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# Old Problem, Passups, Causes Surge in Service Complaints

AN OLD problem, that has always been a disservice to our passengers, is still the leading cause of complaints.

The big concern, and one that hurts CTA's image, is the great number of passups reported each year. In the past several years, out of every three complaints received, one was a passup. These complaints came from customers who watched a bus go by while they waited on a corner, from those who rapped on the door but were ignored by the driver, and from those who were hurrying to catch a bus but the driver wouldn't wait.

In 1965, more than 2,100 people took the time and trouble to call in or write about being passed up. How many others received this same inconsiderate treatment but didn't bother to report it? We can only hope that the quarters they wanted to drop in the fare box were not spent instead on gas for their cars.

It is difficult to justify passups when the reason we are in business is to pick up passengers and carry them safely to their destinations. It is their quarters that pay our wages, that pay for new equipment, that pay for the many modernization projects to make our jobs better -- our service more attractive.

Of course, operators are permitted to make passups when the bus is disabled or is overcrowded and another bus is following within a reasonable distance. But even under these circumstances, the

situation can be improved. The follower can go around the disabled or overcrowded bus and begin to pick up the waiting passengers. By sharing the work in this way everybody benefits.

Also, when making an authorized passup, it can be done in a way that will let the waiting passengers know that you would like to pick them up but circumstances are such that you cannot. Slow down where they are waiting and indicate that your bus is crowded. They may not like waiting for another bus, but they'll be able to see that the passup is not an inconsiderate act.

On the encouraging side, total complaints about operators were down 14 per cent in 1965 compared with 1964 while the number of revenue passengers carried was up about 2 per cent. This indicates that most of our operators realize the importance of improving CTA's image and are assuming a personal responsibility for providing better service. But there is still a long way to go to meet our goal of fewer complaints than commendations. In 1964, there were three complaints to every commendation and about the same ratio in 1965.

In April, there will be a system-wide campaign to reduce complaints with emphasis on passups. It is hoped that the operators who are not responsible for complaints will be understanding and not take the campaign as a personal criticism. In fact, they can help the campaign by endorsing its purpose among their fellow workers.

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## Apprentice Training Program Certifies Two as Journeymen

THE FIRST two CTA employees to qualify as journeymen under the apprenticeship standards established in 1964 were presented certificates on February 19, marking their completion of the program designed to develop skilled workers in the craft classifications.

Michael R. Chambers and Donald R. Johnson, sheet metal workers in the Building Department, were the employees who achieved the journeyman rating and certification. Both are assigned to the fabricating shops at West Shops.

The standards of apprenticeship under which they qualified as journeymen were developed with the assistance of the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the United States Department of Labor and were reviewed and accepted by the craft unions concerned.

To meet the requirements of the program, the applicant must successfully complete an apprenticeship of four years on-the-job training and related technical instruction. Chambers and Johnson began their apprentice training with CTA in 1961. They both completed two years of classroom instruction at Washburne Trade school. As of the first of the year, CTA had 66 apprentices in training.

Presentation of the certificates was made in the office of T. B. O'Connor, general manager. Left to right in the picture are: R. J. Shanklin, superintendent of buildings; Johnson, Chambers, Mr. O'Connor, and H. S. Anthon, general superintendent of engineering.



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NAME INT. EMPLOYEES NO. DEPT. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER EARNINGS CREDITED FOR YEAR TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS TO DATE

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CREDITED FOR YEAR TOTAL ACCUMULATED TO DATE CONTRIBUTIONS INTEREST EARNED FOR YEAR TOTAL ACCUMULATED INTEREST TO DATE ANNUAL RATE PAST SERVICE PLAN YEAR

THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES REPORT OF EARNINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR 1965

THE ABOVE REPORT SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF EARNINGS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND INTEREST CREDITED UNDER THE PLAN INDICATED ABOVE TOGETHER WITH THE TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS, INTEREST, AND CONTRIBUTIONS CREDITED UNDER THE PLAN.

OCTOBER 1, 1947 TO JANUARY 1, 1965

ANNUAL RATE OF EARNINGS CREDITED TO THE PLAN UNDER THE PLAN.

TO ESTIMATE YOUR RETIREMENT BENEFIT

TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS TO DATE ITEM

YOU SHOULD RETAIN THIS REPORT OF

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	AREA OR SERIAL	LAST NAME	INITIAL	PLAN YEAR
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28					

TO ESTIMATE YOUR PENSION AS OF END OF PLAN YEAR 1965 USE ITEMS MARKED 1, 2, AND 3 FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CARD.

PAST SERVICE:  $\frac{3700}{\text{ANNUAL RATE (1)}} \times \frac{15}{\text{YEARS (2)}} = \frac{555.00}{\text{ANNUAL PAST SERVICE CREDIT}}$

FUTURE SERVICE:  $\frac{70,253.37}{\text{TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS TO DATE OR TO AGE 65 (3)}} \times 1\frac{1}{2}\% = \frac{1,053.80}{\text{ANNUAL FUTURE SERVICE CREDIT}}$

ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL PENSION CREDIT: 1,608.80

USE ITEMS MARKED 4 AND 5 FROM OTHER SIDE OF THE CARD.

YOUR CREDIT WITH THE PLAN:  $\frac{2,624.33}{\text{TOTAL ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE (4)}} + \frac{279.71}{\text{ACCUMULATED INTEREST (5)}} = \frac{2,904.04}{\text{TOTAL}}$

**DO YOU KNOW?.....**

For each dollar paid in wages to our employees, the Chicago Transit Authority pays an additional 9 cents (9%) into the Retirement Fund held by the Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Company of Chicago, Trustee of the Retirement Plan. For example: For an employee receiving \$6,000 per year, the Authority pays to the Trustee \$540.00. For an employee receiving \$7,000 per year, the Authority pays to the Trustee \$630.00. In the Plan Year 1965, the amount paid by the Authority to the Trustee for all employees was \$7,735,813.11

## Retirement Committee Approves 382 Pension Applications in 1965

PENSION APPLICATIONS of 382 CTA employees were approved by the retirement committee during 1965, according to a report for the year prepared by Secretary H. B. Storm.

That total included 205 applicants who had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 118 who were in the age group of 58 through 64, and 59 disability retirements.

Taking into account the 382 who became pensioners and the 369 who died during the year, a total of 5,468 retirees were drawing benefits at the end of the 1965 plan year.

Employees contributed \$4,274,457, and the CTA \$7,735,813 during the year for a total of \$12,010,270. The committee approved payments totaling \$8,254,736 covering payments paid to retired employees, refunds to employees who terminated their services and to deceased employees' beneficiaries, and expenses of administration.

The assets of the fund increased \$3,969,659 during the 1965 plan year, making total assets of \$41,101,166, as of December 31, 1965, held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust company, trustee for the plan.

Of these funds held by the trustee, \$41,061,226 are invested in U. S. government securities, Farm Home Administration loans, corporate bonds and notes, and CTA revenue bonds.

During April, report cards showing each employee's credits in the retirement fund as of December 31, 1965, will be distributed. A facsimile of the card is shown above. These cards are valuable for ready reference at all times and employees are advised to keep them for their records.

### Changes in Family Status Affect Beneficiary

WHEN DEATH, marriage, divorce or other changes in family status make it necessary to change the beneficiary named for your life insurance and retirement refund, it should be done at once. Change of beneficiary forms for both are available through your department head. These forms should be filled out promptly and returned to the Insurance Department. Failure to change your beneficiary adds unnecessary expense in settling your estate.



# CTA: Its Organization and Operations -



**STUDYING THE** reports made by outside traffic checkers is Joseph Sabol, traffic clerk. The summaries are used in determining amount of service to be scheduled on various routes.

**PREPARING SUPERVISOR** guides used for street supervision and direction of both rapid transit and surface operators are Typists Mrs. Shirley Lukes and Eileen Sheehan.



**OUR COVER:** Of utmost importance in maintaining close control of bus and train operations is the master schedule, which charts every movement of vehicles over CTA's extensive system. On these charts, CTA's Schedule-Traffic Department plans service needs on each route throughout the day, based on field studies and surveys of riding requirements and riding habits.

## SIXTH IN A SERIES

**EVERYBODY IS** a schedule expert. Bus drivers and rapid transit personnel often think they can do a better job of scheduling than is now done. Our riders will ask "Who makes these schedules anyhow? My kid can do a better job." But most of these remarks are made when vehicles are not running on schedule due to weather, unexpected heavy riding surges, equipment breakdowns. When schedules are operated "by the book" no one even thinks about them.

Nevertheless the schedule is there. How is it made? Is there a magic computer looking over all lines and deciding what should be done? Are they made by hunches, guesswork, or a flip of the coin? Why do we need schedules?

The purpose of a schedule is to bring transit vehicles to people on a pattern of service designed specifically for rider convenience. A good schedule aims to space transit vehicles at regular intervals of varying frequency so as to maintain a uniform and adequate standard of service and so that men who operate the vehicles will have equitable amounts of work to do. A good schedule also provides for the company planned efficient use of each transit vehicle in service.

Thus a schedule department serves three masters: The rider who wants fast, frequent service; the operator who wants a good run; and the management which wants adequate service economically priced.

One could compare the CTA Schedule-Traffic Department to the production department of a manufacturing company. The functions performed are very similar. Just as a production department would arrange the amount of work to be done in each department of a factory each day, the Schedule-Traffic Department plans the service that is to be supplied on each route throughout the day. This amount of scheduled service is determined by field studies and surveys of riding requirements and riding habits.

In a transit system the size of CTA this is a big job. CTA service, on a typical weekday, involves the use of 2,420 motor buses on 111 routes traveling a daily total of 281,919 miles; 418 trolley buses on 14 routes with 48,482 daily miles and 981 cars





**SUPERVISING THE** personnel of the Schedule-Traffic Department are (seated) L. C. Dutton, superintendent; standing, R. N. Goldstein (left), assistant superintendent, and M. B. O'Neill, senior assistant superintendent.

on the 6 routes of the rapid transit system traveling a total of 145,785 miles a day, a grand total of 476,186 miles each weekday for CTA buses and "L"-Subway cars.

On a typical weekday in 1965, about 1,643,000 revenue passengers used these vehicles. With transfer rides, employe and police rides, CTA vehicles are boarded about 2,875,000 times a day.

The schedules vary for these lines from little Roscoe with one bus and one operator running only during rush hours to Archer with local, limited, and express service, 105 buses and 130 man runs operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

On the rapid transit system, the range is from Skokie Swift with seven cars to the North-South subway line with 448 cars.

Obviously in planning this service the members of the Schedule-Traffic Department cannot just sit down and decide they'll run buses every 5 minutes during rush hours. The designing of a schedule is a science, based upon facts. It requires the coordination of several different factors.

1. CTA passengers have definite places they want to go -- their jobs and return, shopping, amusements, school, church, or visiting. They want to make these trips as quickly as possible, and at the time of day or night convenient to them.

Despite these many destinations and trip purposes, there is a regular pattern that people's riding will follow, according to the time of day and day of the week. For example, school children and working people will go and come at regular times each weekday.

But there are also changes in the volume of riding, varying according to business activity and the general economic situation. Saturday riding patterns reflect shopping activity with few work trips. Sunday riding has dropped due to the increase in automobile ownership and use.

The established volume and riding pattern can be affected by the opening or closing of an industrial plant, or the addition of another shift. A change in the opening or closing hours of a single large factory or office -- which may be accomplished by a simple posting of a notice on their bulletin board -- can change the schedule requirements of an entire CTA line.

For instance, in recent years the heavy riding pattern on the Grand trolley bus line was at the east end, taking University of Illinois students to and from Navy Pier and workers to areas east of Michigan Avenue. With the opening of the Chicago Circle campus and closing of Navy Pier, this riding dropped. Increased activity in the electronics industry has been reflected in heavy riding near the west end of the line between Central and Pulaski where riding volumes have risen.

2. The weather and season of the year also affect the scheduling of transit vehicles. During summer vacation, children no longer ride the CTA routes that took them to school. We find many of them going to the beaches and parks -- and at a different time of day than when they traveled during the school year. Therefore it is necessary to change schedules almost simultaneously with the opening and closing of schools.

Winter brings longer hours of darkness, snow and ice, and traffic congestion. These conditions must be anticipated by the Schedule-Traffic Department and schedules changed to make allowances for slower operation. Even the best schedule is not foolproof, because winter seasons and winter days vary greatly. The past winter was fairly mild, but on some days hardly any surface vehicles maintain even their slower, winter schedule.

3. Certain fixed and mechanical factors enter into the preparation of every schedule -- the length



## CTA: Its Organization and Operations (cont'd. from page 5)

of the route and its available terminal facilities, the characteristics of the equipment being used, such as fuel capacity or the time and mileage limits established by the Shops Department. If there is a change in equipment or terminal facilities, it is liable to require a new schedule.

The conversion from one type of equipment to another or a rerouting can drastically change the scheduling of service on a line. One example is the inauguration of new services to Union and North Western stations in 1964 which required new schedules on the nine lines rerouted to serve the stations and many others which had been affected by the rerouting.

4. The manpower availability at each operating station must also be taken into consideration. The coupling of runs must conform with the working conditions of the labor contract and result in the best possible type of runs for the operators, for the service to be provided. During this last winter, due to a general manpower shortage, runs had to be made big to require fewer drivers on a given schedule and thus better insure that all runs could be filled.

5. All of these four sets of factors must be coordinated with consideration for the economic condition of the Authority.

Adjusting schedules to allow for changing traffic and operating conditions is a continuous job in a city the size of Chicago. A schedule devised for a certain set of conditions may become obsolete

within a short period of time due to variable conditions beyond the control of CTA. When the Skokie Swift opened in April, 1964, the schedule proved to be inadequate within the first hour of service. Many more people rode than had been anticipated. During the first week of operations, there was virtually a new schedule every day, taken from observations of the previous day, until volumes leveled off.

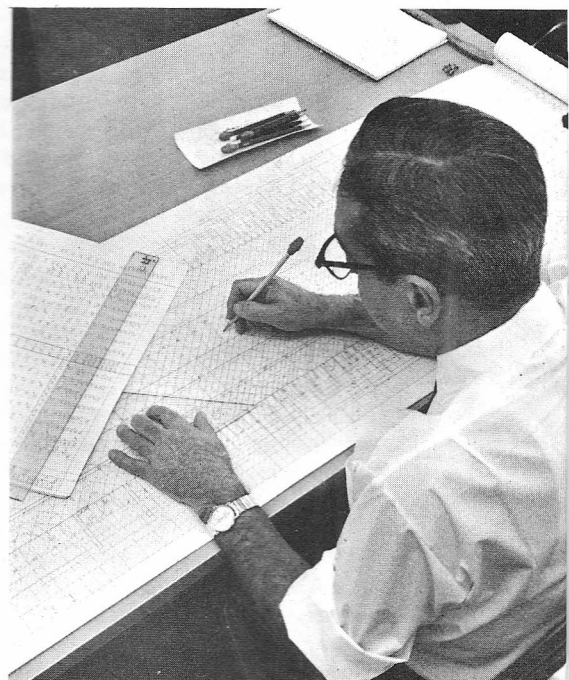
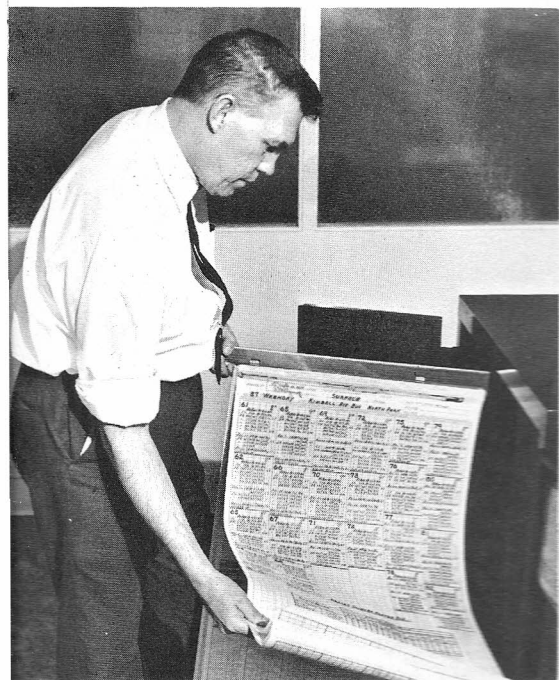
The actual preparation of CTA schedules is done by 41 employees at the Mart. An additional field force of 35 is constantly out on the street, taking counts of the riders on vehicles, recording the actual time vehicles pass a check point, and observing the effect of traffic interference. They are the eyes of the department, getting information which will cause present schedules to be modified, or supply the basis for new ones.

From the information obtained by the traffic checkers, summaries are made up by traffic clerks and entered on summary sheets and flow charts which graphically show the flow of riding along a line.

Specifications are made by the assistant superintendent showing the required running time and scheduled service. The schedule-maker then plots the service needed throughout the day on a timetable-like headway sheet or in graphic form. Then the schedule-maker prepares sheets showing the pull out time of each vehicle, time of arrival and departure at each terminal and time back at the garage.

CHANGES OF schedules are required from time to time in accordance with traffic trends. L. B. Kincanon (left), schedule clerk, is removing a tracing from a file cabinet for revision.

IN THE intricate and complicated job of preparing schedules many factors must be considered. Pictured at the right is Joseph DeGrazia, schedule-maker, as he plots the service needed throughout the day on a graphic chart. Each line indicates the movement of a vehicle on a route.







THE EMPLOYEES seated at the desks in this overall view of the Schedule-Traffic Department in the Merchandise Mart are schedule-makers and schedule-clerks, whose responsibility is to layout and prepare schedules for use of the Transportation Department.

Pieces of work are then "cut" into man runs. A special skill and ingenuity must be used in coupling up runs to develop as many straight runs with meal times near the middle of the day's work as possible, equalize the work in swing runs, and hold to a minimum the spread time of such swing runs.

Contract requirements must be followed rigidly and manpower requirements and pay time kept at a minimum. Tricks for rapid transit switchmen, towermen, agents, and porters are similarly designed.

The schedule goes to schedule-clerks who check for arithmetic accuracy and conformance with labor contracts. They also prepare the run guides and mileage sheets. The run sheet is then sent to the payroll department for key punching of cards to be used in picking.

An abstract is prepared for each schedule assembling all pertinent information as to number and types of runs, various allowances, and vehicle mileage.

Typists prepare timetables known as supervisors' guides for each surface system and rapid transit route. After the material is duplicated in Reproduction Services, it is turned over to the Transportation Department for distribution.

Meanwhile, office personnel are preparing terminal telephone reports, assembling material for

printed public timetables and various other cleanup chores required before schedules can be made effective.

Necessary picking forms and run guides are forwarded to the station involved. The schedule is then ready for the operators and trainmen to make their pick.

Schedule-Traffic Department activities are important to the operation of practically every other department in the CTA. Ideal locations for operating stations are determined by the most economical use of manpower and vehicle mileage in operating schedules. The working hours and wages of every trainman are tied directly in with schedules. Schedules affect the amount of money spent for fuel and electricity. The costs of maintaining equipment and track are affected directly by the number of vehicles and vehicular mileage specified by the schedules.

It's no wonder everyone is concerned about schedules, but there is one sure thing -- you can't operate a transit system without them.

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AMONG THE visitors who called on Peter Benjamin (seated), oldest CTA pensioner on his 98th birthday were (left) D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, and General Manager T.B. O'Connor, who presented him with a cake marking the occasion.



GREETINGS ALSO were extended by (left) H. B. Storm, secretary of the Retirement Allowance Committee, who is posed with Mr. Benjamin's daughter, Mrs. Clare Allard, and son, Henry Benjamin. Mr. Benjamin retired on pension in October, 1941.

## Party Marks 98th Birthday of Oldest CTA Pensioner

IT WAS a happy 98th birthday for Peter Benjamin, the oldest Chicago Transit Authority pensioner, when CTA officials called at his home on February 16 to extend congratulations and best wishes to a real veteran of a bygone era in Chicago's transportation.

When Thomas B. O'Connor, CTA general manager, and David M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, arrived, they found Mr. Benjamin in good spirits. The comfortable dwelling where he lives with his daughter, Mrs. Clare Allard, was filled with family members. Included were representatives of five generations, the youngest of which were two great great-grandchildren.

Mr. Benjamin, remarkably alert for his years, was born in Sussex, England, in 1868, and came to

the United States at the age of 17. He started as a transit worker on February 28, 1907, in a powerhouse operated by the old Chicago City Railways. Later he became an armature winder in the electrical shop at the 77th and Vincennes shops of the Chicago Surface Lines. He retired on pension in October, 1941.

Surrounded by his children, grandchildren, great and great great-grandchildren, Mr. Benjamin, who still enjoys a pipe and an occasional beer, recalled the time when his working schedule was seven days a week and 12 hours a day. "There was no 40-hour week in those days," he commented.

Reflecting the real spirit of Mr. Benjamin is his remark to a granddaughter on his 80th birthday. He told her, "The way I feel, I'm going to live to be a hundred."

## Police Laud Operator for Foiling Robbery Attempt

A CTA operator, who apprehended a man who had slugged and attempted to snatch a woman's purse, was commended recently by the Chicago Police Department for his quick and effective action.

Off duty at the time, Operator Gene S. Owcarz was in a restaurant at 26th and St. Louis avenue, when he saw an attempted robbery of a woman passerby. He ran outside and shouted an alarm and the man attempting the assault ran to an alley.

After a chase of nearly two blocks, Operator Owcarz caught up with him and knocked him down

with a karate blow. Using another karate technique, he twisted the man's arm behind his back, walked him to the scene of the attempted robbery and held him until a police car arrived and took him into custody.

In a letter to Owcarz, Captain William A. McCann, Commander 10th District, cited the operator for his courage and presence of mind and expressed appreciation for his help to the police.

Operator Owcarz, Archer station, has been a CTA bus driver for two years.



# OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS



CTA TRANSPORTATION Department employees for several years have been establishing outstanding records in public safety. They are aiming at a new target for this year, to make 1966 the safest year in CTA history. This is a noteworthy goal.

Commendable as this objective may be, it is equally as important that a continuing effort be made to improve the standards of personal service. Good personal service combined with greater safety of operation will result in overall betterment of public relations, a valuable asset to our business.

CTA's responsibility to the public is to provide and maintain the most convenient, efficient, and courteous service possible. Our employees who come in direct contact with the public have the responsibility of promoting and selling that service.

Letters of commendation reflect this aspect of rider appreciation. The subject is Operator L. J. Wilson, Badge No. 2559, North Park.

"My seven-year old son suggested that I write you this letter. He is a regular 'after school' rider, traveling some 25 to 30 blocks alone and in which a transfer is involved.

"One afternoon recently, while on a bus driven by Mr. Wilson, he became so engrossed in his homework that he missed the stop where he should have left the bus. A few blocks later Mr. Wilson noticed that my son was still on the bus and called his attention to the fact that he had not left the bus at his usual stop. Mr. Wilson then left him off at the next stop, gave him a transfer and instructed him how to cross the street and catch the next bus going north so that he could get off at his usual place.

"In my way of thinking Mr. Wilson should certainly be commended for being such a conscientious driver. It is a relief to us parents to know that there are bus drivers who have patience and time to take the time for our children. Mr. Wilson quite assuredly has won respect with our family."

A letter of commendation signed by 24 customers was the unusual compliment paid to Operator

Ray Babilla, Badge No. 1301, North Park. The letter follows:

"We, who ride the bus driven by Operator Ray Babilla are in accord that he deserves special recognition for the outstanding and excellent relationship he maintains with the public. He is an asset to the Chicago Transit Authority.

"He conducts himself at all times efficiently, is soft spoken, he is an exceptionally good, careful, patient and a very courteous driver. He is a dedicated public servant at all times."

Carrying a passenger, who has signaled for a stop, past his destination creates ill will for CTA service. It irritates the passenger, even though it might have been unintentional. Such an occurrence brought this letter of complaint:

"This afternoon, the operator of a northbound Broadway bus ignored my signal to stop at Wellington street and carried me to the next stop before I was able to get off. When I stepped off the bus I asked him why he had not stopped on my signal. He replied that he had not heard it. It seemed to be a limp excuse to me as I had pulled the cord in plenty of time for him to stop at the street where I wanted to get off. He might have at least apologized, rather his reaction was a cold stare."

COMMENT: Even if he had not heard the signal he could have been a little more tactful in handling the situation. When these occurrences are reported and the offending operator is identified, prompt and effective action is taken to discourage a repetition of the same conduct at other times.

SHOWN HERE is a comparison of commendations and complaints received by Chicago Transit Authority for the months February, 1966, January, 1966, and February, 1965.

	February 1966	January 1966	February 1965
Commendations	181	240	188
Complaints	1,111	1,333	1,216



**ART TONNER**, Photographic Department: (with reporter Mary Clarke) "Yes, clothing, food, and education all cost considerably more. The rising taxes also take a larger percentage of the family income."

**LOCATION:**

General Office

**INQUIRING REPORTER:**

Mary E. Clarke

**QUESTION:**

Do you notice the effect of inflation in your cost of living expenses?

**RALPH S. UMSTOT**, Insurance Department (top right): "Decidedly yes. The butcher, the baker, and the candlestick maker all ask for more these days. Fruit, vegetables, meat, home appliance repairs, theater admissions, books, tuition, and automobile operation are only a few of the items which have increased in cost and added to the inflation in today's cost of living."

**ADELE MONSON**, Reproduction Services Department (right): "Yes, I do. The price of food and clothing is rising all the time, and so are the innumerable expenses of daily living. But I suppose it will continue; as long as wages go up so do prices."

**LOIS POTTS**, Research & Planning Department (left): "Yes, just from noticing the increases in the cost-of-living index shows that everything I purchase is going up in price. About the only thing that I can think of that hasn't gone up in my lifetime is a stick of gum, which still costs a penny."

**JIM TRETTON JR.**, Training & Accident Prevention Department (right): "Yes, every Friday night my wife and I go to the grocery to do our weekly shopping. This is one of the places you can really tell it, and there are only two of us."





## THE HUMAN BLOOD

### Too Little (Anemia)

### Too Much (Polycythemia)

"BLOOD IS Life" is a very true saying. There are many disorders of the blood but the two discussed in this article are Anemia - too little blood and Polycythemia - too much blood.

In order to understand this important subject better, it will be helpful to mention briefly of what the blood consists. Normal blood consists of liquid plasma, which acts as a vehicle for the red blood corpuscles, white blood corpuscles, blood platelets, various chemicals such as bile, potassium, sodium, and many other chemical products. The red corpuscles carry the hemoglobin (iron) and oxygen. The white cells act as the policemen of the body and they usually increase in number to fight and destroy any infection which invades the body. The normal blood count shows 4,500,000 to 5,000,000 red cells with 13.5 to 15 grams of hemoglobin per cubic millimeter and the white cells of about 7,000 to 8,000.

The bone marrow is the main factory which produces the red cells. The cells are constantly being replaced. The average red cell only lives about 30 to 60 days and then is replaced by a new cell. It has been calculated that the bone marrow produces 2,500,000 cells per second. Normally, all the components of the blood are in perfect balance and as one cell is destroyed another one takes its place. All of these ingredients are in suspension in about five quarts of blood circulating throughout our body. Can you imagine an industrial or chemical plant operating as perfectly as this?

Anemia usually indicates either a reduction in the amount of hemoglobin in each cell or a reduction in the number of red cells, or both, as is usually the case. This condition can be brought about by a faulty production, too few red cells, by the bone marrow. It may also occur from a blood loss due to hemorrhage even though the bone marrow functions normally.

There are many types of anemia but space prevents the discussion of these in detail.

The symptoms of anemia, in general, are the same in most any type of anemia. The most common manifestations are pallor, headaches, weakness, dizziness, shortness of breath, loss of appetite, and numbness or tingling of the extremities. The diagnosis of anemia is easily made from these symptoms, plus a study of the blood including a count, blood volume, blood chemistry, and sometimes a bone marrow examination.

Perhaps the most "talked about" anemia is pernicious anemia. It is chronic in nature and has most of the symptoms above, plus the absence of hydrochloric acid in the stomach.

The treatment usually depends much on the type of anemia. For example if there has been loss of blood from an accidental cause or internal bleeding the logical treatment is to replace it by blood transfusion. If the anemia is due to a bone marrow disorder, then iron, vitamins, and B-12 are helpful. However, don't experiment or self treat. Your family physician is the one to prescribe the proper treatment.

Now a few words about the disease of Polycythemia. In this condition there are too many red cells crowding the circulating blood. Either the bone marrow over produces red cells or it may come from concentration of red cells due to a loss of blood plasma. People living in high altitudes commonly have an increased number of red cells. This is explained by the fact that the red blood cell-forming mechanism in the bone marrow is very sensitive in its response to increased oxygen needs of the body in high altitudes. Polycythemia is not as common as anemia.

The diagnosis frequently can be made by just looking at the patient who characteristically shows marked redness of the skin, and sometimes purplish lips and finger nails are evidenced.

The symptoms may be similar to those of anemia. Fatigue, headaches, dizziness, and difficulty in thinking clearly may occur. In addition there is an increased tendency for bleeding and thrombosis formation.

The treatment of Polycythemia is obviously to reduce the number of red cells in the blood. This may be done by blood-letting, reducing foods rich in iron, and by other treatments. Most important is the use of radioactive phosphorous. This slows down the bone marrow red cell production.

It should be remembered that a large percentage of the population has some blood disorder. It should also be emphasized that scientific study of the blood by your doctor can be readily carried out. From these blood examinations the exact diagnosis can be made and the proper treatment instituted. When you see your family physician for your next check-up it might be wise to have a blood examination.

By Dr. George H. Irwin,

CTA Medical Consultant

# MEDICALLY

# SPEAKING

# NEW PENSIONERS

CHARLES G. BACHELOR, Towerman,  
North Section, Emp. 12-29-26  
CRUTCHFIELD BAKER, Repairman,  
North Park, Emp. 5-20-25  
WILLARD O. BEAMAN, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 1-9-29  
NORMAN M. CLARK, Conductor,  
Kimball, Emp. 5-9-18  
WILLIAM CORBETT, Statementman,  
Claim, Emp. 4-22-42  
PATRICK J. DONELON, Security Off.,  
Police, Emp. 4-8-23  
MICHAEL F. DOWD, Motorman,  
61st Street, Emp. 9-13-43  
GEORGE E. EWALD, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 1-25-27  
STEPHEN GIBBONS, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 5-6-25  
LOUIS P. HANSEN, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 1-6-28  
MICHAEL HARTNETT, Janitor,  
North Avenue, Emp. 10-24-42  
CHARLES W. JOHNSON, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 9-2-42  
JOSEPH J. KEES, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 6-2-26

LAWRENCE L. KING, Foreman,  
Skokie, Emp. 10-19-26  
WILLIAM F. KLOSINSKI, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 1-12-26  
DANIEL McLAUGHLIN, Conductor,  
West Section, Emp. 3-13-26  
JOHN F. McTIGUE, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 10-19-26  
HARRY E. MENEU, Laborer,  
Track & Struct., Emp. 3-20-25  
CHARLES J. MOST, Mail Clerk,  
Office Services, Emp. 1-25-26  
CARL L. NELSON, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 4-3-28  
IRA L. NUBIE, Elect. Worker,  
Skokie, Emp. 10-15-23  
IVAN PAVLETIC, Truck Repairman,  
Track & Struct., Emp. 9-25-29  
VINCENT PENDOLA, Laborer,  
Track & Struct., Emp. 6-23-41  
MARGARET B. ROCHFORD, Clerk,  
Trans., Emp. 5-28-42  
MATT SARICH, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 5-17-28  
CAROL T. SCHILDT, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 3-9-51

VERNON A. SEGGEING, Towerman,  
North Section, Emp. 3-7-42  
CASS J. SNOW, Valuation Engr.,  
Property Acct., Emp. 6-15-43  
MELVIN L. STOLDT, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 10-18-33  
ARTHUR VANMOFFAERT, Cleaner,  
Lawndale, Emp. 1-26-29  
JOHN P. WEBER, Ticket Agent,  
South Section, Emp. 12-3-26  
ROBERT H. YOUNG, Repairman,  
Keeler, Emp. 3-17-24  
FRANK M. ZELLNER, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 1-13-25

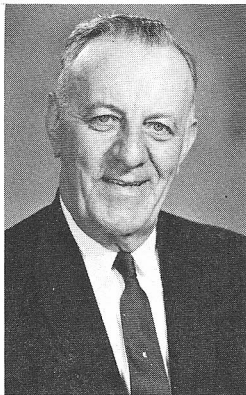
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TIMOTHY FALAHEE, Trolley Tender,  
South Division, Emp. 4-2-28  
MARTIN G. GRADY, Clerk,  
77th Street, Emp. 5-21-34  
WILLIAM MUNNELLY, Conductor,  
61st Street, Emp. 9-30-42  
JOSEPH P. RANALLO, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 11-19-45

RETIRING MARCH 1 with 40 or more years of service each, are the 10 employees pictured below.



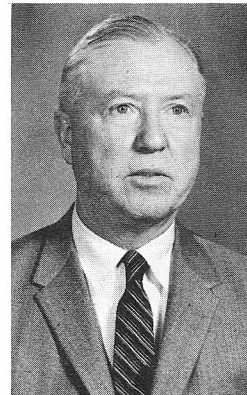
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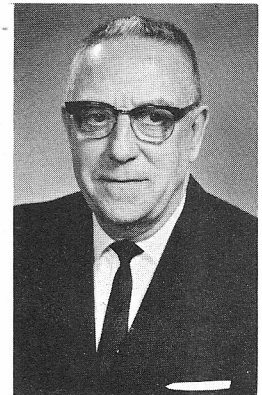
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IRA NUBIE  
42 years



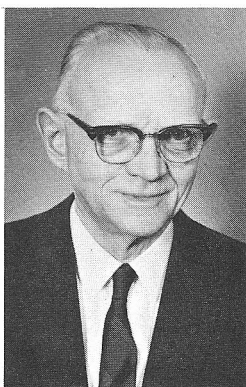
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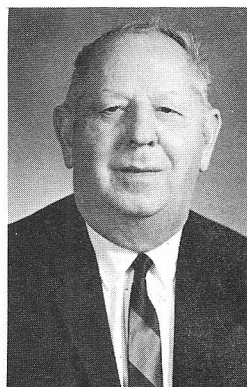
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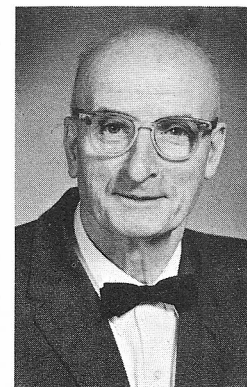
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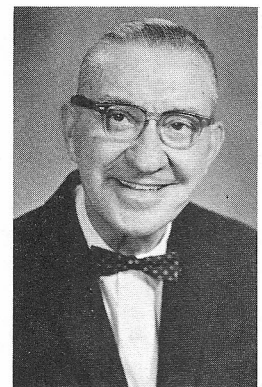
STEPHEN GIBBONS  
40 years



WILLIAM KLOSINSKI  
40 years



DANIEL McLAUGHLIN  
40 years



CHARLES MOST  
40 years



# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (General) -

January begins the New Year with many changes - VIRGINIA HARRER and GERALDINE LaVINE were transferred from Revenue Accounting to the Voucher Section. Welcome to your new jobs, Virginia and Geri. Congratulations to PATRICIA LEGENZA and BEA FRANKE in their new positions in the same department. . . ROBERT BAXTER, formerly Accounting Department, has been appointed budget accountant after the retirement of W. S. COMSTOCK. Best wishes, Bob, in your new position. . . JEAN WRIGHT, Billing Section, chose the West Coast for her winter vacation. She and her husband went by train to California and Mexico. They visited relatives in Los Angeles and enjoyed Farmers Market, Hollywood, and Disneyland -- the magic land of "make believe." They went to San Francisco, and while there toured Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, Presidio, Golden Gate Bridge, and many other interesting places. They took the Ocean Drive down the coast to Laguna Beach, Ocean City, Newport and San Diego, and over into Tijuana, Mexico, where they observed the customs and habits of the people and did some shopping. On their return trip, Jean stopped at El Paso, Texas; Juarez, in Old Mexico, Kansas City, Missouri, and home to the frigid temperatures. In her travels, Jean states she loved San Francisco the best. . . After serving on the Petit Jury for a short time, your scribe is happy to return to work.

- Mable Potthast

## (Payroll) -

Crisp, snowy sub-zero weather didn't slow our MARIE COARI down -- she braved the cold and took the weekend special train to St. Paul, Minnesota, for the annual winter carnival. It is an exciting and beautiful sight to see. We might mention that she waited in a choice seat in the auditorium and the colorful floats paraded before her. Now that is playing it cool! . . . Good news from ART JOHNSON, retiree. He and his wife, BESS, have moved into the new home they had built in St. Petersburg, Florida. By now JOHNNY POPE and DUANE CLARK are their first house guests. What a house-warming that will be! . . . At the retirement party W. S. COMSTOCK gave for his friends in the Board Room, we were glad to see MABEL MAGNUSON, OLIVE BATTERSBY, MAE BUJNOWSKI, and MILDRED HUMES, all retirees of not too long ago, looking so well. . . DORIS STAHL, retiree, tells us she has another great-grandchild. She sends her regards to the gang and is doing good.

- Ellen Neurauner

## (Revenue) -

The welcome mat has been put out to the following new employees: ARTHUR VAN GUILDER, formerly from Forest Glen Depot, PATRICK DILLON, JAMES WILSON, and GUS VOURNAS who are in the Transfer Audit Section, and MARY RETTIG who is our new key punch operator. . . BOB TUMA and DAN RUGLIO have been called for military service. . . VIRGINIA HARRER has changed positions. Virginia is now a voucher machine operator. TOM SULZER has also been transferred. Tom is now in the Reproduction Services Department.

- Joanne Paris

## (Material & Supply) -

ANN GARRITY was lucky to choose a time in the January cold spell to spend an enjoyable week with her sister and niece in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Although the weather was cold there, it was not as severe as our Chicago "deep freeze." . . LYDIA HAEMKER jetted to Yorba Linda, California, near Anaheim to visit with her daughter, JOYCE, and family. While there they took short trips to Lake Arrowhead, Big Bear Mountain, and Palm Springs. She also enjoyed the sights around Orange County and, of course, repeat visits to Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland. She also purchased a knitted poncho which is very fashionable at present in California.

- Clara Lawrence

## (Tabulating) -

KAY McALISTER spent two weeks in Florida sunning and relaxing. . . HELEN ROMAS and her family are recovering from the shock of having their home robbed and ransacked while they were at work. . . DANNY FRUSOLONE received a belated Christmas gift when his beautiful red 1966 Ford station wagon finally arrived at his home in Roselle, Illinois. Danny admitted he reluctantly parted with his other town car, but after all -- the ash trays were filled! . . . JOHN BOLAND is justifiably proud of his son who recently placed third in his district wrestling tournament. John spends many an evening and an occasional Sunday afternoon tutoring young John in this manly art. -- "Tennis, anyone?"

- Marion Sutherland & Edward O'Rourke

## CLAIMS -

EDWARD COMAN tried to bring spring a wee bit closer by driving down to Birmingham, Alabama, recently with his wife, MABLE. However, upon arrival they were surprised to find one inch of snow and four below zero weather! Ed was particularly amused that the natives of Birmingham closed up shops, schools and were "confined" to their homes. . . HARRY BONESS, legal adjuster, and his wife, ANNE, had a wonderful visit with their son and his family in Wollston, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston. Most of their time was spent sight-seeing in Boston with their four lovely granddaughters. . . Congratulations to THERESE ANNE ZAZZARA, daughter of ROCCO ZAZZARA, on her engagement to DONALD STACE. The young couple are planning an August wedding. Therese Anne will be a June graduate from Southern Illinois university, receiving her bachelor of science degree in education. . . Wedding bells rang for HELEN MUNYER and JOSEPH SEMINATORE on January 22. Helen is the sister of DAVID and GEORGE MUNYER. The couple honeymooned in the romantic setting of the islands -- Tahiti and Hawaii! . . . HERMAN JAMES is a grandfather once again! Little TAMMY RUTH arrived on February 16. She makes Herman's first granddaughter. Another new addition, BRIDGET COLEEN, arrived on February 13 at the HALLAHAN house. Her big sister, PEGGY HALLAHAN, is a member of our department, while her proud daddy is JOHN HALLAHAN, superintendent of agents and porters at Logan Square. Little Bridget will be wearing the same christening dress that both of her parents and her fourteen brothers and sisters wore

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. . . ANTHONY EDWARD HOGAN, son of JOHN HOGAN, statementman, was ordained an Augustinian priest at the Tolentine College chapel on March 5 by Archbishop JOHN P. CODY. Father Hogan celebrated his first Mass the following day at St. Margaret of Scotland church . . . Congratulations to KEN CEROTZKE on his recent promotion from vault clerk to receptionist, and also, to ROCCO IACULLO on his big step up the ladder of success from locator to statementman . . . A big "hello" from all of us is extended to our new Statementman RAYMOND TIERI, a former South Shops employe . . . Sincere wishes for happy retirement days are extended to WILLIAM CORBETT, statementman, who retired on February 28 after 24 years of service . . . We are all glad to see BEA CONDON and NORA CRONIN back to work after their recent illness. At this writing, we would like to extend get well wishes and a fast recovery to MARGE LYNCH, JOHN DU PERE, JOHN DALY, DAN MARTORELLI, and AL GIDDINS . . . We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest sympathy to Pensioner CARL BODENSTEDT who lost his wife on February 9, and to DANIEL RYAN, a former employe, on the loss of his father on February 20 . . . Dining, wining, and dancing was in order at the annual Credit Union dinner dance which was held on February 11 at Halleran's Imperial West. To add to the festivities of the evening, door prizes were raffled off - among the lucky winners were PETE SEPIC, who took home an electric drill to help with his "do-it-yourself" projects around the house. CHARLIE OLCIKAS will be cooking up a storm with his new teflon frying pan, and if a good cup of coffee is desired, Mrs. PATRICIA MECKER is the lady to see, for she won a coffee percolator. Mrs. ANTHONY RITROVATO was the lucky winner of a transistor radio, while DAN PERK, treasurer of the credit union, won a tape measure. Last but not least, EDWARD SOMER, ROCCO IACULLO, and Mrs. JOSEPH LUBAWY will be trying for a "hole-in-one" come this spring with their new golf balls . . . The credit union election was held on February 14. MARY BERRY was re-elected president for the second time; JEANNE LUDMANN is the new vice-president, while BARBARA MIKA of the Law Department was re-elected secretary and DAN PERK was re-elected treasurer . . . We received a very nice Valentine from THOMAS MARCHISOTTO, a former vault clerk, who is now serving in the United States Army and is stationed in Germany. Tom is now playing in the army band and is touring the country. He would appreciate hearing from some of his friends at CTA. Tom's address is: Pfc. Thomas Marchisotto, U. S. 55 818 006, 8th Division Band, Army Post Office, New York, New York 09111.

- Sandy Majewski & Kathy Ashley

### BEVERLY -

The 15 below zero weather and some icy streets separated the "men from the boys," but we came thru it like champions . . . WALTER "Nite Car" BOROSKY said he had enough of it and took off for a month's vacation in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Walt came back with a nice suntan because he was out on the golf course every day chasing the little white ball around . . . Insulated underwear is very popular these cold days, and one of the boys has his sewn on until spring . . . Operator GEORGE SCHLETZ found out that honesty is the best policy when he turned in a purse that he found on the street. George is one of the nicest fellas we have at Beverly and he received a nice card and a handsome reward from the lady who lost the purse. . . Glad to see Operator JOHN HEALY

back to work after his recent trip to the hospital, and we wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. HEALY who was also in the hospital at the same time . . . Pensioner FRITZ JOIKE paid us a visit at Beverly recently and is still giving out his home recipes on potato soup . . . We express our sympathy to Supervisor RALPH ZIMMER on the loss of his mother; to Operator N. WILLIAMS whose mother passed away, and to Pensioner JOHN DUFFY's family. John died recently at Paw Paw Lake. He was a former superintendent at Beverly.

- Tom Daniels

### CONGRESS (Agents) -

Mr. and Mrs. PATRICK HALLAHAN became the happy parents of BRIDGET COLLEEN on February 13. The baby has 14 brothers and sisters to make her happy . . . Douglas Park Conductor JERRY HOLEK's mother, Mrs. HOLEK, passed away after a long illness. We are sorry to hear of his loss . . . Agent PEGGY DeFILIPPIS celebrated her birthday February 17 in the Presbyterian-St. Luke hospital . . . Agent WALTER RAJOWSKI is in Mercy hospital for surgery . . . Conductor HARRY TISHLER broke his ankle and was hospitalized at Loretto . . . Motorman FRANK GARRITY is in the Henrotin hospital and Motorman J. SCANLON is in Presbyterian . . . Agents BEATRICE SHEWE, MARCELLA BURNS, ANNE DOWLING, and BARNEY SOBKOWIAK, are home from their stays in the hospital . . . Lake Street Agent FRANK CZARNECKI is back after a heart attack, and Congress Agent LAURENCE FRICOT is also back . . . Agent DANIEL BURKE is starting to get falling arches and a flat pocketbook shopping for furniture with MARY WILSON . . . Agent CARL HALL is walking around with a cane. It's the gout . . . Douglas Park Terminal Porter WILLIAM RAVIZEE is back to work. Agent CHARLES NOREK's son, CHARLES, made the honor roll at St. Charles of Borromio school in Lockport, Illinois. Charlie would like to know if anybody has a good used car to sell . . . Agent BEULAH FIELDS went to California on her vacation . . . We all wish CAROL SCHULDAT, Lake Street agent, and STEVE GIBBONS, also an agent, many happy years. They retired on March 1 . . . Welcome to those who have recently joined our ranks. We are happy to have them with us. Conductor BUICK, Agent IRWIN THOMAS, from North Park, NORA KLEMCHUCK, DEBORAH GABBIS, ROSCO WILSON, and others whose names I wasn't able to get . . . Agent NANCINE THOMPSON went to Florida on her vacation, but not to sun herself--she spent her time taking care of her brother and sister-in-law who were seriously injured in an auto accident and underwent surgery . . . Agents JAMES and CARROLL CARNEY are going to Columbus, Ohio, to attend Carroll's brother's wedding on March 26. Carroll's brother, THOMAS, is now stationed at Goose Bay, Labrador, where the temperature is 20-30 below zero. When he marries pretty ELSIE TAYLOR of Columbus, Ohio, the guests won't know whether he's nervous or just thawing out . . . Porter ARTHUR HUBACZ vacationed in Milwaukee with his daughter . . . March 27 is Communion Sunday at the Little Flower Shrine. Plan on coming this time . . . Did you know that Parson Weems, author of the cherry tree legend about George Washington, was an itinerant preacher who lived from 1759-1825. He traveled through the Maryland and Virginia countryside peddling books, playing the fiddle for dances, and preaching sermons. Goes to show how stories get around . . . If you want a short winter have a note coming due early in the spring.

- Julia Brousek



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### ELECTRICAL -

A date to remember -- April 28 -- The Electrical Department's retirement dinner -- Corned Beef and Cabbage at Harrington's. Tickets are available now. Contact HAROLD COYNE or RICHARD DORGAN . . . GERALD CHRISTENSON and his wife, LAURETTA, are proud parents of their baby girl, HEIDI, born on January 27 . . . Our sympathy is extended to the family of FRANK DORSCH who passed away in February, and to FRANKIE JONES who lost his sister . . . Chief Operator WILMONT of Broadway substation is enjoying a winter vacation right here in Chicago . . . JOHN RUSNAK and Chief Operator MULBRANDON are both out sick. Rusnak is in Little Company of Mary hospital . . . Welcome back to BILL BECKMAN who was out for two months as the result of an injury . . . Guess the winter weather is keeping our pensioners close to the home fires. We miss their visits and are looking forward to seeing some of them now that spring is just around the corner. The coffee pot is always hot in the green room.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

### ENGINEERING -

Best wishes to ANN FARRELL and JEAN LYSEN who both were married on February 12. Ann to DANNY O'DONNELL, and Jean to WAYNE HENSEN . . . We're glad to hear that CHARLES MANTHEY is doing fine after his recent operation. JACK O'REILLY is also doing fine, and we hope to see him back at his desk soon . . . Two faces missing from Room 7-155 are MARY GALLON and ED HESS, but you'll find them out at West Shops, where they've been transferred. Hope you like your new location . . . Good luck to DENNIS PENEPACKER who returned to school. We'll see him back in September . . . Our sympathy is extended to the family of JAMES GORDON who passed away February 3.

- Jean Lysen

### FOREST GLEN -

EDWARD "Smitty" SCHMIDT joined the list of pensioners, and we wish him many years of "happy retirement" . . . Received a most welcome card from Pensioner FRANK URBAN who was visiting the East and West Coast of Florida, and enjoying it very much . . . Operator JOHN MART and his wife, BLANCHE, vacationed in Hawaii and also visited their son in San Francisco . . . There were several pensioners who visited Forest Glen, all looking very well. They were WILLIAM CALDERWOOD, JOSEPH MATLEY, HARRY SIKORA, and ELMER NEUBAUER . . . Your scribe took himself a five-day holiday and flew to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to visit his mother who is down there for the winter. It gave me the opportunity to again visit Pensioner ART and LILL PETERSON, and also see ED and CEIL MUCHA, who are kept busy with their food carry-out business. Your scribe and his wife, ELAINE, celebrated our 25th anniversary on February 1, and had a very enjoyable evening in the Empire Room of the Palmer House. Then there was a surprise party given by daughters BEVERLY ANN and ELAINE AGNES . . . Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD JESCHKE attended the graduation of their son, CHARLES, from the University of Illinois at Champaign on January 23. Charles accepted a position at Bell Laboratories in Newark, New Jersey. We wish the young man the best of luck in his new venture . . . FRANK McGARRITY, repairman, broke his arm in the Forest Glen yard. Maybe we should get Frank a pair of ice cleats for his shoes . . . SAL

FURLIN passed his "B" repairman test and will start breaking in very soon. JERRY McLOUGHLIN, the nite schedule man, has a girl friend whose name is Dagmag. By the way, how is Johnny No Stock? . . . The clerks and receivers had a new pick and we would like to welcome a couple of familiar faces back to Forest Glen, DANIEL McFADDEN and LOUIS TIGNAC . . . A reminder to all members of the Little Flower Society (St. Joseph Branch). Now is the time to renew your membership for one dollar. If you do not see me around as often, it is because I am at North Avenue for two days a week, but you can give your dollar to any of the committeemen. This is the most worthy cause you can support, and at the same time receive spiritual benefits. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Frank Carpino

### GENERAL OFFICE (Training & Accident Prevention) -

JIM TRETTON and his wife, ELIZABETH, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with dinner and by seeing CAROL CHANNING in the play, "Hello Dolly," which they enjoyed immensely . . . RONALD KRAMER was congratulated on receiving a \$25.00 cash award and a certificate for a ham from the Employees Suggestion Committee . . . STUART MAGINNIS was welcomed back on the job after his recent sojourn in West Suburban hospital . . . MARGE CONWAY decided on a vacation in Aspen, Colorado, where she and a group of friends intend to enjoy a great deal of skiing.

### (Employee Relations) -

TED O'CONNOR was bid a fond farewell recently by his many friends and co-workers. Ted decided to return to school to obtain his degree. Since leaving CTA, he also completed a two-week period of schooling in jungle warfare in Panama as a reservist in the National Guard . . . DON CLANCY was welcomed to the department after transferring from Internal Auditing . . . MARY ANN PRELL is a proud aunt. Her newly arrived nephew is TIMOTHY ALLEN GRIGG.

### (Insurance) -

Best wishes were extended to BARBARA KOFSHUR of the Pension Division who left CTA to await the arrival of the stork. DOROTHY ETSCHIED has taken over Barbara's duties . . . JOSEPHINE FELDMANN transferred from Employment and was welcomed to the department as the new insurance clerk . . . TERRY LOCOCO recently broke her leg while ice skating, so the U. S. Olympic skating team will just have to wait until it mends.

NOW STATIONED in Bien Hoa, about 35 miles south of Saigon, is Pvt. THOMAS L. McCOY, 19 year-old son of Operator REX L. McCOY of Beverly Station. Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army Paratroopers last July. In December he graduated from jump school, ranking among the first 100 out of a 900-man class. A member of Company B, Second Battalion, 173rd Brigade, 503rd Infantry, Tom expects to be stationed in Viet Nam for about a year.



## INSIDE NEWS

### (Public Information) -

GERRI SEXTON, Public Information Department, Charter Section, showed up at work Monday, February 28, sporting a huge diamond on the left hand. The lucky young man is DICK KAVANAUGH, also a South Sider, employed by the Bell Telephone company. Late fall nuptials are being planned. Gerri's sister, KATHY, formerly of the Insurance Department, was chosen as a South Side finalist for St. Patrick's Day parade queen. Our best wishes to both of the girls.

- Mary E. Clarke

### KEDZIE -

The men at Kedzie Depot had coffee and rolls all day long on January 31 to say farewell to Superintendent JOHN FRUGO. While we were wishing him good luck and many happy years in retirement, Mr. Frugo was introducing to the men our new superintendent, E. K. PETERSON. To many of the old drivers at Kedzie, Superintendent Peterson didn't need an introduction. The men at Kedzie will all miss Mr. Frugo very much. He was a wonderful person to have as a boss. We are very proud to have Mr. Peterson as our head man, and hope he will be just as proud of us. Welcome to Kedzie Depot. While we were having coffee and rolls, there was Mr. Candid Camera himself, DAVE CLARK, taking pictures which turned out swell. On hand was WILLIAM FRANZ and his pipe, enjoying the company of our board members WILLIAM LARSEN and WILLIAM KISSANE, TED HEFFERMAN of our credit union, and many, many more. . . The friends of our retired board member, CHARLEY SEEBOCK, had a surprise party for him and the turnout was fabulous. The surprise was almost too much for Charley. To share the occasion with him was his lovely wife and their daughter and son-in-law, his son, CHARLES SEEBOCK Jr., and his wife. Kedzie was well represented. On hand were many men who were formerly from Kedzie. To Charley, we at Kedzie wish him the very best and many years of health and happiness in his retirement. At this party were several of our retired men, including former Chief Clerk CHARLIE STARR, who is doing fine since his release from the hospital; MIKE KENNEY, the smiling Irishman; RED NOOR, and AUGUST JOHNSON, former recording secretary of Division 241. . . The Bass and Beagle Hunting Club held their annual dinner and dance on February 12 at the Manor Hall on South Archer avenue. The food was delicious and the band was out of this world. Everyone had a wonderful time, that is everyone but Operator FRANK ROWINSKI. He was at home with a fever and virus. Frank, who is the president of the club, had worked very hard to help make this affair a success. I would like to thank Mrs. ROWINSKI for introducing herself and pinch-hitting for Frank and for the special attention she gave to Frank's friends. I would like to mention all the men and their wives who attended, but if I left anyone out there would be hard feelings. Suffice it to say Kedzie was well represented. . . CHRISTINE, the daughter of Operator M. MITCHEL, was married on February 5 at the home of a sister-in-law. The bridegroom, RUSSELL MORGAN, went into military service on February 18. Good luck and many years of happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. FRANK J. VALEK who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on February 23. . . While writing up this month's notes, still on the sick list are Operators WOOD, ZIELKE, JEFFERY, and RED KAIN, formerly out of Kedzie. A speedy recovery and hope to see you back on the job soon. . . Superintendent E. PETERSON, Assistant Superintendent O.

BRUBACK, and Relief Superintendent G. DAUBS want to give all the operators at Kedzie a "pat on the back" for the good showing we are making in the Safety Contest. We are in second place, 1.37% behind the leading North Avenue station. Let's strive a little harder and beat North Avenue and have coffee and rolls on the house. So let's go-go and make 1966 a record year at Kedzie. We are off to a good start. . . We send our deepest sympathy to Mrs. H. JACOBSON whose husband, Operator H. JACOBSON, passed away after a long illness at Hines hospital, and to his brother, Operator J. JACOBSON. Operator F. VALEK, whose sister-in-law passed away February 19. . . Operator L. MARKOWITZ put his dog to sleep after a long illness. His dog, Bullets, was his companion for 16 years. Believe me, this was a hard decision, and all pet-lovers know what a rough one it was for Louis to make.

- Raymond Graham

### KEELER -

Hello fellows! Your humble scribe is very proud to have quite a few of you boys tell him you enjoy reading this column. Well, keep the news pouring in and we'll make it a bigger and better entry. . . All Keeler wishes farewell congratulations to Night Superintendent E. K. PETERSON, who has been appointed Day Superintendent at Kedzie. A very big Keeler welcome to Assistant Superintendent M. H. DeWITT. While we're in this category, I'm sure all you fellows will share my sentiments in that we think we have the best boss in the entire system. So even when we are caught dead wrong and know we have to face the music, we still like you, Mr. LOUGHRAN. . . Condolences to Operator L. HITCHCOCK on the loss of his wife. . . Wishes for many happy years of retirement to Repairman ROBERT YOUNG. He has a combined total of 42 years service with C.M.C. and CTA. Day Foreman HENRY RICHTER, the boys at Keeler, and many old friends from Kedzie threw a big party for him. . . Retired Operator RAY BERNARD dropped in the other day to say hello. He and his lovely wife are enjoying their retirement in a new home in Mc Henry, Illinois. . . Proud papa, Operator ED WHITE, welcomed his daughter, IZORA, home from Lima, Peru. She has been an exchange student there at St. Marcus university. Her alma mater is Indiana university. . . Get well wishes to Operators KUGELBERG and F. WAGNER. . . Seriously fellows, the Watusi just isn't suited for everyone. Proof of this fact is that Operator JOHN MCGHEE had a fractured ankle, Operator JOHN DAVIS just returned after being in braces for an injured neck, and now Operator OLDHAM has a fractured hip. I'll stick to the waltz. . . Has Operator PANKOW returned to work yet? If not, hurry back. . . Operator CLARENCE SLONE is the proud papa of a baby girl born January 24. . . Operator AL "Whitey" SZYMELL became a proud grandpa February 3. Tax exempting Whitey's son, DON, and wife, BARBARA, was little DAVID ANDREW SZYMELL. It's been five years since Whitey's daughter, CAROLE, first entered him in the esteemed rank of grand pere.

Birthday Briefs: Operator TAYLOR's wife, FLOR-ENCE, January 26; Operator PERCE's granddaughter, TRACI ANN, February 27; Operator E. GRAHAM, February 15; Operator PESCE's wife, CAROL, February 16, and Operator G. HUBBARD, March 1. A special happy birthday to a good guy, JULIUS TIEFENBAC, March 7. Julius is our number one man at Keeler. . . Society Notes: Janitor SY GOLDMAN and his wife took in the big hit "Hello Dolly." . . Night Clerk RONNIE



## INSIDE NEWS

MILLER and family are Delta jetting to Miami on vacation . . . Other vacationers include Operator CENTER and Operator JOHN ZYCK . . . A job well done award goes to Addison-Pulaski Supervisor H. JEFFERIES. While we are on this corner, orchids to everybody's friend, and the donor of that second cup free, Miss HAZEL . . . We are sorry we can't join in on the Brotherhood Week observances here at Keeler. Reason is, it's a 365 day a year occurrence here . . . Good Guy white hats off to: Operator RICHARD WILSON who is active in boy scout work. Did you know Dick is an accomplished hockey goalie? Any questions on this sport? Operator Wilson will be glad to answer them . . . Another hidden talent brought to light is that of Operator L. KUZYK. Just 25 years ago Kuzyk was a member of the national ski team of his home country. He is now using his great talent here as a ski instructor, working with a Ukrainian scout organization. Kuzyk works with the Carpatian ski club with a membership of over 50, ranging in ages from 14 to 20. So if you're interested in skiing, or in another way to sustain fractures--look up Operator Kuzyk . . . Well guys, that's just about all for this time. Our words of wisdom for this month are taken from the files of World Champion Cassius Clay. "When you open up your mouth--your mind is on parade."

*- Ernest C. Carter*

### LOOP -

We are glad to see Porter STEVE CUNNINGHAM back on the job and looking so good. Steve wants to thank all his co-workers who remembered him while so sick. "He said, 'at a time like this, cards, phone calls, and the generous gifts from you all brought so much happiness to me. May God bless you all.'" . . . On the sick list are Agent MARCELLA BYRNE and L. FRICOT who are coming along very well. RAY MAPLE, MARY ELLEN DUNN, and L. BECK will be back real soon, we hope. Porter I. CHRISTMAS has a cold and Porter J. JORDAN is in the Vet's hospital. Porter E. SCHULTZ will be off work for a little while. He fell on the ice and broke his ankle while on vacation . . . Agent S. GIBBONS retired on February 7. We wish him the best of luck and many happy years of retirement . . . Our deepest sympathy to Agent L. RUSSEL and her family on the loss of their dear mother . . . Agent MARY RAFFERTY and her family spent two enjoyable weeks at the Mardi Gras in New Orleans . . . Porter of the winter months is WALTER HARRIS. His new name is "Fire King." Walter is the only porter along the line that can get a good fire going and warm the station up in 10 minutes flat . . . Having a party and you don't know just what kind of decorations to have? Ask DELORIS BERO. She is tops when it comes to making little favors and surprises for parties . . . Can you picture Agent W. STRASSER baby sitting? Well he has been doing just that and loves it. He even learned to sing "rock-a-by baby." . . . Porter ANDREA FRICANO says all great men have birthdays in February, such as Abe Lincoln and George Washington, and, oh yes, Andrea Fricano, who celebrated his birthday February 27 . . . Another Agent, JOHN FILIPEK, celebrated his birthday February 28. His pack of cub scouts had their Blue and Gold dinner on that date at the school hall and included John's birthday. John was quite surprised and happy to find out how much these little fellows like him. He also has been asked to manage the neighborhood little fellows baseball team this coming season. John said they will try and end the season in first place, instead of seventh like last year . . . Belated birthday wishes go to Agent GERTRUDE YARDLEY's daughter, Sister JOSUE, a

A MARINE Guide Aeronautical Technician is the distinguished title held by Corporal ROBERT GLOVER, son of Operator CLARENCE GLOVER of North Park Station. Bob is performing his vital tasks in Far East Asia.



Providence novitiate at St. Mary's of the Woods in Indiana. Her birthday was February 26 . . . If you see Trainman EDWARD EPLEY biting his fingers off, and if he doesn't answer you when you talk to him, it's because they expect the stork any day now . . . Received the following note from former Assignment Agent MARGARET QUEENAN. "No words I can say or write can express my gratitude to you for all your great kindness to me. You may be sure I shall never forget all you have done and only hope I can prove myself worthy of same." . . . That's all for this issue.

*- Mildred Doyle*

### LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Agent RAY MAPLE is still on the sick list. He is in St. Elizabeth's hospital . . . Agent MARCELLA BURNS is out of the hospital and is presently in the R. N. Convalescent Home on Windsor avenue in Berwyn . . . Former Agent DOROTHY RAIMON would like to hear from her CTA friends. Her address is: 2N 048 Diane avenue, Glen Ellyn, Illinois . . . NICK MAURO, husband of Agent EDITH MAURO, is home after having eye surgery. We wish him a rapid recovery . . . Our condolences to Agent E. BEEBE and Mrs. BEEBE on the death of her father . . . Glad to report that MINNIE DIKEMAN is back to work after being on the sick list . . . Porter STEVE CUNNINGHAM wants to thank his many friends for their kindness during his recent illness . . . Agent ELEANOR HASBROUCK enjoyed a visit with her mother during February . . . Lake Street Agent CAROL SCHILDT took her pension. We wish her much luck and many healthy years . . . Agent WILLIAM MAHONEY will be taking his pension on April 1. We wish you a healthy, happy pension . . . ARLENE SWANSON spent the weekend of January 22 in Rockford, Illinois. She visited her niece, JUDY SARGENT, and brand new grand-nephew, JEFFREY SCOTT . . . Former Agent MARGARET DONAGHER, who is on pension, is back from Ireland. Her friends will all be glad to hear this . . . We are celebrating a few birthdays in my family at this time of the year. Grandson JOHNNY was 11 years old on March 6; daughter-in-law ELAINE "Mickey" celebrated her natal day on March 22, and son BILL celebrates his on April 1. Bill was also promoted on Christmas Day and is now a lieutenant with the Chicago Fire Department . . . REMINDER! West Side agents club members -- Are your dues paid? We are always open for new members, so if any West Side agents, men or women, want to join, contact E. J. Dillon, Dorothy Parker, or Helen Pallister.

*- Helen Pallister*

## INSIDE NEWS

### NORTH AVENUE -

Pensioner JOHN REGAN and his wife, CATHERINE, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a party given for them by their sons, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren. John, one of our fine repairmen at North, is enjoying his pension and stops in now and then to visit with his many friends here. Among the guests at the party were Sanitary Technician JOHN COLEMAN and his wife. Our congratulations to John and Catherine . . . Many happy returns to MILDRED CHUPICH, wife of Repairman MICHAEL CHUPICH, who celebrated her 52nd birthday on February 11 with her family and grandson . . . Wedding anniversary congratulations to Operator JERRY VANEK and his wife, March 27 . . . Operator LOUIS FORD and his wife, DEL, had a birthday party for their daughter, DINEEN LOUISE, on February 12. . . Operator MARTIN KEHOE was a happy father when his son, MARTY, returned from Viet Nam on furlough. He will be assigned to Camp Le Jeune, North Carolina . . . We welcome new men WILLIAM TAITE, ROBERT DAVIS, DANIEL SHEEHY, OSCAR HALL, ROGERS NOBLE, JOHNNY WRIGHT, BENNIE BROWN, CHARLES BOWEN, who returned from military service, LONNIE VOSS, JOSEPH WEIDINGER, and REINHOLD SCHMIDT. We also welcome Receivers JAMES O'BRIEN and FRANK CARPINO; and Clerks PHILLIP TULLY and WALTER RINGHOFF . . . Repairman EDWARD KENDZURSKI is strutting around the garage because his son, RONALD, received a four year scholarship at Northern Illinois university in De Kalb. Ronald intends to major in business and law. Ed's other son, DANIEL, is a second-year student at Loyola university majoring in accounting . . . Repairman JOHN CARMODY is back to work after being hospitalized at St. Anne's . . . Repairman NICK IPPOLITO, Operators LOUIS KEESHAN and VERNE SHEPHERD took their pensions February 1. Operators LOUIS HANSEN and WILLIAM KLUSINSKI took their pensions on March 1 . . . Received a nice card from Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN and his wife from Daytona Beach, and they will be visiting Pensioner JOSEPH GAMEN and his wife who reside in Orlando, Florida. We had invited Barney to go up North for some ice-fishing, but the thought of it sent him to Florida. Operator LEO PLUSKOWSKI vacationed in Florida and other warm places. Operator WILLIAM DI GIORA spent his vacation at Los Gatos, California . . . JOHN CASEY, Repair

THE RATHER large, decorative cake tells the story here. The occasion for the gathering was the first meeting, after recent elections, of the General Office Federal Credit Union. The members shown are: (standing, left to right) J. D. SCHWARTZ, R. F. CORBEL, A. C. LATHOUWERS, C. E. SKORA, Assistant Treasurer J. E. TOUHY, F. J. TAMBURRINO, J. VIHNAK, Director W. C. DENTAMARO, and S. G. SHONTS; (seated) Director H. F. EBELING, Treasurer H. W. SCHOMER, CLARA LAWRENCE, Secretary MABLE POTTHAST, Vice-President EVELYN LEU, President H. R. DONIHI, and M. F. VERDONCK. Remember, if you join the credit union, "you can have your cake and eat it too."



Department, and his wife, LAVERNE, are wearing big smiles these days expecting their son, BOBBY, home on leave from the army this month. He has finished his boot training and will enjoy resting without hearing a bugle. . . Operator MICHAEL CARPINELI displayed his talent at the South Shore country club for the Mercy Hospital Charity dinner dance. Mrs. R. SPECK, his daughter, who is on the committee, asked him to play the violin at this affair. Mike performed beautifully and his music was appreciated by all. The climax came when Mike displayed his talent accompanied by LOU BREEZE and his orchestra. GEORGE DI GIORE of the Repair Department and his wife were proud to see Mike perform.

Secretary WALTER WENTZEL notified us that the CTA Masons, of the North and West Side degree team, will hold their next meeting on Friday, April 29, at 8 p.m. More information can be had by contacting Walter at North Avenue Depot . . . Foreman ERNEST PEARSON and myself planned for a weekend trip to central Wisconsin to visit Pensioners ARMIN KOEHN and HAROLD LEMIEUX. We started out at five in the morning and the temperature was 19 below zero. As we drove, we listened to the weather reports on the car radio. The forecast for central Wisconsin was from 40 to 45 below zero. We then decided to cancel our trip up there to do some ice fishing. We stopped off at Lake Geneva and drove the car on the ice. It was only 24 below zero and we started to chop holes in the ice for our tip-ups. We stayed there for the whole day and didn't get a bite. Even the fish thought it was too cold to eat. The next time we went fishing, we went to the same spot and caught plenty of bluegills, and it was much warmer . . . During February, Pensioner ARMIN KOEHN and his wife came for a visit to Chicago. Armin visited our depot and met many of his old friends. I had a nice chat and went out with him for a bite to eat . . . We now have a library in the rear of our trainroom where the North Avenue Credit Union is located. All I ask is that you keep the books on the shelves of the cabinet and return them after you have finished reading them. I know many of the operators on call or on swing shifts will enjoy reading to pass their time. Thanks to all the station superintendents for letting us have this space. Let's all show our appreciation by driving defensively and having less accidents so North Avenue Depot can be the best in the system. Also, let's cooperate with all the supervisors on the street, and with winter in its last fling, be careful of icy and wet streets. A smile for an intended passenger will also brighten your day and make your work seem easier . . . Operator HERBERT LINDEMANN and his wife, MIL, are studying road maps now and planning for their vacation in California. Operator EDWARD SCHNEIDER is getting his fishing gear ready for a trip in the near future to Crivitz, Wisconsin. I am also planning on a trip to Fremont, Wisconsin, for the April walleye run. It sure is nice to get out in a boat on the Wolf river after being frozen in all winter . . . I hope you all had a fine time on St. Patrick's day, and we wish you all a blessed and happy Easter.

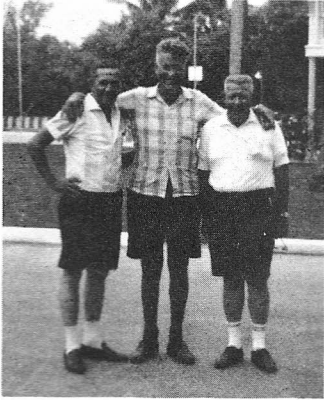
- Bill Miedema

### NORTH PARK -

The medical bus was at North Park Station and it is hoped that everybody came through with flying colors. Medical Examiner AL GLUECKERT and Dr. TUTHILL were most pleasant in their inspections and it was nice to welcome them again . . . Miss CONNIE BETTINA and Clerk JOE DI GIOVANNI were married on Saturday, February 19 at St. Vincent Ferra church. The reception



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**TANNED-UP, RELAXED,** and looking as bright as the sun above are (left to right): Relief District Superintendent **ED NOVAK**, **JACK KRAUSE**, retired relief superintendent, Operations Control, and Instructor **RAY PRYOR**. Ed and Ray were visiting Jack and his wife, **WANDA**, a former CTA telephone operator, when the picture was taken. The setting in the background is Crandon Park, located near Miami, Florida.

was held at Biancola's restaurant, attended by the immediate families. The young couple honeymooned in Miami Beach, Florida. . . **JERRY GIRARD**, son of Clerk **SAM GIRARD**, graduated from Foreman High school on January 28 and is now working for Maling Brothers shoe stores, where he is an assistant manager. . . Mrs. **NORMAN ROTH**, daughter of Operator **SAM KLEIN**, gave birth to her fifth child. A daughter named **SANDRA LEE** was born January 18 at Memorial hospital in St. Joseph, Michigan. . . **JOEL ROBERT STEINBERG**, son of Operator **SEYMOUR STEINBERG**, has enlisted in the air force for four years. Joel is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Joel will be going to jet mechanics school after he finishes his basic training. . . **ALAN LESLIE JONES**, son of Operator **GUS JONES**, has enlisted in the air force after graduating from Wendell Phillips High school and is also stationed at Lackland. . . **TOM** and **MIKE THELIN**, sons of Operator **HANK THELIN**, are students at St. Mary's seminary, which is located in Perryville, Missouri. The boys are in their fourth year at the seminary. Tom and Mike would like to thank all the operators who have cooperated in the purchase of tickets for the annual card party, held each year at Minor seminary in Lemont, Illinois. . . Our best wishes to Operator **MORT LIBERT**, who has transferred to the elevated as a ticket agent. . . Receiver **ED "Curley" STENZEL** has become the owner of a '66 Chevrolet Impala and is now looking forward to many hours of pleasant driving. . . Mrs. **MARION LEMKE**, wife of Operator **ROY LEMKE**, after many years of employment for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was transferred to the Federal Poverty program. Marion will now be screening applicants for the program, and we all hope to be included. . . Operator **PETE "Maverick" MARCHISOTTO** was elected sergeant of arms in the St. Joseph's society, and was also made chairman of the dinner dance to be held at the Chateau Royal on November 5, with an expectancy of over 1,000 people. The society, of which Operator **PAT "George Raft" SCIORTINO** is vice president, is using the proceeds of the dinner dance for scholarships and charity purposes. . . Operator **DAVE ARREGUIN**, who was given a guitar, along with a series of lessons, has decided to let his hair grow long and is now looking for a few more musicians to start his own combo. . . Operator **PETE DOLAN** and his wife, **ROSALEEN**, were honored guests at table #127 at the Little Flower Leadership dinner held January 27 at the Conrad Hilton hotel. Mrs. Dolan, who is a native of Donegal, Ireland, and Pete have been married for eight years. The Dolans have three boys and two lovely daughters. . . Mrs. **PATRICIA GABBETT**, daughter of Operator **TED KINDERMAN**, graduated from the University of Illinois with a perfect five point average. Pat was number one on the Dean's list at Illinois. Mrs. Gabbett is now working for

the U. S. government, doing research work at Bethesda, Maryland, where she will earn her master's degree plus a fine salary. . . Supervisor **JOHN ERICKSON** has finally given up on Packard automobiles and has bought himself a Ford station wagon. John is now convinced that Fords are also good automobiles. . . Operator **ZEKE JAGST** won a turkey for a recent fine suggestion that he sent in to the company. . . Operator **JERRY ROSSELJONG** has purchased a new home in Carpentersville, Illinois, and is now looking for company. His new address is 360 Tee Lane. . . Operator **HANK SCHRAMM** and his wife, **ELIZABETH**, drove on their annual trip to Mansfield, Ohio, to visit Hank's sister, Mrs. **ELIZABETH HETLER**. . . Operator **JOE TATE** and his wife, **BEVERLY**, have joined the ski club at Four Lakes, Illinois. Joe and Bev are novices at skiing, but hope to become experts soon.

Operator **JON HALL** and his wife, **MARIE**, spent a week's vacation taking in the sights of Chicago and dining out at some of the more exclusive restaurants. . . Operator **PAUL KLUG** and his wife, **ANN**, also had a winter vacation and dined out at some of our many fine restaurants. . . Operator **WILLIE TUCKER**, his wife, **GEORGIA**, and daughter, **TERESA**, spent their vacation in Greenwood, Mississippi, where Willie's mother, Mrs. **TUCKER** resides. The Tuckers, who are avid hunters, report great success this trip. . . Operator **DOM PITTRO** and his wife, **JUDY**, celebrated their anniversary February 3. The Pittros dined out at De Leo's restaurant and then went to the Shubert Theatre to see "Hello Dolly". . . Operator **JOE SCALETTA** and his wife, **DOREEN**, celebrated their eighth anniversary February 1. The Scalettas dined at the Blackhawk restaurant and then took in the town. Operator **TOM CONROY** and his wife, **NORA**, were the honored babysitters for the evening. . . Operator **JOHN MILLER** and his wife, **ROZIA**, celebrated their 32nd anniversary January 26. The Millers had dinner at their daughter's, Mrs. **JEAN JOHNSON**, and spent a quiet evening with the children. . . Operator **JIM HOLMES** and his wife, **ELAINE**, celebrated their 22nd anniversary March 10. The Holmes dined out at the Conrad Hilton hotel and stayed for the fabulous ice show. . . Operator **WILLIAM CURTIS** fell on the ice and suffered a severely broken ankle and will be on crutches until April. . . Operator **LARS PATTERSEN** slipped on the ice while returning home from **FRANCIS GALLAGHER**'s wedding and broke his arm and wrist. . . Mrs. **ILAH WILLENBROCK**, wife of Operator **ELMER WILLENBROCK**, was in Northwest hospital for observation, and at this writing is awaiting results of the tests. . . Mrs. **LILLIAN MENCARINI**, wife of Operator **BRUNO MENCARINI**, was confined to Swedish Covenant hospital for an operation on her gall bladder. Lillian is convalescing at home and expects to be back in the groove soon. . . Mrs. **LOUISE CARR**, wife of Operator **LE ROY CARR**, after being hospitalized for 26 days at Holy Family hospital in Des Plaines, Illinois, has entered Passavant hospital, where she will have an operation for heart surgery. All our prayers are with Louise and Le Roy. . . Operator **JOE BERGTHAL**, who has been on the sick list for a long spell, is coming along fine and expects to be back with us soon. . . Clerk **CHARLES GRAFF**, a former motorman at Devon Depot, is confined to Illinois Masonic hospital. Our prayers are with Charles for a fast recovery.



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. . . After the recent pick of clerks and receivers, we welcome to North Park Clerk JIM HAASE, who returned to work after two years of duty in Viet Nam; also, ART TROPPE, JACK MOREAU, JOE DI GIOVANNI, and SAM GIRARD, who is now working days. We wish the best to DAN MC FADDEN, L. BROWN, DAVID FORD, and W. OLIVER, who have gone to other stations . . . Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operators Seymour Steinberg, Nick Gasper, Ed Newton, Charley Kemp, John Miller, Gordon Ackerberg, Gary Noonan, Charley Knight, Walter Lindemann, Gary Kemp, Frances Newton, Joseph Guzzardo, Shirley Paoli, Julia Zahn, Linda Dieder, Mike Schramm, and Min Seifert . . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Pensioner JOHN WRENN; Pensioner LE ROY HAMMERBERG; Pensioner ED COLBERG, and Operator and Mrs. ROBERT BROWN on the loss of Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. CLARA WHITE . . . Repairman PETE MERSCH spent a week's vacation taking in the sights of Chicago's North Side . . . Repairman DAN and Mrs. PRISBLE, through the courtesy of Channel 7, held a lengthy conversation with their son, RICHARD, who is stationed in Viet Nam . . . Repairman MATT HEAVEY and his wife, ROSANE, spent a week in Detroit, Michigan, visiting their daughter, Sister ROSE MATTHEW, of the Dominican order. Sister Rose Matthew is a fifth grade teacher at Precious Blood Convent school . . . Repairman JULIUS MERSCH became a grandpa for the sixth time when his daughter-in-law, Mrs. MARY MERSCH, gave birth to a daughter, MARLENE, born February 11 at Resurrection hospital . . . JOHN CORDA, son of Repairman ED CORDA, has purchased a new home in Mount Prospect, Illinois . . . Repairman FRANK CAHILL, who is raising Shetland ponies as a hobby, became an excited veterinarian when his mare, Dolly, gave birth to a colt . . . Repairman GEORGE JONASON was hospitalized at Swedish Covenant hospital with pneumonia . . . Mrs. AGNES MERSCH, wife of Repairman JULIUS MERSCH, was operated on at St. Francis hospital for acute glaucoma. Mrs. Mersch is now at home and is convalescing . . . Pensioners BOB JOHNSON and JOHN STOPA were around the garage visiting and making suggestions on how they would do things . . . I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs. DOROTHY COUGHLIN, wife of Assistant Foreman JOE COUGHLIN, for the kindness and consideration she extended to me on a recent visit to the Mart . . . Congratulations are extended to MERCEDES O'BRIEN, wife of Operator JOHN O'BRIEN, who was elected president of Auxiliary 241, and to Mrs. HELEN SCHOLL, wife of Operator WARREN SCHOLL, who was elected recording secretary of Division 241, ladies auxiliary . . . Your Board Members LASKE and SCHOLL urge your attendance at union meetings held the first Mondays of the month at 8:00 p.m., Musicians Hall, 175 West Washing-

## PENSIONERS MEET

THE CTA pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at the new Odd Fellows Hall, 4140 16th street, north, St. Petersburg. All CTA pensioners living in the vicinity are invited to attend these meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month at the above time and address.

The Division 308 Pensioners Club of Chicago will hold its next regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 21, on the 13th floor at 32 W. Randolph street. All retired members of Division 308 are invited to attend these meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at the above time and address.

WHILE VISITING relatives in Kansas City a few months ago, Chief Accountant GEORGE PELLICORE's brother-in-law took him on his first hunting trip. Although he returned with a big gun on one shoulder and a bag of quail over the other, he didn't fire a single shot. However, we understand he was the life of the party.



ton street . . . The Little Flower communion service and breakfast will be held Sunday, March 27, at St. Clara church, 64th and Dante avenue. A chartered bus will leave North Park depot at 7 a.m. and members and pensioners are urged to turn out. . . Operator JAMES DENTLEY, after finishing second in the sectionals of the "I Beat the Champion," and winning a beautiful trophy, had a bad afternoon in the final rolloff and finished 18th out of the 32 who were rolling for the big prizes. Some 98,000 bowlers started out in this tournament, so James did very well.

- Melvin Horning

## PURCHASING, STORES & SPECIFICATIONS (Stores) -

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN SHERIDAN are the proud parents of a baby boy, PAUL ANTHONY, who was born February 8 . . . Mr. and Mrs. WALTER FEULNER welcomed their second baby boy on February 17. They named him JEFFREY.

## (North Division) -

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to JOHN DUNN, who, at this writing, is a surgical patient in St. Francis hospital . . . AUGGIE BIEVEER is now back from the "sick list"! . . . ART CARLSON has at long last discarded his crutches and is hobbling around ever so gently. Slowly, but surely, his foot is getting better . . . Happy birthdays are in order for VIC JOHNSON, NICK LACORCIA, and RODNEY RUSAKIEWICZ.

- D. Jane Bell

## NORTH SECTION -

Well, here we are, deep in the month of March with April showers not too far behind; but there surely is better news than that. For instance, Conductor JIM ZEPP and his wife, BARBARA, have been blessed with their first child, a bouncing baby girl. Our congratulations and best of luck and happiness . . . So you motormen think you recognize the voice coming out of your train-phone every now and then. Well that's probably Supervisor BILL LIMANOWSKI . . . Motorman RUSSELL LAWSON recently returned from a two-week visit with his family in St. Petersburg, Florida . . . Good luck and much happiness to Motorman BILL GIBSON, who joined the ranks of pensioners in February . . . Former Ticket Agent NORA ANN FRISBY, daughter of Supervisor STANTON, gave birth to her first child, a handsome son who will answer to the name of SEAN MICHAEL. Our congratulations . . . The annual North Side Credit Union buffet was held last month. It was attended by more than 250 persons who enjoyed the dinner and door prizes. Retained on the board of directors were Mr. and Mrs. CRO-



## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

EMIL BERECEK, 77, 77th Street,  
Emp. 3-24-20, Died 2-10-66  
JOHN BLAIR, 60, Douglas,  
Emp. 5-28-45, Died 1-11-66  
RICHARD Y. BLANE, 73, North Section,  
Emp. 9-21-37, Died 2-01-66  
HAROLD BUTGEREIT, 63, Douglas,  
Emp. 1-15-48, Died 2-05-66  
JOHN CUMMINGS, 85, North Avenue,  
Emp. 6-02-11, Died 1-06-66  
ADOLPH H. DAUS, 87, Shops & Equipment,  
Emp. 5-07-00, Died 1-30-66  
LOUIS R. DITTBRENNER, 79, Devon,  
Emp. 7-10-23, Died 9-28-65  
FRANK A. DORSCH, 60, Electrical,  
Emp. 3-19-30, Died 1-30-66  
ROBERT DUFFY, 76, Beverly,  
Emp. 2-17-19, Died 1-23-66  
JAMES H. GORDON, 62, Engineering,  
Emp. 9-23-31, Died 2-3-66  
OTTO E. HACKER, 76, West Section,  
Emp. 4-21-25, Died 1-26-66  
LeROY W. HAMMERBERG, 68, Devon,  
Emp. 12-18-20, Died 1-29-66  
JOHN F. HANSEN, 69, 69th Street,  
Emp. 10-09-20, Died 2-07-66  
HARRY HENRY, 78, North Avenue,  
Emp. 6-07-21, Died 1-07-66  
FRANK H. HOLM, 78, Wilson,  
Emp. 6-30-13, Died 1-16-66  
FRANCESCO IMBURGIA, 83, Track,  
Emp. 4-20-22, Died 1-16-66  
ADAM JOCOBS, 63, 77th Street,  
Emp. 5-29-25, Died 1-23-66  
HENRY JOCOBSEN, 53, Kedzie,  
Emp. 10-15-53, Died 2-12-66  
JAMES F. KARLOVSKY, 81, South Section,  
Emp. 5-01-05, Died 1-10-66  
GORDON M. KELLY, 66, Lake Street,  
Emp. 5-22-43, Died 1-11-66  
WILLIAM F. KORITZKE, 62, Archer,  
Emp. 2-06-43, Died 1-11-66  
HARRY V. LEGROS, 76, Kedzie,  
Emp. 5-13-08, Died 2-04-66  
GEORGE F. LEWIS, 89, Metropolitan,  
Emp. 1-01-04, Died 1-16-66

ARVID C. LINDQUIST, 72, South Shops,  
Emp. 8-24-10, Died 1-21-66  
EDWARD LINNANE, 81, North Avenue,  
Emp. 8-28-12, Died 1-29-66  
MILVARD LOFSTROM, 60, 77th Street,  
Emp. 11-6-33, Died 1-28-66  
DANIEL P. MARRON, 53, Archer,  
Emp. 4-30-42, Died 1-27-66  
JOSEPH L. McBRIDE, 80, Throop Street,  
Emp. 7-25-30, Died 1-25-66  
DAVID McCAULEY, 58, Track,  
Emp. 3-22-24, Died 1-30-66  
ALLEN R. McGRIFF, 76, North Avenue,  
Emp. 1-30-24, Died 1-21-66  
LEO A. McKEEVER, 77, Electrical,  
Emp. 9-05-17, Died 2-05-66  
CHARLES McLAUGHLIN, 79, Limits,  
Emp. 8-01-16, Died 2-03-66  
PATRICK McLAUGHLIN, 71, 77th Street,  
Emp. 1-31-24, Died 1-22-66  
LESTER I. McNAMARA, 58, Track,  
Emp. 6-03-29, Died 1-27-66  
WILLIAM F. NELLIS, 82, Dist. C.,  
Emp. 4-01-23, Died 1-13-66  
STANLEY OLEKSY, 62, South Section,  
Emp. 4-24-29, Died 1-24-66  
GEORGE PIPER, 67, West Section,  
Emp. 2-21-20, Died 2-08-66  
PAUL E. RICHTER, 75, Kedzie,  
Emp. 4-24-13, Died 1-19-66  
FRED L. ROGERS, 67, Howard,  
Emp. 10-12-43, Died 1-10-66  
EDWARD J. RYAN, 84, 69th Street,  
Emp. 10-16-05, Died 1-12-66  
EDWARD SCHMEICHER, 54, South Section,  
Emp. 11-16-36, Died 1-24-66  
JOHN SCITAR, 76, West Shops,  
Emp. 5-11-10, Died 1-21-66  
JOSEPH SPEECHLEY, 79, Electrical,  
Emp. 1-17-10, Died 2-11-66  
WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, 70, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 7-01-35, Died 2-09-66  
JOHN J. WRENN, 68, North Park,  
Emp. 3-09-23, Died 2-09-66  
GEORGE M. YOUNG, 82, Burnside,  
Emp. 5-11-12, Died 1-14-66

NIN, Mr. KAVALEGE, and Mr. VETINCINQUE. Conductor HAL STAATS is again on the credit committee . . . On the sick list, as of this writing, are Rapid Transit Operator ED DE RANGO, Motorman J. C. WILLI, and Conductor F. PEABODY. Hope to see you all well and back to work real soon. Back on the job after a short stay in the hospital is Motorman-Conductor ROBERT BUTLER. Everyone is sure glad to see him back and looking better than ever . . . Birthday greetings to Evanston Motorman JACK PRITT, who refuses to give any details . . . Motorman HANK SAFFOLD does not feel his week complete unless he works out of Kimball at least once so he can visit his favorite Chinese restaurant. "Ah-So" . . . The Interstation Safety Contest final standings of 1965 show Howard Terminal in the number two spot with a score of 66.26, out of a possible 75.00, and sporting an even better record than 1964. In the courtesy caravan, the ratio of commendations to complaints shows this section in the top spot. Keep up the good work . . . The daughter of Conductor J. O'TOOLE, MARGARET ANN, was married February 19 to Mr. RICHARD KROPP at St. Clement's church. The newly-

weds will honeymoon in Nassau and then make their home in Cincinnati, Ohio . . . Recently out of motorman training school and now working hard breaking in, are the following Conductors: TOM CAPRA, AL PELT, and GEORGE TAYLOR. Good luck, fellows . . . As this goes to press, I've been notified that Conductor GERHARD SCHWUCHOW is on the sick list and in Augustana hospital; and a name that is not familiar on the sick list, and has not been on in many, many years is Motorman M. McWHINEY. A get well to you both from all the guys . . . Conductor NORMAN CLARK has joined the pension club, retiring after 48 years of service. Mr. Clark, a soft spoken, friendly individual, will be missed by all those who knew him. On February 28 a party in his behalf was held at Kimball terminal, coffee and rolls were enjoyed by everyone. Among the guests were District Superintendent T. McGOVERN and Secretary-Treasurer of Union 308, MICHAEL CRONIN. It was nice to see the faces of a few already retired gentlemen, Motorman A. N. NECHI, J. HIGHAM, L. HERMAN, and Conductor J. O'DONNELL. A few gents who showed up on their days off to help the party be more enjoyable were Conductor

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OSCAR "The Greatest" SIDER and Motorman "Rip" SOR-ENSON. Also in attendance was Motorman STAN WESLEY who just came off the sick list. To Mr. Clark we wish many happy pension years ahead.

The welcome mat is out for the new employees in this section: Conductors M. CANTY, W. HOWELL, R. JACKSON, J. MAYES, and F. WILLIAMS . . . The Irish spirit was high at Kimball this year. The office had pretty green ribbon strewn about, but it went down about as fast as it went up . . . The rapid transit employees sick and accident association has openings for membership. Dues are \$2.00 per month. New employees, take heed. If interested, see RUDY at Kimball, or contact any of the other clerks . . . With all these newborn babies each month it makes me think back to when I was just a child, I think of places our family has visited, things we did, and most of all, games we used to play. For instance, my family was very poor and a game they would play quite often was to move before I would come home from school in the afternoon. Oh well, so goes it. Keep that news coming in. Be talking to you next month.

- Frank T. Jasch

### SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

The girls of the schedule department took SHIRLEY LUKES to a luncheon on her birthday, February 11 . . . J. KELLY and W. SCHARP, traffic checkers, are in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery . . . JOE BILLIS' daughter, SHERRY, was married on February 16 to Mr. DANIEL RENFRO at St. Peter & Pauls church. Congratulations to the happy couple . . . We extend our sympathy to JOHN BENNIS on the loss of his brother, and to the family of BILL LEEPER . . . W. DEVEREUX flew down to Chattanooga, Tennessee, for a weekend visit with his daughter who is the Senior Superior there . . . Pensioners GERTRUDE and JIM ANDERSON are enjoying the nice winter in Florida . . . BILL WORCESTER's daughter, BARBARA, was married on February 6 to LEONARD MUELLER at the Hillside Baptist church . . . MIKE KINCANON, son of BERNARD KINCANON, is a regular on the Wright college basketball team which is in the finals in downstate Illinois. We wish Mike much good luck.

- Kathryn Batina

CTA COMMITTEE members and officers of the Knights of Columbus, La Rabida Council No. 980, pictured here at their annual Valentine dinner dance are (front row, left to right): Chairman JAMES GEARY, Co-Chairman JERRY GLEASON, Past State Deputy GEORGE GRIF-FIN, Grand Knight WILLIAM MARSH, President ED BOGAL, and Fr. EDWARD HAYES of Mendel High school; (back row, left to right): Recording Secretary THOMAS DANIELS, Scribe ERNIE TOCCI, Chancellor JOHN MALONEY, Area Representative ANTHONY LOMBARDO, and JOHN MORAN.



### SKOKIE SHOPS -

CALVIN VALENTINO, carpenter, is proud of his son, DOUGLAS, who won the Honor Legion medal for his work in the R. O. T. C. at Steinmetz High school and was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant . . . Proud parents are VITO PONTRELLI and his wife on the birth of their first son born February 2 at Illinois Masonic hospital. His name is JOSEPH. Vito is an electrical apprentice at Skokie . . . LEO KAJPUST, electrical worker, and his wife spent their 25th wedding anniversary with 100 friends at dinner at the Spoke & Yoke restaurant on January 28 . . . A hearty Skokie welcome to KENNETH BLOCKER, blacksmith apprentice, and A. LUPESCU, electrical apprentice . . . Get well quick to STEVE YERGOVICH, blacksmith foreman, who is back in the hospital again.

- Everett E. England

### SOUTH SECTION -

Spring is just about ready to pop her head around the corner and we all will welcome her with open arms . . . "Hi" to newly transferred trainmen from the North and West Sections: FRANK POWELL, who previously worked here, resigned, and was re-employed again; THOMAS FOSTER; ATLAS BROWN; JOE COLLINS; JAMES GREEN; ALBERT JACKSON, and RICHARD LADSON . . . Congratulations and good luck to Agent JAMES MIDDLETON who was appointed transportation clerk on the West Section on January 30 . . . Conductor EDWARD REIDY decided to take life easy and went on pension February 1. His many co-workers and friends will miss his cheery disposition around 61st Street. Many years of happy retirement are wished Mr. Reidy . . . We had quite a big sick list this winter with that old flubbug going around, so it is wonderful to see most of our people back to work now: Motormen DOMINIC CESARE, JIMMIE WHITTAKER, and JEROME WALKER; Conductors WILBUR WAGENER, PATRICK NOLAN, and MICHAEL SHEERIN, and Agents JULIA MCCORMICK, HELEN SHANNON, CHRISTINE EVANS, JAMES POSTELL, and JERRY WEST . . . We were sorry to see Motorman RON MROZ resign to accept another position. He is such a nice guy and a good worker. Best wishes, Ron, on your new job . . . It was a shock to hear that Agent EDWARD SCHMIECHER passed away. Our condolences to his family. Our agents and porters will sure miss him at his station . . . Agent ANN O'CONNOR, who had been on the sick list, wishes to thank everyone for their calls and cards while she was sick. She came back to work for a week and then she and hubby, Clerk JOE, headed for the southland on their vacation. They motored down to Florida to soak up the sunshine and get a good rest and visit with some of our pensioners . . . Best of luck to Trainman JAMES SMITH who transferred to car cleaner, Shops and Equipment Department, recently . . . Clerk JOHN MULLIGAN received a nice passenger commendation for finding a lost article . . . Also, "hi" to newly transferred agent from the Surface Division, AMOS BOFFMAN Jr., and to Part-time Agent HELEN SMITH, who was with us last summer and has been re-employed again . . . Assistant Station Superintendent MICHAEL O'CONNOR is on the sick list at this writing. Everyone wishes a quick recovery for Mickey so that he will be back to work real soon . . . Received a nice call from Retired Motorman JOHN SEERY. He said that he and his wife are back from Ireland now and are doing fine . . . Agent STANLEY OLEKSY, who had been on the sick list and in the hospital, passed away recently. His sister wishes to thank the many agents for being so kind to her in her bereavement . . . More visitors in the southland are



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Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS, his son, Fr. JOE, and Retired Shopman PAT McEVOY who are down in Florida visiting with the pensioners and getting a lot of that warm sunshine . . . Two of our part-time agents have resigned recently: HENRY WEST and WILLIAM LARKIN . . . Cupid was out with his bow and arrow in February and Motorman BERNARD WILLIAMS and JACQUELINE CARR were married on Valentine's day, February 14. Congratulations to the happy couple.

- Verna Hartney

### TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Congratulations to D. MERCURE, Kimball, and his wife on the birth of their new son. The future star athlete was named THOMAS ANDREW. Best of luck to the growing Mercure family . . . It seems that every time someone looks at RALPH DANIELSON's, Congress, stamp collection, they give him a trophy. Ralph just informed us that he won two more trophies and is now considering expanding his trophy room . . . It has been said that truth is stranger than fiction and NICK SUERO, Congress, told the strangest story ever. Nick reported his car stolen from in front of his house, but two days later it was returned with the following explanation. The car was picked up by mistake and taken to a garage where it was tuned up, new brakes and plugs installed, and in general, a complete overhaul. Now Nick is very happy because his car is in good shape and he did not have to pay for the service. In closing Nick said this, "stealing could happen every year, as long as it was for this reason." . . . L. DAVENPORT, Congress, also tells a story, but his is a tale of woe. Someone stole his car and unfortunately, upon return of the car, it had to be repaired with the cost of service charges coming out of his pocket. Lady Luck sure wasn't smiling on him that week . . . The grapevine has it that JOHN CANNELLA, foreman at Lake Street, has become a grandfather again. His daughter, LOUISE, presented him with a second grandson. Congratulations and wishes for good health are sent to grandpa, mom, and her new son . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to W. SESKO, Lake Street, and his family on the passing of his nephew. His nephew was fighting in Viet Nam and was reported lost in action . . . Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to W. KOSINSKI, Lake Street, who is presently on the sick list. Hurry and get well, we all miss you . . . W. STAFFORD, Lake Street, spent his vacation doing household chores and taking care of his wife who was ill . . . The ever-changing tide has taken GARY PRICE and DAVE DZIKI from Wilson and carried them to Lake Street and Kimball, respectively. On the returning waves were V. SAVAGE and J. BUFORD from Lake Street and J. MADIGAN from 61st Street.

- Ray Brzezczek

### WEST SECTION -

A Happy St. Patrick's Day was celebrated by our good friends, the smiling Irish. The Polish and Italians are giving them a battle by celebrating St. Joseph's Day. My lucky son, who is Italian, Irish, and Polish, had two great days . . . Yard Foreman CHARLES SCHULTZ, who has been in the hospital for a spell, is back out and we hope he will be back to work soon. Porter DAN SCHULTZ broke his ankle while on vacation and is home recuperating. Conductor BARNEY ROLAND was home for a few days nursing a bad wrist. He didn't mind as long as it wasn't his bending elbow . . . Supervisor BYRON HAWLEY looked like a bull fighter with his new

winter hat, but the boys think he is a better bull shooter . . . Motorman JAMES HOOD's eyes light up when you mention his little dog. He had us speechless when he said his dog could speak. I bet the first words that little dog said were "bow wow, you all." . . . Received a letter from Lieutenant JOHN McCARTHY, former conductor on Lake street, and he is doing fine. He sends his regards to all and would like to hear from the fellows . . . The I.S.C. award was won by Congress Terminal for having the least accidents during the final quarter of 1965. The six lucky ham winners were Motormen B. BERUTTI, J. CONWAY, and F. ROONEY. The conductors were J. McCURTIS and W. SZOFER. The lone winner from the shops was L. TURNER. The award was made by T. F. MOORE, superintendent of operating stations. Each man received a case-enclosed nail clipper. Free coffee and rolls were appreciated. To the other lines: "let's try a little harder and you might get something free." To the Lake Street men I say, "please do better so I can receive a nail clipper. My nails are sure getting long." To all the men, if there is anything you would like printed in the TRANSIT NEWS, please send it to me.

- Santo Siciliano

### 69TH STREET -

Here we are into the month of St. Patrick and perhaps with your help, my help, and the help of everyone, we might take the quarterly Accident Prevention honors. We almost made it in the last quarter of '65. Just a couple of accidents or so made the difference in our 3rd place finish and the top . . . With the number of our lads vacationing and sashaying all over the map, one would think we were in the middle of summer. The MILLARD ENSWORTHS just returned from Leesburg, Florida, and the JACK WILSONS went all the way into Key West in the same state. Operator and Mrs. ED STEFFAN leave for Arizona as we go to press, while the whereabouts of GEORGE ALLEN and ART KRUEGER are as yet unknown. Yours truly also has a couple of weeks left with plans indefinite . . . If the new Chevys recently purchased by our guys here were parked end to end they would probably make quite a parade. Clerk BARNEY BECKER, I think, started it all, with MICKEY YOUNG, TOM McDONALD, and by now probably HANK RISCH among them. No wonder G.M. stocks are up. Happy motoring, fellows! . . . A portrait of her dad driving his bus made by his daughter was not fully appreciated by JOE DENNESAITES, but those of us who saw it think it a perfect likeness. Perhaps Joe is just being modest as to the talent in his family . . . TONY KRAUSE left us for Archer Depot in the recent clerk's pick. We miss his cheerful early morning greetings as he hit us in the puss with our transfers. Hurry back, Tony! . . . At this writing, JOHN RADMAN is still in Holy Cross hospital where he has been for quite some time. He's in Room 102 if anyone would care to visit with him . . . MICKEY YOUNG was also sidelined for about three weeks when he was kicked in the ribs by a dead battery. He's back working again and traded in said battery for previously mentioned new car . . . JIMMY AHERN, our demon reporter for the pits, tells us that the Repair Department sick list contains DENNIS DOUGHTERY, DENNIS PIERCE, SAM VAN HUBEN, and Night Foreman BRUNO FERET. We hope the men have a speedy recovery . . . We extend our sympathy to the families of EDWARD SCHUMECKER, formerly from our depot, and Pensioner J. F. HANSEN on their deaths.

- William J. Donahue

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