerly of the Schedule Department, back into the CTA family. Marie is now working at Skokie Shops.

- Kathryn Batina

SOUTH SECTION -

Well, here we are in our cold and snowy winter weather; but just think, in a couple of months it will be spring again . . . General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR

thanked all the operating personnel for a job well done in 1965 in reducing accidents, and free coffee was served to all . . . Conductor ALFRED GREENAWALT went on pension January 1 and the men at Loomis Street had a nice get-together for him with sandwiches, rolls, and coffee. There goes my diet again! All of us wish Mr. Greenawalt a very happy retirement . . . "Hello" to newly transferred agent from the Surface Division, ANTONIO CHAVEZ . . . Glad to see Agents BENNIE HARRIS and JEAN JACKSON back to work from the sick list . . . Received a nice card from Mr. and Mrs. LEONARD DE-GROOT, retired towerman, from sunny Florida. While visiting there they stayed in St. Petersburg and visited with Mr. and Mrs. WARREN HILL, retired conductor, who live in Port Charlotte, and also attended the CTA Pensioners Club meeting and enjoyed reminiscing over old times with everyone . . . The South Side "L" Federal Credit Union held their annual meeting and get-together

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on January 16 at Viking Temple and, although it was a cold snowy day, there was a nice crowd and everyone had a good time. Our compliments to all the officers of the Credit Union for a job well done. Everyone should try to save a little each month. It's so easy with payroll deductions. So see Treasurer FRED GRONEMEYER and sign up soon, and watch your savings grow . . . Retired Switchman JOSEPH HEROLD called up recently to say "hello" to all the boys. He's still living in Chicago and is feeling real good . . . On the new agent pick that went into effect January 16, Agents ANTOINETTE STIPATI, RUTH TURNER, and CHARLES O'CONNOR transferred to the West and North Section and we wish them good luck. We also welcome DOROTHY TAPLETT, MARJORIE BRYANT, CLEO HALL, BERNICE SMITH, SYLVIA LEE, DIANNE ANGLIN and BENEDETTE CARAKER, all of whom transferred to the South Section . . . Retired Agent MARTHA ENNIS and Retired Conductor MAURICE DEVINE passed away recently . . . Our best wishes to Agent CLARENCE BUNDE who also went on pension January 1 . . . Happy birthday to Retired Switchman GEORGE LAFAIRE who was 84 years old recently. Mrs. LAFAIRE will be 82 years old in February. The couple make their home in Hollywood, Florida.

Agent RUTH LOVELL was really happy when her son, who is in the navy, came home on furlough from Viet Nam. He celebrated his 21st birthday while home . . . Sincere sympathy to Motorman ANTHONY JAGLA whose father passed away recently, and to Retired Conductor JAMES MURPHY whose wife passed away . . . The FRED GRONEMEYERS, motorman, had a happy surprise when their daughter and little grandson, MICHAEL, came up from their home in Texas for the holidays . . . Good fortune is wished part-time Agent JAMES GRANAHAN who went to work in our I. B. M. Department in the General Office recently, and to Part-time Agent REGINALD DUKES who now is working as a trainman on the North Section . . . It was nice to see Clerk EARL JONES' wife at the credit union meeting, looking and feeling so good after a recent illness . . . Retired Towerman CHARLES RUMMEL, who lives in Glendale, California, sent greetings to all his old friends back in Chicago . . . Mrs. CHARLOTTE STEVENS, wife of Yard Foreman ELMER STEVENS, is really handy with a needle and thread. She and Elmer went to a formal dance at the Moose Lodge in Cicero and she made their outfits and they were crowned king and queen of the dance. Charlotte was so thrilled . . . Retired Conductor MATT GALLAGHER, who was in the hospital recently, is home now and recuperating fast. Met his charming wife and daughter at the credit union meeting and had a nice chat with them . . . Some more of our South Siders have decided to leave us and resign: Motorman DONALD ANDERSON, MECHELL BOYNES, and Agent EDWARD KITTRIDGE. Also, Part-time Agent JOHN VITTOE resigned to go into military service . . . At this writing, Motorman DOMINIC CESARE, Conductor WILBUR WAGENER, and Agent STANLEY OLEKSY are on the sick list. Here's hoping a speedy recovery for each of you . . . Switchman BOB JOHNSON was beaming from ear to ear as he passed out cigars announcing the birth of his first son, BOB JOHNSON II, born January 19. The happy Johnsons have two daughters and now they have a little son.

- Verna Hartney

SKOKIE SHOPS -

A warm welcome is extended to MARIE SCHUMAN, typist at Skokie Shops, who has returned to work for CTA

after being away for almost 10 years. Marie had worked in the Schedule and Traffic Department for almost 10 years under Mr. FORTY and Mr. DUTTON . . . HOWARD JENSEN, clerk, was a proud and pleased parent when his daughter, Mrs. BEVERLY MUELLER, won \$1,000 at Jewel bingo. When's your turn, Howie? . . . Sympathy to the family of STANLEY KOLODZIEJ, painter, upon their loss of husband and father, and to JOE FANO, shopman, on the loss of his father recently . . . LEO DREYER, shopman, spent his vacation visiting his son who is a minister at Tampa, Florida . . . Our sympathy also to PETER OLSZEWSKI, tractor operator, on the loss of his brother recently . . . HAROLD TAIT, electrical worker, has a new hobby. For Christmas his wife gave him a 15-gallon tropical fish tank. Since then Harold has added four angel fish, two sharks, two bleeding hearts, two pearl dinos, two catfish, two black sword-tails, one algy eater, one snail, and one Beta, a Siamese fighting fish. Recreation around Harold's house is not watching the TV set but watching fighting fish.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SHOPS -

Best wishes to BILL PETERS, Bay 6; JOHN KALINOWSKI, Bay 6; DERMOTT FOLEY, Area A; CARL POST, Brake; BEN RUSSO, Bay 6; PHIL BOYLE, Brake; JOHN PAVELEC, Garage; BILL DONALDSON, Print; JOHN DANLOE, Paint; TONY LULLO, I. E. D., and JOE JIGANTIE, Paint Shop, who are on the sick list at this writing . . . Belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. ERNIE NELSON, general foreman, whose son, JERRY, was married last September . . . Hearty good wishes are extended to MINNIE STOFFLE and to JOE SARGENT who were feted at a retirement luncheon at the South Shops. Their combined service total-86 years . . . RAY DAVIDSON and his wife, ELEANOR, recently enjoyed a visit to Phoenix where their daughter and son-in-law reside. They also saw their grandson for the first time . . . Welcome back from the sick list to TED PETRUS. Ted's daughter was maid-of-honor at the wedding of L. G. ANDERSON's daughter, DOROTHY LOUISE, to WILLIAM STEWART TOOKEY on January 29 at Riverside Methodist church . . . DONALD GRAHAM ANDERSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. ANDERSON, was married to GAIL HAVLIK on Thanksgiving Day at Ascension Lutheran church, also in Riverside, Illinois . . . Electrical Local #713 held a show and dance featuring the Harmonicats and other stars on January 29 . . . The welcome mat is out to RUBER PORTER, new electrical apprentice; LENNY WIENCEK, who transferred from I. E. D. to a booth clerk location, and GERALD BLAIR, booth clerk, who transferred from T. & A. P. . . Good luck to JIM PETKUS who is presently stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, and BOB LAMONT who is stationed at Ft. Louis, Washington . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of GEORGE EDWARDS, I. E. D., to TED WOSS' family on the death of his mother-in-law; to FRANK DE WITT's family on the death of his mother, and the family of JOHN MUELLNER on the death of his mother-in-law . . . We were glad to see FRANK MAY with the cast removed from his leg which was broken last January. Frank expects to be back soon . . . In a recent Rod and Customs Show, DON TARNOWSKI, I. E. D., received a trophy for "Special Interest." Don drives a 1956 Continental Mark II . . . SHARI SETZKE is flashing a very lovely diamond ring these days. Wedding bells will ring in May, 1967, for Shari and PHIL PUPA . . . Congratulations to JOHN CACCIATO, I. E. D. A baby girl, MICHELE, was born to his son and daughter-in-law . . .

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SANDY PFUND recently returned home safely from a ski trip . . . WILLIAM SCHOLTEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. LE ROY SCHOLTEN, Tin Shop, was selected and will appear in the 1965-1966 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Selection for this honor requires a high scholastic average, participation in college functions, and loyalty. It is considered a highly coveted achievement by college students throughout the country . . . JOHN GRANVILLE, Garage Division, became a grandpa again when his daughter, BONNIE, and son-in-law, JIM, announced a baby boy.

- Al Hass & Karen Hoffman

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

After 37 years of service, HAROLD ROSE, assistant foreman from Wilson, retired on January 31. Many of his friends and co-workers gathered at Belvedere restaurant to bid him farewell. Hope Harold continues to enjoy good health and happiness. Whenever you are in the neighborhood don't forget to drop in to see us . . . The coming of the new year brought a change in position for some. Those included in the promotional move were R. LORIMER, promoted to "A" repairman; S. RITA is now a new instructor; M. COYLE is the new assistant foreman at Congress. There was also transferring of personnel. A. SCHNELL moved from Congress to Wilson as assistant foreman, and P. GAZA is now working at Congress; he was formerly at Kimball Avenue. Good luck to all in their new positions . . . The grapevine has it that RAY CATANESE is the owner of a new Ford. All we want to know Ray, is when do we get a ride?

- Ray Brzezczek

WEST SECTION -

Goodbye was said to Motorman ED HOGAN at his pension party February 1. As one of my favorite people, I wish him good health and continued success . . . The turnout for the annual Lake Street Credit Union meeting was a huge success. It was a most wonderful sight to behold, the Beau Brummels of Lake Street and their beautiful wives doing the latest dances . . . Conductor E. ROBINSON was married to lovely MARY HASELL on January 8. And may they both be as happy the rest of their lives as they were on their wedding day. And, as the great philosopher of Lake Street says: "The most important three words for a happy marriage are 'you're right, dear'." . . . Motorman K. C. DAVISON, adviser for the explorer's of the boys scouts, wishes to thank Superintendent JAMES ROCHE for the courtesy extended his group while touring the CTA Operations Control Center . . . Since Motorman BILL ELRIDGE transferred to the south shops, Conductor JOHN BRIGHT has taken over as being the most informed person on the road. So if anyone has a puzzling problem, bring it to Johnny . . . Our sick list has had conductor WALTER RAFA on it for the last week. We all hope he gets well and hurries back to work . . . Our condolences to board member GERALD WEBB on the death of his brother . . . A quote from Motorman MORRIE ADAMS, who just picked back on Lake Street after being on other lines. He states, "It is like finding a beautiful oasis after being out in the desert." . . . To brighten up the last few weeks of winter, just dream of a beautiful Italian sky, a fishing pole in your hands, and the big fish you are going to catch. So dream on men, winter will soon be over.

- Santo Siciliano



THE PRETTY young lady pictured here, KATHLEEN SCHOLTEN, has announced her engagement to Pvt. DONALD KUNZER, stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Kathleen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LEROY SCHOLTEN. Mr. Scholten is a tinner in the Tin Shop at South Shops.

69TH STREET -

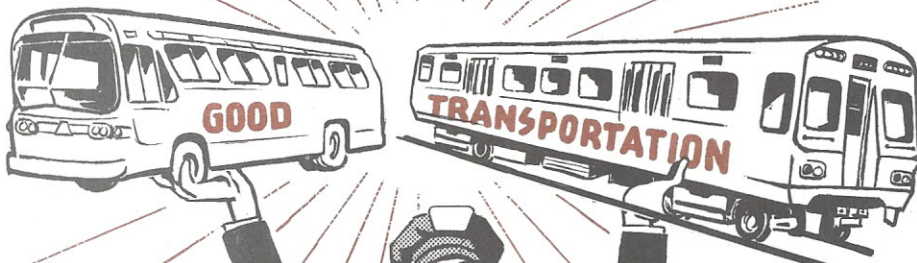
Superintendents, T. F. SCREEN, C. W. GIBES, and L. T. TAMUL wish to commend our driving personnel for setting a new all-time low in accidents in the year just ended. We totaled 952 accidents, which was 12 below our previous low of 964 in 1964. We did all this even though we handicapped ourselves during the first three months by incurring 72 mishaps more than in our 1964 first quarter. They offer their congratulations on this spectacular performance and hope for continued success in this new year . . . Our Credit Union held its annual meeting at the depot hall on Friday, January 21. For those not present, they missed a good time. Twenty-five dollar door prizes were given out, plus a bountiful array of cigars, cigarettes and Tiparello's. Coffee and rolls were also served. A four per cent dividend on savings was declared and the same one and one-half per cent interest on loans will be in effect for 1966. The following men were elected as officers: President - JOHN TIFFY; Vice-President - CHESTER WILLIAMS; Treasurer - TONY VANDERBURG; Assistant Treasurer - JIM KELLY; Directors - TOM PRICHARD, GEORGE LAPHAM, and ED TIERNEY; Credit Committee - BILL DONAHUE (Chairman), JIM AHERN, and MIKE AHERN, and Supervisory Committee - ANDY KOHLSTEDT (Chairman), RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT, and TIM MULVEY. This meeting was also the farewell function of JOE HAUGAS treasurer. Joe now joins the legion of pensioners, in which we sincerely wish him the best of everything . . . Among the unusual hobbies of our trainmen is that of SAM BURNS. Sammy is a journeyman dentist. His qualifications can be attested to by ED BEHRENS who now has two void spaces, formerly occupied by teeth, due to Sam's prowess with a pair of Repair Department pliers . . . A "hurry up home" wish goes to Mrs. ELSIE TIERNEY, wife of genial ED, who is hospitalized. At this writing, PATRICK KANE is at the Hines Veterans hospital. My buddy, and commentator on another network, BILL ERICKSON of the Union Leader, also made a quickie visit to Evangelical hospital, but being the kind of clean living guy he is, I'm happy to see him back working . . . All were saddened by the sudden death just before the holidays of popular LEE GRIFFIS. His kind are irreplaceable. To his family we extend our sincere sympathy. We also extend our condolences to the families of Pensioners W. C. CONRAD and EDWARD RYAN, and to Supervisor R. ZIMMER on the death of his mother; to J. CHOLLY on the death of his father, JULIUS, and to Supervisor JOHN NICHOLSON on the death of his brother-in-law, JAMES GORMAN.

- William J. Donahue

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