

# TRANSIT NEWS



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# CTA's Public Image Damaged by Discourtesy to Riders

CTA'S IMAGE suffers a setback every time an operating employe gives a passenger reason to complain. In the March issue of the Transit News, it was pointed out that "pass-ups" are the leading cause of complaints. This issue follows up with "discourtesy," the next most prevalent type of complaint. In 1965, there were close to 1,800 complaints from passengers about discourteous acts or conduct attributed to CTA employes. This represented 25 per cent of the total number of complaints about employes. Of course, it is difficult to be smiling and happy from start to finish of a day's work. No one expects this. However, employes are expected to be civil and polite at all times.

But sometimes merely being polite takes a lot of self-control. For example, a passenger who was just passed up may vent his anger on the next employe who did his job properly and picked up the passenger. It is only natural for the employe to become aggravated when he is berated for a discourteous act of another employe. However, the only proper way to handle a situation like this is to express regret that the incident occurred. And, if

the passenger continues to complain, it is best to say nothing more.

When it is necessary to enforce a CTA rule, such as refusing to accept an invalid transfer, it should be done in a quiet, businesslike way. The employe should explain the rule infraction without embarrassing the passenger. In many instances, it is not so much that a rule is being enforced but it is the manner and tone of voice the employe uses that causes a passenger to complain.

No matter what the occurrence, the main thing to remember when dealing with passengers is to be civil and polite. Arguing or making flippant, sarcastic remarks serves no good purpose and, in fact, can cause the employe to lose the respect of other passengers even when he is right. Any time a passenger asks for identification to report an incident, the badge number or tag number should be given in a courteous manner. Giving passengers "Welcome-aboard" service is the kind of service that will help to eliminate many discourtesy complaints and improve CTA's image.

**OUR COVER:** Skokie Swift, the Federally-aided rapid transit demonstration project which has attracted world-wide interest, celebrated its second anniversary on April 20. At the same time, the high-speed line ended its test period and became a permanent part of the CTA network. To mark the occasion, a souvenir pen was presented to each passenger using the service during the morning rush period; the picture shows Bob Bratek and Mike Dvorak, of the Public Information Department, distributing pens.

**IMPROVED PERSONAL** appearance of operating personnel is being stressed in the continuing effort to better CTA's public image. To remind operators that a neat, well-groomed employe is an asset to our service and creates a fine impression with our customers, full-length mirrors are now installed in all surface and rapid transit operating stations so that employes can check their appearance before going on duty. The operator giving himself the once-over is Henry Sams, badge No. 2872, Limits.

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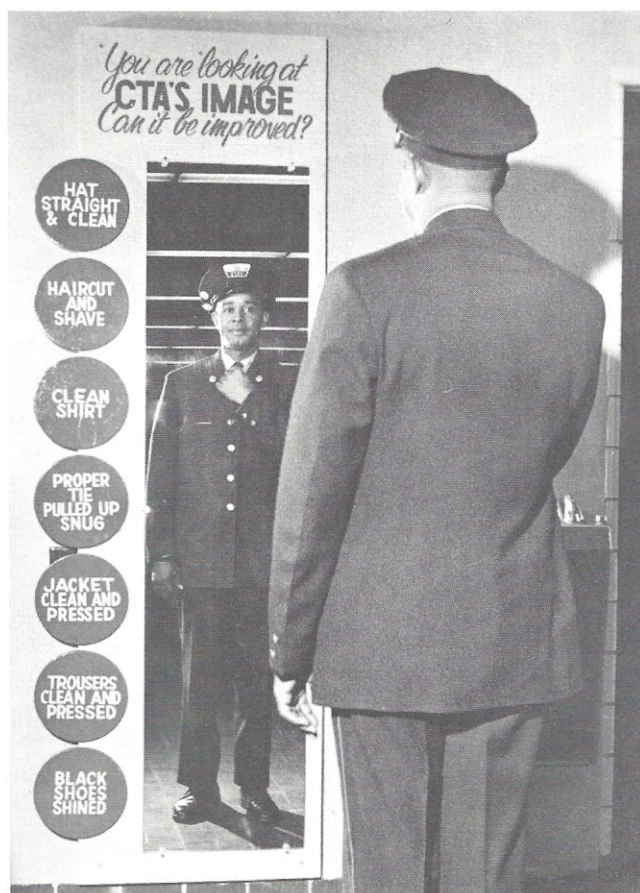
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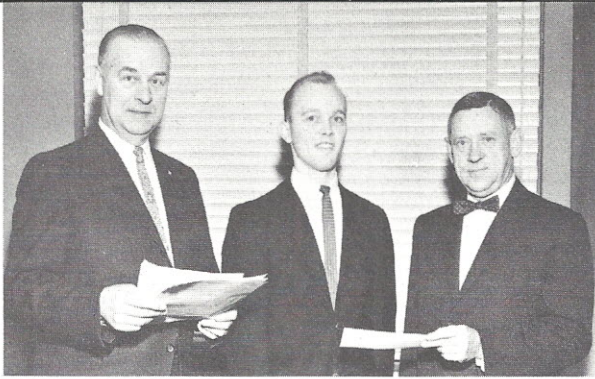
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A FORMER honorable mention winner who scored a second time and qualified for a cash award is Ronald Kramer (center), Training and Accident Prevention, shown receiving a \$25.00 check and congratulations from Russell T. Warnstedt (left), suggestion coordinator, and C. E. Keiser, operating manager.



THREE SOUTH Shops employees were among recent award winners who cashed in on their ideas through the Employees Suggestion Plan. In the picture, J. T. Harty (left), superintendent of stores, and L. G. Anderson (right), superintendent of shops and equipment, are presenting checks to Henry Brandenburg, Stores, \$50.00; Irving L. Krauledis, S & E, \$50.00, and Raymond Walsh, S & E, \$60.00.

## Suggestion Ideas in 1965 Nearly Double Previous Year

A BANNER year for the CTA Employees Suggestion Plan was recorded during 1965 according to the annual report issued recently.

Highlight of the year was the month of October when 462 suggestions were submitted by employees. This total was 112 above the combined totals of the years 1962 and 1963. General Office employees had a participation rate of 59.2, and were followed closely by the Shops and Equipment Department with a rating of 44.4. Submission rates for 1965 were 67 per cent higher than in 1964.

Since the inception of the Suggestion Plan system-wide on October 1, 1952, to December 31, 1965, a total of 1,546 employee ideas have been accepted for adoption. The first year's estimated savings for these suggestions now total \$207,895. Assuming that these ideas are still in effect, the cumulative savings realized by CTA through adoption of the 1,546 proposals is estimated at \$1,609,000.

A comparative rundown of the advances made by the suggestion activity in 1965 over the previous year shows 66.7 per cent increase from 1,629 in 1964 to 2,715 in 1965; suggestions processed were up from 1,541 in 1964 to 2,392 in 1965, a gain of 851; suggestions adopted rose from 110 in 1964 to 153 last year. Total awards for suggestions moved upward from \$1,190 in 1964 to \$2,275 in 1965, an increase of \$1,085, and first year savings of \$6,895 in 1964 were topped by \$13,835 in 1965, an increase of \$6,940.

Much of the upswing in interest during 1965 was credited to the revision last September of the Employee Suggestion Plan, whereby the employee submitting an idea was unknown to the persons evaluating the suggestion until after a decision was made to approve or disapprove the proposal. As an incentive, a family-size turkey or ham was given for any idea accepted for adoption. In addition, the

employee was credited with an "Honorable Mention." When the employee earns his second "Honorable Mention", he becomes the recipient of a \$25.00 minimum award. This plan therefore eliminates the \$5.00 to \$20.00 awards previously given for small benefit proposals.

Original members of the Suggestion Coordinating Committee included F. C. Knautz, suggestion program administrator; R. T. Warnstedt, suggestion coordinator; G. A. Riley, assistant superintendent of operating stations; R. H. Martz, Technical Services, and H. J. Rowbottom, traffic planning technician. As of this date, Mr. Rowbottom has been replaced by J. F. Urbaszewski, Engineering Department. Miss Barbara Burns, clerk II, assists in the clerical part of the program in an efficient manner.

Recommendations by the Suggestion Coordinating Committee are acted upon by the Executive Decision Committee for final decision. This Committee is composed of the following: T. B. O'Connor, chairman; C. E. Keiser, vice-chairman; L. G. Anderson, superintendent of shops and equipment; H. S. Anthon, superintendent of engineering; D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation; P. J. Meinardi, manager of finance, and F. C. Knautz, superintendent of public and employee relations, executive secretary of the Employee Suggestion Plan.

### SUGGESTION AWARD WINNERS

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
\$60.00	Raymond Walsh	S&E, South Shops
\$50.00	Irvin L. Krauledis	S&E, South Shops
\$50.00	Henry Brandenburg	Stores, South Division
\$25.00	Joseph Christoi	Engineering, Track & Struc.
\$25.00	Monica Starzec	R.T., West Section
\$25.00	Ronald Kramer	G.O., Trng. & Acc. Prevention



# New Labor Contracts for Craft, Printer's Unions Approved

CHICAGO TRANSIT Board at a special meeting held March 17 approved two-year labor agreements with 11 craft and three printers' unions that will advance costs by about \$946,000. The contracts will expire November 30, 1967.

Vice Chairman James R. Quinn of Chicago Transit Board presided at the meeting.

The agreements provide for a two-stage retro-active wage increase for hourly rated employees as follows: 14 cents per hour, December 1, 1965, and 13 cents per hour, December 1, 1966.

In addition, the cost-of-living allowance of eight cents per hour as of December 1, 1965, is frozen into the basic wage rates. A cost-of-living allowance will be continued, based upon a formula involving the percentage increase in the cost-of-living index for Chicago as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics using October, 1965, as the base.

The agreements also provide for these additional welfare benefits:

1. Vacations to be increased to four weeks after 17 years service and five weeks after 23 years. Vacation benefits were five weeks after 25 years, four weeks after 20 years, and three weeks after seven years.

2. Life insurance benefits to be changed to \$2,500 after one year and less than five years of service, and \$4,000 after five years of service.

The previous contracts called for \$2,500 after one year of service.

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

4. A seventh holiday, observance of the employee's birthday.

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

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

7. The previous contract provided for no wages to be paid for the first two days off for sickness unless the illness lasted longer than 14 days. The new agreement provides for wages to be paid for one of the two days if the illness lasts longer than eight days and payment for both days, if the illness lasts longer than 14 days.

Pay rates of certain job classifications were adjusted and improvements were made in some working conditions.

The wage and welfare costs of the plans will amount to \$392,000 for the first year, and \$554,000 for the second year.

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## Porter, Clerk Recover Valuables Stolen in Burglary

ALERT ACTION by two CTA employees, resulting in the recovery of two strong boxes stolen in a burglary, was highly commended by a West Side businessman following an unusual occurrence at Clinton "L" station of the Lake route.

It started when David Johnson, station porter, was approached by a man who sought information about service from the station. The man appeared nervous and seemed to be concealing something under his coat. Noting this, Johnson became curious and after waiting a few minutes until the man reached the platform, started upstairs to investigate.

As he ascended the stairway, Johnson noticed two metal boxes wedged into the structure. He immediately retrieved them, notified Forest Park terminal and was instructed to bring them to the office.

Upon inspection, John Carolan, clerk, found them crammed full of insurance policies issued to the Geis Printing company, as well as personal papers belonging to Michael Karel, an executive of the company. Contacting Mr. Karel's home, he was told that both Mr. Karel and his wife were in Florida. He was given the telephone number of a brother-in-law of Mr. Karel, who lived in River Forest.

The brother-in-law explained that there had been a burglary of the printing concern. He came to the Forest Park office and after identification the boxes were turned over to him.

A few days later, a phone call was received from Mr. Karel, who had just returned from Florida. He thanked Clerk Carolan and asked how he could repay him. Carolan declined an award, but Mr. Karel insisted that Porter Johnson be rewarded. A letter of appreciation with a check enclosed was received a few days later by Johnson.





# TRANSPORTATION—*YOUR* SERVANT!

**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK MAY 15-21**

**Chicago Transit Authority**

STRESSING THE important contributions the transportation industry has made to the nation's economy in this period of business expansion, plans have been announced for a concerted effort to inform the public of the many and varied services provided by the industry during National Transportation Week, May 15 to 21.

A major purpose of the week is to remind Americans how necessary transportation facilities are to every part of their daily life. All segments of the industry will join in the program, including local transportation companies, railroads, trucking and motor freight operators, automobile manufacturers, steamship concerns, and commercial air lines.

To add emphasis to their message, it is pointed out that American industry would come to a complete stop within a few days if transportation were not available. Transportation has been called the "hidden giant" of American business and industry. This is because few people realize its gigantic size and the important role it plays in the American scene either at a national or local level.

National Transportation Week will express the many ways in which people rely on transportation. For example, it's transportation that carries our mail, moves material and supplies to the point of delivery, takes products to market and performs numberless other jobs affecting the nation's life and economy.

How transportation touches the life of everyone is demonstrated by a simple example. A housewife carrying home groceries in the family car doesn't consider herself part of our transportation system. Yet that car is one of 80 million units of transportation used in this country, and bringing the groceries home really completes the last link in a huge food transportation network.

Again, it's difficult for the average person to grasp the size of the transportation industry, nor does he realize how much of what's in transit today is on the way to fill his needs of tomorrow. Somewhere in the huge distribution and transportation system are the groceries we need; the clothes and medicine; a new television set or family car; sporting goods, books, magazines, boats and motors; material for a new house, or anything else that we need as individuals or families.

Notable also is the large amount of money required to keep this huge system working. For instance, more than \$120 billion is spent each year in America for transportation - an amount bigger than the 1966 Federal Budget, or, to put it another way, 20 cents out of each dollar that we spend for goods and services. There are more than 9 million Americans employed directly or indirectly in transportation, or about 13 per cent of our total civilian employment.

The taxes paid are another indication of the size of the transportation industry. About 18 per cent of all federal taxes and 35 per cent of state taxes come from transportation - or more than \$25 billion a year.

National Transportation Week, annually set aside by declaration of the President and Congress, will be highlighted by National Defense Transportation Day on May 20. The purpose and objectives of the program will be publicized in the press and other media, including radio and television. CTA will participate with special car cards in "L" trains and buses during the week.

The target of the program is to promote a wider understanding of what the transportation industry is doing to keep pace with the progress being made in all phases of business activity in this period of expansion and continuing development of national resources.

## Transportation Week to Highlight Many Services to Nation



# Transit News Readers

## Tell Opinions in Survey

CLOSE TO 1,000 employees welcomed the opportunity to express their opinions on Transit News material in a recent survey. The purpose of the survey was to determine the effectiveness of the magazine as an instrument of communication.

The questionnaire was put out by the Public Information Department in cooperation with the Accounting Department's Tabulating Section. Participants were chosen by selecting every sixth name in the job classified tab sheets. This cross-sectioning permitted a representative sampling of each group.

A total of 2,026 cards were sent out. Of this total, 48 per cent or 975 employees took the time to reply. The questions, with the final percentages or numbers are shown below.

In any survey there is the possibility of error due to the falsification of answers by the individuals questioned. However, questions I(A) and (B) seem to discount any creditable degree of misrepresentation. Question I(A) reveals that 64% of the employees questioned prefer Transit News covers most of the time, while I(B) shows that 77% enjoy human interest covers. By examining past issues of

the magazine it is discovered that covers were of a human interest nature approximately six or seven times a year, or, "most of the time." The two answers in this instance appear to act as a check and balance, strongly establishing the validity of the survey results.

Subjects suggested under the third choice in question I(B) dealt with such things as Chicago landmarks, modern realism, and retired CTA equipment, just to mention a few.

Answers on the "Inside News" questions were unanimous. Let it suffice to say that almost everyone questioned read their own department column regularly, while scanning through others most of the time. Several individuals, located where there is no representation, expressed a desire to see coverage in the future. Unfortunately, no individuals in the locations concerned have volunteered for the reporting duties.

It is safe to say, by examining question V, that employees would enjoy seeing more pictures and stories dealing with CTA operations and employee activities.

Question VIII points out that a small percentage of employees do not receive the magazine consistently. Remember, if you move, send in your new address.

The Transit News would like to thank all who assisted in making this survey a success.

- I(A). Do you find Transit News covers appealing? Always - 32% Most of the Time - 64% Seldom - 2% Never - .20% Did not Answer - 2%
- I(B). What type of cover do you prefer? Human Interest - 77% Still Life - 16% Other - 3% Did not Answer - 4%
- II. Do you read "Medically Speaking?" Always - 51% Most of the Time - 34% Seldom - 10% Never - 2% Did not Answer - 2%
- III(A). Do you read the "Inside News" column for your department or location? Always - 82% Most of the Time - 12% Seldom - 2% Never - 1% Did not Answer - 3%
- III(B). Do you read any other "Inside News" columns? Always - 30% Most of the Time - 55% Seldom - 13% Never - .82% Did not Answer - 2%
- IV. What type of articles do you prefer? Employee Achievements - 381 Personal Experiences - 241 General Information - 655 Hobbies - 210 Technical - 174
- V. Would you like to see more pictures and stories about CTA operations and employee activities? Yes - 94% No - 2% Did not Answer - 3%
- VI(A). Does anyone else in your family read your copy of the Transit News? 1 to 2 - 60% 3 or more - 25% No one - 15%
- VI(B). Do any others read your copy of the Transit News? 1 or more - 12% No one - 88%
- VII. Have you, or your family, ever been featured in a story or picture in the Transit News? Yes - 22% No - 76% Did not Answer - 2%
- VIII. Do you regularly receive the Transit News? Yes - 94% No - 6% Did not Answer - .51%

## New Bus Turnaround Serves Lunt-Touhy Route

A CONTRACT for \$15,898 to construct a bus turnaround to serve the proposed extension of CTA's Lunt-Touhy (No. 96) bus route was awarded March 3 by Chicago Transit Board.

The contractor is the Mayer Paving and Asphalt company, of 7300 N. St. Louis avenue, Skokie. Plans for the turnaround on Pratt avenue, about 500 feet east of Kedzie avenue, include paving, lighting, and fencing. The area also will be landscaped with shrubbery and grass.

Upon completion of the bus turnaround about May

15, service on the extended portion of the Lunt-Touhy route will be operated Mondays through Fridays between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Certain trips of the Lunt-Touhy route originating at the Morse "L" will operate over the established route via Sheridan, Lunt, and California avenues, and then via Touhy, Kedzie, and Pratt avenues to the new turnaround.

In addition, certain other trips originating at the Howard "L" terminal will operate over the present established route via Hermitage, Rogers, and Touhy, Kedzie, and Pratt avenues to the turnaround.



# Skokie Swift Becomes Permanent Part of CTA Operations

CONTINUED OPERATION of Skokie Swift, CTA's mass transportation demonstration project, as a permanent part of CTA's rapid transit network after the test period ended April 19 was authorized by Chicago Transit Board at its April 7 meeting.

"The success of the Skokie Swift operation displayed to us that motorists can be lured from their autos when high-speed mass transit is provided. The outstanding record of the Swift for the past two years was proof enough for us to decide to continue operating the Skokie Swift as a permanent branch of our rapid transit system," said George L. DeMent, Board Chairman.

Skokie Swift, the high-speed, two-station commuter shuttle began service April 20, 1964, as a locally-sponsored mass transportation project, federally aided by the Housing and Home Finance Agency, now part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Village of Skokie participated with CTA in the project.

By the time the demonstration period ended, approximately 3,500,000 riders had been served. Riding now averages about 7,000 per day.

The action of Chicago Transit Board to continue operation of the Skokie Swift met with enthusiastic response from Robert C. Weaver, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Mayor Albert J. Smith of the Village of Skokie.

"I am pleased to learn of the decision of Chicago Transit Board to make Skokie Swift a continuing service. This is another of our successful demonstration projects. It is also an excellent example of how the Urban Mass Transportation Act can assist and supplement the efforts of local transit operators and local agencies in solving urgent transportation problems," commented Mr. Weaver in Washington.

Mayor Smith of Skokie said: "The people of Skokie and the Village government are elated to learn that CTA is going to continue with the Skokie Swift service at the end of the demonstration project period. I have enjoyed working with CTA during the past year and all of us in the Skokie village government are looking forward to the continuation of this mutual cooperation to bring better transportation to our people and to the people of the north suburban area."

At the same meeting, the Board awarded a contract for \$205,355 for the installation of escalators at two Loop "L" stations--State-Van Buren and State-Lake.

These will be the first escalators installed in the Loop between the street level and the "L". One

escalator will be located on the northwest corner of State and VanBuren streets and the other will be on the southwest corner of State and Lake streets.

The escalators were previously purchased by CTA from a Loop building that was being remodeled. The escalator enclosures will be of plexiglass and aluminum construction. Work is scheduled for completion by late summer.

In other action, the Board approved the purchase of 200 new buses for \$5,628,012 from The Flxible company of Loudonville, Ohio. Delivery is to start in late September and be completed by the end of this year. The 50-passenger, diesel-fueled units will replace a like number of buses that are about 17 years old.

The bid from The Flxible company was \$1,104.32 lower per bus than the only other bidder, the General Motors Truck and Coach Division. The buses from Flxible will cost \$28,140.06 each.

Including the 200 new vehicles, CTA's surface fleet will be equipped with 1,201 "New Look" buses, all purchased since 1960. CTA presently is taking delivery of 150 Flxible 42-passenger buses ordered last August, costing \$3,944,292.

UPON HIS resignation as general counsel for CTA to take over office as a judge of U. S. District Court for Northern Illinois, an open house was held for William J. Lynch by CTA friends and other former associates who came to wish him well in his new post. Among the guests were Mayor Richard J. Daley, shown here congratulating Mr. Lynch, and George L. DeMent, chairman of Chicago Transit Board. Mr. Lynch took the oath of office in the U. S. Courthouse in Chicago on April 5.





## Another 15¢ Bus Service Added in Downtown Area

CTA's 15¢ SERVICES in downtown Chicago were expanded by Chicago Transit Board on March 17 to include the Madison (No. 20) buses leaving North Western station.

Beginning Monday, March 28, persons could board eastbound Madison buses in addition to the Milwaukee and Washington buses for 15¢ in the loading zone in Washington street at Canal street between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. The weather-protected bus loading zone is directly accessible from the North Western station.

The addition of Madison buses in the 15¢ service became possible as a result of the change in routing

to Washington street, when Madison street became a one-way westbound between Franklin and Jefferson streets. Eastbound Madison buses serve the Loop via Washington street, Michigan avenue, and Madison street.

Persons boarding Madison buses at North Western station and desiring to transfer to other routes pay the regular basic fare of 25¢, plus the 5¢ transfer charge.

The addition of the new route increases CTA's 15¢ reduced-fare routes from 15 to 16 serving the central area retail-business district, the North Western and Union stations, and the Grant Park and Soldier Field parking lots.

## Reservations Being Taken for Second CTA Tour of Europe



SACRE COEUR Basilica in Paris is a famed landmark in Montmartre. Designed in Byzantine-Romanesque style with a 267-foot high bell tower. Built 1875-1914 after the Franco-Prussian war, it stands as a kind of guardian angel surveying all Paris. Like other famous buildings in the French capital it is bathed in soft floodlights when night falls.

INTEREST IS building up in the 1966 European Tour and applications are being accepted for those who are planning to join the second CTA group for the 22-day trip, the departure date of which is Labor Day, September 5.

On that afternoon, the touring party will board a BOAC Rolls Royce jet plane at O'Hare International Airport bound for London where they will arrive the following day. After a two-day stopover in London they will begin a tour that will take them to the same nine continental countries visited last year by the CTA travelers.

The tour is available at an all-inclusive tour rate from Chicago and back to Chicago. The return flight will be from Paris by Air France.

Many inquiries have already been received regarding this year's tour, which is a counterpart of the 1965 tour, but in addition this year there will be a luncheon stopover in Amsterdam, Holland. Because of the necessity for making advance arrangements for plane, hotel, and other accommodations, it is essential that reservations be made as soon as possible.

A \$50.00 advance deposit per person is required to hold the reservation. Application must be filled in and forwarded with the deposit on the blank form on this page or can be obtained by writing Jane Mitchell, CTA, Room 734, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois 60654. An attractive illustrated folder giving all details - what it costs, what the rate covers, itinerary, what you will see and do - can also be obtained from Miss Mitchell on request.

CTA employes or pensioners who are contemplating joining the tour may include friends who are non-employees to accompany them at the same rate quoted for the group reservations. This is another reason for getting applications for accommodations in early. It also is a good opportunity for those who were disappointed last year by being unable to get reservations to enjoy the same tour which was so popular that a repeat was requested.

I AM INTERESTED in receiving full details on the European tour for CTA employes as described in CTA TRANSIT NEWS: Please send information to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Code No. \_\_\_\_\_

Department Employed \_\_\_\_\_



# OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS



CTA'S PATRONS are the most important assets to our business. They are not dependent on us; we are dependent on them. They are doing us a favor when they ride with us; we are not doing them a favor by serving them. Patrons are part of our business, not outsiders. They are not cold statistics, but flesh and blood human beings with feelings and emotions like our own, and not persons to bicker or match wits with when they ride with us. Patrons deserve the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give them. When we realize these facts our jobs will be easier and service will be better.

A few letters, printed below, applaud good personal service:

"The driver I am writing to you about is number 5073 (D. L. Luberda, Forest Glen). It should be called to your attention that you have at least one man that really deserves recognition and appreciation shown to him for his courtesy and consideration towards others.

"I was transferring buses at the intersection of Milwaukee avenue and Pulaski, trying to get the northbound Milwaukee bus. Quite often when a driver sees a group of people running to catch his bus, if he has the light he takes off so that he is not bothered. But this driver sat through a green light and waited for all of us. He had a smile and a pleasant word for everyone who got on. I sat near the front of the bus and noticed he carried on his duties with a maximum of efficiency, calling out all stops, waiting for others who ran for his bus, and most important of all, he was careful and courteous on the road."

Many of our employees have been cited for their help to crippled or blind people who board their vehicles. Here's another such letter:

"An orchid to your bus operator (Andrew Gray, Badge No. 8429, North Park) for his service to a crippled old man on crutches who asked the driver to help him get on the bus. The driver applied his brakes, stepped down to the street and with all his strength tried to get the man aboard. I stepped forward to see what the commotion was and saw the driver trying to boost the old man up the steps into the bus. I told the driver to bend the old man's knees one

at a time while I pulled him up into the bus. The driver boosted him up with his shoulder. It took him at least five minutes or more to help the man through the door. To me, it seemed a great act of kindness and consideration since the old man told us he could not bend his knees by himself."

Passups still continue to be a thorn in the side of passengers waiting to be picked up at regular stops who find themselves left standing on the sidewalk as a bus whizzes by. This is how one rider feels about it:

"While your personnel generally does a good job of serving the public, some of your drivers erase a good impression by passing up passengers. This morning, after being passed up by two loaded buses, a semi-filled bus approached the corner where several people were waiting, slowed down for a light change, then stepped up its speed and continued without stopping.

"This is a most frustrating and irritating experience, particularly when it occurs in the morning rush hour when one is hurrying to get to work on time. It can be understood when a bus is filled to capacity, but when a partly-filled bus, with room to spare, passes up a potential rider it would appear to be a deliberate act on the part of the operator."

COMMENT: It is unfortunate that one man, because of inconsiderate conduct, may spoil the overall favorable impressions that passengers receive. The type of conduct attributed to this operator is neither condoned nor tolerated by CTA.

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

	March 1966	February 1966	March 1965
Commendations	174	181	228
Complaints	1,212	1,111	1,181



**QUESTION:**

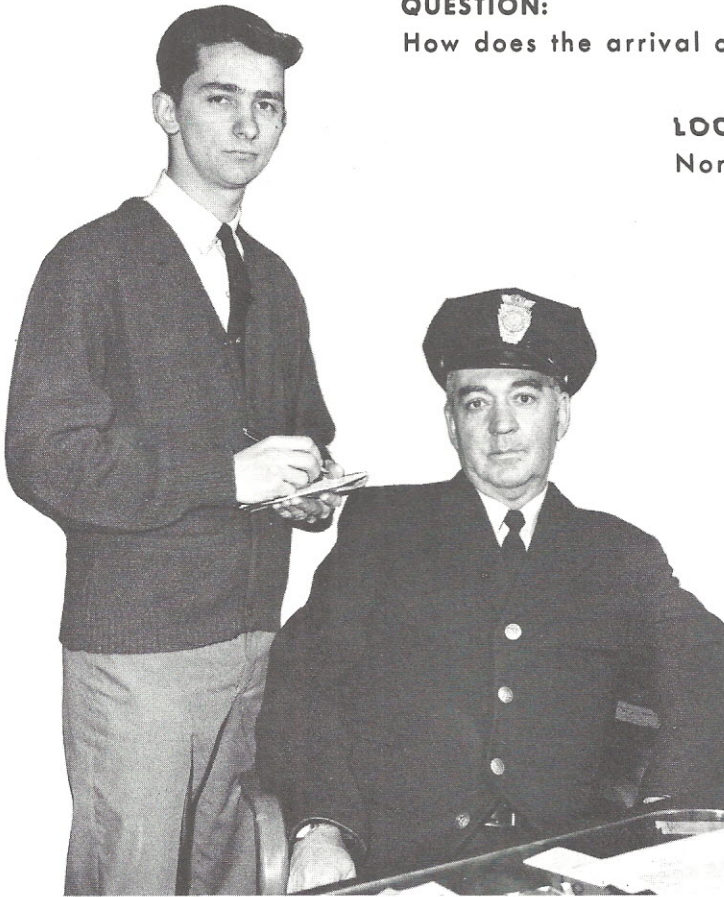
How does the arrival of spring change your spare time activities?

**LOCATION:**

North Section

**INQUIRING REPORTER:**

Frank Jasch



**RICHARD STANTON**, supervisor (with reporter Frank Jasch): "This particular spring most of my spare time will be devoted to getting settled in my new home. But of course the arrival of spring calls for a little more outdoor activity, such as a baseball game or a nice drive to one of the lakes."

**MINNA KING**, ticket agent: "With the arrival of spring I look forward to the outdoors, drives in the country, or just spending the day in our beautiful forest preserves."

**EDMUND WOJCIK**, conductor: "More of my time is spent outdoors in various sports activities when spring arrives. Another change is longer weekend auto trips and photographing and enjoying nature at its very best."

**A. C. COBB**, motorman: "The days are longer and it gives me more time to prepare the lawn for summer. Also it gives me more time in the evenings to spend with my family."

**JAMES MATTHEWS**, operator: "The first thing that comes to mind is doing things around the house. The desire to paint and the inspiration to cultivate the soil and plant helps in the appreciation of the changes brought about when spring comes."





*The following article, titled "Tuberculosis is Still With Us," has been prepared by Dr. E. A. Piszczek, Field Director for the Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis Sanitarium District.*

APPROXIMATELY 50,000 new active cases of tuberculosis are reported in the United States every year and an additional 10,000 cases of tuberculosis have a reactivation of their disease from the previous infection.

During the year 1964, 3,468 new active cases of tuberculosis were reported in the State of Illinois. Thirty-three persons in every 100,000 of the population were stricken with new active cases of tuberculosis. However, this is only a small fraction of the total number of cases that occurred in Illinois in 1900 when tuberculosis was the leading cause of death.

Since the beginning of the Twentieth Century the population has benefited immensely from the progress in immunizing for the control of communicable diseases. We are happy over the conquest of such diseases as diphtheria, whooping cough (pertussis), scarlet fever, tetanus, smallpox, poliomyelitis, and, recently, measles. There are only three nuisance diseases remaining that a child has to get because there is no immunization against these diseases, namely: German measles, mumps, and chicken pox.

Tuberculosis remains the last of the major communicable diseases that plague the international world. Today, the progress in the treatment of tuberculosis is due to several factors:

First - the advancements of chemical treatment of the disease. The person who has tuberculosis today has many laboratory examinations which, along with X-rays of the chest or other organs, tell the progress of the disease. Which drugs are used in the treatment of tuberculosis of a specific patient are determined by the sensitivity tests of the organisms of that individual to the available tuberculosis drugs.

Second - chest surgery in tuberculosis today is aided greatly by not only the knowledge of drugs on specific organisms of the patient but also by the skills of the thoracic surgeon. Chest surgery in tuberculosis today is possible by the advances of (a) tracheobronchial anesthesia; (b) antibiotic drugs that control pulmonary infection; (c) availability of blood banks for transfusions whenever indicated. This has reduced the mortality in tuberculosis surgery to approximately the same figure as appendicitis.

Most physicians advise that patients with newly discovered tuberculosis be admitted to a sanitarium for the infectious period of the disease for complete evaluation, for extensive treatment with drugs, and for total rehabilitation.

There are three high-incidence groups of the population with tuberculosis. The first area - children under five have a great deal of tuberculosis. They get it from the father, mother, aunt, uncle, grandmother, grandfather, or babysitter. Children with tuberculosis are sick children and are usually picked up by a tuberculin test. A positive tuberculin test indicates previous exposure to tuberculosis, and a positive test is also found when the disease is clinically active. Children get tuberculosis of the glands, the bones, the intestines, the bloodstream (the miliary type), or meningitis.

After the age of puberty the common form of tuberculosis is pulmonary tuberculosis -- the disease of the lungs. Between the ages of 12 and 35 there is a higher incidence of tuberculosis in girls than in boys. During pregnancy women seem more vulnerable to tuberculosis.

Today, however, 55 percent of all the new active cases of tuberculosis occur in individuals over 50 years of age. This is the group of the population that was infected with tuberculosis organisms early in life.

Every individual who has an interest in his health should know his tuberculin skin test status. If the tuberculin skin test is negative, he has never picked up the germs of tuberculosis and stored them in his body (80 per cent of the population are non-reactors or "negative").

If the tuberculin skin test is positive, he has picked up the live germs of tuberculosis in his lifetime and his tuberculin status will always remain positive. He should have an X-ray every year or any time a cough or a cold cannot be shaken off in a period of two to three weeks. He should be aware that his chances of "coming down" with tuberculosis are much greater than those individuals with a negative tuberculin test.

If your tuberculin skin test is positive you should not take any cortisone or cortisone-like substances for rheumatic aches and pains without your physician's knowledge of your tuberculin positive status.

The Chicago area is fortunate in having mobile X-ray unit equipment available for chest surveys. Today, everyone as a part of his general health check-up should have a yearly check X-ray. This is especially true of older people who are tuberculin positive. The mobile unit chest X-ray will not only detect active tuberculosis but also will find cancer, heart disease, or deformities of the chest. If any of these are found on the survey you will be notified.

**By Dr. George H. Irwin,**

**CTA Medical Consultant**

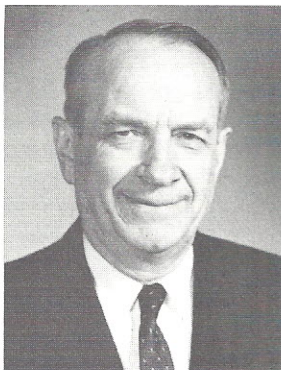




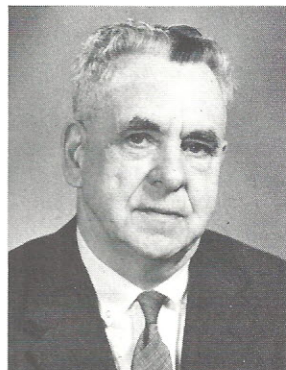
**TWENTY EMPLOYEES** of the Transportation Department recently completed training programs that qualified them for placement in "pools" of various supervisory classifications. Thirteen men were placed in the rapid transit supervisory pool, five in the radio-telephone pool, and two in the line supervisor pool. As temporary assignments become available in a category, the "pool" men are given the assignments to familiarize them with actual working conditions. Permanent vacancies in a category are filled from the appropriate pool in order of seniority.



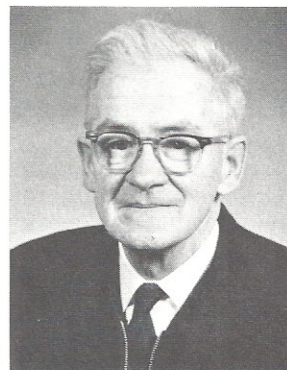
The rapid transit group from left to right, seated, are: Robert Janz, James McGovern, William Haase, Edward Mitchel, Andrew Thomas, Lester Racker. Rear, standing: Arthur Filip, Robert Blair, Frenchie Ellis, E. G. Milz, superintendent of operations and operations control; D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation; J. M. Blaa, superintendent of rapid transit operations; Dominic DeMaria, Ludwig Scheuerle, Lathers Parrish. In the smaller group, left to right, seated, are: Arthur Calder, John McEvilly, John Leahy, George Nash. Standing: Vernon Burgess, John Tagler, Mr. Milz, Mr. Flynn, and George Hatchett.



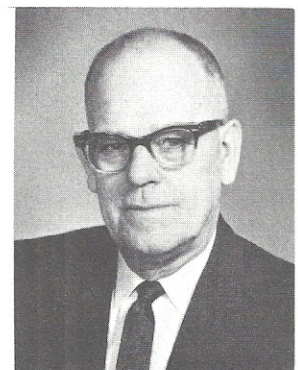
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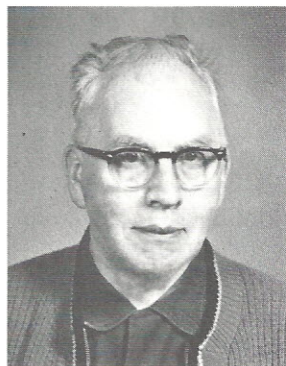
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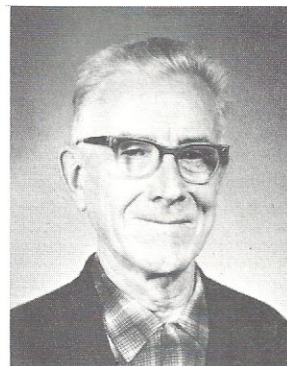
**MILTON McWHINEY**  
43 years



**JAMES WIVINIS**  
42 years



**WILLIAM MAHONEY**  
40 years



**JAMES HORNOFF**  
40 years

**AMONG EMPLOYEES** who joined the ranks of the retired on April 1 were the seven pictured here who had served CTA and predecessor companies for 40 or more years each.



# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (Revenue) -

A surprise luncheon attended by some 50 persons was held at Henrici's restaurant in the Mart on March 10 for ESTELLE LUCAS, who became Mrs. JOSEPH KALECKAS on March 12. The wedding ceremony was performed in the Immaculate Conception church and was attended by many of Estelle's co-workers. A dinner reception was held at Charcoal's. One and all wish the best to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kaleckas on their new life . . . JUNE NOREN has taken her vacation time to visit with family and friends . . . BOB TUMA, who was called for military service in February, was notified that he'll be called at a later date. If that's not being left on pins and needles! . . . Yours truly and mother went to Acapulco, Mexico, for a vacation. One of the most delightful tours was a cruise around the bay and a stop-off at Roqueta island for a swim, lunch, and music. Yours truly also tried her luck at deep-sea fishing, but not even a strike. And of course I attended a bull fight in Mexico City . . . KEN SIPICH transferred to the Reproduction Services Department, and last, but not least, your scribe has been promoted within the department to a balance clerk.

- Joanne Paris

## (Tabulating) -

BRIAN EDWARD BUTHMAN lustily made his appearance here on planet Earth, March 13. Brian zeroed in at Saint Elizabeth hospital at 2:13 a.m. Among the first to

greet him were the oh so proud parents, KATHLEEN and CLARENCE. This is their first visitor but we are sure more will follow . . . BILL WILLIAMS returned from a week's vacation looking hale and hearty. Bill admitted the greater part of the week was spent lounging about and in his garden, which he loves so well. Nice having you back, Bill . . . "Your Savings Bonds are helping our boys in Viet Nam." . . . ED O'ROURKE's performance with the Village Players in the play "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs" was enjoyed by many of his co-workers . . . CATHERINE McALISTER transferred to the Electrical Department as record clerk.

- Marion Sutherland & Edward O'Rourke

## (General) -

A. J. FITZSIMONS, general accountant, and his wife traveled by the air ways to California and the west coast for a vacation. They enjoyed the warm, restful climate of Southern California, the beautiful scenery along the coastline of the Blue Pacific and all the interesting places, ships, and people in and around San Diego and vicinity . . . Several of our employes have returned to work after a bout with the "flu" . . . JAMES TOUHY, Voucher, took a short mid-season vacation in the Chicago area. Function: going places, doing things he does not otherwise have time for.

- Mable Potthast

## NEW PENSIONERS

HAROLD G. ANDERSON, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 11-24-28  
ERNEST W. BOCK, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 1-16-34  
EUGENE L. BOSCO, Chauffeur,  
Utility, Emp. 12-26-28  
THOMAS J. CAGNEY, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 11-05-28  
STELLA T. CEPA, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 9-20-37  
JOSEPH E. CUCULICH, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 2-08-28  
JAMES CURRY, Collector,  
77th Street, Emp. 11-22-23  
JOHN DANLOE, Foreman,  
South Shops, Emp. 2-05-30  
PATRICK J. DEASEY, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 4-28-26  
WILBURN J. ERWIN, Operator,  
Kedzie, 5-15-26  
PATRICK FITZGERALD, Cleaner,  
69th Street, Emp. 2-11-27  
DENIS P. FOLEY, Cleaner,  
Archer, Emp. 9-01-42  
MARTIN GAZA, Carpenter,  
South Shops, Emp. 5-12-41  
JOHN J. HEALY, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 12-15-27  
JAMES HORNOFF, Janitor,  
North Park, Emp. 1-18-26  
JAMES LEAMY, Carpenter,  
South Shops, Emp. 10-01-42

LEWIS F. LETZOW, Foreman,  
52nd Street, Emp. 9-01-23  
WILLIAM J. MAHONEY, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, 1-27-26  
JOHN MANNION, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 6-05-23  
MILTON McWHINEY, Motorman,  
Howard, Emp. 2-01-23  
MICHAEL J. O'GRADY, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 1-11-26  
JOSEPH W. PECHEK, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 5-15-26  
WALTER L. SCHOMBURG, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 10-26-33  
PETER TRANDUM, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 4-01-44  
JOSEPH T. WACK, Carpenter,  
South Shops, Emp. 1-06-28  
JAMES J. WIVINIS, Ticket Agent,  
South Section, Emp. 3-21-24

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JOSEPH BERGTHAL, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 2-25-37  
FRANCIS J. DETMAN, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 6-02-28  
THOMAS B. STEWART, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-30-34  
LOUIS J. SZACIK, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 9-06-23  
JOSEPH W. WALINCHIUS, Ticket Agent,  
South Section, Emp. 7-01-42



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### (Payroll) -

JOSEPHINE AUGITTO and MARY BLACKMORE teamed up to spend their vacation in Miami Beach, Florida. They each came home with a beautiful tan. Also included was a nite club show and, yes, they even went to the dogs - greyhounds, that is! . . . Welcome back to RUTH BUSSE after a brief stay in the hospital.

### (Methods & Procedures) -

DONALD P. LEMM is a proud father for two reasons this month. His son, PAUL, a sophomore at Proviso West High school, made the honor roll for his scholastic achievements. His daughter, KATHY, a fourth grader at St. Simeon's, was given a superior rating and awarded a gold medal for her performance on the flute at the Chicago Catholic School Archdiocesan Music Association solo contest held on March 5 at St. Louise de Marillac school in LaGrange Park.

*-Eileen Neurauter*

### ARCHER -

For the year '65 Archer came out selling like roses. We won the second quarter I.S.C. award. We had 55 less accidents in '65. The men of Archer are to be congratulated on their fine work . . . March is a whirlwind month for me and my wife. Both of our birthdays are in March and also our second wedding anniversary . . . Operator KENNETH BROWN's son, KENNETH JR., affectionately known as "the little monster," celebrated his third birthday. Operator MAURICE SMITH celebrated his birthday in March also . . . Operator GEORGE LYONS was passing out cigarettes the day before payday to celebrate the birth of a son. The day after payday he passed out the traditional cigars. Congratulations, George . . . Clerk MARTIN CAREY and his wife spent two weeks in sunny Florida . . . RUFUS PORTER and HORACE KEMP are two operators who are bowling-crazy. They are looking for a little bowling competition . . . Operator TED MACK is looking for a fishing partner . . . Operator JOSEPH LATTIMORE is looking for a new car. We tried to convince Joe that getting in and out of his Renault is good exercise for anything that sags in the middle . . . All the operators at Archer offer their condolences to the family of Operator HENRY "WHITEY" SWAIN, who was known as the operator with the big smile and friendly "hello." Our condolences are also given to the family of ROBERT FUMBANKS on the death of his oldest son, ROBERT FUMBANKS JR.

*- Loid W. Brown*

### BEVERLY -

If you are interested in building up your muscles contact Operator JOE BALNIS of Kedzie Avenue. Joe was observed in a department store watching a demonstrator who showed you how to make health drinks with an electric blender. The ingredients were pineapple juice, celery, tomatoes, raw sugar, wheat germ, and eggs complete with shells. You'll be a new man after drinking this, and maybe even work two runs a day . . . I had the pleasure of having Pensionier FRANK ZELLNER on my bus recently. He told me all about his trip along the Gulf of Mexico. Frank had 41 years service and we hope the next 40 years will be the beginning of a new life for him . . . CHARLES "Peepers" GLINES is a great believer in do-it-yourself kits. His wife threatened to call the repairman if he doesn't quit drilling holes in his fingers . . . Pensioner ERNIE TOCCI is again reminding

us of the big retreat at Notre Dame university, August 18 to the 21st. Every year we have nearly 100 men who make this trip, and we hope to top that this year. Rev. MICHAEL FORAN of Notre Dame always puts the welcome mat out for the CTA. He is one person who is really interested in your problems and will try to solve them for you. If interested and in need of a ride, contact JERRY GLEASON of the Union Leader or your scribe . . . We express our sympathy to the following: Instructor HERB BRAUN on the loss of his mother-in-law; Supervisor JIM CONTANT on the death of his daughter, who was the niece of Operator LOUIE CONTANT of Beverly; Pensionier ERNEST WALTHERS who passed away, and Pensionier JACK WALSH on the loss of his wife. Jack was our supervisor at 63rd for many years. We will also miss Loader PAT BYRNES of 69th. Pat had one of the biggest wakes on the South Side. Members of the Knights of Columbus, LaRabida Council, and Father PAUL HOBAN, of the Little Flower Society, and all his many friends turned out in full force. Every year Pat Byrnes and Operator BILL RYAN of 69th made the retreat at Notre Dame; and I know Bill will surely miss him this year.

*- Tom Daniels*

### CLAIMS -

Things are looking "up" now in our vault with the addition of LINDA OOSTMAN, vault clerk, legal side. A hearty welcome is also extended to DENNIS SIPICH . . . We're all glad to see JOHN DALY and JOHN DU PERE "in the pink" once again after their illnesses - welcome back, fellas! . . . We are happy to report that our "Snow Bunny" MARY BERRY is safe and sound after her recent ski adventure! Mary, along with MARGE CONWAY of the Accident Prevention and Training Department, joined the members of the Nomad Ski club for a week of skiing in Aspen and Vail, Colorado . . . DORIS SULLIVAN and hubby, MEL, spent 10 days in the sunshine state visiting their son and family in Hollywood, Florida. Touring St. Petersburg and visiting a nephew in Boca Raton was also on their agenda. Another vacationer was DAVID MUNYER, who took to the air (no, not on his flying carpet) to visit friends and family in the Los Angeles area. David was really on the go, not only at the A-Go-Go night spots, but also at Disneyland, the movie studios, and the races! While in California, David met recently retired NORMAN WHITELEY. Together they spent a day at Marineland of the Pacific taking in the breathtaking scenery and the amusing show put on by the trained whale, seals, and porpoises. On David's return to the windy city, he became the proud owner of a 1966 Ford Galaxy 500. The FM-AM radio is the best feature in the car according to Dave . . . Last month, on NORMAN WHITELEY's return to Chicago, he paid us a visit to tell us about his three-month stay in California. His retirement days are really agreeing with him for Norm looks great! . . . The stork made his sixth trip to CHARLES and MARGARET OLCIKAS. Little KAREN ANNE was born on March 2. HARRY BONESS, legal adjuster, became a grandfather for the seventh time when his daughter, YVONNE JENKINS, gave birth to LAURA ANNE on March 18 . . . The Evanston Park District pool tournament has a new champion - JOHN, the 12 year old son of our adjuster, JOHN HENNESSEY, proudly walked off with his award on March 16 . . . Two members of our department have sons presently serving in the armed forces in Viet Nam. The first is Captain MICHAEL McDERMOTT of the United States Army, son of our Chief Adjuster MICHAEL McDERMOTT, whose tour of duty will be one year or more in Viet Nam. The second is GEORGE BROPHY, former-



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ly of our Engineering Department, and the stepson of WILLIAM COONEY, adjuter. George recently received his Lieutenant Junior grade commission and is stationed on the Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier off the coast of South Viet Nam.

- Sandy Majewski & Kathy Ashley

### CONGRESS (Agents) -

Congratulations to Congress Conductor HARLEN CHRIST and his wife, JUDITH, on the birth of a baby boy born March 11 at St. Anne's hospital. The baby was named JOHN ANDREW. His brother is GLENN ANDREW, age 13 months . . . Lake St. Agent STEVE GIBBONS retired March 1 . . . Agent MORA HAASE was in McNeal hospital. She is doing well . . . Retired Porter JAKE MAIZE passed away. He will be missed by his many friends, especially Retired Porter LOUIS THOMPSON . . . Porter ARTHUR HUBACZ went ice fishing in February at Big Green Lake in Wisconsin. He caught six large trout . . . Agent VICTOR LA BEAN's daughter, YVONNE JORGENSEN, underwent heart surgery at Presbyterian hospital. We are happy to hear she's doing well and that Vic is feeling better . . . Retired Agent PAUL MILLER is in the hospital. He may be out of sight but is remembered by all who worked with him, and we all wish him the best . . . It appears that it isn't going to be safe for a dog to walk into a station. It could be dognapped! Agent DOROTHY DEMANY found a large shaggy sheep dog which her son, JOHNNY, would have been delighted to have; but just when she thought she had something, along came a car with about five children who screamed with joy at finding their dog which they had lost the previous day. A five week old black and tan puppy walked into the Kedzie Avenue station. He was given some milk and put in a box and sent special delivery via the Congress "L" to MIKE, the concession owner at Desplaines, whose cats are always being catnapped. Mike never had a chance to decide if he wanted the dog. Agent ARLENE SWANSON took it home with her. Mike had a pedigree German Shepard which he gave to Porter JAMES CLARK. Porter ORA MILLER drove James and the dog home. They stopped at Miller's house and the dog wouldn't let Miller into his basement. Agent BURGER at Ogden would like to have a small short-haired dog. If you know of one, she would appreciate a call . . . The Little Flower breakfast was a huge success. Father PAUL HOBAN is going to celebrate his 25th anniversary as a priest on June 5. He's to be honored with a banquet at the Conrad Hilton. Tickets may be purchased from your committee members. The big fish story about Instructor SUTA is that he catches more fish than any man on the road. The secret is he raises angel fish.

- Julia Brousek

### ELECTRICAL -

Lineman Helper ALVIN ROACH became a father for the second time when his wife, DONNA, gave birth to a baby girl on March 2. The new addition to the Roach family was named NANCY . . . Lineman GERALD PEPARD returned to work looking tan and healthy after spending his vacation in Jamaica. Gerald told us that he had a wonderful time and plans to make the same trip next year . . . Many happy returns of the day to General Maintenance Foreman BILL SHEAHAN who celebrated a birthday on February 26 . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Retired Foreman TOM CALMULET on the loss of his wife who passed away on March 5 . . . The welcome mat is extended to KAY McALISTER, who trans-

ferred to our department from the I.B.M. Department, to replace JULIE WILLEM as record clerk. We also would like to wish Julie the best in her new job in the Transportation Department . . . On the sick list at this time are Lineman CARL HIRSCHNER and Power Clerk MARGRET KINSEY. Happy to report that both are coming along nicely on the road to recovery . . . Welcomed back to work after being off on the sick list were Lineman PAT CAGNEY, "B" Maintainer ARTHUR MAXWELL, and Lineman Helper CHARLIE SALVATORE.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of LEO A. McKEEVER, retired chief clerk from Grand Avenue. Mr. McKeever retired in 1954 and made his home in New Orleans, Louisiana. He passed away February 5 . . . HERB STOREY and his wife are in Florida. They are enjoying the sun and sights and would extend the vacation if they could just manage to wrangle a \$500.00 donation from JOHN (you know who) . . . DOLORES BOOTH and DOROTHY DOLJANIN baked the dessert that was enjoyed with a corned beef and cabbage dinner at Blue Island's green room on St. Patrick's day. Being Irish was the thing for the day, and you'll have to agree that the guest list is impressive. Those in attendance were Miss O'Doljanin, Mr. O'Danecke, Mr. O'Ferguson, Mr. O'Malottke, Mr. O'Coyne, Mr. O'Darcy, Mr. O'Beckmann, Mr. O'Rickson, Mr. O'Bruckner, Mr. O'Hill, Mr. O'Cook, Mr. O'Booth, and Mr. O'Corbett. Incidentally, the cook for the day was Mr. Rehder. How did he get in there?

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

### FOREST GLEN -

Operator and Mrs. ODELL ZEIGLER were blessed with a baby boy, DARRYL VAN, on March 6 . . . Operator and Mrs. WALTER AHERN became grandparents for the 6th time. This time it was a baby boy, PATRICK EDWARD, born March 16. Wally felt bad that it was a few hours short of St. Patrick's day. He was passing out cigars anyway. Wally had been off sick for over two months and it was good to see him back to work . . . There were several employees from Forest Glen who vacationed in Florida: Receiver and Mrs. FRANK PASCHE, Receiver and Mrs. LARRY MILLER, and Operator and Mrs. JESSE LASKEY. The Laskeys stopped to see a former employee, ED MUCHA, who was so busy at his food carry-out store that they had to be contented with a fast "hello." . . . Operator CHRIS GILBERT has been seen in the trainroom with a tape measure jotting figures down rapidly on some of the men who were taking their siesta . . . Received a welcomed letter from Pensioner AL BARR who is doing very well in Mena, Arkansas . . . Pensioner JAMES ECKLES and the mother of Operator WALTER DUSZYNSKI passed away.

- Frank Carpino



SLIGHTLY UNEASY over the sight of that strange looking shutter-box staring at him is JAMES RICHARD TUCKER. The wide-eyed lad, born February 28, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. BOB TUCKER. Bob is a stock clerk in Storeroom 53 at 78th and Vincennes. The baby's grandpa is Chief Clerk JAMES TUCKER of the Transportation Department.



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### (Engineering) -

The Engineering department welcomes LYNN VESPER who transferred to the West Shops from the Real Estate department . . . We welcome back Mrs. ANN O'DONNELL who was honeymooning in Europe. Foremost among her memories is the skiing she and her husband did in Austria. The other places they visited in Europe were Germany, England, and Ireland.

- Jean Hansen

### GENERAL OFFICE (Training & Employment) -

PATRICIA HALLAHAN joined the ranks of CTA and is now assigned as a stenographer in Real Estate . . . MARGE CONWAY vacationed recently at Aspen, Colorado, where she enjoyed skiing with NANCY McDONALD, daughter of SARAH McDONALD, Purchasing, and other friends. While going up the slopes on the ski lift, Marge and Nancy were hailed by DON RIESS of Employment and HAROLD BROWN of Responsibility Reporting who were also vacationing at this popular resort.

### (Accident Statistics) -

RONALD KRAMER has recently bought a ranch-type house in suburban Westchester. Ron, his wife, GERRIE, and son, JEFFERY, have been anxiously awaiting the move to their new home. Ron is planning a vacation soon so he can do a little work and also relax and enjoy his new surroundings.

### (Public Information) -

AUDREY BENNETT was welcomed to Charter Service as their new typist. Audrey is a graduate of Immaculata High school . . . Sympathy is extended to BETTY McILNAY on the loss of her mother, and to GERRI SEXTON on the recent death of her grandmother.

### (Office Services) -

PAT O'BRIEN, retired mailman, paid a visit to the General Office on St. Patrick's Day. Pat was a wearin' o the green and carrying a black hickory schillelagh brought back from his recent six-month tour of Ireland and Rome, Italy.

### (Research & Planning) -

Sympathy was extended to JIM TOOLIS on the loss of his little grandson, JOSEPH PATRICK KANE, who died shortly after birth . . . Best wishes go to FRANK SCHEUBERT, recovering from recent surgery at Norwegian American hospital, and to HERMAN ANDERS who will undergo surgery soon at Augustana hospital.

- Mary E. Clarke

### KEDZIE -

We are glad to see Operator RUSSELL COLLINS back on the job. Collins had a bad mishap; he fell into an open pit at the garage. He was in Bethany hospital for a week, then at home convalescing. He is now back on the job. It's a pleasure to see his smiling face back on Washington boulevard again. Collins would like to thank all the operators and friends who visited or called him . . . The St. Joseph branch of the Little Flower society held their semi-annual Holy Communion on March 27, with a breakfast afterwards. Father PAUL was very pleased with the showing the CTA members made . . . I had an interview with Superintendent E. K. PETERSON, Assistant Superintendent O. BRUBACK, and Relief Superintendent G. DAUBS on our accident standing. I quote,

"March 1 was a very bad day for us, but despite this we still have a very good chance to win the first quarter in our station competition award. So let's put our shoulders to the wheel and strive a little harder and we can do it." . . . While I'm making up this month's issue, still on our sick list are the following operators: WOOD, ZIELKE, JEFFERY and RED KAIN, formerly out of Kedzie. Hope to see you all back on the job soon . . . I called CHARLIE STARR, retired chief clerk and he is just doing fine. The doctor said that if he keeps showing progress he'll be driving his car by the time this issue comes out. Charlie would like to get around to see some of his friends. Good luck to you . . . To all the men at Kedzie: Do you have any news for me? Drop it in the Transit News box and I'll put it in our column to make it more interesting.

- Raymond Graham

### KEELER -

Ho-hum, and a cheerful spring greeting to you all . . . Everyone knows the birds go south for the winter. Nevertheless, we have some of the non-feathered type birds here at Keeler. Operator BUD HELSING dashed down to the deep South recently to enjoy his too-short vacation. Clerk RON MILLER and family winged south to partake of some deep sea fishing. So fellows, call for your runs a little early as he is sure to tell everyone about the really big one he almost landed. JOHN ZYCH is visiting his sister in Miami and also intends to look up a couple of retired operators from Keeler--CARL SCHUELER and JOHNNIE EWOLD . . . Vacation dates have been picked and I know everybody is impatiently waiting for his time to come. So remember us poor guys who have to wait a bit longer. Send those cards back to bolster our morale . . . Former Keeler Operator WILLIAM SEPHUR SR. now at Kedzie, is as proud as punch of his son, WILLIAM JR., also a former Keeler operator and now at Lawndale. Bill has been promoted to chief petty officer in the naval reserve. Smooth sailing, Bill . . . Operator LUCIOUS BANKS informs us that Am-Vet post #247 (Predominantly CTA members) plans to sponsor an entire little league baseball organization this year . . . It was a male heir for Operator GENE DOMASZUOSKY, March 10 . . . Happy birthday to Operator JOHN JAR-ECKI JR. . . Night Clerk ART COOPER's daughter recently celebrated her 19th birthday and also announced her engagement . . . Congrats to Operator C. J. JONES and his lovely bride, LUCILLE. Many happy years of wedded bliss to you both . . . Good examples of marital togetherness: Operator JAMES SKOPEC and his wife, EVELYN, celebrated their 15th anniversary on March 27. It was 19 years for Operator JOHN DAVIS and ANITA. For your scribe and wife, VIRGIL, on April 27 it will be a mere 28 years on the "gentle" sea of matrimony . . . Operator ANDY GRABOWSKI proudly observed 15 years as a native of the great United States on March 28. Glad you decided to stay with us Andy . . . Wonder if Operator JOE ESPOSITO told the missus about that \$10 reward he received for returning that new fur coat to its owner? Operator BOB O'NEAL didn't say how much he was rewarded for turning in the fur coat left on his bus . . . Get well wishes to PEARL, the wife of Day Janitor SY GOLDMAN . . . Say fellows, did you know that Operators R. SHAW and P. SPENCER are ministers, and that Operator FREDDIE HOLDEN is studying for the ministry. Freddie's ambition seems noteworthy enough to pass on to you. He says, "My greatest ambition is to dedicate my services to my God, my fellowman, and my country. The ministry affords me the opportunity and



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the challenge to fulfill my desire." . . Maybe you may find use for this definition in your daily chores: Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy . . . Bye for Now!

- Ernest C. Carter

### LIMITS -

On his final two weeks of vacation recently, Operator PAT CRONIN did some baby sitting for his grandchildren and also helped EMILY with the shopping and housework . . . Retired Operator CHARLES YOUNG paid me a visit recently and showed me a copy of a 1928 Motor Coach magazine. Enjoyed the pictures and write-ups very much. Charles retired in December after 36 years of service and is enjoying his retirement very much. He says he enjoys traveling by bus as a passenger . . . Operator JOHN RAY had a very pleasant surprise when his son, a captain in the army, arrived in Chicago and met him at the 79th street loop. He was on his way to Washington, D. C., for future instructions. Another son, MIKE, is in the army school at Texas . . . CLARENCE BUTHMAN Jr., who is in CTA's IBM Department, and his wife are new parents of their first child, a boy named BRIAN. The proud grandparents are Collector CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his wife, ZONA . . . We have so much sad news to report this month. Superintendent GEORGE MAY's wife lost her mother. Collector CLARENCE BUTHMAN lost his brother, a retired Chicago fire fighter. Operators EDDIE DAPPEN and VICTOR PRIOLA both lost their mothers. Operator ROBERT FUMBANKS Jr. passed away. His funeral mass was held at St. Anselm's church, 61st and Michigan. May their souls rest in peace . . . Father PAUL HOBAN's 25th anniversary as a priest will be celebrated on June 5, beginning with 5 o'clock mass at old St. Mary's church, 800 S. Wabash. Dinner will be celebrated in the Conrad Hilton's International Room at 7 p.m., followed by music and entertainment. All St. Joseph members are invited to attend . . . We are sorry to report that LEONARD SCHUTTE, son of Operator ROY SCHUTTE, was wounded in Viet Nam on March 6. Good luck to this patriot.

On Sunday, March 27, the League of the Little Flower held its semi-annual mass and Communion at St. Clara's church, 64th and Blackstone. Breakfast was served after mass to one of our largest attendances. All enjoyed the



AFTER SERVING the transit-riding public of Chicago for 44 years, Operator JOHN HEALY, Beverly Station, retired on April 1. Mr. Healy entered the service of the Motor Coach in 1922 as a conductor on double-deck buses and in 1927 went to the Surface Lines. As a streetcar conductor he worked from 69th street station until 1950, when he picked to Beverly as an operator.

Irish soda bread. We would like to thank Mrs. TOM KELLY, wife of our own Operator TOM KELLY, for her contribution of bread. Limits was well represented, with 53 enjoying the chartered bus piloted by our amiable Operator LEWIS GEISHEIMER. Also want to thank CHARLES HERULO, our board member and Chairman of the Little Flower Committee, and PAT CRONIN, LOU SCHATZ, GEORGE MICHAUD, JOHN BARRETT and "Hedy" LAMAR HAMMOUS for their contributions to this fine day. Father Paul gave a very inspiring talk entitled "Human Progress in the Wake of the Vatican Council," which held us all spellbound . . . Vacations have been picked and all are busy planning . . . STANLEY TUR- EK, who re-entered the hospital after a long siege of illness, is now back home. He visited the depot and expects to be back to work soon. Good luck, Stan! . . . The Illinois Credit Union League held their annual convention on April 16 at the Conrad Hilton hotel. Limits Depot was well represented.

- George Clark

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

We are glad to report that Agent RAY MAPLE came home from the hospital in the middle of March. Hope you have a speedy recovery, Ray . . . Mrs. MARGARET QUEENAN, former assignment agent, is doing well. She would like to hear from her friends . . . PAUL MILLER is in Christ Community hospital, Oak Lawn. Paul is on disability now and would like to hear from his many friends . . . Agent ARLINE and Porter GEORGE SWANSON have added a puppy to their family. His name is Monday, because that was the day they acquired him . . . Agent JACK JOYCE's grandson, ROBERT ROSE, celebrated his third birthday on March 26 . . . Clerk DAN DOYLE and Agent MILDRED DOYLE are the proud grandparents of a new little girl, PATRICIA ANN. Patsy has a brother, DANIEL, and her parents are PAT and EDWARD EPLY, who is a trainman on the West Side. This makes five grandchildren for Dan and Mildred . . . What female ticket agent bought a pool table for her son and is learning to shoot pool? . . . Keep the Little Flower going! Pay your dues to Clerk JOE MARKUS at Desplaines Avenue . . . The Metropolitan Credit Union's annual dinner at the Oak Park Arms hotel was as enjoyable as always. Many beautiful door prizes were won by members and their families. We were happy to see Mr. RILEY, Mr. BLAA, Mr. HEATTER, Mr. HALLAHAN, Mr. BIEN, Mr. VELTRI, Mr. ROONEY, and Mr. MURBACH in attendance with their families . . . Where does the time go? Lent and Easter are over and we are planning vacations again . . . About that trip to Ireland! I've been promising to give you details, so here they are. The CTA group flight will leave O'Hare Field to Shannon, Ireland, on June 21 at 9 a.m., and return to Chicago July 20 via Irish International Airlines. Reservations can be made by calling our agent for this flight, WALTER PHILBIN, Ocean Travel Bureau, 3061 North Lincoln Avenue, at 348-5400, or SU 4-7112. Or, if you wish, you can call me on 384. Please do not delay, reservations are already going fast.

- Helen Pallister

### LOOP -

At this writing, folks on the sick list are Agent MARY BROWN, RAY MAPLE, G. GREANEY, and T. BALKAS; also, Porters E. SHULTZ and W. HARRIS who just returned home from the hospital . . . Agent MORA HAASE



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is home now from an operation. Mora is coming along fine and we here at CTA hope she will be back with us soon. Many of your friends have been asking for you. Also, the ladies who you ride with on the West Town bus have been looking for you. And the bus driver, OTTO, and his wife wish you well. So hurry back please. . . Trainman JIMMY KAIN sure looks good with that suntan from his Florida vacation. I think we all need a little sunshine and rest. . . Many thanks to Platform man TONY McHUGH for his help with the crowds at Christmas time, not to mention his help throughout the year. For some reason, Tony's name was not mentioned with the others. Please don't be mad, Tony, we are sorry. . . Agent JOHN FILIPEK says that if the weather doesn't change and get warmer, he will be teaching the little fellows to play football instead of baseball. . . Congratulations to Agent SHEILA CARMENDY and her husband, PATRICK MURPHY, who said "I do" on April 16 in St. Catharine of Siena Catholic church at one o'clock mass. A small dinner was held for the immediate family following the wedding. . . Former Trainman JACK McCARTHY spent one week here in Chicago with his family before being stationed at a U.S. Army camp in Arizona. . . Sorry to hear that Agent VIRGINIA CASHION fell and injured her back; also, Agent MARY J. OHNESORGE who fell and hurt her leg. Come on girls, let's stop this falling, as it doesn't pay off. . . Best wishes to Agent KATHLEEN BRADY and her husband on their first wedding anniversary on April 24. . . Hope Agent JULIA MARTINEZ had a real good time on her birthday, March 20. Wish you many more, Julia. . . March 5 was a special day for Lake street Clerk DAN DOYLE and his wife, Agent and Reporter MILDRED DOYLE. Their daughter, PATRICIA ANN, the wife of Trainman EDWARD EPLY, had a darling baby girl. Ed says, "now we have a real American family, one boy and one girl." Grandpa and Grandma are real happy, for they have four grandsons and this is the first granddaughter. The baby was christened Palm Sunday at St. Augustine's church. The baby's name is PATRICIA ANN. Her godparents are Mr. and Mrs. JOHN DOYLE of Hometown, Illinois. John is a repairman at Beverly Depot. After the christening, a dinner was served for 35 guests.

- Mildred Doyle

### NORTH AVENUE -

We received a letter from Pensioner BARNEY CALAHAN who just returned from a two-week trip to Orlando, Florida. He and his wife, JOSEPHINE, visited Pensioner JOSEPH GAMEN, formerly of 69th Street, and his wife, MARTHA. They enjoyed their visit and their sightseeing trips to Silver Springs, Daytona Beach, St. Petersburg, and Tampa. He reports that the Bush Bavarian Gardens in Tampa are beautiful with the many tropical birds. Barney sends a "hello" to FRANK BUELOW and the other boys in the office, to PAT CLANCY and the repair crew, and to his many friends among the bus operators. He hopes the world is treating them all well. . . Operator ARTHUR MOILANEN reports that a good deal of lake trout are being caught at Lanse, Michigan. The Conservation department has planted coho salmon in the Big Huron river. Rainbow and brook trout also were planted. Art's folks have a farm near there. Art rents a boat from ED COLLINS who owns the Echo Harbor resort on Huron Bay. That's where I stay and hope to spend some time there in September. Besides fishing and hunting, the sightseeing is great. There are the Huron mountains and islands, lumber camps, Arvon slate quarry, Silver River Falls, an old Indian cemetery,

copper and iron mining, and Sturgeon River falls and gorges. No license is needed to fish on Lake Superior waters or any of the bays. You can also troll with a motor. Fishing is great for rainbow, brook, brown, and Lake Superior trout, northern pike, walleye, perch, bass, and bluegills. . . Operator ERNEST BOCK took his pension on March 1. Now my hunting and fishing partner will be free whenever I want him. Ernest spent many years with the CTA. He still remembers his early days as an operator on one of the old horse-drawn vehicles. After driving those for so long, he found it difficult to get used to more modern equipment. Operator MICHAEL HARTNETT also took his pension March 1 after 25 years with the company. We wish them both the very best of luck and the boys at North will always be glad to see them when they are in the neighborhood.

Foreman PATRICK CLANCY took his vacation the week in which St. Patrick's day fell. He spent a short time in the hospital for minor surgery, but we are happy to report he was out and well in time for the St. Patrick's day parade. Operator MITCHELL BYSTREK and Operator ARTHUR BATES spent some time in the hospital. Operator HENRY CIRINCIONE was in Walther Memorial hospital and Operator ARTHUR THIEL's wife was hospitalized for surgery. We hope all are well by now. . . RONALD BEDOE, repair department, entered military service March 17. May God bless him and keep him safe. . . DENNIS SHALLBETTER, formerly of the repair department, has joined the Chicago Police force. . . We welcome new operators DAVID HIGGINS and WALLACE WHITE Jr. . . Your scribe was elected president of the North Austin Civic and Improvement club. I also won an award from the company for a suggestion. . . The men in the repair department were saddened by the death of their long-time friend and co-worker, Repairman JOSEPH PIANTKOWSKI, who passed away March 8. He had been in the hospital for several months. We will miss his friendly smile and happy disposition. Pensioner WILLIAM FLEISCHMAN passed away March 18. Receiver JAMES MC GANN lost his mother on March 4. Operator DANIEL GORSKI lost his mother, MARTHA, March 14. Collector JOSEPH FLEISCHMAN's son-in-law departed this world. Superintendent GEORGE MAY's mother-in-law passed away March 12. Collector M. SORRENTINO passed away March 19. MICHAEL MC-NICHOLS, repair department, lost his wife recently. Our deepest sympathy to these bereaved families in the loss of their loved ones. . . Pensioners! Drop me a line at my home, 1627 North Linder, Chicago, 60639, and let me know what you are doing. Your friends at North will be glad to hear about you.

- Bill Miedema

### NORTH PARK -

The committee members of the St. Joseph branch would like to thank all the members for renewing their membership for the coming year. A fine crowd attended the Little Flower Communion Service and breakfast held Sunday, March 27. . . In a recent match game held between members of the CTA morning and evening league members, the morning leaguers swamped the p.m. bowlers. Members of the a.m. bowlers were FRANK LASKE, captain, FRANK VON SCHWEDLER, ARNIE MAR-SCH, DICK GUSTAFSON, and CECIL ANDERSON. Night time bowlers were BERNIE KEPPEN, captain, TONY BECOFSKI, PAUL CEROTZKE, BOB GEISLER and LES RAGE. . . STEVE ALLEMAN, son of Operator CHARLES ALLEMAN, placed first in the North Suburban Lea-



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**REMEMBER WHEN?** Do you remember, Herb? Yes, this is you, **HERBERT BEYER**, back in the year 1917. Herb, a Western Union messenger boy at the time, is pictured with his father, **WILLIAM BEYER**, who was a motorman at Blue Island. Herb is now chief clerk at Lawndale Station.

gue in gymnastics. Steve attends Niles East High school and is considering several different scholarship offers, but at present is leaning toward Iowa State and Southern Illinois universities . . . Cub scout pack #3155, with Operator **HAROLD HARMER** as cubmaster, held their annual Blue and Gold Dinner, Saturday, February 26. Harold has four dens with 22 cub scouts participating. The scouts meet at Bethel Lutheran church, located at 2101 N. Humboldt Blvd. . . Mrs. **EULALIE DOWEY**, wife of Operator **HAROLD DOWEY**, celebrated her 25th year of employment with Dr. Bruening, a dentist located in Skokie, Illinois. Dr. and Mrs. **BRUENING** invited the Doweys to their home for dinner and an evening of entertainment, climaxed with the awarding of a beautiful charm bracelet to Mrs. Doweys for her faithful service . . . Operator **ED KURCZEWSKI** has sold his home in Bridgeport, Illinois, and has purchased a new home at 5528 N. Bernard street and will be moving in July 1. Maybe **BEVERLY** and the boys will now see what Ed really looks like in the daytime . . . **ROBERT Jr.**, son of Clerk **BOB PETERSON**, has been named manager of the Corcoran Funeral Home in Lincolnwood, Illinois. Robert is being assisted by his brother, **DONALD**, who is a student at the Worsham School of Mortuary Science . . . Operator **GREGORY ANTHONY**, his wife, **ANGELINE**, and sons, **TED**, **PETER**, and **GREGORY Jr.**, spent considerable time in Athens, Greece, where Greg's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. **TED ANTHONY** live. It was the first time Greg had seen his parents in 13 years, and was the first time Angeline had met the senior Anthonys. The Anthonys spent a week at Rhodes Islands, the paradise spot of Greece, where they had a second honeymoon . . . **RAY "Million Dollar" GRAY** of the Forest Glen Credit Union presented Superintendent **CHARLES KERR** with his annual present for showing his kind interest in the problems of their credit union. Mr. Kerr was very proud of the present and says it was just the item Mrs. **KERR** had been looking for . . . Lt. Commander **F. D. FOY**, son of Operator **GARRET FOY**, who is a nineteen-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, has been transferred from San Diego, California, to the U.S. Navy Base at London, England. Lt. Commander **Foy** is an electronics expert and is doing instructive work for the navy . . . Operator **GEORGE KUHLE** has left North Park and is now working as a ticket agent on the elevated. Good luck, George, we will all miss your friendly smile and touch . . . Pensioner **GENE MORIN** can be seen daily around the Loop, bestowing his friendly smile and pleasant greetings to all his friends as he pursues his new position as a messenger for a little pin money . . . Sanitary Engineer **ANDY PETERSON** is to be commended for his fine job in taking care of the fare boxes and changers.

Operator **HENRY SCHRAMM** and his wife, **ELIZABETH**, along with Operator **RAY DOMESKI** and his wife, **EVELYN**, motored to Rockville, Indiana, to tour the sugar camps to see how maple syrup is produced. While in the area they visited five different covered bridges in Barke county . . . Operator **CARL HANSEN**, who has been Operator **PETE MARCHISOTTO's** follower, and although he never knew Pete, has rented an apartment from him and is now happily getting acquainted with the **MARCHISOTTO'S** . . . Operator **PAT BROWN** has returned to work after being off on disability pension and is looking great and feeling same . . . Operator **GARRETT FOY** has purchased a new Ford Fairlane and will now be rolling along in fine fashion as he goes fishing in Way Dam in Upper Michigan . . . Operator **MARTY BAKKA** has purchased a 1966 Chevrolet Biscayne and will be taking that long trip that he has been planning for some time . . . Operator **JIM DOLAN** has bought his wife, **RITA**, a new 23-inch Magnavox color television for her enjoyment while he attends to all his lodge duties . . . Miss **CAROL CONKLIN**, daughter of Operator **LeROY** and Mrs. **CONKLIN**, was married Saturday, March 19, to Mr. **FRANK BUTTITA** at St. Gertrude church in Franklin Park, Illinois. The reception was held at Nino's on Austin and Lawrence with 200 guests attending. The young couple honeymooned in Miami Beach, Florida . . . Operator **PAT DEASEY** retired April 1 after 40 years of service. Pat will be sorely missed on Western Avenue where he has made many friends. We wish him the best in his retirement ahead . . . Operator **MEL HORNING** and his wife, **VIOLET**, became grandparents for the second time when their daughter, Mrs. **RUTH HELLESTRAE**, gave birth to a daughter named **PEGGY ELLEN** on March 9 at Belmont hospital . . . Operator **STEVE ALLEN** spent his vacation decorating his home. Steve then went to Benton Harbor, Michigan, to visit his sister, Mrs. **BIRDIE DERDEN**, who is the head nurse at the Veterans hospital in Benton Harbor . . . Operator **WILLIS SNODGRASS** and his wife became grandparents for the third time when their daughter-in-law, Mrs. **DONNA SNODGRASS**, presented them with a daughter named **KARRI LEE** on March 5 in Long Beach, California . . . Clerk **SAM GIRARD** and his wife, **WANDA**, spent their vacation touring the islands of Hawaii. The Girards sailed from Los Angeles aboard the good ship U.S.S. **Lurline**. Five days were spent at sea and two weeks on the islands. The trip was Sam's gift to Wanda in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary which will be held in June . . . Operator **TOM DeCANTILLON** and his wife, **MARY**, celebrated their 20th anniversary March 4. The DeCantillon's had dinner at the French Market restaurant and then returned home where they held open-house for their many friends and relatives . . . Operator **IRVING SHER** and his wife, **MILDRED**, celebrated their 30th anniversary April 10. The Shers dined out at Bergman's restaurant with their children and relatives . . . Operator **ED ZIENTARA** and his wife, **ROSE**, celebrated their 30th anniversary February 25. The Zientaras invited their children and grandchildren to a wonderful dinner at the Lone Tree restaurant . . . Anniversary greetings are also extended to Operator **ARTHUR OLSON** and his wife, **LENORE**, 27th, February 14; Operator **DON BENNETT** and his wife, **MARIE**, 19th, March 2; and Operator **ADOLPH JENDRYCZKI** and his wife, **JEAN**, 29th, April 10.

Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operator **CHESTER DAMIAN**, March 2; Receiver **ED STENZEL**, March 9; Clerk **RAY MIJANOVICH**, March 17; Operator **ED NEWTON**, March 17; **DANNY KURCZEWSKI**, March 28; Operator **LE ROY CONKLIN**, April 5; **TOM**



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KURCZEWSKI, April 5, and ADOLPH JENDRYCZKI, April 28. . . Our sympathy and condolences to the family of Pensioner RUDOLPH SEILHEIMER, and to Operator ED DAPPEN on the loss of his mother, Mrs. DAPPEN. Also, to Operator BILL KNIGHT on the loss of his father-in-law, Mr. HERMAN ROSING. . . Operator LEN BAEUCHLER vacationed in Phoenix, Arizona, where his mother and brother, EDWARD, reside. Len and Operator LEFTY BRUBACH, who is also out in Phoenix, played several rounds of golf and did a little visiting at the race tracks where their luck was fair. . . Pensioner ART MUIR reports from Forsyth, Missouri, that in February he started spading his garden and has planted radishes and onions. Art and his wife, RUTH, are in love with their new home and location and would like to hear or see any of their friends that pass their way. Art's address is: Art Muir, Summit Ridge Rd., Forsyth, Missouri, 65653. . . Repairman CRUTCHFIELD BAKER began his pension March 1 after forty years of service. Crutch was originally a streetcar repairman working out of Devon Depot. . . Repairman JULIUS MERSCH and his wife, AGNES, spent two weeks in Miami, Florida. The Merschs flew Delta Air Lines to Miami. Key points of interest were visiting Fort Lauderdale and Key West. Julius caught two large barracudas while fishing off the bridge at Key Biscayne using a barracuda hand-line that he bought at Grants dime store. . . Bus Cleaner FAY RYAN and his wife, JEANNIE, welcomed a blessed event when a son named THOMAS LEE was born March 12 at Frank Cuneo hospital. . . Repairman FRANK SCHENDLE had a hernia operation at St. Annes hospital and at this writing is convalescing at home. . . The Repair Department welcomes LOUIS MATTHEWS and ROGER HORNING who have started to work at North Park as bus cleaners. . . Clerk HAROLD ENWRIGHT and his wife, IRENE, celebrated their 32nd anniversary April 12 by going on a Jack Worth night club tour. Harold's bus on the tour was piloted by one of our own, Operator FRANK "General" KOZIAL. . . Operator JACK KOVITZ and his wife, SHIRLEY, were guests at a surprise party hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. LOU KOLPOS, held in their home. The occasion was the Kovitz's 35th anniversary and was held on Saturday, March 12. Shirley's sister, Mrs. LENA MOSTER, of Cleveland, Ohio, was one of the many guests who attended. . . Operator JERRY BUDZISZ and his wife, ELLEN, became parents of their fourth child when a daughter named ELIZABETH was born November 17 at St. Mary's hospital. With the extra deduction that Jerry received he was able to purchase a 1966 Ford Custom 500. . . The word is out that Repairman PETE MERSCH and MATT HEAVEY are cooking up the finest stews and Italian sausage in their spare time, and can be contacted at any time for catering jobs. . . North Park's Credit Union, with TONY, JOHN, and DALE, are ready and able to help anyone who will be needing cash for that vacation



WELL, WE'VE finally done it -- we've figured out why BILL MAGEE, Beverly Garage foreman, is always singing "When Irish Eyes are Smiling." One look at Bill's three-year-old grandson, BILLY, and seven-year-old granddaughter, NANCY, told us why.

that will be coming up, fellows. . . Operator GARY NOONAN, March 6, and his wife, MARY, along with Receiver ED "Curley" STENZEL, March 9, celebrated the boys birthdays by dining out at the Millionaires Club on North Broadway. The musicians sang "Happy Birthday" to both boys in Gaelic, in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

- Melvin Horning

## NORTH SECTION -

Spring is surely here! Nice weather, new pick in effect for most of us, and the most assuring fact of all - a smile on everyone's face. . . Motorman STAN WESLEY is back to work after a long illness, and is as peppy as ever. Stan is planning to take his pension soon. Best of luck to you from the section. . . Retired Motorman GEORGE PFLEGER stopped in to say hello a few weeks ago. It seemed that George and Supervisor STANTON had a lot to talk about. Thank you for stopping by. We're always happy to see a pensioner. . . Motorman M. Mc WHINEY took an early pension the end of last month. Our good wishes for the best of luck. . . Motorman FRED "Killer" THOMPSON was married last month. Our sincerest congratulations to him and his new bride, CYNTHIA. . . Conductor GIL PANUCE recently returned from his vacation in Hialeah, Florida. Gil made a trip to the race track while there, but found that it could have been much more enjoyable. He picked the day and the race. The only problem was that it was a "no bet" race. Bet-ter luck next time. How was your vacation aside from that day, Gil? . . . Belated birthday greetings to Agent ANNABELLE DREW. A celebration was in order when Agents ELIZABETH DONOUGHUE, JEAN HAMILTON, FEDELMA HENRY, and MINNA KING got together for a nice dinner at Hegarty's in Sauganash. . . We of the North Section wish to extend our deepest and most sincere sympathy to the family of Motorman BILL LIVINGS who passed away unexpectedly. . . Conductor DON KOSTECKI has been accepted for clerk training and has been diligently breaking in. . . Birthday greetings to GERI JASCH, wife of your reporter. . . Kimball p.m. Yard Foreman RAY "Ike" EIGHELBERGER is happy to have his wife, MARIA, back at home after an operation and stay in the hospital. I asked how she was doing and Ike exclaimed, "she is getting better, because she is as sassy as ever." . . Stork news: Motorman JIM MIKOLAITIS and his wife, SHARON, were blessed with a baby girl in early March. Conductor E. WILSON and his wife, ALVA, were blessed toward the end of March. Our congratulations! . . As of this writing, the wife of Supervisor STANTON, NANCY, is in Ravenswood hospital. Get well soon. . . Switchman BRUCE ANDERSON who is handling the \$\$ for the "Birdman" of Kimball, who goes by the real name of Switchman TIM GAVIN, reports that the funds for the new bird house to be used in the restoration of the Kimball yard are coming along just fine. Bruce or Tim will be glad to answer any questions pertaining to this subject. . . Congratulations to the following newly qualified motormen: J. COOPER, D. HENIGHAN, W. DAVIDSON, and A. SIMS. . . Congratulations again to the following new supervisors on their latest accomplishment, being accepted for Instruction Department trainees: R. JANZ, E. MITCHELL, and J. MCGOVERN. . . As of this writing, Supervisor M. ANTHONY is planning a return trip to Lake Bruin, Louisiana, in the next few weeks. Hope you have a wonderful trip. . . A man said to a grasshopper, "Do you know they have named a drink after you?" The grasshopper said, "Do you mean they have a drink named HOWARD?" . . . Be talking with you next month. Keep that news



## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

JOHN ANDERSEN, 72, 77th Street,  
Emp. 12-31-19. Died 2-04-66  
HARRY F. BAHNAMAN, 74, South Section,  
Emp. 3-19-28. Died 3-11-66  
PATRICK J. BYRNE, 62, 69th Street,  
Emp. 8-26-29. Died 3-01-66  
GEORGE L. CHUCK, 76, Track,  
Emp. 10-08-21. Died 2-17-66  
NATHANIEL C. DAY, 74, 77th Street,  
Emp. 12-16-24. Died 2-28-66.  
CHARLES DELANY, 72, North Avenue,  
Emp. 6-08-21. Died 2-23-66  
JOHN FOY, 59, North Park,  
Emp. 9-15-37. Died 2-27-66  
ROBERT L. FUMBANKS Jr., 30, Limits,  
Emp. 5-09-57. Died 3-08-66  
LEO J. GINSAUSKAS, 76, 77th Street,  
Emp. 3-12-20. Died 2-28-66  
JOHN HACKL, 81, North Section  
Emp. 9-12-18. Died 2-25-66  
A. A. HART, 71, Archer,  
Emp. 1-12-26. Died 2-15-66  
JOHN L. HICKOX, 65, North Avenue,  
Emp. 10-16-24. Died 2-19-66  
MARTIN P. JOYCE, 89, General Office,  
Emp. 12-01-27. Died 2-22-66  
DAVID F. KUEHL, 90, North Avenue,  
Emp. 8-21-17. Died 3-02-66  
WILLIAM H. LEEPER, 74, General Office,  
Emp. 5- -17. Died 2-22-66

WILLIAM LIVINGS, 54, North Section,  
Emp. 2-04-63. Died 3-05-66  
ALBERT E. MADDEN, 69, South Shops,  
Emp. 7-20-45. Died 2-22-66  
WALTER MALCHOW, 70, Archer,  
Emp. 8-14-26. Died 2-19-66  
H. A. McCORRY, 79, Armitage,  
Emp. 1-03-12. Died 2-12-66  
PATRICK MULVIHILL, 83, West Section,  
Emp. 12-11-08. Died 2-25-66  
JOHN NASTICKY, 83, West Shops,  
Emp. 6-24-26. Died 1-14-66  
MARTIN PEMRICK, 85, North Avenue,  
Emp. 2-08-10. Died 3-02-66  
JOSEPH PIANTOWSKI, 59, North Avenue,  
Emp. 11-14-24. Died 3-08-66  
STEPHEN RECH, 78, West Section,  
Emp. 5-24-44. Died 2-20-66  
H. SCHIPPERS, 87, West Shops,  
Emp. 7-18-02. Died 2-14-66  
PAUL A. SCHOENFELDT, 74, Limits,  
Emp. 4-03-17. Died 2-10-66  
W. A. SMITH, 83, Cottage Grove,  
Emp. 11-02-12. Died 2-13-66  
J. VITEK, 74, West Shops,  
Emp. 3-03-24. Died 2-14-66  
HARRY P. WENNERSTROM, 72, North Park,  
Emp. 1-20-44. Died 3-07-66  
HENRY ZWIRN, 62, Archer,  
Emp. 2-21-28. Died 3-04-66

coming in; I can't write this column if you don't. Psssst, by the way, turn back to the inquiring reporter and see a few of this section's familiar personnel . . . ALAN C. PENNER, student agent on the North section received his second degree in masonry on March 18 at King Oscar Lodge. He will be made a Master Mason on April 15 when he receives his third degree.

- Frank T. Jasch

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

RICHARD UNWIN, son of BILL UNWIN, made the dean's list at the University of Illinois in Champaign . . . "Get well" messages are extended R. C. GAVERT and ED DeSTEFANO, who at this writing, are hospital patients . . . Our sincere condolences go to CHARLES KLEIM on the recent death of his brother, LAWRENCE.

### (North Division) -

Mr. and Mrs. TOM MADIGAN recently returned from two wonderful weeks in Florida where they visited friends in Ft. Lauderdale and did a lot of sight-seeing . . . Store-room 42 was pleasantly surprised when ROY WILSON and BILL FLOWERS dropped in for a short visit. Everyone enjoyed seeing them and agreed that retired life is agreeing with them . . . We're happy to report that JOHN DUNNE is now back to work after having been on the surgical list . . . After two weeks at Key West with the national guard, VICTOR JOHNSON returned with a nice sunburn. It seems that it wasn't all work and no play since Vic did have some time off for sightseeing and fishing . . . We're sorry to hear that Mrs. AL MIX is on the sick list and hope that with spring just around the corner, she'll soon be feeling well again . . . All good wishes for a speedy recovery go to Mrs. CHUCK SCIMECA who, at this writing is a surgical patient.

### (Specifications) -

Mr. and Mrs. FRANK DeSUTTER just returned from a three-week vacation in Acapulco. They claim it's a paradise and would enjoy going back!!

- D. Jane Bell

### SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Schedule Maker JOE DeGRAZIA and his wife motored to various parts of Florida. JOSEPH T. LYNCH, traffic checker, vacationed in sunny Fort Lauderdale, Florida . . . MIKE DORE vacationed in and around Chicago, busily checking his coins . . . EDWARD FEINBERG became a grandfather for the ninth time when his daughter, FRANCES KITZ, gave birth to a daughter, SHERIE LEE . . . Pensioneer LAURA SCHRECKE joined BERNIE KIZIOR and myself for a birthday luncheon. Laura celebrated a young birthday on March 20 . . . We received word from MARGE VIDAL, who tells us she is enjoying full-time housekeeping . . . SHIRLEY LUKES is busy now taking driving lessons since she and her husband, MARTY, purchased a new Plymouth . . . JOHN BENNIS is on vacation breaking in a new automobile . . . JOE VIOLA was proud to see his boy in the St. Patrick's parade . . . RICHARD GOLDSTEIN and his wife, ROSALIE, are visiting their sons, HENRY and RAY, in Tucson, Arizona . . . Happy Easter to all.

- Kathryn Batina

### SKOKIE SHOPS -

ELEANOR BUERGER, wife of ROBERT BUERGER, carpenter, was awarded a certificate designating her as a certified graphoanalyst. She has just completed an 18



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month extensive course with the International Graphoanalysis society . . . The IRWIN WIESMEYER's celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at home with their two sons and daughter. Also attending were their five grandchildren, three girls, and two boys. Congratulations and many more happy years. Irwin is a painter at Skokie . . . WILLIAM FLOWERS, retired electrical worker; paid a visit to Skokie for the first time in four years and four months. Nice to see you, Bill . . . Our sympathy to PETER DOMBSKI, painter, and his family on the loss of his stepmother on March 15.

The Machinist and Electrical bowling teams held their eighth annual bowling match of three games on March 13. The Machinists won the match with total pin fall, to even the series, four for each team. The total score for each man follows: Machinists - W. ONYSIO, 532; J. FANO, 525; M. FABIAN, 484; A. KRZEMINSKI, 535, and R. LUNDQUIST, 496 - making a total of 2,572. Electrical Workers - J. BEDNARIK, 565; E. MORRIS, 472; J. ZDUNEK, 460; J. DUNDOVICH, 480, and E. ENGLAND, 540 - for a grand total of 2,517.

- Everett E. England

### SOUTH SECTION -

Happy Spring-time to all! . . . The men at Loomis Street had a get-together recently for Motorman MICHAEL DOWD and Conductor WILLIAM MUNNELLY who went on pension March 1, and for Conductor JOSEPH KOLMAN, who went on disability pension last November. Mr. Kolman was unable to attend and everyone sends him their best wishes and hope that his health improves rapidly. Conductor Munnelly had been on the sick list also for several months and has taken a disability pension. He says that he is improving right along. He had his charming wife with him and she helped serve the sandwiches and coffee and cut the cake. A token of remembrance was given to each of the three men. The hospitality of the men at Loomis Street is just wonderful . . . Cupid aimed his bow and arrow at Collector PAT COLEMAN as he and MARY ANN WALTERS were married on February 12 at St. Rita's church. After the reception they motored to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for their honeymoon . . . We hated to see Motorman ROBERT MOSES resign, he was such a fine employee. At any rate, Bob went on to another position with another company. Best of luck to you, Bob . . . Congratulations to Switchman FRENCHIE ELLIS who successfully completed his training and qualified as a supervisor. We are all proud of Frenchie because he was the only one chosen for this class from the South Section . . . Our champ of a grandpa, Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK, was one again for the sixth time when his daughter, DOROTHY, gave birth to a baby boy named JOHN JOSEPH . . . Our sincerest condolences to Conductor ROY BOETTCHER whose wife passed away recently . . . It's wonderful to see Supervisor THOMAS STANTON back from the sick list and looking so good . . . A happy man around 61st Street is Motorman TOM BLANEY whose wife presented him with a baby girl named EILEEN on March 6. This makes five children for the happy Blaney family . . . Agent JOHN WEBER went on Pension March 1. A happy retirement is wished Agent Weber and all our new pensioners . . . Mrs. L. J. HICKEY, wife of deceased South Section Station Superintendent L. J. HICKEY, called from California to let us know that their son, WILLIAM HICKEY, former trainman, passed away in California recently. Our condolences to the Hickey family . . . Back to their posts and off the sick list are Towerman FRANK PINTA, Con-

ductors STANLEY KIELDYK, LESLIE FORNELIUS, STANLEY JACKSON, and Agent ANTHONY NICHOLSON.

February was really the month for marriages. Conductor ROBERT C. LEE decided to take the big step and was married to JANNIE SPARKS on February 26. Much happiness is wished the happy couple . . . Received a nice letter from Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS, who, with Retired Shopman PAT McEVOY, was relaxing down in Florida for most of the winter. They will be back by April 1. While there they attended the CTA Pensioners club meeting and talked over old-times and reminisced with Retired Supervisor WALTER HILL, Retired Conductor WARREN HILL, and Retired Switchman FELIX LIENAU. They also visited Retired PATRICK WALSH and Retired Switchman BOB JOHNSON. They spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE ROESING, retired assistant superintendent of Operating Stations, who took them to Busch Gardens, which was enjoyed very much . . . Our sincere sympathy to Conductor JAMES MOSS who was called to Ireland because his sister passed away recently . . . Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE and his family just moved into their new home in Alsip and they are really busy these days . . . Also down in Florida on vacation are Supervisor DON MURPHY and his wife, GEN. The temperatures were in the 80's and they went swimming. They were staying in Ft. Lauderdale. They also are planning to visit with the PAUL ZOSSELS, retired towerman, who live in Homestead, Florida . . . Heard that Retired Agent BESSIE RENTFRO is in the hospital. Hope that by the time she reads this she'll be back home . . . Part-time Agents ROY HARRIS and EMMA GUZOVICH resigned recently . . . Retired Motorman JOE HILL, who lives in Florida, was ill recently but is back in tip-top shape again . . . Congratulations to Part-time Agent JAMES DUNLEAVY who received his B.A. degree from Loyola university recently, and is going on to further his education . . . On the sick list at this writing are Agents CLARENCE MARTIN, CLEO NEWSOME, CHARLES SEE, and Porter JAMES STRONG. Hurry up and get well, men . . . Passenger commendations are pouring in for our South Siders: Conductor CLARENCE LEE was commended for his clear and informative announcements, Conductor GERALD CAREY received his second commendation in recent months for perfect announcements, and Conductor ARTRY WILLIAMS was commended for finding a lost article.

- Verna Hartney

### SOUTH SHOPS -

We welcome BOB DAIN, BILL MILLAR, and DON STURENFELDT to their new positions as garage instructors. The shining, laughing faces of CAROL BUGEL and LYNETTE LAWLOR have also been added to the office . . . JIM DUDLEY is sporting a new 1966 air-conditioned Chevrolet . . . CHARLES SHREEVE and his wife, MARY, recently attended a DePaul scholarship benefit performance of "Hello Dolly", and a reception held afterwards for the cast . . . At this writing, Mrs. JOE VIRRUSO is in the hospital. Get well soon . . . BILL DONALDSON, Print Shop foreman, is back after a long illness and looking fine for himself . . . JOE DEVEAUX is currently in the hospital for observation . . . FRANK HENNIGAN has transferred from an outside location to the office of I. E. D. . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of JOSEPH HECHT Jr., general foreman, who passed away March 22.

- Kathleen O'Brien & Al Haas



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OUT OF sight, but not out of mind is WILLIAM J. PIK-RONE, a former operator out of Forest Glen. Pfc. Pikrone, a member of Battery C, 4th Battalion, 76th Artillery, is stationed 35 miles from Seoul, Korea. Needless to say, Bill is anxiously awaiting the day when he will be reunited with his wife and child.

### TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

The stork made his first visit to the household of R. J. BRZECZEK, son of RAYMOND BRZECZEK, office. The little bundle left on the door step was a baby girl named NATALIE ANN. Best wishes to the new family. Speaking of storks and babies, the stork made another stop at the home of TOMMY and CORINE MORRIS, Congress. The Morris' now have another baby girl named RACHELL ANTOINETTE. This brings the Morris children to three boys and two girls. Wonder if Tommy plans to even up the sides. . . Sorry to hear that FRANK RIO, Congress, was back in St. Francis hospital for more surgery. Wishes for a complete and speedy recovery are sent to him. . . The boys at 61st Street are glad to have MARSHALL MASSEY back at work. Marshall was hospitalized for injuries he received on the job. . . It seems that there should have been a welcome back to work party at Lake Street. First J. RANDAZZO, R. RAHN, and M. COLEMAN were greeted with a two-fold message, "glad to have you back and please be careful on the job." Then the fellows welcomed T. TOGHER who was off for nose surgery. And last but not least, they greeted C. CLAY who had been off from work for thirteen months with a serious illness. Hope all the fellows enjoy good health from now on. . . Lake Street's loss is Kimball's gain. Representing the gain for Kimball was GARY PRICE. The boys from Lake Street hope that Gary likes his new position. . . Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. FRANK FAWCETT, Wilson, who celebrated their 23rd anniversary. Hope your next 23 years together will be just as wonderful. . . The NICK FIERAMOSCAS, Congress, are now the proud owners of a 1966 Chevrolet Bel Air.

- Ray Brzezczek

### 69TH STREET -

March 17 was a beautiful day for a parade, and a grand one it was. JOHN TIFFY, CHESTER WILLIAMS, PAT MURPHY, and yours truly represented our depot in a larger Division 241 group. It makes one proud to be an American in Chicago when you see so many different segments of our city's vast population adopt the Irish as their own; to honor the tradition and history of Ireland and its great patron saint. . . Your credit union officers urge you to try to put a little each payday into your savings account. It's a simple equation that you have to have it before you can lend it and besides, "A lot of littles makes a large lot." . . Happy motoring to ANDY KOHLSTEDT with his new Buick Special and to BILL WHITTSTOCK and his new Ford. Also, lots of luck to SAM

WOJNICKI in his new home. Some of his friends say Sam is thinking of having a Polish sausage factory in the basement. . . As of now, Street Collector JOE TONN is still in St. Francis hospital, room 126. We wish him a speedy recovery. . . Our sympathy is extended to the family of Collector PATRICK BYRNE. Pat was one of those rare people who saw only the good in anything and in everybody. We'll miss him; also, to collector MARTIN REIDY on the death of his wife.

- William J. Donahue

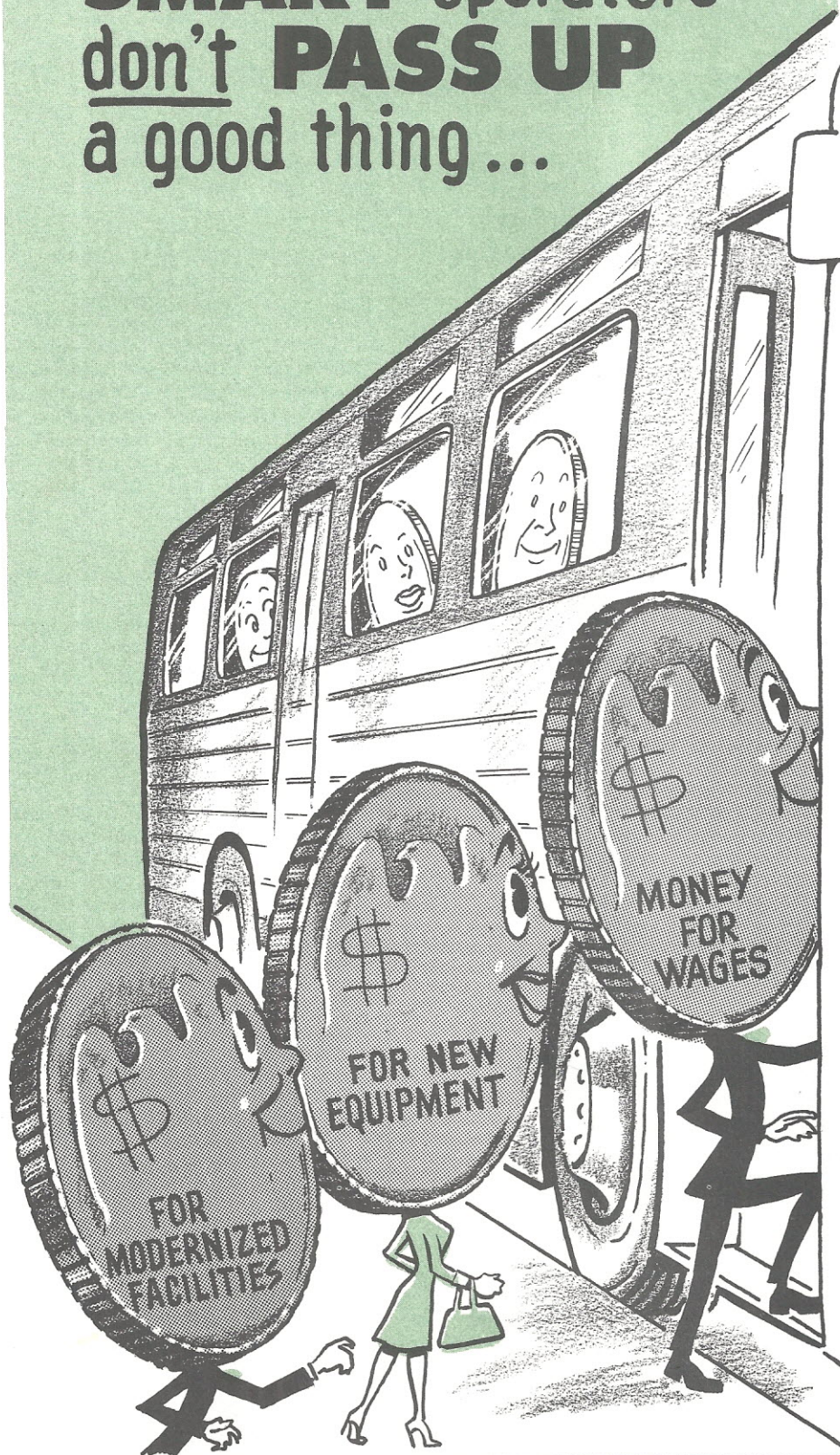
### 77TH STREET -

We would like to extend our appreciation to management for the coffee treat in January, and a "thank you" to the 77th Credit Union for the delicious doughnuts. . . We understand that CHARLEY KNOERR has hidden talent. He has painted some beautiful portraits for his fellow workers. They boast of having a "Knoerr" original. . . Our sympathy to Operator FUMBANKS of Archer Station whose son, ROBERT, passed away recently. . . BILL BRIGLER and his wife, ADELE, celebrated 25 years of wedded bliss on January 31. . . Condolences to Receiver CHARLEY DERRICK whose mother, Mrs. MARY MACHALIK, passed away. . . Operator RYE is now home recuperating from a recent illness. He would appreciate visitors at 1460 E. 67th place. . . The recent clerks pick resulted in some changes and we would like to welcome our new Chief Clerk RUDY ALBRECHT. The old "pro," WALTER DALY, now hangs his hat at Archer Station. . . At this writing, Instructor MARTY GLYNN is due back to work after a long illness. . . AL O'DOWD, our chief sanitary engineer, has retired and the new chief is silent JOHN PONSIEGO. . . Assistant Superintendent FRANK KRAUSE is leaving soon for Miami on his annual visit to his brother, JACK, and other CTA pensioners. . . Our lineup of switchboard operators has changed considerably in the last few months. Handling the cords and plugs now are the following: JIM O'BRIEN, "007" ED RILEY, WALLY WEBER, and AXEL PETERSON. . . We have had an influx of new operators lately and although we can't mention them all by name, we would like to extend a cordial welcome to each and every one. . . Management was proud of the fine accident record of 77th Station in 1965. However, our record so far in 1966 is very disappointing, and we urge everyone to make special efforts to practice defensive driving and reduce accidents. . . The following operators are enjoying a well-earned retirement: KEES, McTIGUE, LYMAN, NORTON, and HILLEBRAND. Clerk MARTY GRADY is on disability pension and his many friends wish him well. . . Operator GRIFFITH is in Louis Berg hospital and would welcome visitors. . . Celebrating anniversaries are Mr. and Mrs. PATE, 17 years, and Mr. and Mrs. BEATY, 20 years. . . A full length mirror has been installed in the trainroom and in the first week many operators were observed sprucing up. Don't let the novelty wear off, use the mirror and make 77th operators the neatest of all. . . DAN BOWEN and SAMMIE GRAHAM were fishing in the same boat, claimed they both had the same 16 pound fish hooked, and both said it got away. . . Operator GARFIELD is back to work after a lengthy illness. . . Recent visitors were FRANK CAMPAIGNE and JOE CARNEY, looking hale and hearty. . . A big picnic will be held at Maple Lake in July. Operators interested contact CLARENCE MOORE.

- Amos Foster



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