

TRANSIT NEWS



"Village in the Snow"

"Winter Fair"



"Christmas Star"



DECEMBER, 1966



CTA Tests Concrete Tie Installation for Smoother, Quieter Ride on "L"-Subway

SWINGING A panel of track with concrete ties into place is one of CTA's diesel-powered rail-borne cranes. The experimental installation of 1,500 feet of track between the Bryn Mawr and Berwyn stations was completed under traffic, while regular North-South route "L"-subway service was maintained on two other tracks of the four-track right-of-way.

THE FIRST installation of concrete ties by an operating rapid transit system in the United States and Canada was completed on one track of the North-South route between Berwyn and Bryn Mawr stations. This installation also marks the first use of prestressed two-block concrete ties by any operating railroad in the United States.

Anticipated advantages to CTA riders include:
a. Reduction in noise because of the sound deadening qualities of the rubber pad, spring fastening, and concrete ties. b. A smoother ride due to rubber pads and the spring fastenings holding the rail snugly to the ties.

In addition to the advantages of a quieter, smoother ride, CTA's decision to test the use of concrete ties is based on the scarcity and extended delivery date for good oak ties. The life of concrete ties is also presumed to be one and one-half times as long as wood ties.

Six hundred of the concrete ties were purchased for about \$10,000 from the Swedish Rail System, of Stockholm, Sweden, for the test installation of 1,500 feet of track.

The Berwyn to Bryn Mawr section was selected because installation could be accomplished without train traffic interference on the section under construction, with regular "L"-subway service being maintained on two other tracks of the four-track

right-of-way. This type of installation eliminates laying of ties during normal traffic operations which often cause delays to service.

The track construction technique utilized is known as panel construction and consists of assembling the ties, fastenings, and rail into track panels at a shop location and transporting the completed panels to the work site and laying them into track sections.

The ties were mounted to the rails at CTA's Skokie rapid transit shops. Each panel has 39 feet of rail and 16 concrete ties. Thirty-seven of the panels were necessary for the installation. A spring fastener clamps the ties to the rails and a rubber pad cushions the rail from the concrete ties.

The tie itself consists of two concrete blocks joined by a concrete-filled steel tube and reinforced by a prestressed rod of high-grade steel drawn through the steel tube and anchored at the outer ends of the concrete blocks by nuts and washers. The rail fastening device consists of a spring clamp of high-grade steel. The spring clamp holds the rail against the concrete body with a constant vertical pressure of about 2.5 tons.

After the panels, each weighing about 9,000 pounds, were assembled at Skokie Shops, they were carried on flat cars to the installation site and lowered into place by a crane. The running rails were welded together after track alignment was completed. The third rail is mounted on a specially constructed wood block bolted to each third tie.

OUR COVER: The Christmas scenes on our cover are reproductions of greeting cards sold by the United Nations Children's Fund each year to help its many programs to aid children worldwide. Noted artists from many countries contribute designs for the cards which portray life and customs associated with their native lands. They are a unique expression of the real spirit of Christmas and of "good will towards men" which the season personifies and proclaims.

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ARBITRATION PANEL GRANTS AWARD TO CTA AND DIVISION 308

AN ARBITRATION award was handed down on December 1 to Chicago Transit Authority and Division 308 of the Amalgamated Transit Union (rapid transit employees) by the three-man arbitration panel. Attorney Peter M. Kelliher, impartial arbitrator, Attorney William S. Allen, representing CTA, and Attorney Albert Gore, representing Division 308, comprised the arbitration panel.

The award is binding upon both CTA and Division 308.

The previous contract between CTA and Division 308 expired November 30, 1965. At that time, a new contract offer by CTA was rejected by vote of the union members on two occasions. After both attempts failed, the working agreement between the two parties called for arbitration. Arbitration hearings began April 27 and concluded August 25.

The award granted by the arbiters is similar to the contract negotiated with Division 241 with some additional items peculiar only to rapid transit operations. In making the decision, Peter Kelliher said: "The Board in the present case must find that because of the historical relationship of the parties that a presumption does exist that the settlement reached with Division 241 is a proper guide in the present case."

The cost-of-living allowance of eight cents per hour which was in effect at the expiration of the previous contract will be frozen into the basic wage rate. The cost-of-living allowance is to be continued.

The award grants a three-year contract with a three-stage wage increase for hourly rated employees as follows:

- 8 cents per hour, retroactive to December 1, 1965;
- 11 cents per hour, effective December 1, 1966, and
- 12 cents per hour, effective December 1, 1967.

Monthly rated employees who are members of Division 308 would receive wage adjustments on a percentage basis as follows: 2.581 per cent, retroactive to December 1, 1965; 3.548 per cent, effective December 1, 1966, and 3.871 per cent, effective December 1, 1967.

Motormen, switchmen, and yard foremen are to receive an additional five and one-half cents per hour spread over the three-year term of the agreement. Trackmen II will receive an additional five cents per hour retroactive to December 1, 1965. Trainmen collecting fares on trains are to receive an additional 1.6 cents per hour, effective December 1, 1966.

Increased welfare benefits included in the award follow:

1. Beginning December 1, 1967, an additional holiday on the employee's birthday has been granted.

2. Vacations will be increased to four weeks after 17 years service; and five weeks after 23 years, retroactive to December 1, 1965. Present vacation benefits are five weeks after 25 years of service, four weeks after 20 years, and three weeks after seven years.

3. One day's pay will be granted for attending the funeral of a mother, father, spouse, or children on a work day, effective December 1, 1966.

4. Life insurance benefits will be changed to \$2,500 after one year and less than five years of service, and \$4,000 after five years of service, retroactive to December 1, 1965. Employees previously received \$2,500 after one year of service.

5. Effective December 1, 1966, the daily hospital benefit shall be increased to \$16.00 per day and miscellaneous hospital charges allowance increased to \$140.00. Seven-day sick leave: Effective December 1, 1966, the present provisions shall be improved so that an employee who is off sick for eight days will be paid retroactively for one of the first two days which are not presently paid. If the illness lasts two weeks, CTA will retroactively pay wages for the second day. The weekly sick and accident benefits shall be improved as follows: \$65.00 effective December 1, 1965; \$67.50 effective December 1, 1966; \$70.00 effective December 1, 1967.

6. Terminal shop employees will receive a ten-minute wash-up period each day, and ticket agents now receiving a relief period of ten minutes shall

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ARBITRATION PANEL (cont'd. from page 3)

receive another relief period of ten minutes (plus transportation time when necessary). Motormen will be granted an allowance of five minutes for turning in trainphones each time they are required to do so. These are effective December 1, 1966.

7. Chief Clerks of the Transportation Department will be upgraded to Grade 9 from Grade 8, retroactive to December 1, 1965.

8. Carpenters, tinnerns, painters, and crane operators shall receive double-time for all overtime work, effective December 1, 1966.

9. A new classification of Car repairmen will

be established, effective December 1, 1966, which will provide a wage improvement for formerly classified "Car Repairmen B."

In commenting on the award Mr. George L. De Ment, chairman of Chicago Transit Board said: "The Arbitration Panel has listened to voluminous evidence and has given a great amount of study to the requests of labor and management.

"We accept their judgment as being fair to both parties. Since a part of the award is retroactive to December 1, 1965, we will work overtime in our Accounting Department to get the retroactive pay to the employees before December 15, 1966."

1967 Budget Provides for New Equipment, Improved Facilities

A 1967 budget for Chicago Transit Authority with estimated revenues of \$147,379,000 that will meet operating expenses and provide some capital improvements was adopted by Chicago Transit Board at its December 8 meeting.

Revenue passengers are estimated at 522,120,000 for 1967, an increase of 5,265,000 over 1966. Passenger figures for 1966 are based on ten months actual and two months estimated. Passenger revenues are estimated to be up \$1,451,000 as a result of the continued increase in riding that was first experienced in 1965.

The proposed operating budget indicates that revenues of \$147,379,000 will be sufficient to meet all operating expenses of \$131,598,000, the debt service requirements budgeted at \$8,108,000, but only \$7,673,000 will be available to meet the \$11,790,000 required to be deposited in the depreciation reserve fund in 1967. In addition, a \$1,117,000 estimated deficiency to be carried over from the year 1966 boosts the total anticipated deficit to \$5,234,000.

Although the Trust Agreement requires that eight per cent of gross revenues be deposited in a depreciation account, the indicated deficit actually is a limiting factor in the amount of money available for the capital budget. Therefore, the capital budget for 1967 includes only that amount that will be available for expenditures.

A total of \$15,468,000 is budgeted for the purchase of passenger equipment and plant improvements in 1967. The funds for the capital budget

consist of the estimated amount of depreciation provision which will be earned in 1967 (\$7,673,000) plus funds carried over from the previous year to cover authorized expenditures which have not yet been made.

Of the total capital budget, \$6,005,000 will be spent on modern passenger equipment. This includes payment for 80 buses, the undelivered portion of 200 ordered in 1966, and payment for 115 of an order for 200 additional buses to be placed in 1967.

Other major expenditures included in the proposed capital budget are:

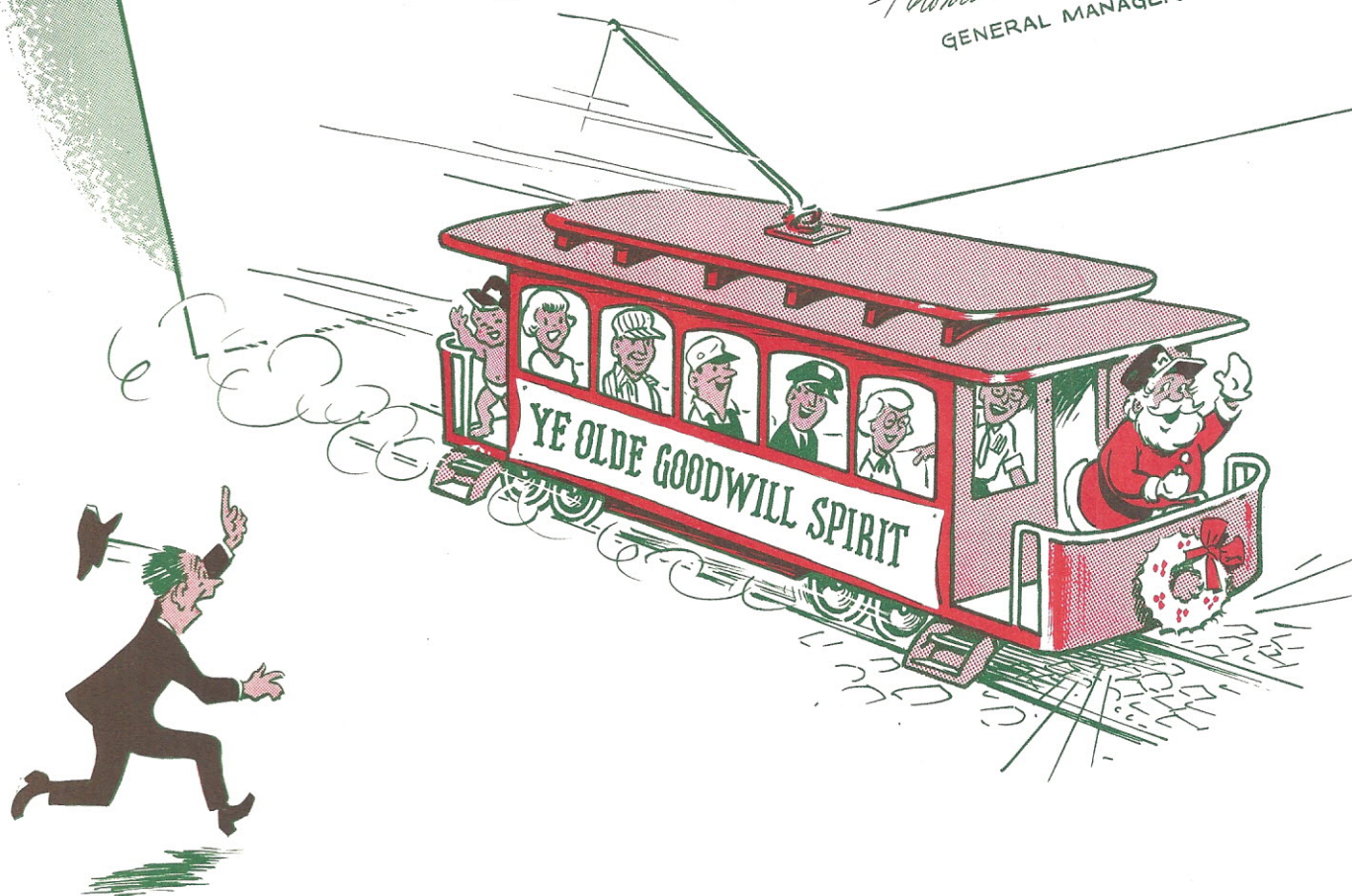
1. Lake street terminal facilities, \$311,000 - expenditures required to complete construction of the inspection shop, the total of which is estimated to be \$1,500,000, and the completion of yard and track and electrical work commenced in 1966.

2. Surface system buildings, \$1,624,000 - completion of new transportation office at South Shops, additional service facilities at Archer, Beverly, and North avenue garages, remodel West Shops building for use of Construction and Maintenance department, and start of new bus shops at 77th and Vincennes, and other lesser projects.

3. Rapid Transit buildings - \$1,218,000 - principal items included herein are new transportation offices at Howard street and Congress terminal, start of an inspection shop at 63rd and Loomis, completion of two escalators at State-Lake and State - Van Buren, installation of two additional escalators, and remodeling of 43rd street station.

Greetings [☆] **TO OUR FELLOW WORKERS...**
Let's all board this holiday special
for an old fashioned ride through
a joyful season and
a year of **HAPPY DAYS!**

Thomas B. O'Connor
GENERAL MANAGER



Week ends Wednesday night. Time cards must prepare pay roll and forward them to the office of General Manager by 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

West Chicago Street R. R. Co.—Pay Roll.

Division St. Station Week Ending July 4 1894
 To THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, Or, Under Halkett Foreman.

BADGE No.	NAME	RESIDENCE	OCCUPATION	NUMBER Days Hours	TOTAL Days Hours	RATE	AMOUNT Dollars Cts.	TOTAL AMOUNT Dollars Cts.
Book	W. Halkett	620 Rockwell	Foreman	7	7	2.74	19 18	19 18
Book	R. Laubinger	676 Jane St	Receiver	7	7	2.25	15 75	15 75
2649	Pet Hansen	476 Duane St	Blacksmith	6		3.00	18 00	
2835	Wm Quirk	44 Mill St	"	1			3 00	
					7			21 00
2808	Jno Everts	268 Courtland	Reedman	7	7	1.75	12 25	12 25
2810	Fred Ganger	912 Danialue	Watchman	7	7	1.45	11 55	11 55
Book	L. M. Fumeau	659 Davis St	Charger	7	7	1.45	11 55	
3124	A. Harle	209 Thomas St	"	7			11 55	
2917	A. Snyder #	328 Clinton	"	2			3 30	
2816	Thos Norton #	437 Western	"	5			8 25	
					21			34 65
2806	M. Donahue	380 Thomas	Lead Cleaner	7		1.45	11 55	
2812	D. Anderson	656 Division	"	6			9 90	
2805	M. Nielson	744 Campbell	"	7			11 55	
2816	Thos Norton #	437 Western	"	1			1 65	
					21			34 65
2816	Pat Clements	544 Jane St	Receiver	7		1.45	11 55	
2813	Pat Clements	580 Jane St	"	6			9 90	
2841	Evel Jacobson	772 Jane St	"	6			9 90	
2846	John Hartman	685 Duane St	"	7			11 55	
2867	Fred Hoffman	580 Jane St	"	6			9 90	
2803	J. Karwatyki	54 Carpenter	"	7			11 55	
2832	Jno Wallin #	47 Oakley	"	5			8 25	
2818	Steve Shipfosh	209 Thomas	"	6			9 90	
2804	Tom Cooney #	437 Cooney	"	5			8 25	
2807	Pat Gallager	544 Jane St	"	7			11 55	
2914	Pet Olson #	807 Division	"	5			8 25	
3407	A. H. Wales	807 Division	"	6			9 90	
2815	D. Clements	437 Western	"	7			11 55	
2918	L. A. Tuttle #	1035 Rockwell	"	5			8 25	
3352	A. Handley	547 Ashland	"	2			3 30	
Book	A. Karpelky	1025 Lincoln	"	1			1 45	
2900	John Anderson #	656 Division	"	3			4 95	
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Worker's Pay \$1.65 per Day in Early Era of Transit

AN INTERESTING excerpt from the payroll sheet, appearing above, issued by the West Chicago Street R. R. company in 1894, provides a glimpse into the wages paid to transit employees in what was known in that early era as the "good old days."

According to the records of the old Division Street station, the take-home pay of a foreman for a seven-day work week was \$19.14, based on a rate of \$2.74 per day. Blacksmiths, however, were the big money men. They collected \$3.00 per day, or \$21.00 for each seven days.

In other categories, a watchman could earn \$1.65 for a day's work, reaping a handsome \$11.55 each week. The going rate for car cleaners also was \$1.65 per diem and receivers took home \$15.75 for a week's pay.

None of them, however, had to contend with payroll deductions or withholding taxes. Maybe that is one reason that they were called the "good old days."

Suggestion Ideas

Prove Profitable

for Eight Employees

EIGHT EMPLOYEES shared a total of \$175.00 in cash awards during the month of November as the Employee Suggestion Plan neared the end of a year which has been one of the best in the number of ideas submitted since the inception of the plan.

Shop personnel again topped the winners, five of the eight who received awards being shop workers.

Cashing in on \$25.00 checks plus turkeys were Patrick Burke, J. J. Pratl, Carl Lidzbinski, C. J. Strzynski, and Chester Pavlak, all of South Shops; Alfred Schuster, electrician, and Walter Wangero, utility, both of Blue Island, and Richard Grajek, operator, Beverly.

Honorable mention credits plus turkeys were claimed by 12 others. These were: Stanley Backauskas, S & E, Lawndale; James Butzen, S & E, Wilson; Marty Imbraguglio, G.O., Electrical; Donald Predegast, S & E, Skokie; Peter Willemssen, operator, North Park; Earl Haskell, S & E, Skokie; William Moog, Utility, 78th street; Henry Goetz, supervisor, District "D"; Albert Joza, operator, 69th; Christine Borcic, G.O. Employee Relations, and Robert Christman, Utility, Blue Island.

During the new year, any ideas submitted which rate an Honorable Mention credit will entitle the suggester to the usual food certificate, and if a second idea is accepted a cash prize of \$25.00 will be awarded plus another food certificate.



WINNER OF a supplemental award of \$75.00 was Fred J. Eller, Shops and Equipment, Skokie Shops, who is receiving his check from E. R. Hendrickson, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals. Under the CTA plan, all accepted ideas are reviewed the following year for possible additional awards.

Switchman Rescues Fellow Worker from Third Rail

QUICK ACTION in an emergency when a fellow employe fell against a live power rail brought a commendation from top management to E. A. Childress, extra switchman on a work train at Skokie yards.

The accident occurred when C. R. Kotecki, a member of the worktrain crew, had just completed cutting in the air hoses between two cars. As he stepped over the track his right trouser leg made contact with the third rail which was very wet from condensation of night time dew and the shock caused him to fall between the two cars onto the third rail.

Mr. Childress first observed Kotecki's predicament when he appeared to be bouncing up and down over the third rail. Childress ran over to

his side, grasped Kotecki's trouser leg and pulled him off the third rail. Kotecki later said he had no recollection of the incident except being pulled off the rail.

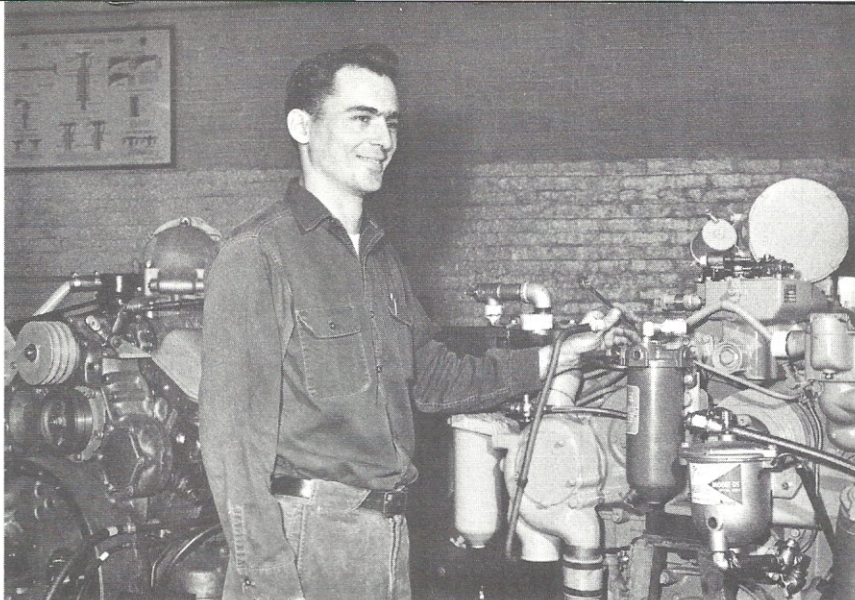
Kotecki sustained burns of the right leg and other slight injuries but was soon released after receiving medical attention at the hospital to which he was taken.

In a letter of commendation to Mr. Childress, General Manager T. B. O'Connor wrote, "Your spontaneous action in coming to the assistance of Mr. Kotecki reflects great credit upon yourself and we are proud to have men of your caliber in our organization. On behalf of Chicago Transit Authority I am happy and privileged to commend you."



RICHARD HANNIGAN, painter: "My most memorable Christmas was two years ago, when I was transferred to South Shops from Skokie Shops. It was the week before Christmas and I was mad, but when Christmas came, the warm hearts, understanding, and willingness to accept me as a fellow worker made that Christmas a joyous one."

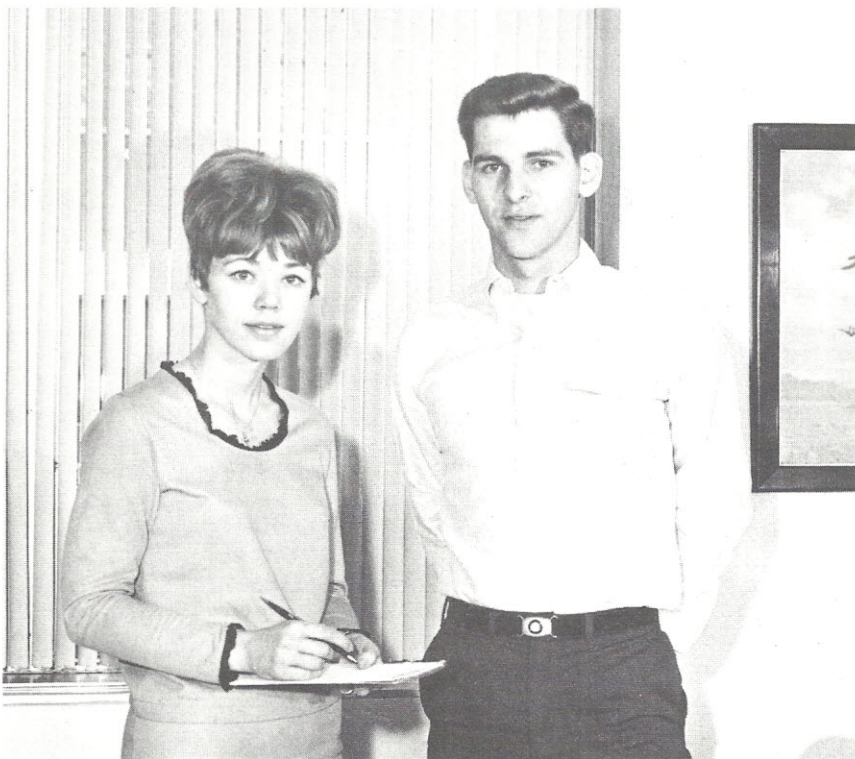
GEORGE HAYES, mechanic leader: "It was after the safe return of my sons from the armed forces of the United States."



JOHN WARE, mechanic apprentice: "My most memorable Christmas was in 1957. After being away for several months in the army it was good to come home on a furlough to be with my family and friends at this wonderful time of the year."

QUESTION: What do you recall as your most memorable Christmas?

ERNIE FELTZ Jr., typist (with reporter Kathy O'Brien): "My most memorable Christmas happened just last year while completing a tour of duty for the army in Heidelberg, Germany. I met this young lady (Diane is her name) who was working for the government, and came from Charlotte, N.C. After seven months of dating we were married by the priest in the post chapel on December 16, 1965."





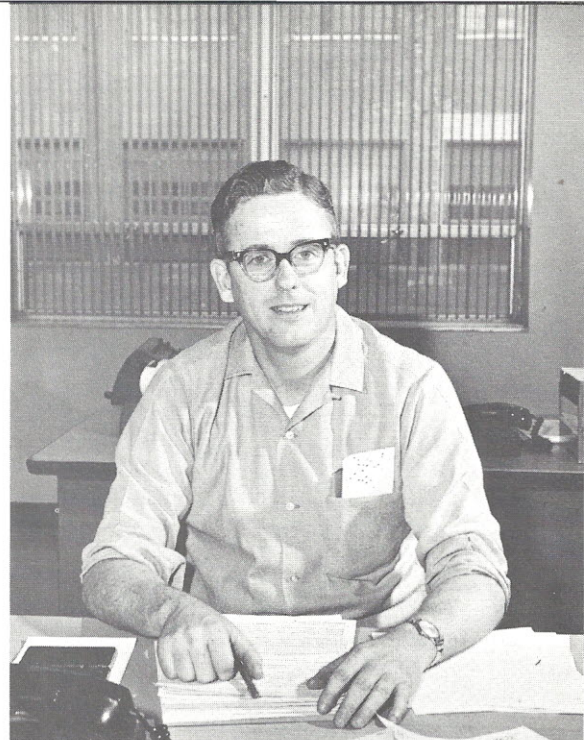
PETE FALLEST, carpenter: "After nearly one year of waiting and watching our new home being built, we finally moved in only one month before Christmas. I feel this was my most memorable Christmas."

LOCATION: South Shops

INQUIRING REPORTERS: Kathy O'Brien

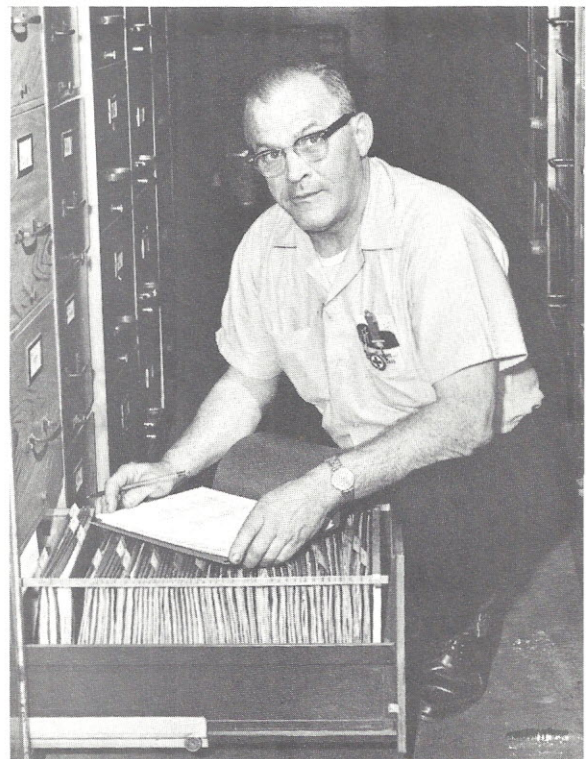
& Al Haas

FRED SIMMONS, mechanic (with reporter Al Haas): "The Christmas of 1951 was the most memorable one in my life. It was the year my wife and I became engaged. And this led to a happy marriage, and six wonderful, healthy children."



FRANK BRADY, shop clerk: "My most memorable Christmas was in 1956 when my wife arrived home on Christmas Eve with a baby girl, our third child. Our other two children were delighted to have their mother bring a new baby sister for their Christmas present."

WILLIAM BELL, Brake Shop foreman: "The most memorable Christmas to my recollection was a time when I impersonated Santa Claus. It was in 1964. With a good measure of Christmas spirit I was off with a big bag of gifts for my three small grandchildren. What I will never forget were the expressions and surprise on their faces."



MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin
CTA Medical Consultant

WHEN TO CALL OR SEE YOUR DOCTOR

IF EVERYONE were to call the doctor for every pain or ache, cut or scratch, bump or bruise, the doctors would be so busy with minor things that they would not have sufficient time to take care of the more serious illnesses.

The following four points may serve as a general guide to help you decide whether your doctor should be called:

1. When the patient's complaints or symptoms are too severe to be endured, such as abdominal pain arising from disease of the gallbladder, appendix, or kidneys or in cases of chest pains caused by pneumonia or heart attacks, the doctor should be called without delay.

2. When apparently minor symptoms persist more than a few days and do not appear to be due to some easily identified causes. A nose bleed from a bump on the nose is one thing; a nose bleed which is frequent or persistent is a different matter and demands immediate medical attention.

3. When symptoms recur repeatedly from no readily apparent cause. Indigestion due to over indulgence may be cleared up by proper eating and in such an event it does not require seeing your doctor. However, constant digestive distress despite great care and moderation in eating is a different problem. This requires medical investigation without delay.

4. When in doubt it is much safer to call your doctor than to take a chance.

Thus the four medical indications calling for immediate attention may be summed as: severity, persistence, repetition, and doubt.

The following individual circumstances are a few of the many conditions which require a decision as to whether or not you should seek the services of your doctor.

Accidents should always receive immediate attention especially if the patient is unconscious, confused, or groggy; when bleeding is severe or cannot be controlled; when there is shock (fast, weak pulse with pallor); breathlessness or great thirst; when there are signs of broken bones, when pain is severe; when there are signs of poisoning; when there are extensive burns, and when there is severe and persistent vomiting.

Appetite changes may be slight or severe. If they are severe and persist a week or so, the cause should be sought.

Blackouts or fainting spells can be very serious. All of these cases require the doctor's attention.

Shortness of breath or breathlessness occurs in most everyone, especially after a sudden burst of energy like running up stairs or walking uphill. However, when this symptom is present without any apparent cause a medical examination is necessary.

Common colds - If symptoms are present more than a few days and particularly if there is fever, sore throat, or cough, don't hesitate to call your doctor.

Constipation is usually not an emergency. Again let me say if it is persistent over weeks and associated with pain or vomiting or obstruction, it should be investigated.

Convulsions: All of these cases require medical advice.

Diarrhea when it follows an ingestion of certain foods it is usually not a problem. However, if it is persistent with blood in the stool and loss of weight you should have it investigated.

Any discharge especially of blood from any of the body openings is reason for medical advice. It sometimes means breakdown of tissue either from infection or malignancies.

Dizziness, either with or without eye or ear disturbances, should be investigated. Severe, persistent dizziness can be in certain cases, associated with brain disease or brain tumors.

Fatigue or tiredness which is chronic and is not relieved by ample rest requires a medical check-up. It can mean so many things that it is not well to neglect it.

Headaches and indigestion are merely symptoms and can be associated with serious illness. If they do not respond to simple remedies be sure to have them diagnosed by your doctor.

Nervousness is one of the most misused terms. Emotional disturbances should be included in this category. All chronic nervous ailments require medical examination.

Chronic sores, swelling and lumps may be benign or malignant. Always include these conditions as cause for medical advice.

A good part of this article comes from a News Release by the American Medical Association. It is not possible to discuss all of these conditions in detail. However, we have tried to cover the most important ones.

In the home, an understanding about these symptoms and what they mean can be of great help in deciding when to call the doctor. You may avoid unnecessary calls and at the same time not neglect to get the best possible medical care promptly when it is required.

OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

OUR BUSINESS is to provide convenient and courteous service for people who wish to travel by public transportation.

Other phases of our operation are purely incidental to the main objective of selling rides - and selling ourselves - to customers who rightfully expect good personal service as well as a safe ride to their destination.

The person who pays his fare is as much a customer as the shopper who enters a supermarket or department store and should be recognized as such. Though he may spend only a quarter, those quarters dropped in the fare box are necessary to pay employee wages.

Every day CTA receives complaints from customers expressing dissatisfaction with our service or personnel. Many of them blame the employees for being derelict in their duties. Sometimes the complaint is justified; in others it may result from a simple misunderstanding between the employee and the rider.

There are others, however, who have noted good job performance by employees and register their appreciation to the management. Here are some of these commendations, briefly stated in short excerpts from letters sent in by pleased customers:

Nicholas J. Schuler, operator, badge no. 9306, Limits: "Operator was very efficient; he called principal street crossing."

Walter J. Gauger, conductor, badge no. 21735, West Side: "We called him the 'singing conductor' because he sings out some of the stops. He often goes out of his way to be helpful."

Arthur R. Williams, operator, badge no. 1554, 77th: "He is a credit to the company; he has a gift of making people leave his bus with a smile."

J. F. Broadbent, operator, badge no. 5769, North Park: "He is courteous and thoughtful. He helped a blind man across an intersection."

Clarence D. Cowan, operator, badge no. 3372, Beverly: "His manner creates an aura of friendly neighborliness."

Johnnie B. Robinson, operator, badge no. 7471, North Park: "I was waiting for the bus on the wrong side of the street but he waited for me to cross and board his bus. I appreciated this very much."



Edward Willis, operator, badge no. 2893, 77th: "Most courteous; calls all intersections; most obliging."

Gideon Stevens, conductor, badge no. 21861, North-South: "Saved me considerable embarrassment and trouble when I left a small parcel on the train. His extra attention meant a lot to me."

Stephen J. Conway, operator, badge no. 9415, Beverly: "Considerate and courteous to his passengers; goes out of his way to help those who need it."

Raymond E. Burns, operator, badge no. 5580, 69th: "Traffic tie ups and irritable passengers are handled admirably and his driving ability is super."

Roscoe Wilson, operator, badge no. 8174, 77th: "He is always on time, very pleasant and handles himself in an excellent manner."

Raymond F. Sieloff, operator, badge no. 1820, Archer: "Kind and cheerful to children on the bus we chartered."

Norman Louis Lee, operator, badge no. 9475, 77th: "Handles his bus excellently. Stops at the curb instead of the street."

George D. Clark, operator, badge no. 12394, Limits: "So very kind and pleasant in answering all questions. I noticed also that he was that way to all passengers."

Expressions of appreciation such as the above point out that a conscientious employee is an asset to our business. It matters not whether you are selling goods or a service, no company - no person - can afford to antagonize or be indifferent to the customer. How are you "going about our business?"

THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

MARTHA NEFFAS, voucher section, boarded the Santa Fe and followed the old adage "Go West Young Woman, Go West" and made Las Vegas her destination. She spent a hectic two days in that fabulous city doing the shows, supper clubs, and tried her hand with the most fascinating of sports for which Las Vegas is noted. Needless to say, she came home with less than she started with, namely, silver dollars. Then she expended some time inspecting and admiring Boulder Dam. The next week Martha spent recuperating from her exciting and fast-moving vacation, an enlightened and wiser woman . . . MARGARET MILLER transferred from the Voucher Department into the Material and Supplies Department. Good luck, Margaret, in your new job . . . One by one, BEA FRANK's "chickadees" are leaving the home nest. Her daughter, KAREN, is now engaged and will be married at St. Veronica's church on December 17, 1966 . . . Sympathy is extended to EILEEN NEURAUTER and her family on the passing of Eileen's sister, MARIE BICKNESS.

- Mable Potthast

(Revenue) -

ALICE ARKIN and her husband went to St. Joseph, Michigan, for their vacation. The Arkins stayed at the Whitcomb hotel . . . Mr. and Mrs. JIM STANGER, the former KATHY DALY, went to Las Vegas for their honeymoon. Kathy said they went to see MITZIE GAYNOR, JACKIE WILSON, DON CORNEL, and the Turkish (what was that again? OH! Turkish Folk dancing) . . . JERRY LALES, while on vacation, received his orders for induction to the armed forces November 8. Several co-workers took Jerry out for a quick luncheon . . . KATHY SLOYAN went to Mexico on her vacation. Kathy attended the bull fights, ballet, floating gardens of Xochimilco, and of course Taxco, which is known for its silver shops. Then to beautiful Acapulco where she took a cruise around the bay, and watched the high divers . . . ERMA GOARD transferred to the Tabulating Department. CLOTILDE MRZENA is our new key punch operator. OMAR HART, who worked out of North Avenue, has joined our transfer room. MIKE FARRELL, who came from the transfer room, is now a file clerk in the Mart office. CHARLES DAVIS has been promoted to a Clerk II and JIM VERTELKA has made a jump from a Clerk II to a Clerk III.

- Joanne Paris

(Payroll) -

JOSEPHINE AUGITTO received a beautiful diamond solitaire engagement ring from her boy friend, GEORGE O'KRAY, for her October birthday. They are making plans for an early 1967 wedding. Everyone in the circle for Hokey-Poke.

- Eileen Neurauter

BEVERLY -

Superintendents JOHN J. O'CONNOR and JOHN F. FARRIS wish all the operators a very Merry Christmas and remind all of us to practice our defensive winter

driving in the months ahead . . . JOHN J. DONOVAN of the Fire Prevention Department recently was guest speaker for LaRabida Council, Knights of Columbus, at St. Sabina's church. Mr. Donovan is a former state representative and senator, and it is always a pleasure to hear him speak . . . We welcome Operator ROBERT TIERNEY to the Beverly Little Flower committee. Bob has a smiling personality and we know we can depend on him to help Father Paul Hoban in his annual campaign to educate the young seminarians . . . Beverly's contribution to the St. Joseph Branch this year was \$481.00 and Father Paul thanks each one of you and looks forward to seeing all of you at Easter. Your scribe would like to thank the committee workers JERRY GLEASON, EARL TIBBITTS, and CHARLES CALLAN, who worked hard to make this the best year at Beverly . . . We express our sympathy to the families of JOHN KOCK, CHRIS FITZSIMMONS, JOHN NORRIS, and D. MATHEWSON, and to H. TROSTEL, in the loss of his mother . . . Mystic Star Lodge recently was presented with the K. C. plaque, from LaRabida Council, to further the cause of ecumenicism and is part of the ecumenical movement, in which the Knights of Columbus plays a very big part.

- Tom Daniels

CONGRESS (Agents) -

The men who won the Interstation Safety Contest prizes were Congress Conductor N. WHITLAW, Motorman P. J. KLISIEWICZ, Motorman F. ZEMAN, and Shop Clerk FRANK BENANTI Sr. Each of the men was presented with a dictionary . . . We were very sorry to hear pensioner LODDIE KIERY lost his beloved wife . . . November 15 was a very eventful day for SHEILA MURPHY because she became an American citizen . . . WILLIAM BRIEGER, pensioner, came in from Fox Lake for the union election. Mr. Brieger and his wife will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in May . . . Retired Agent MARY EVERDING looked very spry on election day and said she was leaving for Washington, D.C., and Virginia, where she was going to visit with her son and his family. Mary also plans to go to New York City to visit our mutual friend, Sister Mary Seven Dolors . . . Pensioner WILLIAM OLSON will begin the New Year as usual by celebrating his birthday . . . Agent VIRGINIA NOWAK believes in love thy neighbor so she married the boy next door. She is now Mrs. JERRY YOUNG. Congratulations and may you have a long happy life together . . . Logan Conductor IRVING BRIM and his wife, LILLIAN, were doubly overjoyed on November 1 when their son, GERALD, and his beautiful wife, SHELLEY, became the proud parents of twin boys, MICHAEL and JEFFERY. Gerald is a successful young architect who is anxious to pass his talent on to his sons . . . JAMES ROBERTS Jr. plays center position on the Lee college basketball team and his father, Instructor JAMES ROBERTS, is planning on being his loudest rooter this season, which started December 10 . . . Congratulations to Trainman CHARLES STRAGGINS and his wife, VONZELLA, on becoming the proud parents of CHARLES F. STRAGGINS . . . Painter JAMES McTIGUE and his wife, NORA, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary November 21 with their two children and six grandchildren. We wish them many more . . . Agent EUGENE BEEBE and his wife,

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EVELYN, will celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on January 10. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Their son, WAYNE, just retired from the medical corps. . . . When Agent ROY MAPLE and his wife go out on New Year's Day they will be celebrating Roy's birthday. . . . Student Agent EUGENE WOLK will be 21 years old January 22. It's a great day in his life and he has a lot of ideas about how to celebrate it. . . . Agent DOROTHEA BROWN is having a birthday party December 22. . . . Pensioner STEVE GIBBONS has left for Hot Springs and from there he will go to Florida where he will celebrate his birthday on December 26.

Congratulations to WITHOLD SPORUPSKI and his wife on their 27th wedding anniversary which is on December 27. . . . HAROLD EVANS, his son, THOMAS, and his grandson, who will be seven, will celebrate their birthdays on December 25, the greatest birth date of all. . . . Agent THOMAS DILLON will celebrate his birthday on January 21 and ART HUBACZ his on January 15. We hear Art is happy with his new position. . . . More than 25 years ago pensioner and former trainman JOHN FURLANETTO was manager of the softball team at Kedzie. He introduced a co-worker, JOHN KAIN, to a charming girl who John later married. The happy couple will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with their two children and many friends. John recently transferred from Forest Glen and is now working as a ticket agent. . . . Welcome to the new agents: JEAN JUSEWICH, who incidentally has a birthday January 28; MAXINE HENDRICKS, who will be stationed on the North Side, and is the sister-in-law of SHIRLEY KNIGHT, an agent on the North Side, and her father-in-law is Maintenance Man PAUL HENDRICKS; IDO AARON, LOLA WAKEFIELD, whose father is LUTHER WAKEFIELD at Howard; MARIKO HARRIS, whose husband is a bus operator at 69th; ANTOINETTE JOHNSON, who will be stationed on the South Side, and VALERIE BRADBURY, who was rehired. Valerie left us to have a baby. . . . JEWEL ASHFORD's hobby is painting and she has exhibited her work at the Lake Meadows Art Fair and other places and has won many awards. There were some agents I didn't have the opportunity of meeting and hope I have that pleasure in the near future. Good luck to all of you. . . . Student Agent KEVIN CONWAY is an organizer and member of a five-piece combo called the "The Bluestones" which is growing in popularity with the teen-age crowd. The group is composed of students of local colleges and high schools, Kevin attending the Chicago Campus of the Uni-

HERE'S A great big season's greeting posed especially for Transit News readers by 18-month old DENISE MARIE, daughter of JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN Jr., Responsibility Reporting Section, and granddaughter of JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN, Training and Accident Prevention Dept.



versity of Illinois. They have recently cut a record of an original composition and are looking forward to its helping them to build their reputation and hopefully start them on the way to a successful career as entertainers. . . . Porter JAMES CLARK and a companion went to Wisconsin to look for a new hunting ground. How many pheasants will you bring us, Jimmy? . . . I wish this holiday season and the coming New Year will be the best one you have ever had.

- Julia Brousek

ELECTRICAL -

Winter vacations are in full swing at Blue Island. GERALD CHRISTENSON visited Iron Mountain, Michigan; HARRY ANDERSON did some hunting at Dwight, Illinois, and ART McDERMOTT enjoyed a good rest in Cicero. BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI and his wife traveled southeast to Georgia, Tennessee, and Virginia. The JOE PIENTOS drove southwest to Las Vegas, but both had something in common, that being they were caught in snow storms, Bruno in Ohio and Joe at Flagstaff, Arizona. Joe enjoyed meeting FRANK SINATRA and having dinner with LEO DUROCHER. . . . MICHAEL HOFFERT, son of JOSEPH, was promoted to captain in the Lake View High school ROTC. . . . Pensioner EDWARD BOYLE visited Blue Island to wish his many friends a happy holiday season. . . . Our sympathy is extended to CLYDE PETERSON in the loss of his mother. Mrs. Peterson, who was 97 years old, will be missed by her family and many friends. . . . A big welcome back to JIM QUIGLEY. Jim has been out sick and would like to thank the many friends who remembered him during his illness. . . . Our holiday season is approaching, but sickness knows no holiday. JOSEPH HOFFERT, CHARLES PARK, FRANK CASTRIE, JOHN O'DONNELL, and RAY BRAINARD are all out at this time. Hurry and get well boys. . . . The holiday season is a time for gathering of families and good friends, so let us take time this busy month to stop and think of the true meaning of Christmas. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

ENGINEERING (Real Estate) -

This fall it seemed like job changing came all at one time in the Real Estate Division. It started with an "Open House" on Wednesday, August 31, for IVAN B. MILLER who retired September 1 after 38 years of service. A host of well-wishers were there to greet him. Coffee and cake were served and all had a very pleasant visit. . . . The welcome mat was out to JOAN GEORGE-SON who transferred from M&S. . . . Then G. J. SEILER retired October 1 after 43 years of service. A dinner was given in his honor at the "Bull N' Bear". . . . And again the welcome mat was out to H. T. LUEBECK who transferred from West Shops to be the new supervisor of real estate. . . . We also had Steno PAT HALLAHAN leave and LINDA GIERLASINSKI transferred from Public Information to take her place.

- Jean Hansen

GENERAL OFFICE -

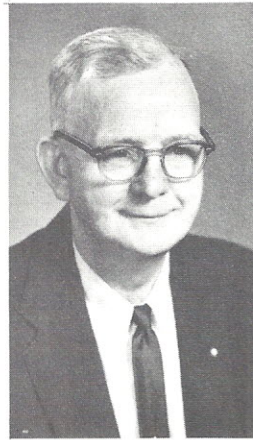
Your reporter noted the following item in the Libertyville and Waukegan newspapers, "Mr. WILLIAM ROSER, retired civil engineer, on recommendation of Mayor Charles Brown, was approved for the appointment to the

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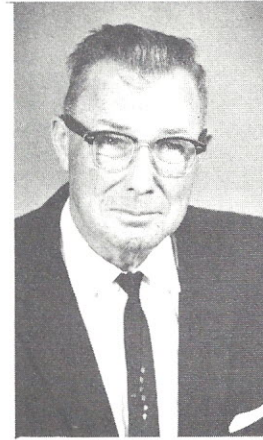
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ALBERT CERMAK, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 9-27-26
BERNICE M. CONDON, Adjuster's Record Clerk,
Claim, Emp. 8-22-44
ARTHUR E. CONOBOY, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 7-26-48
FRANK V. DeLONG, Supervisor,
District C, Emp. 3-19-24
ANDREW J. FLOOD, Instrumentman,
Engineering, Emp. 2-16-19
HARRY W. HANSEN, Laborer,
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HARRY A. HANUSKA, Ticket Agent,
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SVEN A. JOHNSON, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-12-43
PATRICK J. KELLEHER, Garage Clerk,
Kedzie, Emp. 9-02-42
ALOYSIUS J. LEDENBACK, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 10-29-28
THOMAS J. McINERNEY, Collector,
South Section, Emp. 3-01-44
HENRY V. NELSON, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 1-21-29
EMMET J. NOLAN, Electrical Worker,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 8-30-21
JAMES F. PERILLO, Repairman,
Congress, Emp. 9-20-18
WILLIAM F. PERREAULT, Janitor,
77th Street, Emp. 10-21-41
SAMUEL B. PHILLIPS, Trackman,
Track, Emp. 8-05-42
ELMER T. REIMANN, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 9-21-37
WILLIAM E. SCHMIDT, Collector,
North Park, Emp. 8-27-42
DOMINICK SCUCCIMORI, Lineman,
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WILLIAM H. SHIVENANE, Operator,
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EDWARD A. THURKOW, Ticket Agent,
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MORRIS A. VANDERMUELEN, Ticket Agent,
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HERBERT L. WILSON, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-06-30
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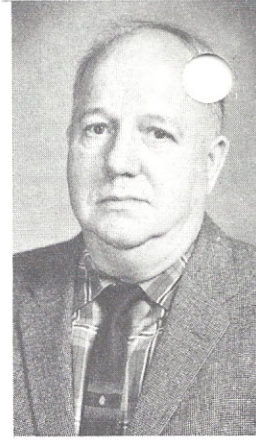
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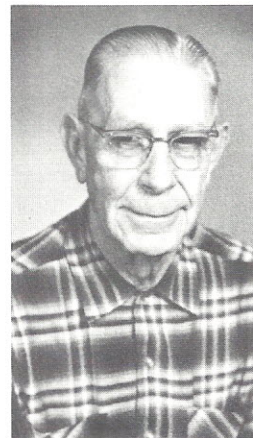
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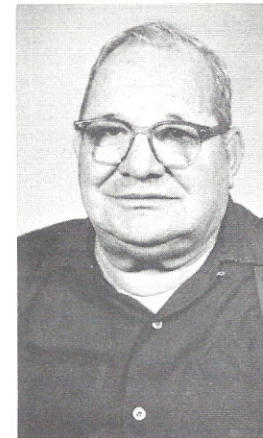
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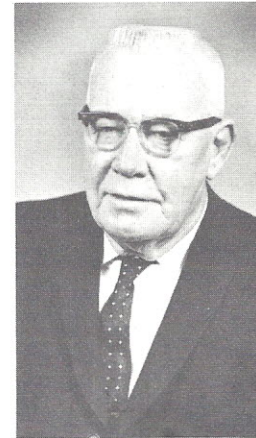
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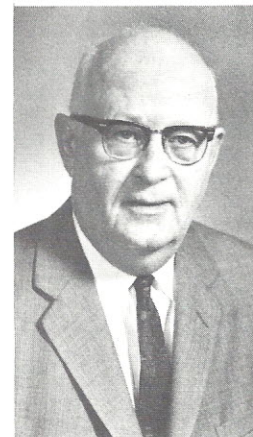
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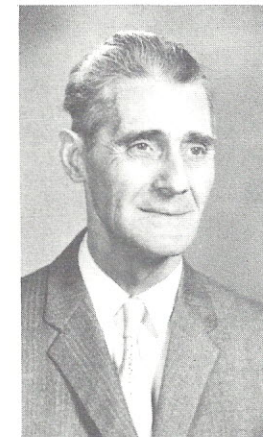
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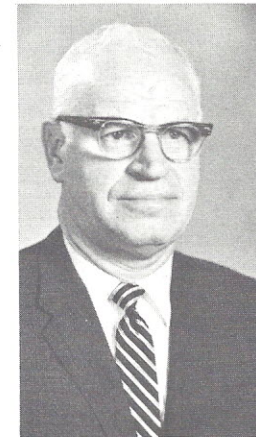
FRANK DeLONG
42 years



PHILANDER BERGSRUD
41 years



MORRIS VanDerMUELEN
40 years



ALBERT CERMAK
40 years

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

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Planning Commission and Zoning Board of the Village of Libertyville." Mr. Roser retired a few years ago from CTA's Real Estate Department and has since been actively engaged in many community activities in his hometown of Libertyville. He was especially commended for his work with the boy scouts. Our congratulations to you, Bill. We know you will do as fine a job for Libertyville as you did for CTA.

(Accident Statistics) -

RONALD KRAMER of Accident Statistics wished to thank all the fine CTA employees who helped collect empty cigarette packs so that wheel chairs could be obtained for two retarded children for Christmas.

(Training) -

BILL ZAZULA, whose sailboat was demolished a few months ago when a sudden storm broke loose over Lake Michigan, traveled all the way to Nova Scotia, Canada, recently and purchased a new 20-foot sloop sailboat. Next summer Bill intends to be a contender in the annual races and is also planning a trip across Lake Michigan. His new boat is equipped with sleeping quarters and kitchen, so any time he wishes to drop anchor he will have all the comforts of home.

(Insurance) -

CATHERINE RASCHICK was welcomed to the department. Catherine formerly worked for the Dole court reporting service. JIM MADDEN and his wife, AILEEN, of Executive were the recent winners of a color television set. Aileen had the winning ticket.

(Research & Planning) -

Our inter-office romance has reached the engagement stage and we extend congratulations to JIM ROACH, who presented JEAN TALUZEK with a beautiful engagement ring just before Thanksgiving Day. The wedding is planned for July, 1967. Best wishes Jim and Jean.

(Executive) -

Eagle Scout CARL HELFRICH, son of W. W. HELFRICH, assistant secretary of the Chicago Transit Board, has been selected to represent the Boy Scout Council as a candidate for the Report to the Nation. He joins 72 other regional scouts, one of whom will be chosen to represent the region as one of 12 nationwide finalists. The scout selected from these nominees will deliver the report to the nation to President Lyndon B. Johnson on a day during Boy Scout Week, February 7-13, 1967.

(Public Information) -

WE STOPPED THE PRESSES FOR THIS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT---Production of the Transit News almost came to a halt after the weekend of December 10, when the Flower of the Public Information Department, BETTY (E.J.) McILNAY, deserted the ranks of the happily-single and changed her name to Mrs. FRED STYGAR. This department's event of the year took place at 1 p.m. nuptial mass at St. John the Baptist church. All of us wish Betty and Fred lots of happiness. We hope this won't change Betty's cheerful early-morning disposition.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEDZIE -

Our Repair Department Foreman, ROBERT VANCE, became a grandfather on October 23, when his daughter

and son-in-law presented him with a baby boy, named JOHN PAUL. Congratulations! . . . We welcome RAY PARKER and M. FICARELLA of the bus repair who just returned from the service. Promoted to repairs was S. MARSOCO . . . PATRICK J. KELLEHER went on pension December 1 leaving behind him 25 years of service. Pat was chief clerk of the Repair Department . . . We welcome to Kedzie Depot W. MAYER as the new chief clerk. Mr. Mayer came from 77th Street repair shops . . . Congratulations to Operator NELSON, who took his pension on December 1. Mr. Nelson plans on staying home for a while then he and Mrs. Nelson plan on traveling out West. Loads of luck to both of you and many happy years of retirement . . . Operator R. SLINGERLA is home sick while I'm writing this news. Sure hope he will be back at work soon and fit as a fiddle. Our deepest sympathy to the families of JOSEPH F. McVEY, retired, who passed away November 5, and to MICHAEL PRENDERGAST, retired who passed away November 16. Now I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. May God bless you.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Hi fellows! May the New Year grant you all your fondest wishes and let you see and appreciate the many blessings you do receive . . . We all are made to feel glad when old friends drop in on us. Retiree RAY BERNARD, shopping in Chicago recently, dropped by the station to say hello. Ray looked as if retirement is really agreeing with him . . . And ARTHUR OLDHAM who recently retired after a hip injury, hobbled into the trainroom to greet some of his ex-leaders and followers. Another retiree looking in the pink, dropped in on us in the personage of AL KRIEMAN. Pensioner AL KURTH, though enjoying the beautiful scenery of New Mexico, still thought enough of his old buddies to drop a pretty post card . . . Glad to see Operator TED PYZNA back with us after being hospitalized for an ulcer treatment . . . Our sympathies to Operator FRANK WICHLER on the loss of his father. His dad was a CTA employee in the Stores Department. Condolences also to Operator ALLEN JACKSON on the loss of his father, and to Operator K. ZAHN who lost his beloved wife . . . For a morale lift just drop by Gordon Tech and look at the smile on Collector TOM ELLERY's face. Our best is wished to Operator DUPONT, who entered the hospital for surgery . . . Operator ED WHITE was pleasantly surprised on his birthday, November 24, with a visit from his young mother who jetted in to visit him. Mom is 81 years young. Ed was taken out for a night on the town, all expenses footed by his wife, BOBBIE. How about that? . . . A big bouncing heavyweight at 9 pounds 4 ounces, JEROME EDWARD KUGELBERG, made Operator and Mrs. WILLIAM KUGELBERG grandparents for the fifth time. The proud parents, of Rolling Meadows, are DON and CAROL KUGELBERG . . . Operator McCLAIN and his wife, VERGELLA, threw a slam bang party for their son, ZEDRIC, on his second birthday . . . Operator L. BANKS must be really getting old. Banks vacationed in southern Illinois and just watched the geese flying overhead . . . To start the new year right wish Operator C. BENNETT a happy birthday January 1 . . . Hey fellows, we have a real celebrity in our midst; Operator MEL CURTIS appeared on coast-to-coast TV. Mel was a winner in the Standard Oil All Pro football contest . . . Sympathy wishes to Operator TAYLOR who has to pay for a collect call from his son in Malaysia (wherever that is) . . . Guys, would you believe that Operator CHACHERE is

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doing church work. Chachere also recently picked up two trophies in a golf tournament in Missouri . . . Your scribe acquired a new son-in-law November 24 when daughter, MYRA, was wed to AUSTIN JOHNSON at her parents' home. Boy, did I have to do some painting and cleaning in preparation. But it was worth it . . . Well fellows, time is flying so till next time, God bless you all.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

The office and supervisory force wish all the men from Lawndale a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! . . . The Little Flower Society, had their semi-annual communion breakfast on Sunday, October 30, with a good crowd at church and a total of 597 hungry people sitting down to breakfast. Many of the women donated homemade Irish soda bread and other goodies and were they good, yum-yum . . . The stork paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. LEON GRIFFITH on June 11 and left a bundle of blue, LEON GRIFFITH JR. . . He also left a new grandson for Mr. and Mrs. BILL MOSER, this time out in Crown Point, Indiana. The little fellow was named JOSEPH ANDREW BRUECKMAN . . . I met JIM CONSIDINE in church and he seems younger every time I see him . . . We hear that pensioner JOE GURGA is in sick bay and also that ADOLPH ZUREK is off sick and we hope he is doing much better. We see JIM GOODE and clerk JIM RITTENBERG back on the job. Glad to see you boys! . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. LISIECKI (Wild Bill) celebrated 29 years of happy married life on September 11 . . . Supervisor and Mrs. LARRY BERMINGHAM celebrated 33 years of happy married life on November 24, Thanksgiving Day, with turkey and all the trimmings. Many more days of happy married life to these wonderful couples . . . CHARLIE FABIANO JR. is going to Monmouth university and is making many touchdowns to help his team win. Our deepest sympathy to the families of ORVILLE (Kentucky) GABBERT, who was buried October 17; PETE REGAN; Mrs. PAULINE STAHULEK, mother of John, buried November 11; JAMES J. NYHAN; JOSEPH F. McVEY, and to JIM TALENT on the death of his brother.

- Larry Keating

A 50TH anniversary celebration was held recently for Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH GIULIANO with a mass in their honor at St. Francis of Rome church, followed by a reception for 200 guests. They are the parents of six children and grandparents of 12. Mr. Giuliano, a retired truck repairman from Skokie Shops, took his pension on July 1, 1956.



LIMITS -

Operator CONRAD JOHNSON failed to bring back a deer on his annual hunt in Canada; however, he did come home with lots of fish . . . Retired Operator WARREN HUNTER passed away on November 26. Our sympathy to his family. . . Operator RICHARD STEPHANS hunted for quail and duck in Southern Illinois. He missed the quail but got a couple ducks . . . I met Retired Motorman FRANK SAMP Sr. who retired from Lincoln Avenue in 1950. Mr. Samp is now 81 years young and in the best of health. He lives in Schiller Park and has three sons and 12 grandchildren. He still drives his own car . . . Free coffee was served all day at Limits on November 22. This was the fourth time in four months that we had more commendations than complaints and it looks like the 1966 record will beat 1965. Good going, our Superintendents are proud. A very happy and healthy New Year to all.

- George Clark

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

At this writing Agent ELEANOR HASBROUCK is in Franklin Boulevard hospital. We wish her much luck and hope to see her soon . . . Lake Street Porter LESLIE BYRNES was in St. Anne's hospital for surgery but is home now doing well. ROBERT BYRNES' 19-year old son of Leslie, joined the marines on August 26 and took his training in California. He is on a 25-day furlough now. We know his being home for the holidays helped dad convalesce . . . Mr. and Mrs. JAMES WOODLEY III, became the proud parents of a baby boy on November 3. Congratulations! . . . Agent DOROTHY FORD and her husband, Lake street Conductor LEO enjoyed a two-week vacation over Thanksgiving. They visited friends in Detroit and spent Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Ford's cousin in Milwaukee . . . Clerk DAN DOYLE, with his daughter, PAT, son-in-law, ED EPLEY, and Grandson DANNY, spent a 10-day vacation in Colombia, South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. DAN DOYLE celebrated their 27th anniversary on November 11. Mrs. Doyle is a Lake Street ticket agent . . . Agent MARY BURROWS was on the sick list for two weeks in November suffering from a virus but is back to work now and feeling fine . . . West Side Clerk NORMAN LODERHOSE and Mrs. LODERHOSE celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on November 21. Congratulations to these two wonderful people. Daughter, JEAN, had a birthday the same day so the celebration was twofold . . . Our own granddaughter, PAT PALLISTER, celebrated her 15th birthday on October 22, and her brother, KENNETH, had a birthday on November 5. He is eight years old now . . . Agent ARLENE SWANSON and her husband, GEORGE, are happy with the new garage they had built this fall . . . Former clerk WILLIAM CHAMBERLICK transferred to the Engineering Department. We wish him much luck . . . Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

- Helen Pallister

LOOP -

Agent ANN CINCETTE and her husband vacationed in October in Miami sunshine and to top it off they went on a Caribbean cruise . . . Agent DOROTHY FORD and her husband, LEO, had a two-week vacation together. Dorothy wanted to go for a short ride. She and Leo ended up in Canada. Leo was happy, he came home with a pocket full of Canadian money. Next year he is going back there and spend the change . . . Porter O. BUCHANAN hasn't

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been feeling too good these past few weeks. With all the work around his home and getting his meals and dashing out to work every day, well its just too much. Several of his friends said, "Get a housekeeper, Buchanan." . . . With November being so much like spring, Porter L. C. SMITH will be seen walking proudly with his umbrella. He said the rain melts sugar . . . Porter DAN CAWTHON took his family out for Thanksgiving dinner. Dan ate so much he said he gained 10 pounds. He is going on a 15-mile hike on his days off to lose the extra weight. . . Trainman ED EPLEY wishes to thank all his friends who sent such funny get well cards and letters of cheer. Also thanks to the agent who signed the tag number! . . . Agent MARY WIXTED had a very bad cold for Thanksgiving. We do hope that all the goodies she had that day helped chase the cold . . . Sorry to hear Agent PAT BOLAND had a car accident. We hope you are better by now and back working . . . After such a long wait Agent MORA HAASE became a grandma for the first time. Her daughter, MILDRED JURICIC, had a lovely dark haired-blue eyed girl on October 25. The baby was named BONNIE LYNN. Mora didn't take her time going to St. Francis hospital in Joliet, Illinois, to see this little doll--she flew. This baby won't be spoiled; not much . . . Agent W. STRASSER made one short call for help when he saw a car on fire on the Congress Expressway. In answer to his call seven fire engines, four squad cars, and a snorkle came . . . Next time he said he will run the other way. Wilbur that was your good deed for the day. Remember way back when you were a boy scout . . . Agent DOROTHY DISMANG and her son, JOHN, spent their Thanksgiving Day with her mother and dad in Michigan . . . Very sorry to hear that Agent L. DREWS is in the hospital at the time of this writing. We hope you are feeling real good now and you are back working soon. Seems like no one has heard from Retired Clerk HARRY BAKER for some time now. Hope you are feeling fine these days. Happy holidays to you and Mrs. Baker . . . On the sick list at this writing are: Agents Mary Gallagher, H. Hanuska, (retired), E. Morrenzin, W. Kuciver, V. Weinert, S. Gibson, A. Noone, L. Drews, F. Reed, J. Kupczyk, E. Hasbrouck, E. Hoffman, P. Filter, P. Boland, C. Douglas, and Porters A. Thomson, L. Gordon Hay, L. Byrnes and I. Christmas . . . As your reporter I wish one and all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Operator JOSEPH R. ROCHAWIAK and his wife celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary November 18. Our congratulations . . . Operator JAMES E. DAVIS and his wife, PATRICIA, are the proud owners of a new Ford LTD., and they are waiting for the next hot spell to try out the air conditioning . . . We welcome new operators EDDIE COOPER, BENNIE MINNIFIELD, ERNEST BAILLEY, THOMAS KAPEL, KARL RUZICKA, JOHN LANAGAN, FRANK FROOM, and LOWELL WILSON. The gang in the repair department gives a warm welcome to TELIS WALKER, relief foreman . . . Operator ANTHONY FRENCH did some deer hunting . . . Operator FERN FOX is on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery . . . PFC JEWELL WINDFELD, 19-year old son of Operator VIGGO WINDFELD, lost his life as a result of an automobile accident at Lakewood, Washington. He was returned home for burial. Jewell was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. Our condolences to Viggo and his wife . . . We also extend our sympathy to Operator LES O'SHEA who lost his mother, AGNES; Operator EDWARD



SONS OF T. D. SULZER, Security Department, are representing this land of ours in fine fashion. THOMAS G. SULZER is in yeoman school, stationed in Washington, D.C.; RONALD W. SULZER is a marine tank mechanic stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

RUTKOWSKI who lost his mother; and the family of Operator WILLIAM MACYOUSKIS, whose final resting place is St. Casimir's cemetery . . . From GEORGE "Sinatra" KUENSTLE, repair department: "Winter is setting in, let's be doubly careful. Let's have another word of praise for our bus operators, they're the best." . . . We would like to have more items for our column. If any of you have any news, birthdays, anniversaries, etc., drop them in the box beside the mail box. Be sure and sign your name and badge number . . . RONALD BEDOE of our repair department, now in the service of Uncle Sam, was home on a furlough before Thanksgiving prior to leaving for the West Coast and eventually Viet Nam. May God be with him and bring him safely home . . . Again the blessed Christmas season is with us. We again long for "peace on earth, good will to men," but we find war, hate and greed among nations. The teachings of God and his son, whose birth we celebrate this season, are not evident. Many of our boys are thousands of miles away fighting a war, others are being made ready to do so. They long for Christmas at home with their families, and their families are remembering happier Christmases when they were together on this blessed Holiday. We ask God to end these conflicts and hates that are destroying mankind, and to send his peace and love to all men. May he bless you all at Christmas and in the New Year.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH PARK -

The North Park Credit Union's annual business meeting will be held Friday, January 6, at River Park Fieldhouse, 5100 North Francisco avenue, at 8 p.m. Election of officers will be held and dividends will be declared. Refreshments will be served with a drawing for door prizes. All members are urged to attend . . . The 1967 Festival of Leadership Scholarship Banquet will be held Saturday, January 28, at the Conrad Hilton hotel. Father PAUL HOBAN will again be Master of Ceremonies and anyone desiring tickets contact JOHN WEBER or Superintendent C. W. KERR. The Society of Little Flower, sponsor of the event, will use the proceeds to educate 400 boys to become Carmelite priests and spiritual leaders of tomorrow . . . North Park Depot was well represented at the Little Flower Communion breakfast held October 31. Father PAUL HOBAN and the committee members wish to thank everyone for helping North

Park go over their quota again. Repairman PETE MERSCH won an electric percolator, while Operator FRANK LITTEAU won a beautiful crucifix . . . Board Members LASKE and SCHOLL would like to see a better turnout at the Union meetings. Musicians hall at Washington and Wells on the first Monday of the month is the place, and with a little effort we can get back to the top again . . . Operator WALTER ZINKOVICH was married on October 11 to Mrs. DOROTHY DURHAM at the Presbyterian church on Wilson avenue. A reception for the immediate families was held at the Blackhawk restaurant . . . Operator W. MOORE became a father on October 30 when his wife, JANET, gave birth to a son named STACY LATICE . . . RAYMOND KLEPITCH, son of Operator WILLIAM KLEPITCH, was married on Saturday, October 8, to Miss SUSAN PAUL at Our Lady of Charity church. The reception was held in the Peacock Room of The Ambassador on West Cermak road. The young couple honeymooned in Florida and Nassau and will be at home in Cicero, Illinois . . . Operator ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION, spent their annual vacation at Lake Norfolk, Arkansas, where the fishing was excellent. Roy and Marion caught 52 small mouth bass, with the largest weighing 3-1/2 pounds. The Lemkes also spent three days visiting with Pensioner ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH, of Forsythe, Missouri, who would like to be remembered to all his Chicago friends . . . Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUE, motored to the great state of Florida on their vacation. Highlights of their trip were stops at the Singapore motel in Miami Beach, with a wonderful boat trip on the Bahama Star to Nassau. Also on the agenda was a stop at New Orleans where the Hutnicks took in all of the night clubs . . . Operator RAY CLONIGER and his wife, MARILYN, vacationed throughout the West. Highlights of the trip were visits at San Francisco, Squaw Valley, Virginia City, the Old Comstock Mines, and a two-day stay in Reno, Nevada. The Clonigers spent 10 days in Las Vegas, where the dining and shows were the best. While in San Francisco, the Clonigers spent a day visiting with RON EDMONDSON, who is an ex-CTA bus operator . . . Operator MARVIN SALMANOFF and his wife, ETHELYN, motored 6,000 miles on their vacation. Highlights of the trip were visits with Pensioner ART MUIR in Forsythe, Missouri, Painted Desert, Arizona, Petrified Forest, two days in Las Vegas, and six days in Los Angeles where the Salmanooffs attended a Bar Mitzvah . . . RICHARD WENNERBERG, son of Operator VERNON WENNERBERG, vacationed with his father. Richard is from Los Angeles, California, where he is in the insurance business . . . Operator MIKE FREDERICK spent his vacation making many visits to beautiful islands of Chicago, mainly Blue Island, Goose Island, and Stony Island . . . Operator LESTER BATES, his wife, BEATRICE, son, ART, and granddaughter, DEBRIA, spent a week in Toledo, Ohio, visiting friends and relatives. Lester has a new Cadillac, which he broke in on this trip.

Signal Maintainer JAMES NESBIT and his wife, MARGE, celebrated their 28th anniversary November 5. The Nesbits attended the wedding of their niece, Miss MARY KATHERINE REHM, to JULION NASCO at the Little Country Church of the City. The reception was held at the Jolly club, where the Nesbits were also honored on the anniversary . . . Operator STANLEY ZALE and his wife, MARIE, celebrated their 38th anniversary November 22. The Zales had dinner at Hapsburg restaurant and then returned home where they held an open house for the event . . . Operator FRED STOWELL and his wife, WILMA, celebrated their 31st anniversary November 27 . . . Operator H. W. NETTLES won a Joe Wilman

NEW ARRIVALS SWELL GROWING CTA FAMILIES



JAMES WILLIAM was the recent addition to the family of JAMES GRANAHAAN of the Methods & Procedures Department and is also the nephew of North Section Clerk TOM GRANAHAAN.



RICHARD MICHAEL, grandson of Forest Glen Operator RAY and PEGGY ZAPP, was born to RICHARD & DOLOR-ES HALLAS on August 20.



KEITH ALLEN, born May 11, 1966, to VICTOR, Storeroom 42-Skokie Shops, and SHIRLEY JOHNSON, formerly of the Insurance Department, is pictured when 3 months old.



LEON GRIFFITH Jr., born June 11, 1966, is the son of Operator LEON GRIFFITH Sr. of Lawndale Station.



CHARLES JOSEPH is the newly-adopted son of GEORGE and JUNE MACAK. George is in the Research and Planning Department.



CRAIG ROGERS, son of T.L. WOLGEMUTH of Track and Structures, was born on July 10 and is shown at the age of two months.

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Timer, as one of his bowling questions was answered and published in the Chicago Daily News . . . Operator LESTER SWANSON has found a new barber shop on Lincoln and Foster and is now one of our sharpest looking operators. Lester says the price of \$1.50 is very reasonable also . . . Operator FRED LORENZ purchased a new '66 Pontiac Catalina and broke it in with a well planned trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where a tour of the breweries was a must . . . Operator ANDREW SCHOFFEN retired November 1 after 29 years of service. Andy is going to relax and take it easy for awhile and has no definite plans for the future . . . VICTOR JOHNSON Jr., son of Instructor VIC JOHNSON, has purchased a new home in Villa Park, Illinois, and father is very busy helping shape things up for Junior . . . Operator KEVIN O'STEEN has resigned from CTA, and is now in training at the Chicago Police Academy to become one of Chicago's finest . . . Pensioner HENRY BRETZ was a visitor at North Park and wishes to be remembered to his many friends . . . Operator BILLY HARMON was inducted into the U. S. Army and we wish him the best . . . DONALD PETERSON, son of Clerk BOB PETERSON, was graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science and then passed his State of Illinois test. Donald is now working at Corcoran Funeral home as an apprentice funeral director . . . Repairman ED CORDA has started to move furniture and incidentals to his new home in Tennessee and is now counting the days until his pension starts . . . Repairman TED KUTA spent his last two weeks of vacation on Backporch, Illinois, and is well rested for another hard winter . . . Repairman TONY SCARPELLI bagged his annual deer while hunting in upper Michigan and will have the venison steaks ready soon . . . Foreman CHARLES DUNN relays his thanks to all his men who worked diligently getting our buses in shape for winter operation . . . Repairman BOB GUYSENS has returned to work after two months of illness and is his usual jolly self again . . . Assistant Day Foreman HARRY DETTERY has also returned to work after being off two months from surgery at Bethesda hospital . . . Repairman FRANK CAHILL spent his fall vacation getting the ranch in Melrose Park in shape for the winter . . . Clerk HARRY ENWRIGHT returned to North Park for a visit and reports he misses the old stand very much . . . Pensioner CHARLEY WINZENHOLLAR, who has been on pension seven years, was around the garage visiting and was well received . . . The sympathy of the garage is offered to Clerk EDWARD OLENDER on the loss of his mother . . . Mrs. ANDREW PETERSON, wife of Sanitary Engineer ANDREW PETERSON, presented Andy with a '66 Ford Galaxie 500. The Petersons then took a trip through the Southern states. Highlights of the trip included a stopover at Clearwater, Florida, where they relaxed on the beach. Visits were also made at Busch Gardens in Tampa with a boat ride at Silver Springs on the agenda. The Petersons were also impressed with the scenic sights of the Great Smoky Mountains . . . Congratulations to Operators PETE MARCHISOTTO, chairman, and PAT SCIORTINO, co-chairman and master of ceremonies, who hosted a successful dinner dance, sponsored by the St. Joseph Society of Chicago. A turnout of 1,050 people attended the affair held at the Chateau Royale restaurant on November 5. Proceeds of the affair are used for charity purposes . . . Operator HERBERT WILSON retired December 1 after 37 years of service. Herb is going to move to Kewanee, Illinois, where he has extensive real estate holdings, and will be contented to spend his time hunting and fishing . . . Operator HAROLD COOK has remodeled his basement and it will now be known as the Mallard lounge. Harold has put in a new recreation area with a beautiful hexagon

bar . . . Operator GARY NOONAN and Receiver ED STENCEL used 40 gallons of paint on Gary's two homes on Damen avenue and they are receiving many compliments about the fine job they did. Gary also had remodeled the apartments and is taking the bows gracefully for his fine job . . . Happy birthdays are extended to Operator STANLEY ZALE, October 24, Operator BILL SEIFERT, November 21, Operator VERN WENNERBERG, November 6, Operator LEO HARA, November 25, Operator PETE MARCHISOTTO, December 2, Operator TOM CONROY, December 23, Operator MEL HORNING, December 17, Operator LOU BIELSKI, December 24, and Operator CARL SANDBURG, December 29 . . . Our sympathy and condolences to Operator JACK TERTZ on the loss of his son, JACK, Operator GEORGE HAND, on the loss of his father, GEORGE HAND, to the family of Pensioner MARTIN TEZAK, and the family of Supervisor ASCENZIO "Ace" DOMINO.

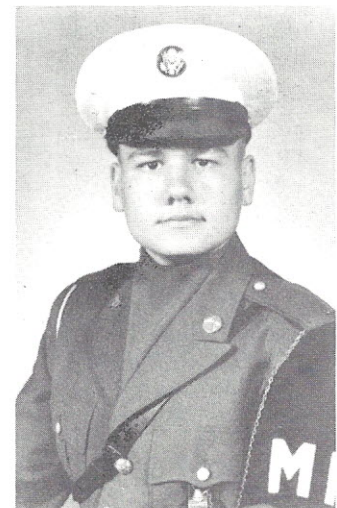
All of the office personnel--Superintendents CHARLES KERR, ROBERT CHRISTIAN, WARD CHAMBERLAIN; Instructors GEORGE REBSTAB, VICTOR JOHNSON, ART HIGGINS, and JOHN BORK; and janitors, receivers, and clerks wish to extend the Seasons Greetings to all employees of this station and their families . . . I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men in each department who have helped me with news items each month.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

Well, the climax of the most joyous season of the year is almost upon us, and I would like to start my column by wishing a most happy holiday to all, and may the new year be filled with nothing but happiness . . . Belated birthday greetings to Conductor RON TUCK. How old, Ron? . . . A new member of the Pensioners Club is Ravenswood Conductor ELMER REIMANN. Elmer's warm and friendly smile will certainly be missed around Kimball, but I am sure he will visit us often. The best of luck to you and your family . . . A little contest or seemingly so on the North Side, dealing with speed, and being on time would pit Motorman SPARKS against WHEATTER . . . Well, 308 has elected its new officers in case you have missed the results, here they are: president, JOHN BURNS; vice president, WALTER COLLINS; secretary treasurer, MIKE CRONIN; board member

PRESENTLY STATIONED at a U.S. Army Nike site at Bristol, Rhode Island, is SP4 KENNETH PAVLAK, who performs his duties with the aid of a German shepherd dog which he is training for combat duty. Ken is the son of Mechanic CHESTER PAVLAK of the South Shops Register Department.



INSIDE NEWS



CANDY CARR is the name of this smiling little lady and the name is as cute as she is. Granddaughter of Loop Ticket Agent W. J. STRASSER, she is just 17 months old and already has won the hearts of many friends of the family.

North section, HUGH HEGARTY, and assistant board member, J. C. WILLI. The winners extend their thanks . . . Ticket Agent TONY ABBINANTI is off on the remainder of his vacation as this issue goes to press. That's seniority for you . . . WEDDING BELLS: Recently wed was Motorman AL BIANCHINI; his wife, DONNA, is formerly from Michigan . . . On a sad note is the passing on of a few of our employees. Our condolences and regrets to the families of Switchman LARRY JELINEK, Conductor FRANK BROSTEK, and LOU BRAVATA, carpenter, from the track department . . . Clerk TOM GRANAHAAN is certainly proud of his new nephew, JAMES WILLIAM, son of JAMES GRANAHAAN from the IBM department in the Mart. The godfather is former South Side motorman ROBERT JAMES. He certainly is a good looking little fellow . . . Better late than never, right? Well, happy birthday to Motorman JIM GOLDEN . . . That about does it for this month. Be talking with you in the January issue. Merry Christmas, Ho Ho Ho.

- Frank T. Jasch

PURCHASING, STORES & SPECIFICATIONS (Specifications) -

All kinds of good wishes for a speedy recovery go to LEE DeSUTTER who is a surgical patient in St. Francis hospital!

(Stores) -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. HARTY who are delighted over the arrival of their first grandchild, CHRISTOPHER EDWARD, born November 22 to Mr. and Mrs. MARTIN J. HARTY in Washington D.C. Martin passed his bar exam and is working in the Law Department of G.A.O.

(South Division) -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. EARL WILCOX who celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary November 25 . . . Our sincere condolences to MARTIN FLANAGAN on the recent death of his father.

- D. Jane Bell

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

GEORGE HANUS and his wife motored down South and visited with their daughter-in-law and grandson . . . JIM McBRIDE was operated on for cataracts and is doing well. He is now convalescing at home . . . J. JOYCE also was operated on and is home recuperating . . . Pensioners BARNEY O'NEILL and JOHN FRANZEN visited the office. It was like old home week. Both look very

good . . . CLARK JOHNSON and his wife motored down to Alabama and spent Thanksgiving there . . . W. SCHARP went hunting on his vacation . . . J. CAPPELLETTI vacationed in and around Chicago enjoying the Christmas holidays . . . MARILYN THOMAS, daughter of WALLY THOMAS, was home from college in Greeley, Colorado . . . I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

Welcome to ANNETTE CICHOSZ, typist, and ALICE MAY, clerk, who have just joined the office staff at Skokie. Both ALICE's and ANNETTE's husbands work at the Skokie Shops. Glad to have you both . . . Congratulations are in order to MARK DUNDOVICH, electrical apprentice, and his wife, MARY KAY, upon the birth of LINDA MARIE November 16. Mary Kay was formerly of the Employment Department. Other new proud parents are GARY and Mrs. OLSEN, carpenter, upon the birth of their baby daughter, MARY . . . Our sympathy to the family of RONALD PIANTKOWSKI, electrical apprentice, on the death of RON's brother who was killed in VIET NAM, and to JOSEPH MICHALCZUK, electrical worker, on the loss of his brother . . . ALPHONSE SCHMITZ, upholsterer, is home ill at this writing and may be off for a while. Let's cheer him up with some cards and calls . . . A welcome visitor was LESTER H. REICHARD, retired Superintendent of R. T. D. Shops and Terminals, who just recently paid us a visit. THEODORE NIENABER, retired engineer, also stopped by to say "Hello." . . . Still home sick at this writing are GEORGE LARSON and MARTIN GRIFFIN, shopmen, ANDRES HODOWANIC, machinist, and JOE ODDO, machinist, who is in the Northwest hospital . . . Come on fellows, let's get the news in to your reporter.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

A merry, merry Christmas is wished to each and everyone of you and your families . . . Wearing a big smile is Trainman ERNEST SANDERS who was a proud papa for the first time when little ERNEST Jr. was born on November 9 . . . Congratulations to Switchman BOB JOHNSON who was appointed supervisor on October 30. We are all proud of you, Bob . . . Welcome back from the sick list to Work Train Conductor THOMAS SCHWARZ, Agent BENNIE HARRIS, and Porter CLARENCE HALBERT . . . Motorman EARTHON JOHNSON and his wife spent their vacation in warm and sunny Birmingham, Alabama, visiting his mother . . . Motorman AL GRABE from Loomis Street took his pension on November 1 and a get-together was held for him before he left. Mrs. Grabe was also guest of honor. The snack was good and a token of remembrance was presented to Al from his co-workers. You would never know that Al was of pension age. He rides around on a Honda bike. So if you see a Honda on the road, look again, it may be Al riding it. He and Mrs. Grabe are going to take a vacation down to Mt. Home, Arkansas, for awhile and then they'll come back to Chicago. Much happiness is wished Al and his lovely wife . . . Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Motorman WALTER JOGERST on the loss of his beloved wife recently . . . Congratulations to Trackman RICHARD HAMMONDS who is the proud father of a baby boy named JOHN PIERRE, born on November 5 . . . We want to take this time to offer our congratulations and to

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

NICOLA BARONE, 79, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 5-06-43, Died 10-17-66
LOUIS BRAVATA, 54, Engineering,
Emp. 5-01-36, Died 11-19-66
FRANK BROSTEK, 61, North Section,
Emp. 11-24-44, Died 11-20-66
SALVATORE BUONAURO, 79, Lake Street,
Emp. 12-22-21, Died 11-06-66
FRANK BURNEIKA, 82, 69th Street,
Emp. 6-13-12, Died 10-18-66
JOSEPH J. CALLAGHAN, 66, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-27-26, Died 10-27-66
FRANK CHURCHILL, 62, South Section,
Emp. 11-16-43, Died 11-14-66
WINIFRED J. CONNORS, 80, General Office,
Emp. 8-30-21, Died 10-23-66
ASCENZIO DOMINO, 48, District B,
Emp. 6-15-61, Died 11-06-66
PATRICK FALLON, 83, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-01-50, Died 10-29-66
CHARLES L. FENNER, 94, Lincoln,
Emp. 3-21-06, Died 10-12-66
CHRISTOPHER FITZSIMMONS, 87, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-10-07, Died 11-01-66
ORVILLE E. GABBERT, 66, Lawndale,
Emp. 8-23-43, Died 10-14-66
ALBERT J. GRAFFY, 79, 69th Street,
Emp. 4-18-14, Died 10-25-66
JOSEPH J. HEISMAN, 77, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 1-05-19, Died 10-09-66
LAWRENCE JELINEK, 53, North Section,
Emp. 3-04-63, Died 11-05-66
MARTIN KELLY, 73, Wilson Avenue,
Emp. 4-07-30, Died 8-24-66
NELLIE T. KERNS, 82, Loop,
Emp. 10-11-43, Died 10-26-66
JOSEPH KOCH, 61, Beverly,
Emp. 8-20-42, Died 11-02-66
LEO KREFT, 82, North Section,
Emp. 7-11-12, Died 9-25-66
JOHN KWATER, 78, Douglas Park,
Emp. 7-13-43, Died 10-26-66
GEORGE LOPAC, 74, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 4-20-21, Died 10-18-66
HAROLD B. LOWERY, 57, South Division,
Emp. 9-21-36, Died 10-05-66
SALVATORE MACRI, 72, West Section,
Emp. 8-07-28, Died 10-22-66
RALPH MATRISCIANO, 78, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 7-21-19, Died 10-31-66
PATRICK J. McMAHON, 74, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-24-20, Died 10-13-66

JOSEPH F. McVEY, 66, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-17-36, Died 11-03-66
MARGARET J. O'BRIEN, 81, West Section,
Emp. 5-15-46, Died 11-01-66
ELIJAH PARKHURST, 92, North Section,
Emp. 11-28-03, Died 10-22-66
ROMAN POLAK, 57, Archer,
Emp. 4-25-46, Died 11-24-66
NICHOLAS U. RASMUSSEN, 70, Lawrence Avenue,
Emp. 12-10-24, Died 10-31-66
PETER A. REGAN, 66, Lawndale,
Emp. 9-08-22, Died 10-15-66
JOHN RIHEL, 86, West Shops,
Emp. 3-01-23, Died 10-23-66
JACOB L. RONK, 74, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-27-27, Died 10-22-66
GROVER C. ROSE, 74, Devon,
Emp. 11-09-26, Died 10-23-66
ERWIN ROSENWINKEL, 59, West Section,
Emp. 9-27-37, Died 10-26-66
FREDERICK SCHMIDT, 86, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-08-02, Died 10-17-66
EDWARD J. SCHMITT, 79, Wilson Avenue,
Emp. 4-14-11, Died 9-09-66
EDWARD SCHUTH, 53, Archer,
Emp. 9-02-41, Died 10-24-66
EDWARD F. SHEA, 85, West Section,
Emp. 5-13-07, Died 10-17-66
MICHAEL SHEERIN, 62, South Section,
Emp. 6-23-44, Died 11-23-66
MERLE SMITH, 53, West Section,
Emp. 2-29-40, Died 10-19-66
ANTON W. SORESENSEN, 78, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 1-23-17, Died 11-01-66
ANGELO TAGLER, 66, District A,
Emp. 9-29-22, Died 10-28-66
RALPH A. TANNER, 79, West Section,
Emp. 1-25-06, Died 10-18-66
GILBERT R. TAYLOR, 66, 69th Street,
Emp. 4-03-29, Died 10-18-66
MARTIN J. TEZAK, 65, Lake Street,
Emp. 2-22-23, Died 10-17-66
RAYMOND H. TIFFANY, 78, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-13-20, Died 10-16-66
CARL M. TIMM, 70, Devon,
Emp. 10-19-26, Died 10-26-66
FRANK J. WISCHLER, 65, Office Services,
Emp. 1-08-26, Died 10-23-66
HAROLD J. WRIGHT, 68, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 6-21-26, Died 10-18-66
ELDEN ZURCHER, 69, North Section,
Emp. 5-21-42, Died 10-11-66

tell our South Siders how proud we are of their being the winners in the Division 308 Election - Motorman JOHN BURNS was elected as President of Division 308; Motorman CHARLES LOUGHRAN was re-elected as South Section board member and Conductor WILFRED SPEARS was elected as assistant board member. Also our congratulations to all the other winners in the election from the other sections. Election day brought out many of our pensioners and it was so nice to chat with them and to see how hale and hearty they all look. We who are working, only hope that when we go on pension, we all will look as good as they do. Talked to Retired Motormen

Henry Colgan, Vincent Prinski, John Burke, Edward Hennessy; Conductors Carl Magnuson, James Givin, Richard Hoffman, William Mannich, Vernon Ammons, Paul Downey, Thomas Beggan, Ernest Hardwidge, Simon Mackenberg, Thomas White, Joseph Mascolino, Joseph Warshaw; Collector Michael Sullivan; Towermen Otto Young, Reinhold Breitenbach, Frank Dimmick, William Waldron, Leonard DeGroot, Elmer Pipkorn; Yard Foreman Clifford Becker; Switchmen William Saunders, Fritz McDole; Supervisors Ed Munro, Charles Spielman; Clerks Charles Sasso and Barney Trandel; Retired Division 308 Board Member Charles Burns, Retired Inter-

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national Vice President Patrick Ganley; Shopman A. Haros, and Agents Lulu Hamann and Rose Heidenblut, and many, many more which space does not permit me to name. I just wish to say how much I enjoyed seeing everyone.

Supervisor DON MURPHY announced the birth of his sixth grandchild when his son, EDWARD, and his wife had a baby boy, THOMAS EDWARD, born November 9 . . . "Hello" to newly-hired Agents Dorothy Oates, Ida Aaron, Bobbie Jean Pruitt, Earl Boyd, Corrine Dalmás, Mariko Harris, and Lola Wakefield . . . Agent FRANK CHURCHILL, who was on the sick list for several months, passed away recently. Our sincere condolences to his family . . . My hubby, ROLAND, and I wish to thank the West Side Agents Club for inviting us to their pension party held in the honor of Retired West Section Agent BLANCHE THOMAS. The dinner was held at the Pot and Pan restaurant. We met some people whom we talk to but had never seen before, and now we know what they look like . . . Our condolences to Motorman HARRY EITEL whose mother passed away recently, to Motorman LEONARD BEATTY on the loss of his brother, to Agent ANTOINETTE STIPATI on the loss of her mother, and to Agent HELEN LAFAIRE on the loss of her brother . . . Motorman PAUL DUCAR and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 3 at a reception at the Hamlin Club. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time . . . Switchman RAYMOND LAFAIRE became a grandpa for the sixth time recently when a baby boy made his entrance into this world of ours . . . Our traveling ARTHUR ANDERSONS, retired assistant station superintendent, were on the go again. They flew to Miami Beach and while there spent a day visiting with Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY, then on to Bimini Island in the Bahamas, and then back to New Orleans. While sightseeing in the French Quarter they ran into Retired Conductor ARTHUR RIBOT, who lives in a suburb of New Orleans. Art says "hello" to all his friends back in Chicago. Then the Andersons flew home to spend Thanksgiving with their sons and their wives . . . Resigning recently were Motorman THOMAS HAYNES, and Trainmen RONALD McEWEN, CRAWFORD McWILLIAMS, and RICHARD ROBERTSON.

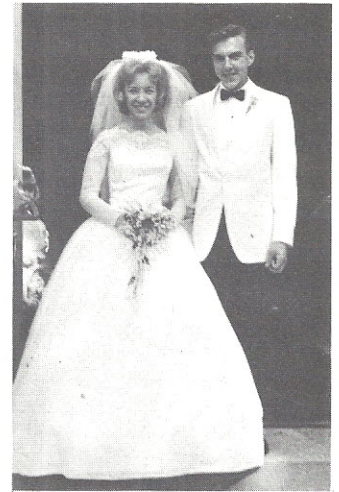
Some more passenger commendations have been received recently: One for Conductor JOHN DANER for providing the correct travel information to a passenger; one for Conductor LaMARR WARE for his happy sounding clear announcements, and one for Agent CECILE THOMAS for helping a passenger to retrieve a lost article . . . Again, a happy holiday season to All.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

WILLIAM E. PRESZ, A3C, USAF, son of carpenter BILL PRESZ, was selected "Airman of the Month" because of his exceptional performance, his striving to improve his job knowledge and working conditions, and also because of his respectful and courteous manner. The office extends a hearty welcome to two new employees, FRED RIDLEY, who comes to us from the Cook County Department of Public Aid after 10 years of service with them, and to JIM FELTZ, son of Archer bus operator ERNIE FELTZ. JIM has just returned from overseas where he served 17 months in Germany. Prior to being drafted, he worked four years with CTA's Construction and Maintenance Department. Other relatives of the CTA FELTZ family include FRANK GRAY, 77th;

NORTH PARK Repair Department lost a bachelor but gained a husband last August 27 when Bus Cleaner WILLIAM CANTWELL married CHRISTIAN WISNIEWSKI. The ceremony took place at St. Barbara's church in LaGrange, Illinois. The young couple honeymooned at the Wisconsin Dells.



FRANK GRAY Sr. and ANDY HUEMMER, Archer; RAYMOND FELTZ, 77th, and HAROLD FELTZ, Blue Island . . . Beginning April, 1966, one Sunday per month, AL SAMASKA led the American Legion golf outing with an average score of 84. Al was presented with a trophy for "Outstanding Golfer for D.G. Post 271." JUDY PIETRUS, daughter of Paint Shop Foreman, TED, and a recent U. of I. science major graduate, is now teaching high school to the natives of Waianae, Hawaii. She says the natives enjoy a wonderful life and often come to school barefoot. Judy surfs, takes judo lessons and is also taking post graduate courses at the University of Hawaii. She is living in a beach house with three other teachers from stateside. The view from the house is said to be of breathtaking mountains and the vast ocean . . . LOU SPOLEC dropped a note about his happy retirement. He would like to hear from his friends at CTA. The address is 710 N.E. 72nd Terrace, Miami, Florida . . . A Marine's courage under fire kept his squad from sustaining heavy casualties recently in Viet Nam. Lance Corporal LAWRENCE J. BRENT, son of Mr. and Mrs. BRENT, and his squad had stopped for water when the V.C. ambushed them from across the river. Brent fired from his position and withdrew his men to a better fighting position, then discovered there was no radio contact. A Marine re-supply helicopter was sighted overhead and Brent instructed his men to throw smoke grenades to attract attention. This pilot called for Huey gunships and they were soon on the scene trying to spot the target. Brent stood upon the bank to signal the choppers. He pointed and waved in the direction of the V.C., despite volleys of fire from enemy positions. Only when the gunships had the V.C. under fire and fleeing did Brent leave his self-appointed post and take his patrol out of the area. He then returned with his squad intact, and unhurt, to patrol base. Here he learned that 50 enemy had been killed. That same night Brent was promoted to Corporal by Brigadier General English . . . JOE and JOAN CAROLYN are proud parents for the second time, with the birth of a boy, KENNETH JOSEPH. DICK and CATHERINE HICKEY became grandparents for the seventh time when their daughter, PATRICIA AHERN, presented them with a grandson, PATRICK JOSEPH. Not to be outdone, the eighth grandchild of WALLY and LAURA OLENICK was born to their daughter, GERALDINE MELTZER, last July. The baby's name is WAYNE. Geraldine is a former CTA employee . . . FRANK PAPA-LEO, formerly of the C & M Department, transferred as an apprentice to the Paint Shop. Good luck in your new position . . . BILL HANSEN spent a one-week vacation just taking it easy . . . KAREN HOFFMAN and SANDY

INSIDE NEWS

PFUND celebrated KAREN's 21st birthday costumed for Halloween on bowling night. Many friends and bowling companions feted Karen at a party in her honor. DON TARNOWSKI, one of the star bowlers, won a 10 pound turkey for his memorable 528 series . . . Your scribes wish to take a moment to thank you for the assistance and support during the past year that has made this column possible. May your holidays be the happiest and your new year even better. Merry Christmas to you all.

- Kathleen O'Brien & Al Haas

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Our condolences to the family of JOHN DANIELS, Congress, whose mother passed away on November 16 . . . Congratulations to EDDIE SHIELDS of Congress who became a grandfather again. Hope mother and baby are doing fine. Hey, Eddie, the guys are still waiting for the cigars . . . Congratulations to C. REYMENT, Wilson, on his promotion to "B" repairman . . . The holiday season brings word from pensioners IRA L. NUBIE of Newaygo, Michigan; ERNIE JONES of Hollywood, Florida; EARL LEAMING of California; ARTHUR REDLICH of Sun City, Arizona, and Mr. IMHOFF, all who send their regards to their former co-workers . . . Holiday vacations were enjoyed by G. COLUMBO, M. FELTON, E. HASKELL, G. DAVIS, M. CRONIN, F. STOEHRMAN, I. FARMER, and L. ZIELINSKI . . . Best wishes to all for a blessed and merry Christmas and also for a happy and prosperous New Year.

- Ray Bryczek

TRANSPORTATION (Mart) -

On November 19, 1966, at 11 o'clock mass at Transfiguration of Our Lord church, JOSEPH TUNZI, a transportation clerk, and DIANA MIKRUT, formerly of the Insurance Department, became husband and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Tunzi had a nice day weatherwise and a beautiful wedding. They held their reception at the Club Suzette. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to the happy couple . . . Welcome and good luck to JOHN SUDA and PERCY PASSMORE, our two new information clerks . . . RAY STRATTON became a grandfather for the 10th time when his daughter, PAT, gave birth to JOHN WILLIAM on November 8. Her husband, MILAN NORUM, is a towerman on the North Section. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents . . . On November 21, TOM, the son of THOMAS M. STIGLIC, was graduated from the naval air reserve boot camp. He is presently at Glenview Naval Air Station in a helicopter squadron . . . JOHN DONOVAN and his brother took the train to Hot Springs, Arkansas. After a week of relaxation they flew back to Chicago . . . Your scribe sends best wishes to all for a very happy holiday season.

- Colette Szczepanek

WEST SECTION -

Our good friend, Motorman BILL HAWKINS, is in the hospital. All the men are hoping that he gets back to work soon for it makes us all blue seeing him sick . . . Visited Conductor JAMES HOWLETT at the hospital and he informed me that he will be coming home soon. That's the kind of news we like to hear . . . Saw Motorman WALTER FITZGERALD walking with a cane and his great Irish smile beaming. So it won't be long before he gets back. It's a pleasure to see Motorman ERNIE HOWARD

and his wife happily walking together, especially after she went through major surgery. Love is wonderful . . . Congratulations to Conductor CHARLES SPRAGGINS and his wife, VONZELLA, on the birth of a son . . . May we all say some prayers for the young daughter of Motorman PETE NAUGHTON who is seriously ill. I am sure the good Lord will keep a good watch over her . . . Conductor JAMES LUDWICK received his turkey the Friday after Thanksgiving. And if you know him, his joy for the gift was overwhelming . . . A Christmas suggestion for some of the boys. For Motorman ANTHONY RUSSO, a little more of you-know-what for the top of his head. For DAVE ARNOLD, a more congenial conductor to go with his disposition. Agent EDITH MAURO, a pair of ear plugs for when she walks up the station stairs. And for myself, a book on how to influence the pensioners . . . Switchman JOHN CIMMER picked in the lower yard so now the car house will be a very quiet place. Come to think of it, Edith will not have any use for ear plugs . . . My family and I extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

- Santo Siciliano

69TH STREET -

Congratulations and the best of everything to "Rozy", A. S. MROZYSKI, our sanitary engineer, and his wife, HELEN, on their 37th anniversary on October 26. Rozy will also join our pensioners some time this month. We hope his golden years will be long and pleasant . . . Seems as if Mr. and Mrs. MILLARD ENSWORTH will have to charter our club room for their family reunion, if their family and grandchildren keep increasing. The latest addition was little JAMES FRANCIS, born to son, WILLIAM, and PEGGY ENSWORTH. Our best to the little guy, his parents, and grandparents of nine . . . Does anyone know if DAVE McGOWAN ever gets an answer to his daily question to the full length depot mirror, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?" . . . TOM PRITCHARD and MIKE BURKE, buddies on and off Damen avenue, are both off with injuries. We miss them both and hope to see them back soon . . . With sincere sorrow we report the death of recently retired District Superintendent ANGELO TAGLER, and extend condolences to his family. We also extend our sympathies to the families of Pensioners ALBERT J. GRAFFY and THOMAS KING on their deaths. Also to HOWIE SANGER on the death of his brother and to R. H. WILLIAMS on the death of his father.

I have heard of bus operators being cursed, beaten, robbed, stabbed, and shot. But this is a new one. A woman passenger was so grateful to Operator R. V. HAMPTON for waiting for her that she kissed him, and this was witnessed by Instructor F. R. SMITH . . . Due to other commitments, and with sincere regret, I report that this is my last contribution as your correspondent for Transit News. I would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their help and assistance during my three-year tenure. Our superintendents, THOMAS SCREEN, CARL GIBES, and LEO TAMUL, also to Clerk LARRY HELINSKI and JIMMY AHERN, whose timely scoops made my job easy, and to all you fellows who went out of your way with "tips." I don't think I hurt any feelings enroute, but just in case, I apologize and assure you it was unintentional and in the spirit of jest. I hope you extend the same kindness to my successor, who incidentally will be Operator ARTHUR P. BUESING.

- William J. Donahue

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