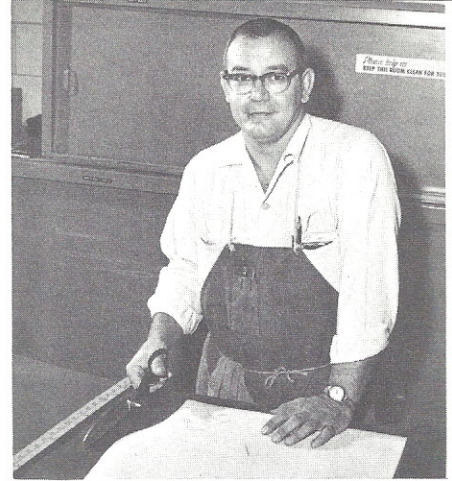


TRANSIT NEWS



Suggestion Cash Awards

Totaling \$406.00 Shared by Seven Employees



OCTOBER WAS a good month for suggestors, with one employe receiving a \$206.00 original award and another cashing in for \$75.00 to add to the \$25.00 he was awarded at the time he submitted his original suggestion.

The winner of the \$206.00 award was John S. Kurgan, upholsterer leader, South Shops, and the other employe, Fred J. Egger, Skokie Shops, collected an extra \$75.00 supplement award for suggesting a new idea for saving material which has proven a time and money economy after a full year of practical use.

Four South Side shop workers also were awarded \$25.00 each, plus a free turkey, for their accepted ideas. These were Patrick J. Burke, Carl A. Lidzbinski, and Casimer J. Strzynski and Chester Pavlak, who shared a \$25.00 award. Richard

OUR COVER: Thanksgiving Day, a typical American holiday that dates back to the days of the Pilgrim Fathers, is primarily a home celebration. It is a day when families get together for the traditional turkey dinner. A typical scene in many households is portrayed on our cover, posed for Transit News by the family of James J. Lahey, Transportation Department instructor, whose wife and seven children anticipate the feast which will be set before them, a custom that will be duplicated in homes all over America on Thanksgiving Day.

BIG WINNER for October in the Employee Suggestion Plan was John S. Kurgan of South Shops. He was awarded \$206.00 for submitting an idea that by pre-drilling holes in the back frame of the driver's seat in 5500 series buses a standard size bolt could be used rather than screws which damage the frame.

Grajek, bus operator, Beverly, also won a \$25.00 award for submitting his second honorable mention idea.

During the month, 14 employes earned an honorable mention plus free turkeys for their ideas. They were: Robert J. Barrett, John McDermott and Joseph DeMarco, all of Skokie Shops; Julie Willem, Transportation Department; Herman Anders, Research and Planning; Lester Danders, Forest Glen; Walter Stoltenberg, Schedule; George Bell, Reproduction Services; Richard LaFleur, Storeroom 48, and Frank Sprovieri, S and E, Kedzie.

The suggestion committee reports October submissions were 40 per cent higher than during September. This was partially due to a 400 per cent increase in submissions by General Office employes.

Free turkeys will continue to be awarded for all adopted employe ideas accepted up to December 31.



TWO MEMBERS of Chicago Transit Board, Joseph F. Murphy (left) and Board Chairman George L. DeMent (center), were sworn in for new seven-year terms by Mayor Richard J. Daley in his office in the City Hall on October 2. Mr. Murphy's new appointment was until 1972 and Mr. DeMent's to 1973. Mr. DeMent was first appointed to the board on April 29, 1963, and Mr. Murphy on October 28, 1958.

CTA: Its Organization and Operations -

TENTH IN A SERIES

ONCE EACH month, CTA's retired employes watch for the mail to arrive, for it is the day when their pension check is due. And they are not disappointed because of the efficient staff of the Insurance and Pension Department which has the responsibility of keeping records and forwarding the welcome envelope to the right recipient at the right address.

But this is only one aspect of the many functions performed by the department. Among others are handling the mass of details pertaining to employe benefits, consisting of group life, weekly indemnity, and hospital and surgical insurance for employes and dependents, workmen's compensation, industrial safety and fire prevention, property inspections, and other types of insurance including fire, boiler, burglary, holdup, fidelity, property damage, and other miscellaneous coverages.

With that generalization of the multiple responsibilities, it is the purpose of this article to explain the functions and operating procedures of this busy office located in Room 746 at the Merchandise Mart.

Because of its services to the retiree, who constitute some 5,447 pensioners scattered throughout the United States and in a number of foreign countries, we will describe briefly the operation of the pension section of the department.

CTA's Retirement Plan is considered a very excellent plan. The plan not only provides for retirement benefits at normal retirement age of 65, but benefits for early and disability retirement. Any benefits received from Social Security are in addition to those received under the plan.

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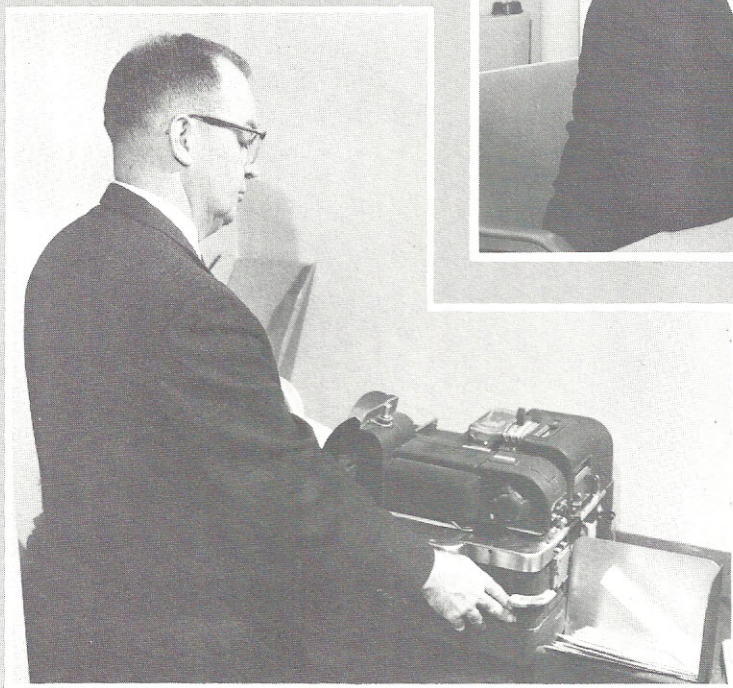
RESPONSIBILITY FOR directing CTA's Insurance Department rests with H. B. Storm, superintendent of Insurance and Pensions. The department handles all details relating to pensions, employe benefits consisting of life, accident and sickness, hospital and surgical insurance, workmen's compensation, and all general insurance, including property inspections. With Mr. Storm in the picture is Mrs. Carol Arndt, stenographer.

The plan is administered by a Retirement Allowance Committee composed of five members appointed by the employes as their representatives and five members appointed by the Chicago Transit Board to represent the Authority. On the present Committee are D. M. Flynn, Chairman, J. E. Hastings, C. E. Keiser, P. J. Meinardi, and H. B. Storm representing the Authority, and P. W. Flaherty, J. J. Hill, W. J. Moran, T. J. Murray and D. J. O'Mahoney's alternate, W. Donnelly, representing the employes.

During the year 1965, the employes and the Authority contributed to the plan over \$12,000,000. Of this amount, the employes contributed approximately \$4,300,000 and the Authority \$7,700,000. This money is forwarded each month to the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, the Trustee for the fund. The Trustee was selected by the Retirement Allowance Committee, and holds the principal of the plan and the income therefrom in an irrevocable trust. It makes payments from the fund only with authorizations issued by the Committee.

Payments made by the Trustee are the monthly retirement and disability benefits, death benefits to beneficiaries of retired employes, refunds to

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT William A. Ashley aids in the supervision of the personnel and the many functions of the Insurance Department.



A **POSTAGE** meter machine speeds up the process of mailing the checks to pensioners. In this photo, Richard Redding, retirement clerk, demonstrates the use of this machine which applies the correct postage and seals the envelopes preparatory to mailing the checks, averaging \$747,300.00 monthly.



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employees whose services have terminated, refunds to named beneficiaries of deceased employees, the expense of the Trustee, and the cost of maintaining the retirement division records.

All monies contributed by an employee, together with any interest earned thereon, are always returned to the employe or the employe's named beneficiary either in the form of a refund or benefits. The money contributed by CTA becomes a part of the fund and may never be returned to CTA.

The retirement records for all active and retired employees are maintained in the retirement division under the supervision of the Secretary of the Retirement Allowance Committee. An individual record is maintained for each active employe and each retired employe.

The active employe's record shows the date of birth, with necessary proof, the date of employment, the Social Security number, the job classi-

fication, and a beneficiary form advising the Committee to whom any payments are to be made in case of death.

The retired employe's record includes all the foregoing plus his approved application for retirement, a record of his earnings and contributions since June 1, 1949, and a copy of the calculation sheet which was used in determining the amount of his monthly benefits. The individual records also contain any other information concerning the individual, his employment, or change of address.

The Payroll Department furnishes to the retirement division once each plan year the individual earnings and the amount contributed by each employe. This yearly record, which is on an IBM card properly punched, is then added to the individual employe's retirement history card. The latter carries an accumulated total for each employe on the money earned and the money contributed. At the time the earnings and contributions are accumulated, any interest earned on the employe's previous contributions is added to his accumulated record. It is necessary to keep such a record in order to compute retirement benefits at the time of retirement or refund in case of termination of employment.

AS A final step in the mailing, the envelopes are checked before being delivered to the post office. In the trays before Dorothy Etscheid, retirement clerk-typist, and Hector Rocourt, bookkeeper, are the 5,500 checks which are dispatched to pensioners on the last working day of the month.



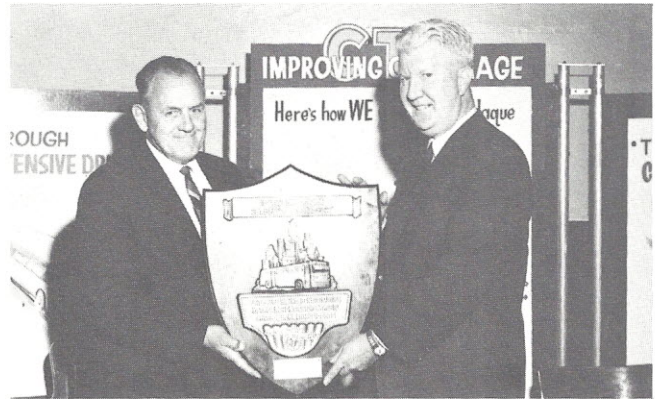
An IBM history card is maintained for each retired employe. This gives the employe's name, Social Security number, date of birth and employment, monthly pension, total amount contributed and interest earned, and is used by Committee's actuary for various studies in connection with the plan's operation.

From an IBM pay card, monthly checks are written by machine, giving the correct amount, name, address, and pension number as well as the date of check. After the checks are written, they are signed by machine, placed in window envelopes, and mailed on the last working day of each month. More than 5,445 checks totaling \$618,627.72 are now being mailed each month. Unless special arrangements are made with the Secretary's office, retirement checks will not be honored by the Trustee unless endorsed by personal signature of the retired employe. The Trustee will not accept for payment any checks on which the endorsement does not correspond with the signature specimen filed with the Trustee by the Secretary's office.

Since the start of CTA Retirement Plan June 1, 1949, over 9,400 employes have retired and more than \$108,500,000 have been paid in refunds and payments to retired employes.

Congress, Kedzie Win

3rd Quarter ISC Awards



CONGRATULATIONS WENT to Congress on the rapid transit system and to Kedzie on the surface system for winning the Interstation Safety Contest awards for the third quarter of the year.

Congress came through with a 69.05 score out of a possible 75 points, and Kedzie marked up a 67.69 point score in its try for a perfect 75.00. Runners up were Forest Park, 64.34, and Archer, 59.18.

In the third quarter contest to improve CTA's public image, all rapid transit stations in the West Section, rapid transit system, had fewer complaints than over the same three quarters of last year. Three surface system stations which have lowered their total of complaints during the year to date are Archer, Beverly, and North Park.

Presentation of the plaques to the winning stations was made early this month to (above) E. K. Peterson, superintendent, Kedzie, by D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation. In the picture below, a group of Congress employes gather around as G. A. Riley (left), superintendent of operating stations, awards the ISC plaque to W. G. Murback, station superintendent.





Use Christmas Seals on All Your Holiday Mail!

Fight tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases 

Employee Contributions to Mercy Crusade Pass \$77,000



CTA EMPLOYEE contributions to the 1966-67 Metropolitan Crusade of Mercy campaign amounted to a total of \$77,042.60 collected during the system-wide appeal held during October 3-28.

Employee pledges through authorization of payroll deductions reached \$5,536.30 per month, which, projected over the year, if all authorized deductions remain in effect for the 12 months, total \$73,912.20. An additional \$2,130.40 in non-recur-

ring cash contributions was collected to reach the final figure.

Of the total of 11,974 employees on the payroll as of October 31, 8,412 are actively participating in the Crusade of Mercy campaign, either through monthly deductions or cash contributions. In this connection, it is noted that 374 employees increased their monthly payroll deductions this year. New pledges to the payroll deduction plan totaled 766, accounting for \$521.75 in additional donations each month.

The overall goal for this year's campaign was \$22,750,000, the largest amount asked to date. But the Metropolitan Crusade has widened its area of coverage this year. Sixteen new suburban community chests and united funds were added, and the solicitation was made in Cook and DuPage counties, and a part of Kane, Will, and Lake counties. Almost 700 volunteer health and welfare agencies will benefit from this year's appeal.

As of this writing, the crusade contributions totaled \$15,867,021--70 per cent of the goal set for this year's campaign.

A SERIES of meetings for rapid transit transportation personnel, which included a review of procedures to be followed during winter weather, were held on November 9-10 in the CTA board room. In attendance were district superintendents and traffic supervisors. Conducting the sessions was James Blaa, standing, left in the photo, superintendent of rapid transit operations. Seated at the left is Ralph Tracy, superintendent of operations.



RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

HARMON, B. L., Operator, North Park
JONES, M. J., Operator, Forest Glen
LALES, G., Revenue Clerk III, Accounting

O'GRADY, J., Extra Guard, North Section
STUMBRIS, N. A., Repairman, Lawndale
WATSON, D. R., Repairman, Beverly

RECENTLY RETURNED

DREWS, W. J., Trackman II, Engineering
FELTZ, E. J., Trackman I, Engineering

FIGARELLA, M., Bus Cleaner, Kedzie
FOLEY, B. D., Operator, Forest Glen

CTA Group Sponsors of Communion and Breakfast

SEVERAL HUNDRED CTA employes, members of their families, and a good representation of pensioners were among the worshipers who filed into the National Shrine of the Little Flower, 6415 S. Woodlawn avenue, for the semi-annual Communion and breakfast on Sunday, October 30.

Sponsored by the St. Joseph Branch of the Little Flower, the membership consists of CTA employes who for many years have been coming from all parts of the city to attend the service and to meet friends at the breakfast.

The accompanying pictures were taken by a CTA photographer who was on the scene.



THE MORNING was chilly but this did not prevent the early arrival of the crowd at the church for the special Mass. Several groups came from operating stations by chartered buses; others by cars and CTA service. This is the view as the crowd assembled in front of the church waiting to enter for the Mass.



UNION OFFICIALS, including Daniel J. McNamara, retired president and business agent of Division 241, and his successor, James J. Hill, were seated at the speaker's table with Father Paul Hoban, chaplain, and his co-chaplains of the St. Joseph Branch of the Little Flower.



A GROUP of volunteers, comprising members and friends of the Little Flower, prepared and served the breakfast which followed the Mass. In charge of the arrangements for the breakfast was Supervisor William Kennedy of the Transportation Department.



AN EVENT held annually which always draws attention is the West Side Agents Club dinner, which was held this year on November 6 with more than 100 in attendance. Among those present were these smiling ladies, all retired employes, who renewed acquaintanceships with their ticket agent friends of the present and past. Many of them "broke in" with the former Chicago Rapid Transit company.

QUESTION:

Do you find it difficult in these times to keep within your budget?

LOCATION:

77th Street station

INQUIRING REPORTER:

Amos Foster

RALPH SHORT, clerk (with reporter Amos Foster): "Yes, due to the cost-of-living going up, and the fact that in this generation we are living better than our parents did and we have added luxuries."



BERNARD McKEEL, operator: "No, because my budget is set up to coincide with my pay check. Sometimes it's hard to stick to it, but I manage."



LAMPTON EVANS, operator: "Yes, I do, because of the demands imposed by society and due to unpredictable occurrences. However, by becoming more conscious of credit and luxuries I feel time will present a solution to this problem."



LEROY CUMMINGS, operator: "No, because each payday my wife and I sit down and try to arrange our budget accordingly. We try to stick to it and find that it helps to prevent financial trouble."



EARL ALLEN, operator: "No, because I always check and try to buy within my budget range. Never in a spree of excitement."

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin,
CTA Medical Consultant

DIZZINESS OR VERTIGO

DIZZINESS IS one of the most common disorders occurring in every day living. In this article dizziness and vertigo will be considered as one and the same condition. A broad definition of vertigo means a sense of false motion, either objective or subjective. Some sufferers feel like their head is swimming or reeling, while others say they have a feeling of faintness, nausea, giddiness, or vomiting.

Perhaps a brief explanation about the mechanics of the internal ear will be helpful in understanding this subject because basically disorders of this organ are the cause of dizziness. The inner ear or labyrinth is a very complicated organ consisting, in part, of bony cavities, semi-circular canals, a lymph fluid, and the acoustic nerve (nerve of hearing) and the blood vessels which supply this organ. The labyrinth is to the human body what the balance wheel is to the watch.

The principal function of the labyrinth is to register changes in the rate of motion especially in regard to position of our body to outside objects. It is an extremely highly specialized and delicate mechanism. When the internal ear is in good working order and the air-wave vibrations are normal our equilibrium is always perfect.

The causes of dizziness or vertigo are numerous and often times very obscure. Any condition which upsets the normal mechanism may be the cause. For clarity and brevity let us classify all causes into the local group and the general or systemic group.

In the local group we can include all inflammations of the ear or surrounding tissues. Included in this group are infections of the ear, mastoid, eustachian tubes, sinuses, teeth, and tonsils. Simple conditions such as wax in the ears also may be responsible. Rare causes include tumors of the brain or adjacent ear structures. If the arteries supplying the labyrinth are affected by arteri-

sclerosis dizziness may concur. This type is common in older people.

In the second or general group of causes we must consider all conditions, toxic or infections, which originate some distance from the ear. Any disorder which changes the composition of the blood or the lymph in the labyrinth may cause vertigo. A simple example of this type is found in the individual who takes a few too many drinks and then starts swaying. The alcohol in the blood acts as a toxic agent which alters the physiology in the inner ear. Likewise any toxic or infectious process is capable of producing dizziness. Drugs such as quinine, salicylates, tobacco, and certain vitamin products can also cause dizziness. High blood pressure, anemia, allergic and certain metabolic disturbances also may bring on this condition. Many people know the dizziness which comes from boat and airplane rides. The latter illustrates how vertigo arises from sudden changes in the rate motion, meniere's disease, named after a doctor who described it is an example of a common vertigo disorder due to inner ear disease.

The symptoms of dizziness are often associated with headaches, nausea, vomiting, and blurred vision. In mild cases the dizziness or vertigo may be only transient. In the more severe cases this miserable feeling may come and go for months. Sometimes in real bad cases the individual is unable to lift his head off the pillow without severe dizziness.

Successful treatment of dizziness or vertigo depends on two things. First, early diagnosis and second, the severity of the underlying cause. Naturally, a very careful history and examination are very important in this respect. For example, if high blood pressure is found to be the cause prompt treatment to reduce the blood pressure should clear up the dizziness. Dramamine is one of the common useful drugs to combat dizziness which results from flying and boating. In persistent cases which are not relieved by simple treatment the services of your physician should be promptly sought. It may be necessary to have skull X-rays, arteriograms or other tests, to carry out the proper treatment.



G. J. Seiler Retires After 43 Years of Transit Service

GEORGE J. SEILER, supervisor of real estate for CTA, retired on pension on October 1, closing out a career of 43 years in transit service.

Mr. Seiler started with the former Chicago Rapid Transit company as a secretary to the advertising manager in July, 1923, and in November, 1926, became chief clerk in the president's office. In September, 1932, he was named secretary to the late Col. A. A. Sprague, who was appointed receiver of the rapid transit properties, and in April, 1941, Mr. Seiler was named assistant to the Trustee.

Following the consolidation of transit properties under CTA operation, Mr. Seiler was appointed supervisor of real estate.

After graduation from high school, Mr. Seiler attended Armour Institute, now Illinois Institute of Technology, and De Paul university in Chicago.

His hobbies are many, including singing in a glee club and membership in a mandolin and guitar orchestra. He also enjoys fishing, golf, travel, wood working, photography, and gardening.

A number of friends and associates gathered on September 28 at a retirement dinner given in Mr. Seiler's honor, among them members of Chicago Transit Board. Seated at the head table with Mr. and Mrs. Seiler (center) were Federal Court Judge William J. Lynch, former general attorney for CTA; Thomas B. O'Connor, general manager; P. J. Meinardi, manager of finance, and Mrs. Helen Loftus, stenographer to Mr. Seiler.

Social Security-Medicare Tax Hike Set for January 1

WITH THE start of the New Year, CTA employes and management - like millions of other Americans - will begin paying more in taxes for social security and medicare benefits.

Beginning with the first pay period payable in January, 1967, the social security-medicare taxes will be increased from 4.2 per cent to 4.4 per cent on the first \$6,600.00 of taxable wages.

A breakdown of the social security-medicare follows:

	<u>Medicare</u>	<u>Social Security</u>	<u>Total</u>
1966	0.35 per cent	3.85 per cent	4.2 per cent
1967	0.50 per cent	3.90 per cent	4.4 per cent

The change will mean an increase in the maximum annual social security taxes from \$277.20 in 1966 to \$290.40 in 1967. CTA as an employer is also required to match your taxes dollar for dollar.

If an employe is nearing retirement age or is currently receiving social security benefits it is recommended that he consult the Social Security District Office nearest him or the district office at 111 N. Wabash Avenue for full and complete information required to qualify for available benefits.

The personnel of your social security district office will always be glad to help you in every way possible. For example, they can: Answer questions you may have, not only about medicare, but also about other social security benefits. Help you get a new health insurance card if you lose the original. Furnish you free booklets containing additional information about medicare and social security. Assist in completing a change of address card if you move. Provide you with a claim form for medical insurance benefits if you should misplace the one sent you. Assist you in completing your claims for medical insurance benefits if you need help.

THE INSIDE NEWS

-AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Material & Supply) -

ANN GARRITY thoroughly enjoyed her vacation trip to Arizona. They went out on the Super Chief to Phoenix where they rented a car enabling them to drive to many scenic places. An overnight trip to the Grand Canyon hardly seemed long enough to capture the beauty there. They found Scottsdale fascinating with its many unique shops and interesting places to visit, and they enjoyed the sights "south of the border" in Nogales, Mexico. A visit with friends in Tucson made the final highlight of a perfect vacation. . . One of our pensioners, LILLIAN OESTERRICH, is now in a nursing home. If anyone wishes to visit her or send a card, the address is: Lillian Oesterrich, c/o Lutheran Home for the Aged, 800 Oakton Street, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004.

- Clara Lawrence

(General) -

BEATRICE FRANKE, Voucher, enjoyed her vacation with a happy family reunion. Her son, Sergeant RUSSELL FRANKE, returned home on furlough after 14 months in Viet Nam. Corporal ROSS FRANKE was also home on furlough. "Thanksgiving" was celebrated at the Franke home in September. Russell will be stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, while Ross left September 27 for Viet Nam. . . VIRGINIA HARRER, Voucher, is recuperating nicely after a stay in the hospital. . . W. S. COMSTOCK, former budget director, came in to the offices of the CTA to say "hello" to his many friends and co-workers. . . AL KRIMBLEBINE, formerly of the Comptroller's Office, and his wife moved from Chicago to their new home which they built in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Happy retirement, Al, in the land of sunshine and tranquility. . . GENEVIEVE WRIGHT, Billing, is now home from the hospital after surgery. Jean is convalescing nicely but will be happy to return to work. . . Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia was an important stop on the agenda of RUTH HAVLIK, Accounting, and her sister, MARIE, Electrical, along with their mother on a trip to Maryland. They visited with relatives in Maryland and Washington, D. C., and on their way home made a stopover at Harpers Ferry National Monument in West Virginia. The trees and foliage were a riot of color in their autumnal splendor.

- Mable Potthast

(Payroll) -

It was a beautiful autumn day when JEANETTE KELLY married MARCEL SCHROEDER in a nuptial mass held at Visitation church, Saturday, October 1. Many of her co-workers attended the service and threw rice (uncooked) at the happy couple as they left the church for the reception held at the Crystal Ballroom of the scrumptious Beverly House. Among the guests attending was your reporter, and believe me, the food was delicious and so very well served. A beautiful three-tiered wedding cake was carried in for dessert, atop of which was a bride and groom. This was no ordinary cake, and the reason for the late arrival proved to be an unusual surprise, for in reality, it was a baked Alaska masterpiece. For those who have never had this great achievement by any chef--it is layers of cake placed on a thick board with rainbow ice cream spread between the layers, and

covered with whipped egg whites and baked in an oven. It is kept cold until served and then fresh strawberries are heaped on top! I will guarantee that this was the first wedding that no pieces of cake were taken home to place under the pillow to dream on--the plates were polished clean. Dancing was well diversified, from waltz to Watusi, to an Irish Jig (naturally), and the real topper of the night was the "hokey pokey." We wish the couple a happy life together with our thanks for a memorable evening of fun. . . MARGE ORGAN returned from her vacation to find a sign and picture on her desk reading: "Welcome, Miss Winnetka." During her vacation, Marge moved from Austin to become a suburbanite. Good luck! . . STANLEY MAILUCK took his week to go camping in the lovely fall-colored Quachita Mountains in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He toured the countryside and visited many interesting places. . . CHRISTINE CAMERON came home from her European jaunt with many exciting tales to tell. She also collected enough charms to fill a bracelet. She visited relatives in Scotland. During her stay in Rome, the Pope blessed the crowd from his lofty window. As there is always candy on her desk, she tried to bring back some candy from each place she visited. . . Well, we have another mover in our midst. ESTHER ANDERSON and her sister, EDNA, bought a new home on the northwest side of town. We wish you success in your new home. Put the coffee pot on! . . A big box of candy was on MARK PIZZA's desk for us to enjoy. It was the anniversary date of his first year out of service.

-Eileen Neumanter

(Revenue) -

LOIS JAHNKE visited Austria and Germany on her vacation. Lois took a 25-mile boat ride down the Danube River, which is used for interior and international transportation. The Gross Glockner, a pyramidal-shaped mountain with a snowy summit rising to 12,461 feet, was one of the sights Lois was fortunate to see on a clear day because the top of the mountain can only be seen about seven days out of the year. She also visited the Baden-Baden Casino in Germany which she described as very plush. . . We extend our sympathy to ANN WEINSTOCK on the passing of her husband, EMANUEL WEINSTOCK. . . A luncheon was held in the M. & M. Club restaurant in the Mart on October 13 for KATHY DALY who became Mrs. JAMES STANGER, October 19. The wedding ceremony was performed in Our Lady of Peace church. A dinner reception was held in Becker's Hall. One and all wish the very best to Mr. and Mrs. James Stanger. . . The welcome mat is out to our new Key Punch Operator ERMA GOARD, and Transfer Counters MAURICE BALLESTRO and CRAIG CAMPBELL. . . Yours truly is a proud aunt, as my niece, ROSANNE PARIS, was crowned "Miss Touchdown" in her home town of Raritan, New Jersey. . . On behalf of the people from Revenue, we hope one and all have a most thankful Thanksgiving Day.

-Joanne Paris

BEVERLY -

There are still some people who have time to think of someone else, and we take our hats off to Operator VIC-

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TOR HULTHEN and his wife, MAE. Vic and Mae made a very generous donation to Notre Dame and offered it in the name of the late GEORGE GRIFFIN. Thanks again from the captains of the Notre Dame Retreat League . . . Clerk JOHN KIRBY would never make a bus driver, as he runs over cats and then stops and gets a ticket from the police . . . The beautiful MARGARET STENSON was really thrilled about her recent trip to Rome, and plans to return next year. Hope the years ahead are happy ones, Marge . . . Operator ED LAGERSTROM and his wife took the CTA trip to Europe and had a wonderful time visiting all the countries . . . Glad to see Supervisor FRANK McGLYNN back to work after his recent illness. Everyone missed you, Frank, and we know you'll keep up the good work as you can't keep a good Irishman down . . . Your scribe just returned from a wonderful vacation in the Ozarks, and is behind on his typing. We stopped to see the Merrimac caves (Jesse James' old hideout). It was beautiful to see how the onyx is formed from the water dripping from the ceiling. We also stopped at Springfield to tour the State Capitol, and went into the Governor's office, and the House and Senate Chambers. The State Museum and Lincoln's tomb are well worth the trip . . . We express our sympathy to Receiver J. CUNNINGHAM on the loss of his brother, and to Supervisor RAY ULRICH whose father-in-law died . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Pensioner RALPH BRAMLET who is on the sick list . . . New members for the Little Flower Society are Operators J. DEGNAN, RAY FLORES, AL CROAKIN, T. CHORAK, J. RYAN, and our good old friend from 69th, Pensioner JIM COUGHLIN, who is once again back in the fold. Beverly will double its quota and we thank all the men who made it possible. Let's have some more new members . . . Operator GEORGE SCHLETZ and the Mrs. vacationed in Mexico, but before they could say "hablo el espanol," they had to say "Adios Amigos," and hurry home to see their son, MARVIN, promenade down the middle aisle . . . Glad to see my old buddy LOUIE CONTANT back to work after his illness. Louie was one of our ace operators at Beverly.

- Tom Daniels

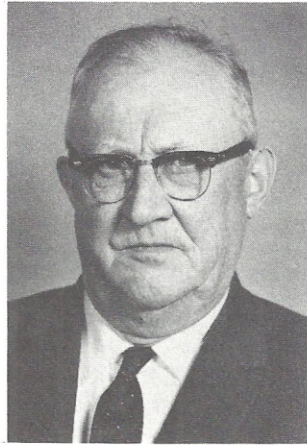
CONGRESS (Agents) -

Congratulations to Supervisory Instructor JOHN BRUCKER and his wife, MARGARET, on their 30th wedding anniversary which was October 22. The happy couple started the day by going to mass at St. Jerome's church with their seven children and three grandchildren. There was a dinner at the Town House for the family and relatives. Mrs. Bruker said the gift from John is out of this world . . . The story book wedding of JILL MATTRAN and SAMUEL BATTAGLIA took place on October 15. Jill is the daughter of Agent JULIAN MATTRAN. The bride's empire style gown of chantilly lace had a long train and was embroidered with pearls and sequins. It was a brisk October day but the bride didn't mind because she was radiantly happy and quite comfortable wrapped in a white fox stole--a gift from her husband. Her mother, JULIA, wore a gold brocade dress and later changed her gown and wore a mint green one, and her gorgeous mink stole. Breakfast was at Landers and the reception for 250 guests was at the Chateau Royale. The happy couple left for a honeymoon at the Deauville in Miami and a cruise to Nassau . . . November 27 is always a very special day for little JON FILIP, and this year he will be nine years old. Jon and his dad, Supervisor A. J. FILIP, will dine out and then go to a hockey game where, as always, they'll indulge in peanuts and hot dogs. After the game, milkshakes are a must. If A. J. Filip doesn't report for

work the next day, you'll know he tried to keep up with Jon. Happy Birthday, Jon . . . Congratulations to Porter GEORGE SHORTS and his wife, THALIN, who celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on November 23 by relaxing at home with their five children--three boys and two girls . . . Conductor DAVID TOBIN was in the hospital for surgery, but he is doing very well . . . Receiver RONALD SORENSON celebrated his birthday October 3 by going to work as usual, but he had the traditional birthday cake before he did . . . Porter ARTHUR HUBACZ transferred to the Mart where he will work as a multigraph operator . . . Porters RAYMOND COBB and WILLIAM RAVIZEE transferred to the South Shops . . . Agent HARRY HARPER retired September 30. He was formerly from 57th and Cottage. Harry is moving to Savannah, Georgia, where he is going to spend his leisure time fishing and doing the things he didn't have time to do . . . Congress Agent ED NONA came to work on his birthday, October 21, but what he did after work is still his secret . . . Agent GERTRUDE YARDLEY went to St. Mary's of the Woods in Terre Haute, Indiana, to visit with her daughter, sister MARY JOSHUA. Gertrude's daughter and son-in-law took her out to dinner on her birthday, which was October 19.

Agent MARGUERITE McMAHON and her sisters went to the Deauville in Miami, Florida, on their vacation . . . Agent BARNADETTE HAYES stayed in town during her vacation . . . Agent CATHERINE DALY had a great time in California on her vacation . . . We extend our sympathy to the family of Lake Street Switchman MERLE SMITH, for whom services were held at St. Bernadine's church on October 22 . . . Our condolences to the family of pensioner and former Motorman RALPH ANSEL TANNER who was buried at Union Ridge on October 22 . . . Our sympathy to Trainman PETER KLISIEWICZ and his family on the loss of their dear father who passed away on October 20 . . . We were sorry to hear that Lake Street Conductor DOUGLAS WILLIAMS lost his beloved mother on October 15 . . . Welcome to the following Agents: HILTON STEWARD, who was formerly of Kedzie Depot. BEVERLY PEOPLES, who is to be stationed on the North Side. Her father-in-law is REED PEOPLES of Foster Depot. DOROTHEA PATES, who will be stationed on the South Side. Her favorite sport is bowling - (140-160 average). Agent DOROTHEA BROWN, who is also a commercial artist. Her brother-in-law is bus Operator LARRY WOODS. JAMES MOCK will be a student agent. He had been an extra guard . . . Regular Agent MAUREEN DUNCAN will celebrate her birthday on November 29 . . . Agent LEON KURAS is formerly of Beverly, Lawndale, and Kedzie Depots. Leon is a dog fancier and at present owns a pedigree pekinese . . . Receiver EUGENE DUFFY remained in town during his vacation, but he and Mrs. DUFFY did get around . . . Agent G. M. BURGE finally got a puppy. She bought it for a dollar from two boys and named it Peso. Her motto is "never waste a minute with a kid or a dog." She fed it a hamburger and got it to sit up before she had it a half an hour . . . My thanks to those who voted for me at the union election and I hope that those who didn't will the next time. Thanks again . . . Skip counting calories and have a very happy Thanksgiving.

STEVEN GIBBONS, formerly of Lake Street and Kedzie stations, left recently for Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a visit, and then plans to go to St. Petersburg, Florida, for the winter season. He's looking forward to seeing some of his old CTA friends who are residing in that area . . . Our condolences to the family of Supervisor



NOVEMBER 1 RETIREES included these three men who completed 40 or more years of service each. They are, from left, FRANK SCHEUBERT, JEREMIAH MORRISSEY, and MARTIN KIELTY.

NEW PENSIONERS

JOHN J. BRENNAN, Foreman, Building, Emp. 11-22-43
 ALBERT O. BROACH, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 11-14-28
 MARTIN J. COSGROVE, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 10-05-27
 MARTIN H. CUNNINGHAM, Conductor, North Section, Emp. 10-12-45
 EDWARD J. FRIEL, Asst. Foreman, Building, Emp. 7-01-42
 ALFRED GRABE, Motorman, South Section, Emp. 1-30-45
 HENRY HARPER, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 1-13-45
 THOMAS HUGHES, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 2-05-30
 MARTIN B. KIELTY, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 5-06-24
 NICK J. KOEHNKE, Operator, Limits, Emp. 1-31-34
 JEREMIAH MORRISSEY, Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 8-06-25

WILLIAM A. NEGELE, Operator, North Park, Emp. 8-09-23
 AXEL PETERSEN, Motorman, Howard Street, Emp. 3-26-40
 MARTIN J. REIDY, Collector, 69th Street, Emp. 6-21-29
 FRANK J. SCHEUBERT, Traffic, Research & Planning, Emp. 3-23-20
 ANDREW M. SCHOFFEN, Operator, North Park, Emp. 2-09-37
 MARIANO SCIALES, Operator, North Park, Emp. 2-27-43
 ERVIN H. SELOF, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-26-29

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JAMES SIMPKINS, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 2-18-29
 JOHN A. WRIGHT, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-21-34

E. L. ROSENWINK who died suddenly of a heart attack on October 26. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

- Julia Brousek

ELECTRICAL -

Congratulations to ROBERT UNWIN, son of Lineman GEORGE UNWIN. As the result of his excellent scholastic record his name was placed on the dean's list. Robert attends the University of Illinois college of business administration . . . Our sympathy is extended to ARTHUR ARDUWINI on the passing of his mother, and to PETER CALIFF who lost his father. JOHN VAISVILAS, of the Line Department, passed away on October 12 after a short illness. Our deepest sympathy to his family . . . PHILLIP MICHAEL COYNE was born on September 5. He is the third child of PHILLIP and SUZANN COYNE, and the ninth grandchild of grandpa HAROLD COYNE . . . Best wishes for a happy retirement to JOSEPH McGLYNN, THOMAS STIPETI, and WILLIAM McDONALD. October 1 was the magic day for these three young fellows . . . Pensioner CHARLES STALEY dropped in at Blue Island to tell all the boys hello. We enjoyed his visit . . . Vacation mail is still coming in.

Had cards from JOHN DARCYIN, Las Vegas, Nevada; BOB FERGUSON in Lakewood, Wisconsin; ANDY BOURNE from Delavan, Wisconsin, and TED WYNCOTT from Ely, Minnesota . . . GABBY GAVELIN and RAY BIENIAZ got in some more fishing, as did BILL and LEONA LOOS. Bill fished at Kentucky Lake and Lake of the Ozarks . . . JOSEPH MAGRODSKI visited Hot Springs, Arkansas, and SYLVESTER DANNEKE spent his vacation at Miami Beach . . . MARIE HAVLIK made a trip to Maryland . . . JOSEPH LACKI and his wife toured Europe . . . FRED MARRIANE spent his vacation resting in Cicero . . . AUGUST FISHER, a pensioner, will be installed as Master of Albany Park Lodge #974 on January 12, 1967 . . . On our sick list are CHARLES PARK, JOHN O'DONNELL, and FRANK CASTRIE. The boys would appreciate hearing from you.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

ENGINEERING -

Congratulations on a new arrival to EDWARD PETERSON, plumber helper . . . JAMES NAGEL--we hope the family enjoys the teddy bear . . . HENRY KEEN, plumber, hope you enjoy your fruit cake . . . Mr. MALM-

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QUIST'S son, ART JR., caught a 33-lb musky. This is the same fish PAUL ANDERSON has been after for 20 years . . . Ironworker PETE WESTMES returned to work after spending three months in Bjorka, Norway. Fishing was fine! . . . Ironworker BARY GRECO is back to work after an operation and feels fine . . . General Ironworker Foreman E. P. WADE is busy helping his wife prepare the program and decorations for the dog show to be held on October 15 in Wheaton, where 163 St. Bernard dogs are already entered. Mrs. WADE is the president of the Northern Illinois St. Bernard Club . . . West Shop's "Sam Snead," GUS STUPKA, is still looking for that golf course in Tanganyika . . . Carpenter Foreman LEE ANDERSON is spending his vacation hunting, and "Curly" BANNISTER spent his vacation touring our fair city . . . Carpenter JAMES ALLEN's mother passed away October 13 in Mississippi . . . MARY GALLON is off to the races with her new winter wardrobe . . . tally ho! . . . JOHN HEFFERNAN became the grandfather of BRIAN JOSEPH. His brother, BILL HEFFERNAN, recently moved from Cicero, buying a new home out in Berwyn . . . LEO FELCKOWSKI, one of our foremen, has gained a new son-in-law. His daughter, JUDY, was married October 1 at St. Pricilla's church . . . Laborer PAT O'HARA'S wife had a baby boy, JOHN PATRICK and Bricklayer JOHN DOYLE'S wife had a baby girl . . . RED TOBIN spent a wonderful vacation watching the world series on television . . . Our new superintendent of Structures spent a happy birthday working.

- Jean Hensen

FOREST GLEN -

Tell-Tale Quotes: Wrong way CORRIGAN and O'NEAL have something in common, they are always going the wrong way. Corrigan flying, O'Neal making the wrong reliefs. Want to tell the boys about it O'Neal? . . . Do you remember the song "Brother John," well TED GALUS has the same type of smile since he came back to Austin. Ted always seems to ride the gravy train, more smiles than customers these days. Good to see him get a break, as he sure is a good operator . . . Fierce competition has developed at a certain grill between JUNIOR of Austin and JOHN LANGE of Milwaukee. Seems these two are trying to outdo each other for free coffee. One a dish washer, the other a waiter. You guess which is which . . . Received a card from Operator PETE NORRIS who was vacationing in Colorado Springs. The weather was perfect, which helps the cause, and there is much to be seen in the way of natural beauty . . . A grandson was born, WILLIAM ROBERT, to Operator JOHN and LUCILLE MILLER. The proud parents are WILLIAM and CAROL MILLER. Congratulations, and may your future lives be filled with much happiness . . . I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee men and members of the Little Flower Society, St. Joseph Branch, for their cooperation in the annual raffle. Forest Glen contributed \$1,000.00, which was only possible through time consuming efforts of many. Speaking of being thankful, I would like to say "Happy Thanksgiving" and that all of you have a "horn of plenty" that's filled with good health and happiness.

- Frank Carpino

KEDZIE-

Superintendent E. PETERSON, Assistant Superintendent J. WILL, and Relief Superintendent G. DAUBS want to congratulate all the men at Kedzie depot and our Re-

pair Department for our accomplishment in winning first place in the Interstation Safety Contest in the third quarter. Coffee and rolls were sent down from the General Office, so let's keep up our safety record and win the last quarter. We are off to a good start. The bad weather will soon be here; remember, safety first, the schedule second. With this in mind at all times, I'm sure Kedzie can do it again . . . I received a card from DAVE CLARK, our number one man at Kedzie. He's enjoying his vacation in Canada. Operator Clark is planning on making his home in Canada when he retires . . . I called CHARLIE STARR, our retired chief clerk. He's doing fine and says hello to everyone at Kedzie. By the way, he'd like to hear from some of the fellas. If anyone is interested, please see me for his number . . . The Masons club of the Northwest Side Degree Team members had their meeting with the South Side Degree Team. Secretary W. P. WENTZEL was very busy at his work but was sure proud of the turn out. Here are some of the operators and retired operators who attended: W. P. Wentzel, R. Reed, J. McIntosh, C. Langer, V. Mempe, L. Mulligan, W. Woeble, B. Benson, R. Gunderson, S. Schorell, E. Manthei, R. Davidson, W. Fisher, M. Beize, E. Tronvig, J. Neibert, J. Berck, S. Duke, H. Bretz, F. Hayden, R. Brown, W. Powell, A. Fisher, T. Hicks, J. Campbell, H. Ward, W. Rehder, T. Martens, H. Budde, R. Wakefield, N. Besser, N. Wallace, C. Marten, W. Beaman, and your reporter. After the meeting, we had refreshments and enjoyed the remainder of the evening talking about the old streetcars and our job today with the buses . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Operator GLEN SEPKE on the loss of his mother; the family of HARVEY A. ROLLO, retired conductor, and Mrs. L. GOLDBERG on the loss of her husband, LEWIS GOLDBERG . . . Congratulations to Operator FRED ANHALT and Mrs. ANHALT as they became grandparents for the first time. The wife of their son, Pastor PAUL ANHALT, gave birth to a darling baby girl on October 8. They named her JAY LYNN. Pastor Anhalt lives in Forreston, Illinois.

- Raymond Graham

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

NANCY OBERLE, who has been with us since 1963, has decided to leave CTA but will still remain in the Merchandise Mart. She has accepted a secretarial position with the Quaker Oats Company . . . DIANA MIKRUT and JOSEPH TUNZI, employed in the Transportation Department, were married on November 19 at a nuptial mass celebrated in the church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. A reception was held at the Club Suzette. Diana and Joseph, following their honeymoon trip, will move into their new home. Best wishes were extended to this popular couple for a long and happy wedded life.

(Medical) -

MARY ANNE SMITH was welcomed by Mr. HELFRICH in Executive Offices when she recently transferred from Medical . . . Doctor PONS was extended best wishes recently when he left CTA to take up new medical duties with the Zenith Corporation.

(Accident Statistics) -

JOANNE NOWOSIELSKI's engagement to JAMES BOURNE was announced the night co-worker ROBERT AVRAM's wedding reception was being held with several CTA co-workers present to extend congratulations. Joanne was completely surprised when James presented her with a beautiful diamond engagement ring. Joanne's

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dad, RAYMOND NOWOSIELSKI, is employed at Skokie Shops and James' father, ANDREW BOURNE, is employed in the Electrical Department . . . JOE O'SULLIVAN and his wife, HELEN, spent a recent weekend in Winona and St. Paul, Minnesota, visiting their sons, MARTY and JOHN. Marty is a junior at St. Mary's college in Winona and John is a freshman at St. Thomas college in St. Paul. When Joe and his wife arrived in St. Paul, they had a difficult time finding a place to stay as St. Paul had been hit with a blizzard and all motel guests who had intended to leave stayed on. However, the O'Sullivans found lodgings near the Capital and St. Paul's beautiful cathedral. Despite the weather, they enjoyed the scenery which is beautiful during the fall of the year, and their visit with both boys . . . JIM TRETTON and his wife, ELIZABETH, enjoyed a recent vacation in New York. They saw five Broadway plays; had a pleasant evening at Radio City Music Hall; guided tours of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and at the UN General Assembly Building, as well as the N.B.C. TV Studios. They also took a sightseeing bus tour of New York City and enjoyed dining at Kawaii Kai, Sardi's, LaFonda del Sol, and at the Delegates dining room at the United Nations.

(Employment) -

PATRICIA AUGDAHL and LORENZ BERDA were welcomed to CTA. Patricia lived in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but decided to make her home in Chicago. Her father, OSCAR AUGDAHL, is a bus operator at Forest Glen Station. Lorenz hails from Lansing, Illinois. She was graduated from St. Francis High school last May. RAY TREZISE, instructor at CTA's Training Center, was also welcomed as a temporary interviewer . . . ELAINE SHERMAN and her husband, ROBERT, who is employed at South Shops, enjoyed a recent vacation out West. The high spots were Las Vegas and Los Angeles . . . STANLEY TADEVIC and his wife, PEGGY, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. The ideal weather and beautiful scenery made their trip and stay on the island a memorable one.

(Engineering) -

Congratulations were extended to GEORGE MACAK and his wife, JUNE, on the recent arrival of their little adopted son, CHARLES JOSEPH . . . Sympathy was extended to FRANK MISEK whose father, FRANK MISEK Sr., passed away on October 18.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEELER -

Hi gang! Have you ever noticed how our pants seem to shrink around the waistline during the Thanksgiving season. Thanksgiving greetings to you all and a little thought - "If you have nothing to be thankful for -- make up your mind that there is something wrong with you." . . . It gives us a glow to have visitors like Retiree JOE BUTLER drop in on us. Joe is well liked at both Keeler and Limits depots . . . Birthday greetings to Operator THEODORE GRAY, November 3; also, to Repairman A. PARRILLO, November 16 . . . Operator A. D. MERRICK -let's join him in wishing his lovely spouse a happy birthday, November 20 . . . Our condolences to Operator FRANK WISHLER on the loss of his father . . . Welcome back to Receiver ED McDERMOTT . . . The following couples have extra special reasons to be thankful, for they all effected a merger in November. So happy anniversary to Operator and Mrs. EDWARD W. JASEK --send them silver boys--its their 25th. Operator BAR-

TNICKI and his wife, JOAN, and the family celebrated their 16th anniversary on November 18 by partaking of a real German dinner. Janitor EDWARD GLONKE and his wife, MARTHA, celebrated their 40th anniversary November 24. Helping in the celebration were their two daughters and sons-in-law, and son and daughter-in-law, plus 10 grandchildren . . . Garageman WILLIAM REDIVINE and his wife, CAROL, just couldn't wait, so happy six months anniversary to the two love birds, November 26 . . . The entire personnel is proud as punch of our achievement of receiving more commendations than complaints. Coffee was on the house . . . Well fellows, your old scribe has to go now and put another notch in his belt . . . Thought for the month: "A man's wife may not be the only woman he ever loved, but she's the only woman who made him prove it."

- Ernest C. Carter

LIMITS -

Operator CONRAD JOHNSON is on his annual deer and moose hunt at this writing. He is hunting around Soo Narrows in Canada, 90 miles from the Minnesota border. He dropped his wife off at Hartford, Wisconsin, to visit his sister while he bags the deer or moose . . . Retired Motorman CHARLES FENNER passed to his eternal reward on October 12. He was 94 years of age. May he rest in peace . . . Operator ED KAZMIERCYK had the finish of his vacation in October. He fished at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and also took in some sights in good old Chicago . . . All at Limits were saddened at Operator TOM KELLY's injury when struck by a car. He is recuperating in St. Luke's Presbyterian and is in good condition. All at Limits hope and pray for a speedy recovery . . . Operator LOU GEISHEIMER had a vacation and spent it helping CASSIE around the house . . . Operator LUCAS DANIELE also vacationed at home in Chicago during October . . . SHARON, daughter of Operator and Mrs. ROBERT PENDLETON, was recently sworn into the Navy nurse program, which is for students about to begin their junior or senior year. Upon graduation from Loyola university, Sharon will be commissioned . . . Former Operator FRANK WISHLER, who has been custodian of records in the mail room at the Merchandise Mart for the past five years, passed away very suddenly in October. We extend deepest sympathy to his family . . . Retired Operator CARL TIMMS passed away in October and we sympathize deeply with his family.

The annual uniform inspection was held in October and Superintendent GEORGE MAY was well pleased with their handsome appearance . . . Mechanic TONY ARDUINI, of Campaign Area 278, wished to thank the League of the Little Flower for masses offered for his dear mother who passed away in October . . . An open letter to the operators at Limits from Superintendents GEORGE MAY, MILES DEWITT, and JACK MORRIS. "In September you really gave out the 'welcome aboard' service. You had 20 commendations and 13 complaints. We appreciate your efforts. However, what is more to our liking is that we had four fewer complaints in September of this year than for September, 1965. So far this year we've had 193 commendations and only 167 complaints." For this good record, coffee was served on October 26 for all. Sweet rolls - compliments of Limits Credit Union - were also served . . . League of the Little Flower members from Limits enjoyed a pleasant bus ride, mass, and breakfast at St. Clara's church on October 30. Commentator and Lector were BRUNO KARP and JIM TOOLIS. Servers at the concelebrated

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mass were PAT OBRIEN and ERNEST TOCCL. Father PAUL HOBAN gave his usual inspiring talk of changes in the church for the good of mankind. Our retired President DAN McNAMARA also spoke after breakfast, receiving a standing ovation. The turnout was very great. We all missed Mr. and Mrs. TOM KELLY, but all prayed for a speedy recovery for Tom. . . Limits went over their quota and CHARLES HEROLD thanks all for the effort. You can save and borrow at Limits Credit Union and have a payroll deduction.

- George Clark

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Pensioner ANN DUNLEAVY is home after eye surgery and is doing well. She would like to hear from her CTA friends. . . Agent JOSEPHINE COLEMAN is back on the job after surgery and would like to thank her many friends for their cards and calls. . . Porter GEORGE SWANSON, who went on pension on October 1, wishes to thank his many friends for the cards and gifts he received. We wish George a long and healthy retirement. . . Porter STEVE CUNNINGHAM and his lovely wife celebrated 13 years of happy marriage on October 3. . . Pensioner AGNES SULLIVAN is hospitalized in Springfield, Illinois. I'm sure many of her friends would like to send her a card. The address is Central DuPage hospital, No. 25, Winfield Road, 106B, Winfield, Illinois. . . Pensioner HENRIETTA BROWN would like all her friends to know she is feeling well after her accident. . . Mrs. SMALL, our former popular Metropolitan Credit Union lady, is now living in Florida. Her address is 4565 W. 14th Court, Pompano Beach, Florida 33060. . . At this writing, Agents HELEN McMAHON and JOE MIRABELLI are on vacation. . . Congratulations to JOHN FLYNN on his promotion to acting station superintendent. . . Pensioner CATHERINE SHEEHAN is on vacation in Canada at this writing. . . Former Agent NONI MURRAY has moved to Park Forest and is living with her daughter. . . Pensioner NORAH HAYES vacationed in California and was surprised to meet CTA people there. Coming back on the train, she became acquainted with more CTA folks. This proves that we sure get around. . . Former Assignment Agent JOSEPH EILERT suffered the loss of her brother, ANTHONY. Our condolences to the family. . . Pensioner ROSE DANIELS has passed on. We have no further information on this. . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner SAM JOHNSON who passed on after an extended illness. Mr. Johnson was a porter on the West Side. . . Don't forget to pay your blood bank dues.

- Helen Pallister

LOOP -

The big day is here and gone but Agent MORA HAASE is still in a daze. Her daughter gave birth to a girl on October 25. Mora has been so excited waiting for this little one that it's quite a relief to sit back and think about a name and plan the christening. . . Student Agent E. WINGATE is looking for Agent BOB DONAHUE. I believe it's concerning a football game. . . Student JANE MASSEY is a grade "A" agent now after her retraining program. . . A little bird keeps telling some people that Agent JERRY McCANN is thinking about wedding bells next summer. Let us in on it, Jerry. . . Birthday greetings to Agent W. STRASSER who just became a year younger, September 19. He said he couldn't get all the candles on the cake. Why? It was a cupcake! . . Agent DOROTHY DISMANG is having a grand time being

den mother to a nice group of boys. Dorothy is a lovely singer and one of these days when you have time, ask her to sing the "Little Dog" song. It's real cute. By the way, notice how neatly Dorothy keeps her pennies on the tray. How about that! . . Student Agent RONALD FAN- CZAK finished work Saturday, October 22, with a headache and he said he was counting money in his dreams that night. Why? Well he worked 52 stations and Douglas and that was the last day for the races. And what a crowd! . . No one but Student BOB DONAHUE could get away with driving down South Boulevard reading the Wall Street Journal. Then he walked through a Lake Street station talking to himself about the stock he didn't buy, or couldn't. . . Student Agent TERRY HANLON, who not so long ago said "I do," not only makes a good husband, but a perfect ticket agent, now that he has finished his agent re-training class. . . Looking for a skate board? Well, Agent ED WINGATES needs one to use on the ramps going from one station to the other on Congress. . . Agent J. MATTRAN's daughter, JILL ANN, was married to S. BATTAGLIA on October 15 at our Lady of Lebanon at 12 o'clock mass. After the wedding, breakfast was held for 60 guests at Landers a few blocks from church. A reception was held for 250 guests at the Chateau Royal. The couple had their honeymoon in Miami, Florida. . . Trainman E. EPLEY and his wife, PATRICIA, had quite a party at their home October 23. Pat had a surprise birthday for their son, DANNY, who was three and Ed had a birthday too. In the evening, Ed made his confirmation at St. Augustine's church, 51st and Justine street. His sponsor was Patricia's brother, DANIEL E. DOYLE Jr. of Oak Lawn.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Congratulations to Operator DAVE EGGERSDORF and his wife, AMELIA, who celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. Dave dined and dined his wife at Goldie's Steak House. . . SP/4 CHESTER VAILLANCOURT, paratrooper, son of Pensioner CHESTER VAILLANCOURT, celebrated his return from Viet Nam at an open house party given for him at Bohner's Lake, Wisconsin, on October 8. He was injured last January near the Cambodian border. Thank God, his life was spared and he was not permanently disabled. He will be stationed in the U.S. until his release in April. Chester Sr., who retired eight years ago, also has a son, LAWRENCE, in the armed forces in Germany. Pfc RON BEDOE, repair department, now in the service of Uncle Sam, enjoyed a week-end at home with his family. . . Our congratulations to Clerk RUSS GUNDERSON who was one of 70 national guardsmen and army reserve men who received the annual Tribune Award for Outstanding Achievement on October 8 for the State of Illinois. General JOHN- SON, army chief of staff, made the awards. . . Operator EDWIN RUTKOWSKI took his pension October 1 after 39 years of service. He will vacation in California and make his permanent home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Operator ALBERT BROACH retired November 1. We wish both the best of everything. . . Welcome to new Operators EUGENE GRAY, FRANKLIN MORRIS, AR- THUR PATTERSON, IRA DAVIS, LAWRENCE ROBINS, WILSON WADE, SHERMAN MARTIN, and LIEUTENANT SCOTT. . . Operator WINFRED WILSON is home sick and would like to hear from his many friends. His address is 27 Franklin Drive, Northlake, Illinois. We wish him a speedy recovery. Operator ARTHUR MOILENEN was injured in an accident. We hope he will mend quickly.

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Operator HERBERT LINDEMANN and his wife, MILDRED, drove to California for their vacation. Herb drove 5,900 miles and had no trouble with his new Mercury . . . Night Foreman TOM CARROLL spent his vacation in Wisconsin visiting Pensioner HAROLD LEMIEUX . . . Operator CHARLES LUEPKE visited his farm at Bowler, Wisconsin, preparing his place for the winter and finishing up his crop of potatoes. He brought back a truckload of potatoes and his friends were waiting at the door for some of them . . . Foreman ERNEST PEARSON of Lawndale and I were on vacation at Baraga, Michigan. We stopped to see Operator ARTHUR MOILENEN who was on vacation visiting his folks. We appreciated their hospitality. Art joined us in some fishing. We fished at Portage Lake and Huron Bay. Ernie caught seven trout and your scribe caught five, besides other fish. Once Ernie thought he had a really big one. Suddenly, a duck flew out of the water attached to Ernie's line. We had a hard time getting that duck in and releasing it. I still chuckle trying to remember whether Ernie or the duck looked more disgusted . . . Operator EDWARD SCHNEIDER and his wife were fishing at Crivitz, Wisconsin . . . New papa RON BENSISH, Repair Department, won a 1967 Oldsmobile . . . GEORGE "Sinatra" KUENSTLE, Repair Department, reports his friend, RUSTY STAUB, of the Houston ball club, finished the season with a .280 batting average; 80 R. B. I.; and 18 H. R. Attaboy, Rusty. George's pastor, Rev. JAMES L. KIDD, is host of the C. B. S. television show, "Wonderful World", Saturdays at 12:30. George has been blessed with a new granddaughter, MARY KATHRYN BARTELT . . . Supervisor ED BRODD lost his mother, IDA. We extend our sympathy to him and his family . . . We wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for. As you give thanks, don't forget our boys in the armed forces, many of them far from home, and say a prayer for them, and for peace.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH SECTION -

Well, another issue off the press and what's that they say about no news is good news. Please folks, your going to put me out of business. Since I took over writing for the Transit news one year ago, this is thus far the poorest showing. I can't make up news items; I definitely need your assistance . . . Belated birthday greetings to Conductor TOM LEDDY . . . When will Ticket Agent THERESA CAFFERTY be wed? I think she knows, but thus far it's a big secret. Right, Theresa . . . The union election results should be out any time now, and it seems that the music playing in the background goes along the lines "there'll be some changes made." . . . As of this writing, Supervisor R. STANTON is ill and on the sick list but coming along fine . . . Can you imagine Motorman JOHN BERQUIST teaching Conductor OSCAR "The Greatest" SIDER how to win playing the horses? . . . I understand that Motorman MIKE WOODS, AL PELT and Conductor DON KOSTECKI are all having difficulties getting that much needed shut-eye nights because of the new family additions . . . Best wishes and a most enjoyable "Turkey Day" to you and your family . . . I certainly hope for a better turnout as far as news items go for the December issue.

Congratulations and best wishes to Conductor MARTY CUNNINGHAM on his retirement . . . Congratulations to Switchman R. LEMKE who, in a personal celebration, is going on 20 years with the CTA, and at the same time is celebrating 14 years of wedded bliss with his wife, VIO-

LET . . . Get well wishes are in hand for very popular Conductor TONY CARR, who had injured himself while working around the house . . . I wonder if the wife of Conductor LENNY THOMAS realizes that her husband is God's gift to women. That is the claim he made specifically to me recently.

- Frank T. Jasch

NORTH PARK -

Operator JOHN OLSZEWSKI, a charter member of the Illinois Railway Museum, which is located in Union, Illinois, invites all persons interested in streetcars and railroad engines to visit this fine display of equipment. This equipment is in operation on Saturdays and Sundays for rides and observation . . . Operator HAROLD HARMER started another season as cubmaster of pack 3012 and also helped organize Boy Scout Troop #12, who are meeting at Bethany Presbyterian church . . . TOM NEWTON, son of Operator EDGAR NEWTON, was inducted into the U.S. Army, and is taking his basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Tom is going to printing school and will be doing printing for the army . . . Mr. and Mrs. HARVEY PESTINE, son and daughter-in-law of Operator ELI PESTINE, have purchased a new ranch house in Skokie, Illinois . . . Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER won the State of Illinois, Veterans of Foreign Wars annual golf handicap division tournament at the Highland Golf Club, located in Bloomington, Illinois. Frank now has another big trophy to add to his rapidly filling trophy case . . . Instructor ART HIGGINS purchased the first '67 Chevrolet Corvair that was delivered in Chicago and is mighty proud of his new "blue bomber." . . . Mrs. MILDRED STERN was appointed secretary-treasurer of the East Rogers Park Council of the Girl Scouts of America and is now busy making plans for the 66-67 season . . . TOM CARR, son of Operator LE ROY CARR, is to play one of the leading roles in the musical show, "Annie Get Your Gun," which will be given by the students of St. Viator's High school in February . . . North Park Depot has a new Silvertone television set, due to the fine efforts of Operator REED PEOPLES, who did an outstanding job of recruiting funds for this set . . . Operator CHARLEY KEMP and his son, GARY, opened the pheasant hunting season at Marengo, Illinois, where they each bagged a bird. Young Gary is on the cross country track team at Maine South High school and in a recent meet finished 23rd out of 200 starters . . . Sanitary Engineer BOB SCHEFKE, formerly of Forest Glen Depot, filled in at North Park and turned out to be the finest coffee maker. The clerks and receivers all hope to see him back soon . . . Sanitary Engineer J. P. NELSON, formerly of 52nd Street Depot, is now stationed at North Park and is very happy in his new surroundings.

FRANK WEISS, formerly an Operator at North Park, is now working as a sanitary engineer at Limits Depot, where he is very happy with his new position . . . Operator RAY KENALEY went on a crash diet and dropped 29 pounds. Mrs. Kenaley is very proud of Ray now and says he is as youthful as he was years ago . . . Clerk JOE DI GIOVANNI and Receiver ED STENZEL won big baseball pools at North Park and are now treating the gang around the office . . . Operator WILLIAM NAGELE went on pension November 1, after 43 years of service and is going to fish and hunt for awhile before he starts on a new career as a bank guard. Good luck, Bill, in your new endeavors and stop in and see us once in a while . . . Operator HARRY COOK and his wife, MARGIE, went on a Duncan Hines tour of restaurants on their va-

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cation. The Cooks also visited Port Washington, Wisconsin, where they had a great time at Schmidt's restaurant where the family style meals are the best . . . Operator LYNN BUTLER and his wife, ANNE, motored to Rochester, Minnesota, to visit their son, MARTIN KOIF. The Butlers went through the Badlands of South Dakota and also to Mt. Rushmore. Also on the agenda were stops at Cheyenne, Wyoming, to see the rodeo; visits at the Air Force Academy; stops at Colorado Springs, and Denver. The Butlers camped out all the way on their trip and loved the outdoor life . . . Operator JOHN HALL and his wife, MARIE, relaxed in the Ozarks where they headquartered at Ellington, Missouri. Leaving the Ozarks, the Halls then drove to Detroit, Michigan, and Montreal, Canada.

Operator DAVE ARREGUIN spent his vacation touring Mexico. Highlights of the trip were visits to the bull fights in Mexico City, plus a week spent at Acapulco where the girls are beautiful . . . Superintendent CHARLES KERR and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. AL THOMAS, motored to Bonita Springs, Florida, to fish on the Imperial River. Fishing was excellent. While in Florida, Mr. Kerr spent a couple of days at his mother's home in Orlando, Florida . . . Operator WALTER LINDEMANN and his wife, ELEANOR, spent their vacation at Lake Owens, Wisconsin. The fishing was fair, while the rain was excellent. Bass and northern pike were the main target for the Lindemanns. Returning home, the Lindemanns then went to Apple River, Illinois State Park, which is the highest point in the state, at 1,724 feet above sea level, where the camping out was great . . . Operator HANK SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, motored to Paris, Illinois, for a week's visit with his cousin, JOE SCHRAMM. While in Paris, Hank helped Joe build a new porch on Joe's home . . . Operator VERNON WENNERBERG spent his vacation at Squirrel Lake, Wisconsin. Vern had a great time dancing and playing cards . . . Operator LE ROY CARR, his wife, LOUISE, and son, TOM, spent two weeks at Sister's Lake, Michigan. The Carrs had a great time water skiing and fishing. Horseback riding was another feature of the vacation . . . Operator EARNIE BUACHANAN, his wife, EDNA, and son, SKIP, motored to Denver, Colorado, and Pikes Peak on their vacation. The Buchanans camped out and enjoyed every minute of it . . . Receiver ED STENZEL and his daughter, SUSAN, enjoyed the CTA tour of Europe. Highlights of the trip were Mt. Gladys in Switzerland and the parties in the hotel rooms . . . Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG and his wife, DOROTHY, enjoyed the CTA trip to Europe. Highlights of their trip were a visit with Dr. and Mrs. MAGNUS of London, England, who took the Steinbergs to the Palladium where an evening of live entertainment was presented, with a dinner at Verys restaurant following visits to Germany, Italy, France, Switzerland, and a big evening of roulette at Monte Carlo where Dorothy had unusual luck . . . Operator RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN, spent their vacation at Bull Shoals, Arkansas. Ray reports that the fishing was fair. The Doneskis also had a big day visiting Pensioner ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH . . . Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN and his wife, ERMA, spent their vacation at the Wisconsin Dells and Duluth, Minnesota. The Christians were very impressed with the scenic sights around the sky blue country . . . Operator GARRETT FOY and his wife, JEAN, took their fall fishing excursion at Way Dam, Michigan, where they had exceptional catches of walleyes, northern pike, and jumbo perch . . . Supervisor BILL LOHSE, his wife, NINA, and son, BILL JR., spent a week's vacation at Whitewell, Tennessee, visiting relatives. While

down there, the Lohses took in all the historic civil war sights in the area . . . Operator JOHN WAIT spent his vacation at Backporch, Illinois, where he kept busy decorating his home . . . Receiver AL REMACK and his son, DON, spent a week at Ely, Minnesota, where they were fishing at Fall Lake and Jackknife Lake. Northern pike and walleyes were in abundance with the limit being caught easily . . . Operator JIM RENTSCHLER and his wife, HAZEL, took their annual trip to Yankee Town, Florida, where the fishing is always great. Jim caught a cobia weighing 15 pounds. Calls were also made at Bonita Springs, St. Petersburg, and Tarpon Springs . . . Operator LARRY SHIELDS and his wife, GRACE, vacationed throughout the New England States and Canada. Highlights of their trip were visits to Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls, seeing the changing of the guards in Ottawa, Canada, trying to read and understand French in Montreal, taking their car on a ferry from St. John, New Brunswick, to Digby, Nova Scotia, with much time spent around Cape Cod seeing lighthouses, and swimming in the Atlantic Ocean.

Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, drove their son, ROGER, formerly a bus cleaner at North Park, to Murray, Kentucky, where he enrolled as a student at Murray State university. Leaving Murray, the Hornings then proceeded to Forsythe, Missouri, where they spent two grand days with Pensioner ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH, who are very gracious hosts. The Hornings and the Muirs traveled to Mountain Home, Arkansas, to visit Pensioner WENDRICK "Blackie" NELSON and his wife, MAYBELL, who are established in business in the Ozarks . . . Operator H. W. NETTLES was married to EMMA ANDERSON in the bride's home, with Operator REED PEOPLES attending as best man. The reception was held at home with over 300 guests coming and going. The Nettles honeymooned at Niagara Falls and then traveled throughout Canada . . . RICHARD JULITZ, son of Operator and Mrs. HAROLD JULITZ was married October 1 to Miss PATRICIA TRESSEET at St. Peter's Lutheran church. The reception was held at the Garden Terrace on Irving Park Boulevard attended by 300 people. The young couple honeymooned throughout the West and will be at home in River Grove, Illinois . . . JOHN FRANCIS BOWLER, nephew of Operator ED BOWLER, was married October 8 to PATRICIA ANN DURKIN at Holy Sacrament of Matrimony church. The reception, held at the Beverly House was attended by 250 guests . . . Operator ALVIN BOYD became a father for the third time when his wife, RUBY, presented him with a son named ANTHONY ARRON, born September 5 at Michael Reese hospital . . . Operator KENCH BORUM became a father when his wife, JEANETT, presented him with a son named DARREN ERIC, born September 29 at Michael Reese hospital . . . Operator and Mrs. MEL HORNING became grandparents for the third time when their daughter, Mrs. BETTY DAUM, gave birth to a son named ANDREW PAUL, born September 8 at Ravenswood hospital . . . Operator and Mrs. MARTIN BAKKA became grandparents for the sixth time when their daughter, Mrs. MARCIA BURKE, gave birth to a son named KEITH ANDREW, born September 13 at Elgin Memorial hospital . . . Operator LOUIS SCHWARTZ became a grandfather for the second time when a grandson named MICHAEL TIMOTHY was born October 6 to his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS SCHWARTZ JR. . . Operator and Mrs. HENRY SCHRAMM became grandparents for the fourth time when a grandson, named CHARLES ALLER, was born at Travis City, Michigan, hospital to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES SCHRAMM . . . Instructor ART

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TABEL of Limits Depot and his wife, LA VERNE, celebrated their 25th anniversary by taking a trip to the Black Hills at Rapid City, South Dakota. The Tabels were impressed by the wild buffalo and Rocky Mountain beggars, which are tame mules that roam the mountains . . . Operator GEORGE KRINKE and his wife, PEARL, celebrated their 38th anniversary September 22 with a big evening at George Hessberger's restaurant . . . Operator NATE CHAVIS and his wife, VELMA, celebrated their 11th anniversary September 24. The Chavis spent the evening at the Packing House Hall with a large number of friends and relatives in attendance . . . Operator AL MEISTER and his wife, BERTHA, celebrated their 34th anniversary October 15 by dining out at Marlene's restaurant and then taking in the town . . . Happy anniversaries are also extended to Operator HAROLD MILLER and his wife, MARCELINE, 26th, September 28; Operator BILL STINESPRING and his wife, DOLLY, 37th, October 23, and Operator LARRY SHIELDS and his wife, GRACE, their 30th . . . Happy birthdays are extended to Operator NATE CHAVIS, September 24; Instructor GEORGE RELSTAB, October 2; Operator FRANK HESS, October 8; DENISE LIEBERT, October 8; Operator GIBSON STYLES, October 12; DANIEL KOZIEL, October 11; Operator VINCENT SHAYER, October 13; Operator JIM HOLMES, October 16; Operator JIM DOLAN, October 21; Operator STANLEY ZALE, October 24; Mrs. EVELYN RELSTAB, October 28; Operator BILL STINESPRING, November 1; Clerk BOB PETERSON, November 13, and Mrs. MABLE PEOPLE, November 15 . . . Our sympathy and condolences to Relief Superintendent EDWARD BRODD on the loss of his mother, Mrs. IDA BRODD.

Careful and cautious driving will have to be observed now with the coming of snow and ice. Let's all try and improve North Park's accident record this winter with the use of common sense . . . Your reporter and all the personnel at North Park wish you and yours a glorious Thanksgiving and hope you remember to give thanks for your many blessings . . . Repairman PAT WALSH had a winner in the Irish Sweepstakes and is now making plans for a trip to the old sod . . . Repairman JOE JOHNSON is a patient at Augustana hospital at this writing and the gang at the garage are all pulling for him to get back on the job soon . . . Repairman MIKE SCHULTZ spent his vacation raking leaves and getting in the wife's hair . . . Assistant Foreman JOE COUGHLIN relaxed on his vacation in Iowa, watching the corn pickers do their job . . . Bus Cleaner DENNIS CRONAN is back on the job again after a stretch of service with the United States Army . . . Repairman EDWARD CORDA is looking for property in Tennessee with his pension due to start January 1. The boys at the garage are looking forward to the Mountain Dew that Ed usually brings back on his visits to Tennessee . . . Foreman CHARLES DUNN would like to thank all the men at North Park for the fine job they did when the garage passed the fire inspection with flying colors . . . Repairman and Mrs. DAN PRISBLE welcomed their son, RICHARD, home from his service with the U. S. Marines, where he served four years, with 18 months of Viet Nam duty . . . North Park welcomes Clerk GEORGE BENSISH who replaced HAROLD ENWRIGHT. George's son, RONALD, a clerk at North Avenue Repairs won a '67 Oldsmobile on a raffle ticket that he purchased from St. Patrick's High school . . . Repairman JULIUS MERSCH and his wife, AGNES, spent a week touring the State of Iowa, visiting all the church bazaars where they serve delicious chicken dinners . . . Repairman FRANK CAHILL became the godfather of another colt when his mare, Dolly, gave birth to a fine off-

spring. Frank invites all the children from the garage to visit his ranch in Melrose Park where the pony rides will be on the house.

- Melvin Horning

PURCHASING, STORES & SPECIFICATIONS (Purchasing) -

A warm "welcome back" to ANN GUZICH who just returned from the sick list . . . LOUIS GALANTE's son, TOM, recently returned with a group of friends from a successful hunting trip in Canada where they shot three moose. A terrific snow storm delayed their departure for home - making them two days late.

(Specifications) -

NANCY HAGEMEYER is the proud owner of a 1963 Volkswagon! . . . Mr. and Mrs. JACK LARKIN recently returned from a vacation in sunny Florida.

(Stores) -

EDWARD B. THORNE recently became a \$50 winner in that great new money game everyone is playing . . . The Sun Times Social Security Sweepstakes.

(North Division) -

Welcome to HAROLD ENWRIGHT who is a new stock clerk in Storeroom 42 . . . Our sincere condolences go to Mr. JOHN DUNNE on the recent death of his wife . . . Grandparents for the very first time are Mr. and Mrs. NICK LaCORCIA who are thrilled over the arrival of baby boy ANTHONY ROBERT born on October 10 to Mr. and Mrs. NICK LaCORCIA Jr. . . Mr. and Mrs. VINCENT SCIMECA are delighted with their second grandchild, RICHARD JOSEPH, whose proud parents are the JACK SCIMECAS.

- D. Jane Bell

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

HARRY HIRSCH, assistant superintendent, and family flew down to Tampa, Florida, to visit with his parents . . . W. P. DEVEREUX flew down to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to visit with his daughter, Sister WILLIAMETTE . . . WALLY SCHWEINFURTHER is a grandfather for the first time. Congratulations, grandpa Wally . . . EDWARD JURIC is sporting a new 1967 Buick Electra . . . W.K.W.B. PHILIP LEAHY, is riding around in a new spanking 1967 model car. Lots of luck, Phil. Are you raffeling off the Mustang? . . . JOE KAREL is also the owner of a beautiful new car . . . Mr. and Mrs. JOE DEGRAZIA are celebrating their wedding anniversary, 33 happy years on October 28. We wish you many more years together . . . Superintendent L. C. DUTTON, as of this writing, is now the grandfather of 14 grandchildren .

- Katherine Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

Mr. and Mrs. RALPH KEMPE, machinist, were pleasantly surprised on their 25th Silver Wedding Anniversary at a party given in the Maywood American Legion Hall by their daughter, JEAN, and their sons, GARY and NEIL. The surprise was well kept by ANDY HODOWANIC, SAM CICERO, BRUCE APPLEQUIST, and HORACE REGNIER, CTA employees and their wives, who were among the many friends and relatives attending the party. Mrs. HODOWANIC especially enjoyed sitting in with the band on the bass fiddle . . . Laborer RAY-

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

JOHN BEISIEGEL, 84, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-26-06, Died 9-17-66
GEORGE BENEDEIT, 85, North Section,
Emp. 3-21-16, Died 9-25-66
EARL L. BROWN, 70, Archer,
Emp. 9-26-24, Died 9-11-66
MARIJAN BURAZIN, 83, Way & Structure,
Emp. 5-03-21, Died 9-04-66
JOHN J. CALLENDER, 66, Lake Street,
Emp. 7-30-66, Died 9-26-66
ROSE DANIELS, 82, West Section,
Emp. 5-16-27, Died 9-16-66
JAMES A. DAWSON, 61, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-25-42, Died 9-21-66
ALEX FERRARO, 78, Way & Structure,
Emp. 7-09-29, Died 9-14-66
CLARA B. GIESEKE, 79, South Section,
Emp. 1-16-13, Died 4-27-66
GEORGE A. HOFFMAN, 78, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 10-26-16, Died 9-09-66
SAMUEL JOHNSON, 68, West Section,
Emp. 1-06-25, Died 9-25-66
WILLIAM KOCZOROWSKI, 77, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-06-17, Died 9-12-66
PAUL L. KOWALCZYK, 90, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-12-19, Died 9-15-66
LINCOLN C. LATHROPE, 62, West Section,
Emp. 3-26-43, Died 9-05-66
RICHARD MILLEA, 81, Blue Island,
Emp. 10-13-15, Died 9-21-66

ELMER MILZ, 54, Transportation,
Emp. 3-29-32, Died 9-26-66
ELMER NELSON, 73, North Avenue,
Emp. 12-18-20, Died 9-07-66
CARL NEUHAUS, 67, Devon,
Emp. 8-10-15, Died 10-01-66
JAMES J. NYHAN, 69, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-28-22, Died 9-27-66
JOHN O'SHEA, 78, Lincoln,
Emp. 7-14-20, Died 9-22-66
COLOGERO PENDOLA, 80, North Section,
Emp. 11-26-18, Died 9-29-66
WESLEY W. PUCKETT, 72, Wilson,
Emp. 9-28-28, Died 10-02-66
HARVEY A. ROLLO, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-18-21, Died 9-25-66
CIRO ROMANO, 79, Logan Square,
Emp. 11-21-18, Died 9-26-66
JOHN R. RUZICH, 83, Way & Structure,
Emp. 9- -02, Died 9-21-66
JOHN J. VAISVILAS, 53, Electrical,
Emp. 12-01-48, Died 10-12-66
WILLIAM VINCEK, 69, Way & Structure,
Emp. 8-15-19, Died 9-13-66
RALPH M. WHITELAW, 67, Electrical,
Emp. 8-18-22, Died 10-02-66
AUGUST WOPINSKI, 76, North Section,
Emp. 3-15-23, Died 10-05-66

MOND NOWOSIELSKI and his wife, JANET, celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on Friday, October 14. His son, JACK, and daughter, JOAN, who works in the accident prevention office for CTA, honored celebrants with a dinner and two tickets for the "Hello Dolly" show . . . DAVID GURWICH, retired material clerk, recently paid a visit to Skokie Shops. Dave and his wife will be leaving for Florida for the winter.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

Well, the frost is on the pumpkin and turkey time is here again. A joyous Thanksgiving to all . . . Assistant Station Superintendent ARTHUR ANDERSON went on pension October 1. It will seem strange at Loomis Street without him. He will be missed by all his friends and co-workers. The men at Loomis St. had a nice get-together for him before he left and a good time was had by all. There were so many people there that I couldn't attempt to name everyone. Several of our pensioners who came out to see "Andy" off were: Retired Motorman EDWARD HENNESSY, Retired Conductor WILLIAM MAN-NICH, Retired Supervisor CHARLES SPIELMAN, Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS, Retired International Vice-President PATRICK GANLEY, Retired Porter JOHN WILSON, and Retired North Section Conductor JAMES SIMSEN. Mr. Simsen told me he recently was elected service officer in the North Shore Post #21 of the American Legion. The sandwiches were

as good as usual and our hats are off again to Motorman ED TORMEY on the good job he does organizing these get-togethers. Andy's lovely wife, HELEN, was also present and a token of remembrance was presented to him from his co-workers. All of us on the South Section wish Andy a wonderful life on pension and many years of happiness. Just the other day we received a postcard from the Andersons from Hawaii. They took a trip there for a couple of weeks and celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary there. They did a lot of sightseeing and really thought Hawaii was wonderful . . . Congratulations and best wishes to MICHAEL O'CONNOR who was appointed assistant station superintendent at Loomis Street on October 1. Also, a big welcome to WILLIAM ROONEY who was appointed assistant station superintendent . . . It is good to see Conductor MICHAEL SHEERIN back after being on the sick list . . . Congratulations and good luck to Conductor ROBERT E. LEE who was appointed transportation clerk on the North Section on October 9 . . . "Hello" to newly transferred trainmen from the North and West Sections. They are: WARREN COOPER, CRAWFORD McWILLIAMS, LAMARR WARE, RICHARD ROBERTSON, and THOMAS BRAGGS Jr. Also, to Agent LEON KURAS recently transferred from Surface Division, and newly hired Part-time Agent SUSAN LYNCH. JAMES MOCK, who was a part-time trainman during the summer, has signed on as an agent . . . Porter HEZEKIAH MILLIGAN had himself a wonderful vacation. He spent 17 days in Kingston, Jamaica. Doesn't that sound good? . . . Our best regards to Agent NICHOLAS ROGERS who went on pension October 1, and to Agent DOUGLAS

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NELSON, who had been on the sick list for several months and took a disability pension . . . Agent ALVIN BELL and his wife were two of the lucky people who took the second CTA European tour and visited 10 countries. They had a wonderful time and have many exciting stories to tell their friends about the trip . . . Retired Motorman PETER LAGERSTEDT passed away recently. Our condolences to his family.

DAVID HARRISON, who worked as a part-time trainman during the summer, is a teacher at Sbarbara Elementary school in the winter, and he has become an author. In the fall issue of Third Rail Magazine, which is published in New York, will appear a 15-page spread on the history and operation of the CTA, written by David. Keep up the good work . . . The BOB ROESINGS, superintendent of agents and porters, took a fall vacation and went to Lake Tahoe, Nevada, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and Las Vegas. They took in all the sight-seeing and saw some of the big shows in Vegas and came back with some winnings. While at Knotts Berry Farm, California, they visited with Retired Motorman JOHN LOUGHLIN who looks good and sends his regards to everyone back here. They also visited Disneyland, the Farmer's Market, and Fisherman's Wharf and Chinatown in San Francisco . . . Retired Agent BETTY BUCKLEY, who spent the summer here in Chicago, has gone back to Hawaii where she makes her home with her daughter and her family . . . Retired Conductor JOHN MORLEY was around to see the boys at 61st Street and he looks hale and hearty . . . Some more of our part-time agents who resigned are TONNIE PATE, ROBERT GRADY, KENNETH CRENSHAW, WILLIAM DAVIS, and KENNETH LEWIS . . . Retired Agent LULU HAMANN wishes to thank everyone for all their kindness and cards and calls she received in her recent bereavement . . . Motorman HENRY THORNE vacationed in Washington, D. C., visiting the Capitol Building, White House, and other tourist lures . . . Retired Agent KAREN FRIDDLE, who had broken her ankle recently, is all mended now and back in good shape . . . Condolences to Agent FLORENCE CUMMINGS whose brother passed away recently . . . Received a nice letter from Retired Conductor LELAND DAVIS from Guadalajara, Mexico, where he is staying with his son. His wife passed away recently. They had lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is going to stay in Mexico until December and then go to San Francisco to visit his daughter for awhile and then head back to Mexico. He says Guadalajara is just beautiful and he likes living in Mexico . . . Flash! The Rapid Transit Employees Blood Bank Incorporated cards for 1967 are now out. See your representative for your new card. Dues must be paid by January 1 . . . On the sick list at this writing are Motorman LARRY DeYOUNG, Conductor WILBUR WAGENER, and Agents BENNIE HARRIS, and FRANK CHURCHILL. A speedy recovery is wished each of them . . . Congratulations to Conductor JOHN KALT-SAS who was appointed post commander of the Crestline Scottsdale American Legion Post #1252, 4th District.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

TONY and RUTH VIHANEK spent part of their vacation on the second European tour sponsored by the CTA. They visited 10 countries and reported the scenery was just wonderful . . . BILL DONALDSON, BILL KELLY, and JOHN AARDEMA are presently on the sick list and our best wishes are extended to them for speedy recoveries . . . BILL BARNES, believe it or not, attended a

rabbit convention in Louisville, Kentucky, for one week . . . BOB NORD is "back at his post" after a long illness . . . DON TARNOWSKI, captain of a bowling team on which SANDY PFUND and KAREN HOFFMAN are members, informs us that his team is holding its 228 handicap. Good work, Sandy. The team bowls on Monday night at Miami and has already gone from last to fifth place. Karen seems to bowl better with rented shoes . . . HOWARD WARD was installed as worshipful master of the Mystic Star Lodge, AF&AM on Saturday, November 12. Also installed as senior warden was JOHN CAMPBELL and as junior warden, GEORGE SCHLITZ. John and George are both operators at Beverly station . . . CHARLIE GRECO and his wife, LUCILLE, traveled through our Southern states to visit old friends at Wanchese, North Carolina, on the coast. They had a grand time fishing and learned that boiling shrimp is taboo in the East . . . Mr. and Mrs. JIM BROGAN are proud parents of a baby girl, TAMMY MARIE, who was born somewhat belatedly on September 16. Congratulations on your bundle of joy . . . DICK HICKEY, his wife, CATHERINE, and another couple spent a week traveling thru Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa . . . Being that JERRY PAVEL has "fished out" Wisconsin for this year, he and his brother-in-law headed for Hatch Lake in Minnesota and plan to come back with a whale . . . EDDIE EVANS spent a brief stay in the Little Company of Mary hospital. While on vacation in Wisconsin with his family, burglars broke into his home and when Ed returned, he found a state of chaos.

LYNETTE LAWLER has transferred to the Law Department in the Mart . . . The ART BEAUCHAMPS are awaiting the homecoming of their son, JIM, and his bride, VIVIAN, who had a military wedding at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, on September 17. Jim was discharged on October 1. Mrs. Beauchamp has been attending a home economics course at Thornton called "cake decorating". She is making a many-tiered, 20-inch high wedding cake for the celebration. Another newcomer to the home of Art's other son, is ARTHUR JOSEPH IV, the new baby brother of ANGELA, age 3 . . . JOHN KEHOE's wife is home from the hospital after a few day's stay . . . ROY ELLERBECK visited Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland while vacationing in California . . . ANDY ANDERSON motored thru the West and toured Yellowstone Park . . . MIKE CASPIGLIONE is building a new home himself, from the foundation to the outside stone, with the help of his father, FRANK, a retired CTA carpenter. They did the carpentry, plumbing, wiring, etc. The only thing Mike won't tackle is the plastering. The ranch type home, with attached garage, has been a project for the past four years and the family is looking forward to its occupancy some time in 1967 . . . IRVIN and PAULINE KRAULEDIS motored to Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, to see their son, PAUL, who is studying electronics in the army. While visiting, they toured the area, taking a stroll in the ocean and on the New Jersey boardwalk. They also stopped enroute home to see the Gettysburg battlefield and historic sights and an Amish farm and country store. Upon returning home for two days, they set out again for five days of good fishing in Wisconsin . . . TERRY CULKIN's home was damaged by fire recently and will need extensive repair. We hope things will be ship-shape in no time . . . The welcome mat is extended to GEORGE GEIS and to FRED RIDLEY . . . Thanks for enthusiastic cooperation in scouting the news this month. Please keep it up -- we appreciate it.

- Kathleen O'Brien & Al Haas

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. TED SWIDER, Wilson, on the birth of their twin boys. The Swider boys made two grandfathers very proud: VERN LANDIS of the Utility Department, who is Mrs. Swider's dad, and TED SWIDER SR. of North Avenue, who is Ted Jr.'s dad . . . A double congratulation to RALPH DANIELSON, Congress. One is for the trophy Ralph won at a stamp exhibition and the other is for the purchase of his new Pontiac. Word has it that Ralph's old car wore out from carrying stamps and trophies around . . . Sorry to hear that J. PERILLO, Congress, was on the sick list. Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to him . . . All the boys at Congress were glad to see P. SODEN back, at work after undergoing leg surgery . . . Parties, and more parties were on the agenda for ED SHIELDS, Congress, who was a delegate to the Illinois State Labor Convention held at the Conrad Hilton hotel. Eddie tells everyone it was only work, work, and more work. But who works at a convention? . . . A hearty welcome was extended to B. CIRRINCIONE who is a new car cleaner at Howard Shop . . . A great problem has developed at Lake Street. The terrors of the links, R. FLOWERS, J. CANNELLA, S. RITA, and C. MYERS must face the fact that soon winter with all of its snow will be upon us and it is impossible to see that little white ball in all that fresh white snow. The solution-paint their golf balls CTA green, a color you can see anywhere . . . C. MEYERS, Lake Street, spent his vacation in Pittsburgh at a summit conference with old friends trying to determine why the Pirates did not win the pennant this year . . . Those who spent their vacation doing fall cleaning and seeing the sights of Chicago were J. Dowd, J. Williams, H. Swoope, J. Koger, R. Rabin, F. Chiapetta, L. Robinson, H. Sistak, and W. Stafford, all from Lake Street; J. Orange, P. Czaja, D. Brodie, M. O'Malley, and J. Madigan, Wilson . . . Best wishes to all for a happy and wonderful Thanksgiving.

- Ray Brzezczek

TRANSPORTATION (Mart) -

Information Clerk ELI FREEDMAN and his wife, MOLLIE, drove to Portland, Maine, for their vacation. They spent three weeks just relaxing, sight-seeing, visiting relatives, and enjoying the beauty of that part of the country in its fall colors . . . The football season is in full swing at the home of JAMES J. ROCHE, superintendent of Operations Control. His son, JAMES, is on the St. Patrick's High school varsity football team and his son, MICHAEL, is a member of the sophomore squad. Their younger brother, JOHN, is keeping the ball moving by quarterbacking the Our Lady Help of Christians Grammar school team . . . KENNETH, the son of File Clerk SAM MONTROSE, is a radioman in the Navy. He is assigned to the USS Ticondaroga, an air-craft carrier, which is presently in Hawaii and will soon go to Japan . . . While in Chicago, WANDA KRAUSE, a former CTA employe, stopped in the general office to say hello to many of her friends. She also expressed best wishes from her husband, JACK, also a CTA retiree. Although Wanda enjoyed her visit to the Windy City, she said she couldn't wait to return home to sunny Florida . . . Congratulations and welcome to RALPH W. TRACY, our new superintendent of Operations, Surface and Rapid Transit . . . BOB QUETSCHKE, assistant superintendent of Operating Stations, and his wife, JUNE, drove to Niagara Falls on their second honeymoon. They toured both the United States and Canadian sides of the Falls.

- Colette Szecepanek

WEST SECTION -

A surprise party was held for GERALDINE MORRIS by her husband, B. C. MORRIS, on their fourth anniversary. So, congratulations to this young couple, and may they live happily always . . . Attending a church convention in Kansas City, C. J. JONES found his brother whom he hasn't seen in 20 years. It was a happy reunion for them . . . Everyone hopes that Conductor JAMES HOWLETT, who is hospitalized, will soon be well and return to work . . . Condolences to Conductor MEL PHEIFFER and his family on the death of his mother. May we also extend our deepest sympathy to Pensioner CLARENCE ADAMS on the death of his dear wife. The brother-in-law of Switchman JERRY BOYLAN, Pensioner JACK COLLENSER, passed away and we all send our condolences to his family. Conductor DOUG WILLIAMS' mother passed away, and a more dutiful son you couldn't find. Our most sincere regrets to Doug and his family. Lake Street was stunned and saddened by the death of Switchman MERLE SMITH. He not only was a good friend, but one of the nicest persons working for the CTA. We know that the heavenly gates will open and the good Lord will receive him with open arms, for he was that kind of a person. "We are all so very sorry," is all we can say to his wife and daughter . . . We congratulate KEVIN O'FLARITY, for being the only conductor to make "Employe of the Year." So if anyone is in doubt about making it next year, just ask Kevin and he will explain what you have to do . . . A "battle royal" is going on at Lake Street between BILL HAWKINS, SAL DE TOMASO, and HARRY SCHLESSER on who will be our new "CHESTER" . . . A happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

- Santo Siciliano

69TH STREET -

The fall of the year brings a slow-down in activities, with the exception of tree leaves, which come down at an accelerated pace and can cause quite a sliding problem. So, a little more caution would be appropriate . . . On October 29, our credit unions attended a testimonial dinner in honor of retired Secretary and Business Agent of Division 241, DANIEL J. McNAMARA. Mr. McNamara was one of the original group of union and management officials in the conception of the CTA credit union movement, and it was through his efforts, and men like him, that this movement spread to the success it enjoys today. We owe Mr. McNamara a deep debt of gratitude, and may the best of everything be his in his retirement years . . . JIMMY "Bad Eye" KELLY decided to curtail his credit union activities and stepped out of his assistant treasurer position. Jim will be a hard man to replace, as he worked hard and has a lot of ability for that type of work. He says he wants to concentrate on Marquette Road. Our thanks and good wishes go to him . . . Superintendent TOM SCREEN just returned from a two-week portion of his vacation and looks all rested up . . . From JIMMY AHERN and the Repair Department comes word that DAN O'ROURKE and BRUNO FERRIT had a very nice vacation in Florida and the other states they traveled through enroute . . . LUKE MORLEY, SYLVESTER BROWN, FRANK MICETICH, and JOHN GARDNER are all off sick at this time. We wish them all a speedy recovery . . . Our sympathies are extended to the families of Retired Repairman FRANK BURMIEKA; Pensioners G. R. TAYLOR and F. J. SCHMIDT, and to Receiver JOHN CUNNINGHAM on the death of his brother, JOSEPH.

- William J. Donahue

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