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City Reels Under Impact of Snowstorm

THE WORST snowstorm in Chicago's history with official readings up to 23 inches hit the city on January 26 and 27, tying up all means of transportation and forming huge drifts that blocked thoroughfares in all sections of the city and suburbs.

Propelled by a wicked wind, the white stuff soon clogged streets, immobilizing automobiles parked at the curb, and narrowing the traffic lanes for all vehicles. The biggest problem, as it always is when a rampaging snowstorm assaults the city, was the autos parked at curb lines on transit streets.

Many cars, unable to move any further, were left stranded in traffic lanes, hampering snow plows which were unable to make any headway and raising havoc with traffic. Many buses were in a like situation and could make little or no progress on their regular routes. In many instances surface service had to be curtailed or abandoned.

In the meantime, the rapid transit system carried the load. Trains were jammed during peak hours and carried greater loads than usual during the off-peak hours. Ordinarily "L"-subway trains operate at 98 per cent of capacity during peak hours. On the Monday following the big storm, the trains carried twice as many passengers as usual. Even though 160 "L"-subway cars were added, the extra equipment hardly touched the need.

The full impact of the storm was felt after the first two days of heavy snow on Thursday and Friday, January 26 and 27. Saturday and Sunday, January 28-29, Chicagoans began digging out from under the 29-hour blitz which buried the city under 23 inches of snow.

The partial reopening of main traffic arteries, including public transportation streets, was the first step in the return to normalcy, or at least began to restore some semblance of order out of chaos. In Chicago, State street was open only to about 4500 south. Michigan avenue was reported

"spotty" and not open to its entire length. Clark street was a bright spot, it was open from the Loop to the city's northern limits. CTA was making progress in restoring bus service and rapid transit operations were close to being on schedule. However, CTA reported that about 500 of its fleet remained stalled on the snowbound streets.

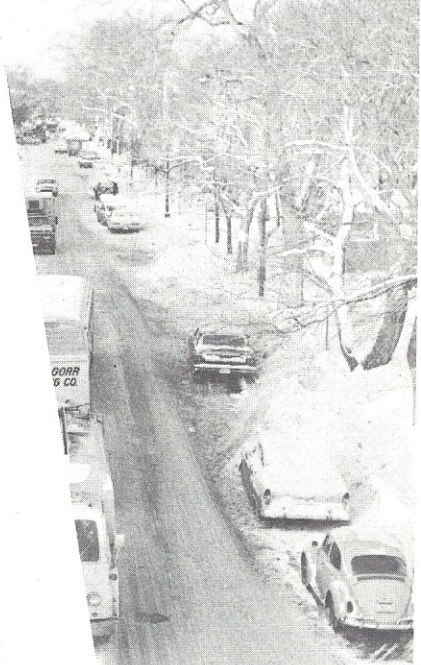
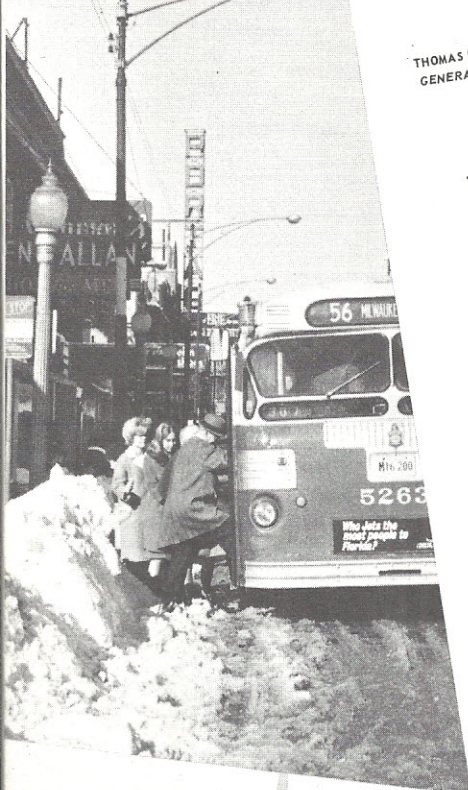
Successive waves of storms and freezing weather did not catch CTA napping. Forewarned by the weather service, CTA was prepared for the worst. Emergency crews, on stand-by duty, went into action quickly when the order was issued.

It is hardly necessary to recall the discomfort suffered by Chicagoans when the king-size storm zoomed into the city. Never before in the history of the city had there been such a complete and total disruption of community life and activities. It was one big mess. Manpower and equipment could not cope with the storm. Schools were closed. Food and heating oil were scarce because delivery trucks could not get through. Thousands of employes were unable to get to work and thousands of employers had to close their doors. State street was bereft of shoppers. It is estimated that before it stopped the storm toll totaled millions of dollars.

A bright spot in the battle with the angry elements was the spirit and high morale displayed by CTA personnel throughout the period of the emergency. Many were called from their homes after completing a full day's work to help maintain service and relieve other employes who were weary and fatigued after long periods of fighting the paralyzing storm. Many worked long and continuing hours in performance of their duties.

The weather bureau estimated that it is not likely that such a storm will strike for another 100 years.

Well, we can hardly wait!



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TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

The snowstorms that have plagued Chicago for almost two weeks will be remembered by everyone for many years to come. What will be remembered most at CTA are the endless hours that our loyal employes devoted in keeping buses and "L" trains moving under the most trying conditions. We know that there is still work to be done, but we want to take time out to thank all of you for your perseverance during these hectic days.

To enumerate individuals who performed extraordinary service would be impossible, so in general we extend our sincere thanks to the bus operators and rapid transit trainmen and the entire Transportation Department, members of the Utility, Shops and Equipment, Engineering, and Electrical Departments, the supervisory forces, Operations Control personnel, switchboard operators, information clerks, and the many persons who pitched in wherever and whenever they could be of help.

It was a job well done! Transit service, both bus and rapid transit, kept moving wherever possible all through the storms and their aftermath. We know it and so does the public. Many letters and phone calls have come from CTA riders complimenting our employes for their relentless service.

The Chicago Transit Board passed a resolution requesting this letter be written in recognition of your faithful service.

It's great to have a team like ours!

T. B. O'Connor

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FIRST TO use the new escalator were Mayor Richard J. Daley and CTA Board Chairman George L. DeMent, shown here at the head of the stairway. The other two views are of the exterior of the new facility as seen from street level and an interior scene looking down from the top of the enclosure.

Two New Escalators Placed in Service at Loop Stations

FIRST OF two sidewalk-to-station level escalators to be installed at State Street "L" stations was placed in service at State-Lake on December 23 with representatives of the City, the State Street Council, the Association of Commerce and Industry, and CTA officials attending the ceremonies. Another escalator was placed in operation on the northwest corner of State and Van Buren street on January 17.

The escalators, which help to take the climb out of using the "L", operate in the up direction. The enclosure is of plexiglass and aluminum construction and is equipped with fluorescent lighting. Infra red heaters are installed at the base of each escalator.

The cost of installing both escalators was \$205,355.



Traffic, Passenger Accidents Continue at Low Rate in 1966

FOR THE sixth consecutive year CTA operating employes were involved in fewer than 10 traffic and passenger accidents per 100,000 miles operated.

During 1966, CTA's traffic and passenger accident rate of 9.1 was 42 per cent lower than in 1954 when intensive safety training activity began at CTA. Moreover, it was only 2.2 per cent higher than the all-time low set in 1964.

For the year, the rapid transit system had the lowest combined traffic and passenger accident frequency rate in CTA history. There were 1.64

accidents per 100,000 miles operated which was 2.4 per cent below 1962, the previous best year, and a 10.4 per cent improvement over the 1965 rate. The passenger accident frequency rate of 7.03 accidents per one million passengers carried on the surface system was 2.5 per cent below the previous record established in 1965, although the combined traffic and passenger accident frequency rate was up slightly from 1965.

The figures compiled by CTA include all accidents, however minor, and also include accidents in which CTA buses were struck by other vehicles.



A PLAQUE in recognition of CTA's service and support of the National Guard was presented by Major General Francis P. Kane (left), Commanding General, 33rd Infantry Division, Illinois National Guard, to James R. Quinn, vice chairman, Chicago Transit Board, on February 1. The plaque was inscribed "The Army and Air National Guard Meritorious Service Award" and cited the exceptional cooperation of CTA with the guard division during the emergency duty last summer.



THE COVETED American Transit Association Safety Achievement Award was presented on January 18 to the employees of the Utility Department for working 260,225 consecutive man hours without a lost-time injury from July 7, 1965, to October 1, 1966. Handing the award to J. T. Walsh (left) superintendent of utility and emergency service, is C. E. Keiser, manager of operations. The Insurance Department's records show that this is the first award of this type to be received by the Utility Department, though similar awards have been made to other CTA installations in past years.



LED BY Nick Suero, former post commander, the youngsters didn't have to be coaxed to sing Christmas carols, which they did with gusto. And their voices were just as strong when they welcomed the arrival of Santa. Post Commander Edward Shields is at the extreme right in the picture.

AN UNUSUAL family group which attracted attention at the Christmas party of CTA American Legion Post No. 1216 was the triplet daughters of Eugene Ceardullo, son-in-law of John Canella (kneeling, front row), a shop employe and the post's service officer. Holding the triplets in second row (left to right) are Mrs. Ceardullo, Mrs. Canella, and Mr. Ceardullo.



Applications Filed for Federal Aid to Finance New Rapid Transit Routes

APPLICATIONS WERE filed recently with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by the City of Chicago for Federal funds to finance the construction of rapid transit facilities in the median strips of the Kennedy and Dan Ryan Expressways. When completed the facilities will be operated by CTA.

The estimated cost of the two expressway routes is \$80 million, of which two-thirds is to be furnished by the Federal government and the other one-third by the City of Chicago. The city's share will come from proceeds of a property tax-supported bond issue of \$28 million approved for transit facilities last year.

The proposed 5.2-mile Kennedy rapid transit project will serve an estimated 350,000 residents in the general area of the route. It will be an extension of the present West-Northwest route that includes the Congress-Milwaukee and Douglas-Milwaukee branches.

The present West-Northwest route operates in subway from the Central Business District to a portal at Evergreen avenue, where it emerges, and then continues northwest to Logan Square on structure. The Kennedy rapid transit project provides for an incline to bring the main line tracks into a new subway beginning immediately east of Logan Square at about Linden place. The subway, after passing under Logan Square, will be located along the alley paralleling and south of Milwaukee avenue to Kimball avenue. It will extend northward under Kimball avenue to the Kennedy Expressway where it will turn northwest, emerging to the surface in the median space, and then continue in the median to a new terminal near the Milwaukee avenue crossing of the expressway. Direct connections to the Jefferson Park station platforms of the Chicago and North Western railway will provide a convenient transfer point for commuter rail and rapid transit passengers.

A new subway station will replace the outmoded "L" terminal at Logan Square. Other stations will include a subway station at Belmont-Kimball and stations in the expressway median at Irving Park-Pulaski, Montrose, and Milwaukee.

It is estimated that this facility will benefit about 70,000 passengers daily.

The Dan Ryan Rapid Transit project will provide rapid transit service from about 95th street in the

Dan Ryan Expressway for about 11 miles north to the Central Business District. This will add a ninth rapid transit route to the CTA system.

The route will operate from a terminal south of 95th street northward in the Dan Ryan Expressway median to 26th street, then in the Franklin street connector median to about 18th street. At that point, the route will turn eastward on an interim elevated structure to the present "L" near State street and north over it to the Loop.

Passenger stations will be located at 95th, 87th, 79th, 69th, 63rd, Garfield, 47th, 35th, and Cermak road.

The comprehensive Central Area Transit Study, now under way, is planning new downtown subways enabling removal of the present elevated Loop structure. The Dan Ryan route will, at the time of such improvements, utilize these new subways in the Central Area and the interim 18th street connection will be removed.

The population in the general service area of the proposed transit facility amounts to about 750,000. More than 150,000 of these now use rapid transit or a combination of bus and rapid transit services daily to reach their destination. It is estimated that the new route will benefit about 94,000 passengers daily.

Both median facilities will be provided with covered platforms adequate for eight-car trains at each station. Self-service radiant heat will be available in inclement weather.

All of the new station facilities on the two routes will be equipped with escalators and will be given careful design attention in terms of architectural treatment for concept, uniformity, materials, and details to provide the patron with a pleasant surrounding.

Construction of both facilities can begin in 1967 and be completed by the fall of 1969 or early 1970 depending upon Federal approval of the applications.

Another application for \$11.5 million was filed simultaneously by the City of Chicago for the purchase of 108 new air-conditioned rapid transit cars for operation on the two new routes.

These projects constitute the major phase of a multi-stage development. The ultimate plan for these transportation corridors envisions the construction of modern bus transfer facilities, parking spaces, and other amenities for transit patrons. In addition, conjunctive public project and land use revisions will be coordinated with the transit project. The comprehensive plan of Chicago recognizes the desirability of locating uses requiring high levels of accessibility near planned transportation corridors.



EIGHT SHOPS TRAINEES COMPLETE APPRENTICESHIP COURSE

EIGHT CTA employees were presented with Certificates of Completion of Apprenticeship, marking the finish of an apprentice training course, on January 13 by General Manager T. B. O'Connor.

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

As of the first of the year, CTA had 73 apprentices in training.

To meet the requirements of the program, the trainee must successfully complete an apprenticeship consisting of on-the-job training and related

technical instruction. The machinist and carpenters received classroom instruction. The electrical worker attended classroom instruction conducted by CTA personnel.

The graduating group and CTA officials who were present on the occasion are (left to right) Thomas E. Kman, John S. McGrath, David J. Christian, Peter J. Fallest, carpenters, South Shops; Joseph J. Repplinger, superintendent of surface shops; General Manager T. B. O'Connor; Edward R. Hendrickson, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals; Robert R. Semmerling, blacksmith, South Shops; Arthur R. Williams, electrical worker, South Shops; Henry J. Krob, carpenter, South Shops, and Robert B. Applequist, machinist, Skokie Shops.

Board Asks for Federal Grant to Develop New Type Bus

APPROVAL TO apply for a grant of Federal funds for a research project to develop, construct and operate buses with an electric drive installation was given by Chicago Transit Board at its January 12 meeting.

The proposal seeks a \$700,000.00 Federal grant provided by the Urban Mass Transportation Act and will permit CTA to work with the Flexible company of Loudonville, Ohio, in developing four experimental buses with diesel-electric power units.

The goals of the research project are:

1. To develop and construct four local transit buses with an electric drive installation which will be compatible with currently available internal combustion engines or any future prime mover that will not contribute to air pollution.

2. To determine through test operation the relative economies and advantages of operating buses with self-contained electric generating and propulsion facilities in comparison with present mechanical means connecting an engine with a drive axle.

The proposed type of bus differs from other buses with liquid-fueled engines in that it does not require a mechanical power train (transmission, drive line, "U" joints, differential) between the power source and drive wheels. Instead, the diesel engines on the proposed buses are to be direct-connected to an alternator and the other accessories required for bus operation. This could possibly reduce vibration and noise, thus making the ride more pleasant from the rider's standpoint. Flexible electrical cables from the generating equipment would run directly to the two traction motors mounted on the rear axle in each wheel hub. The motors would be geared to each wheel through a speed reducer.

The 30-month estimated schedule for the project incorporates an 18-month period for development and construction of the buses, and 12 months for operating the units and gathering comparative data. The net project cost is estimated to be \$700,000, which will be borne by the Federal government. CTA's contribution to the project will include all operating, periodic inspection, normal maintenance, and certain administrative expenses.

Special CTA Tour of Seven European Countries Planned

HOW WOULD you like to spend a 22-day holiday visiting England, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and France?

You will have this opportunity this summer when members of the Third Annual CTA Employees' Tour board a giant jet at O'Hare International Airport for a swift and smooth overnight flight across the Atlantic to London, heart of the British Commonwealth, arriving there next morning.

Departure date is Sunday, July 23.

Three days and two nights will be spent in London, with ample time to explore, shop, and sightsee in this ancient and historic city. From there you will be flown to Amsterdam and its picturesque canals where you will have time to browse through local quarters where old-world charm and Dutch friendliness prevail. There will be hotel accommodations for the night.

Next morning you will depart from Amsterdam by chartered motor coach and then through typical Dutch countryside with creaking windmills and dikes to Hamburg, West Germany, where you will arrive in the late afternoon. An overnight stop will provide an opportunity to see the sights of the city. Next morning the motor coach will transport you through the fascinating world of Denmark with its little white houses with storks nesting on

chimney tops, thatched roof farms, and moated castles. The next stop is Copenhagen, cheerful capital of the Danish kingdom and a city of striking beauty.

In Copenhagen you will have accommodations for three nights and plenty of time for sightseeing and visiting its lovely parks and many attractions. Other cities on the itinerary are Stockholm, Karlstad, Oslo, Gothenburg, Bremen, and Paris. Before reaching Paris, however, there is another overnight stay in Amsterdam from where you will be transported to Paris by plane.

Your stay in Paris, where you will stay for three nights, will be memorable. A local guide will show you around during a full-day sightseeing tour which includes Notre Dame, Arch of Triumph, Luxembourg Gardens, and many other attractions. There will be a full day for shopping or doing as you please. Then next morning you will depart by jet for your return trip to Chicago, arriving the same day.

The tour includes all meals throughout the trip, consisting of a continental breakfast, table'd hote lunch and dinner, and other features to assure the enjoyment of your trip. Returning, the flight will be non-stop from Paris to O'Hare Airport. The services of a professional tour manager will be provided from arrival in London until departure from Paris.

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$725. For complete information write Jane Mitchell, CTA, Room 734, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois 60654.



General Office Girls Adopt Formosa Waif

SYE WEN LAN, Korean orphan, foster-child of three CTA employes, displays a beaming smile for the photographer.

THERE'S A little Chinese orphan girl in far off Formosa who has three reasons to be grateful that she has American friends.

The three are CTA general office employes, Mary Berry, Claim Department; Kay Corcoran, Executive office, and Ann Zahumensky, Employee Relations Department.

They are among many Americans who are assisting missionaries in foreign lands to feed, clothe, and educate little orphan children who have no homes or families and are innocent victims of war or famine in their homelands.

The three girls have recently adopted a little Chinese girl named Sye Wen Lan, a third-grader in the Kuang Jen school in Taiwan, Free China, Formosa.

Mary, Kay, and Ann send a monthly donation which pays for Sye Wen Lan's tuition, clothing, and keep. In return, they receive a report on her progress from the school and letters from their foster child.

There are many other children like Sye Wen Lan who are in dire need of help, and the girls say the appreciation and happiness expressed by these little orphans more than compensates for the good deed they are doing.

Scale Model Bus Built by CTA Scout Explorer Post

MEMBERS OF Scout Explorer Post 9607, which is sponsored by CTA, are nearing completion of a unique project. The project is the building of a one-quarter scale model CTA bus.

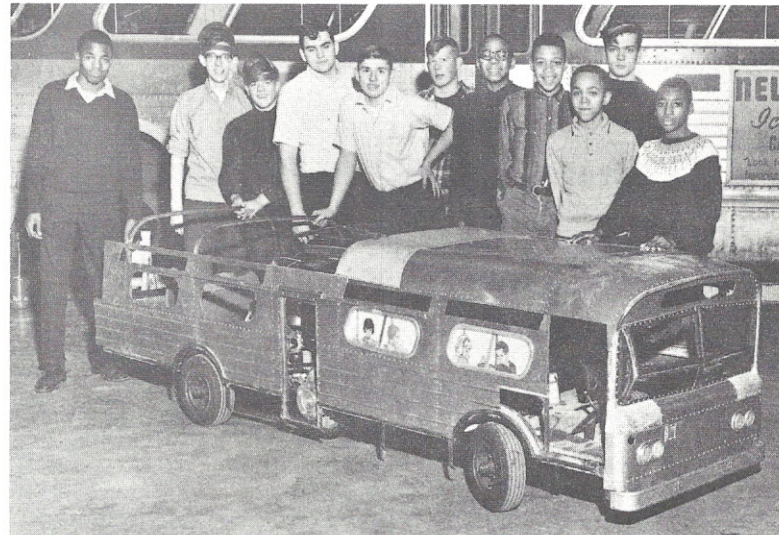
The members of the post are all interested in learning about the field of public transportation. Until last fall the boys had been meeting regularly for over a year at South Shops, 78th and Vincennes avenue.

During the meetings the boys were given a chance to learn the fundamentals of the various CTA trades. Some of the trades covered were bus mechanical work, electrical work, body and fender work, welding, and painting. These sessions were conducted by CTA shops employees who work in the various trades.

Last fall the boys and their adult advisors started looking for a way to put these newly acquired skills to use. With the help of the post advisors the boys began work on a scale model bus. First the source of power, a four-cylinder gasoline engine from a scrapped floor sweeping machine, was obtained. The first step in building the bus was to overhaul the engine. After this a frame or chassis for the body was built. The scouts are now in the process of completing the body for the bus.

Advisor to the Explorer Scout Post is Joseph J. Repplinger, superintendent of surface system shops. Assisting him in the program are Stuart W. Maginnis of the Training and Accident Prevention Department and Aron Austin, Ervin Harris, Carl Lidzbinski, Frank May, William Miller, Richard Naecker, Albert Samaska, and Frank Sproviera, all South Shops employees.

Any boy in the 14-17 age group is eligible to join the post. CTA employees who know of any boys



GATHERED AROUND the model of a CTA bus which they are building at South Shops are members of Scout Explorer Post 9607. The boys, all of high school age, received instruction from shop workers in the various trades under a program which was started over a year ago.

who may be interested in joining may obtain further information from any advisor working with the group.

There are some 25,000 high schoolers enrolled in Explorer Scout activities in the United States.

Scouting activities in 1967 will include two important events which will focus interest on the nation and worldwide program of the Boy Scouts. Many special events have been arranged for Boy Scout Week, February 7 to 13. Another big event is the World Jamboree when 15,000 boys from 100 countries will assemble at Farragut State Park, Idaho, from August 1 to August 9.

Death Takes F. L. Hupp, Elmer Milz, Transit Veterans

THE DEATHS of Frank L. Hupp and Elmer Milz, long time transit employes, shocked their CTA associates recently.

Mr. Hupp served under Henry A. Blair, president, Chicago Railways company; Guy A. Richardson, president of the Chicago Surface Lines; John E. Sullivan, president of Chicago Surface Lines and secretary of the Board of Trustees for Chicago Surface Lines, and as assistant secretary of Chicago Transit Board before retiring in 1950. He died on December 15, 1966, in La Jolla, Califor-

nia, where he resided, with burial in Rosehill cemetery in Chicago. He had a total of 38 years of service.

Mr. Milz, who was superintendent of operations for CTA, died on September 26, 1966, at the age of 54. He had been employed by CTA and the former Chicago Surface Lines for 34 years. Starting as a station clerk, he rose through the ranks of the Transportation Department to the position he held at the time of his demise. Memorial ceremonies were held on September 29.

QUESTION:

What special personal objectives did you accomplish in 1966?

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North Park station

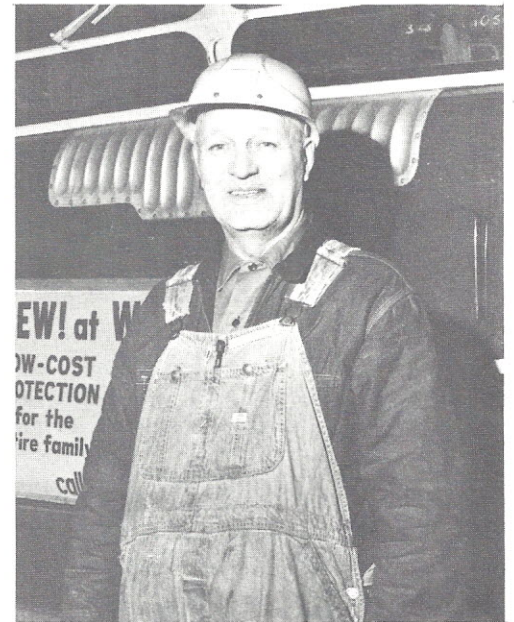
INQUIRING REPORTER:

Melvin Horning

BILL SEIFERT, operator (with reporter Melvin Horning): "I bought a '66 Fastback Volkswagen, and Mrs. Seifert and I made a 6,500 mile trip to California where we spent three weeks with her father, who, on January 3 was 96 years old. We also celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary with him."



PATRICK BOYLE, engine washer: "My proudest accomplishment in 1966 was a 298 game that I bowled at Belmont Bowl in St. Vincent's church league. This game along with a 650 series gave us first place in the league."



JAMES W. PATRICK, operator: "To be able to attend the graduation of my daughter, Patricia, who was graduated from grammar school in June of 1966."



EDWARD JENKINS, operator: "During the year 1966 my greatest accomplishment was making many needed repairs to my home that I had not been able to get to before."

JOSEPH F. DI GIOVANNI, clerk: "My greatest accomplishment was in ridding myself of the fear of flying after jetting to San Francisco and Las Vegas. This followed weeks of coaxing and encouragement by my wife, Connie. My anxiety seemed to pass as soon as we were airborne and the trip was most interesting and enjoyable and the vacation was one of our best."





OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

AMONG THE most popular features appearing in newspaper pages is "The Voice of the People" which prints letters submitted by readers who express their opinions on current or controversial subjects and events.

Similarly, "Our Public Speaks" in Transit News reflects the voice of CTA riders who have observed good or bad personal service on the part of our employes which stress the opinions of the people who we rely upon for our livelihood, the customers out of whose fares our wages are paid.

CTA's patrons are the most important assets to our business. They depend upon us for good service; we depend upon their patronage to finance our operations. Our customers are part of our business, not outsiders. They are not cold statistics, but human beings with feelings and emotions like our own, and not persons to argue with because of some petty difference in opinions when they ride with us. As our customers they deserve the most courteous and considerate treatment we can give them.

Good job performance by employes is noted in commendations received by CTA, some of which have been briefed and are printed below.

Harold D. Wallace, Operator, Badge No. 8542, 77th: "The kindness and integrity of the driver was overwhelmingly pleasant. I thought how much more this makes one feel that there are yet some who can still be 'real gentlemen' on the job."

W. E. McCain, Operator, Badge No. 9430, 69th: "Dear Mr. Bus Driver. This is a small letter from the girls of Sacred Heart High school who ride your bus everyday, to thank you for being so nice to us. We really hate to see you transfer to another route but wish you all the luck in the world."

Carl W. Hansen, Operator, Badge No. 1834, North Park: "He greets everyone with a smile; is a very careful driver and never forgets to call his streets. In short, he is a favorite with all passengers."

Howard A. Dill, Extra Guard, Badge No. 21680, North Section: "You are most fortunate to have one of the most courteous men I have ever met in your employ, a conductor on an Evanston express.

His cheerful manner, in addition to his kindness, made quite an impression on me as well as many of the other passengers."

Leonard O. Schneider, Operator, Badge No. 794, Forest Glen: "A more courteous, friendly and sincere man I have never met. Never fails to have a cheery 'hello' and smile, too. If this driver is the fine and shining example of all bus drivers in your employ then to you, gentlemen, I extend my sincere congratulations."

Luther J. Williams, Extra Guard, Badge No. 23103, South Section: "I ride the 'L' quite often and frequently have found myself looking forward to hearing one of the most perfectly clear with perfect enunciation and perfectly modulated voices I have ever heard over the train loudspeakers. I pointed this out to others, they now agree with me wholeheartedly."

Chester J. Bachara, Operator, Badge No. 3505, Forest Glen: "He always proves to be a good operator and drives with caution and prudence and regards the safety and welfare of his passengers."

Victor E. Marino, Operator, Badge No. 10013, 77th: "Is very careful and courteous to a little blind girl and makes sure of her safety in crossing the street, either by escorting her or having another passenger do so."

Edward A. Weiss, Operator, Badge No. 6203, Forest Glen: "My greatest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to your operator for returning my purse that I had lost at the end of the Higgins route. All articles were intact. It is gentlemen like him that still make Chicago a good place to live in."

Arthur Stern, Operator, Badge No. 8653, North Park: "He was polite, efficient, cheerful to all. I told him I almost didn't want to get off the bus that he made the ride such a pleasure. He seemed to enjoy his work and certainly enjoyed people. He is a good public relations man for CTA."

A conscientious and reliable employe helps to win friends and customers and creates a good impression of our service. On the other hand, rudeness or carelessness on the part of an employe engenders ill-will toward the CTA. It is well to remember that riders are our customers whose patronage we need and value.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin
CTA Medical Consultant

THE TERM constipation is generally defined as a delayed or abnormal retention of the contents of the intestines. Many people have their own ideas about constipation. Certain individuals feel that unless they have a large watery stool after each meal they are constipated. Others feel that a daily bowel movement is absolutely necessary. This is not true.

A relatively good number of healthy people go through life having a satisfactory movement every other day. Some persons persist in claiming that they are constipated because their movement does not seem large enough. Also a few people take a daily laxative to secure a daily bowel movement and strangely enough these persons do not admit being constipated. The above examples are cited just to show the various viewpoints on this problem.

The incidence of constipation is very high. This disorder is undoubtedly the greatest single medical problem of the American public especially after the age of 40.

A simple explanation of the anatomy and physiology or function of the intestines may give you a better understanding. First, I must point out that the primary cause of constipation is improper function of the colon or large bowel.

The colon may be likened or compared to a rather lengthy sausage that begins in the lower right quadrant of the abdomen. It travels upward to the region of the liver and then across the abdomen to the area of the spleen, turning downward, making a final bend - like a plumber's trap - and ending in the rectum. The inner lining of the colon is mucous membrane and the main wall consists of two strong muscular layers and an outer coat of fine serous membrane which is capable of forming lubricating fluid.

To describe briefly the physiology of the intestinal tract: The normal motility of the intestines varies greatly. Ordinarily the stomach empties in two to five hours. Digestion in the small intestine takes place rapidly, about two to four hours. Then the undigested food residue enters the colon in a liquid state. Passage through the colon varies from one to three days.

It is important to note that the function of the colon is the absorption of water from the liquid food residue. This is the portion of the digestive track in which the problem of constipation develops. One may logically conclude that if the motility of the bowel is fast the stools will be loose because there is not enough time for the colon to absorb the

water from the liquid residue. On the other hand, if the motility is slow or delayed, too much water is absorbed and hence the stool is hard, dry, and constipated.

The causes of constipation include any agent which may affect the motility of the intestines. There are a few instances of constipation caused by organic narrowing or obstructions, as in tumors or cancer of the bowel.

However, the majority of causes fall in the abnormal functional classification. In this group, by far the most common cause is poor habits. Also to be mentioned are improper diet, lack of exercise, nervousness, and chronic use of laxatives. Constipation is not actually a disease. It is the result from wrong habits of eating and living.

One of the most common types of functional constipation include the spastic and the atonic forms. In the former, the motility is slowed down by a persistent long lasting spasm of the bowel wall. In the latter, there is the lack of nerve stimulation to activate bowel motility and therefore constipation results from prolonged delay of the food residue.

The management of constipation is a big problem. It naturally varies with the underlying cause. In all cases of persistent constipation one should approach the problem by having a thorough examination by the personal physician.

The organic causes should be ruled out by having a complete X-ray study of the intestinal tract and also a proctoscopic examination.

In the functional group one must consider nervous tension and fatigue. The importance of neglecting to answer a call to stool should be emphasized. This neglect of desire for a B.M. is usually the first error but most always has its roots in nervous tension.

An important rule is to take about two quarts of fluids each day.

Lack of exercise or any sedentary life is a contributing factor.

Proper diet includes adequate fluid intake and essential foods, such as milk, eggs, vegetables, meat, fruits, whole grain cereals, and butter.

The road to the successful care of constipation is a long and tedious one. Don't be discouraged and don't start the laxative habit.

THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

BEA FRANKE, Voucher, had been going around in a daze, thinking of the hundreds of things to be done before the marriage of her daughter. KAREN FRANKE and GEORGE BLACK were united in marriage at St. Veronica's church on December 17. A reception for friends and relatives was held at the Plymouth room to wish the couple well. After a short honeymoon, the groom, who is in the armed forces, returned to his base at San Francisco and then to Viet Nam. . . We extend our sympathy to JEAN WRIGHT in the loss of her father, LOUIS MOCARSKI, who passed away November 29 in Mauston, Wisconsin. Mr. Mocarski had attained the age of 94. . . In a recent letter from Mrs. BENJAMIN RATNER, she advised us that Ben, formerly supervisor of accounts payable, had suffered a stroke which affected the throat muscles making him unable to swallow, speak, or take any nourishment. He is much improved and is at present recuperating at home, 4829 W. Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, California 90016. Why not send him a shower of cards to speed his recovery and wish him well. . . There was an air of excitement and anticipation during the few days before the Christmas holidays. The office was humming with work to be done before the Yuletide festivities began. . . The WILLIAM FOLTA family eagerly awaited the WLS broadcasts on Christmas Day for the special Christmas message to them taped in Viet Nam by their son, THOMAS. The message came through and was one of the best Christmas presents which they received. Formerly of Kedzie Garage, his address is Spec. 4 Thomas W. Folta, US 55837351 - HHSB - 8 BN - 6th Artillery, 1st Inf. Div., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96345. . . KATHERINE ORTH, who will be remembered as assistant voucher clerk in the Accounting Department, passed away on December 29 after an accident that required hospitalization. She was employed on October 4, 1910, and retired March 1, 1944.

- Mable Potthast

(Payroll) -

May we at this time wish you all a very "Happy New Year." Please help us this year with news items -- We can't always come to you.

- Eileen Neurauer

(Material & Supply) -

We are happy to welcome a new member into our department, MARY GRACE BREMER, who transferred from Payroll.

- Clara Lawrence

BEVERLY -

Happy New Year to everyone and let us hope 1967 will bring an end to the war in Viet Nam and bring our loved ones home to us. . . Chief Naval Petty Officer GEORGE R. HUIZENGA, son of Supervisor RALPH HUIZENGA, recently returned to the naval training center in Little Creek, Virginia, after a two-week visit with his parents. George, a Navy veteran of 19 years, is completing land survival training in Little Creek, after which he is scheduled to be assigned to the American Embassy in Saigon,

South Viet Nam, as a naval instructor. Since joining the navy in 1947 George has served tours of duty in Europe, South America, the Phillipines, and with the seventh fleet in the Pacific. He is a graduate of Harper High school. In addition to his parents, he has a brother, DONALD, and a sister, JACQUELINE. . . ED RICKER, the great white hunter, claims to have his freezer full of ducks from a recent hunting trip, but FRANK "Fire Chief" PIERSON claims these are only the decoys. . . Thanks to Pensioner TERRY NICHOLSON and his wife, ROSE, for remembering your scribe, with a wonderful card. . . Many thanks to Worshipful Master HOWARD WARD of 77th Depot for attending the wake of my brother, DAVE. Howard represented the Mystic Star Lodge, No. 758, AF & AM. La Rabida Council, No. 980, and 40 members joined Father Ed Hayes, who is chaplain, and said prayers. . . We express our sympathy to the following: To the family of Supervisor TIM O'CALLAGHAN, to DAN McNAMARA in the loss of his sister, and to the families of MARTY PEMBROKE and ED WANGERO. Hats off to JERRY GLEASON and his wife, VI, who did a wonderful job at Christmas in helping some poor folks who were too proud to ask for charity.

- Tom Daniels

CONGRESS (Agents) -

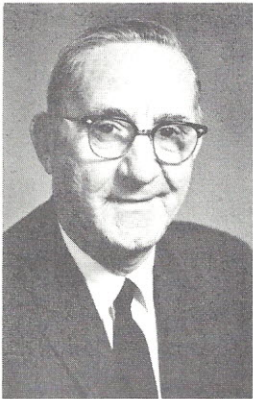
Santa Claus was the guest of honor when the CTA American Legion Post No. 1216 and the Women's Auxiliary entertained 150 youngsters at a Christmas party on December 20. A member of the Post did the characterization of Santa Claus very effectively and the 1966 version of the Pied Piper was played by none other than NICK SUERO, who really livened things up. The Magna Tones played some swing music and you should have seen the children get with it. All were in good voice when the carols were sung and before the evening was over each child had an opportunity to tell Santa Claus what they wanted and each received a stocking and a toy or game of quality from him. The Auxiliary took over the refreshments and did a marvelous job. Your scribe had a wonderful time and joined the post before leaving. The members are also our co-workers and their principal objective is to be of service to buddies and GI Joe's who served their country in a period when we were at war. The Legion extends an invitation to all servicemen of the CTA to attend the February meeting which is to be held at Fort Dearborn hotel on February 21 at 7:30 p.m. A guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Leonard A. Hughes Jr., of the U.S. Air Force, who has won both the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal and has the unique distinction of being the only air force officer on active duty with an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps, two from the U.S. Navy, and one from the Army of the U.S.A. He will show some films during his travels and military service, and it should be a well spent and enjoyable evening. EDWARD SHIELDS is the post commander. . . RIDDLE: Who took who for an auto ride and who made who walk across the state line? . . Student agent DAN MATHIEU left our ranks to join those of Uncle Sam and we wish him the very best. Working with Dan was always pleasant. . . A great big welcome to those recently hired. . . Trainman MICHAEL CAVANAUGH and Conductor L. KELLY at this time are in the hospital.

NEW PENSIONERS

HARRY F. BARRY, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 12-18-22
LOVETTE E. BENTLEY, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 8-22-46
EDWARD P. BOEHM, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 7-02-20
PAUL E. BOETTCHER, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 7-09-18
EDWARD S. CORDA, Repairman,
North Park, Emp. 2-19-35
CATHERINE M. COYNE, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 12-19-40
STANLEY F. DYMON, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-04-23
GUNNAR L. ERIKSON, Carpenter,
Building, Emp. 6-10-35
EMIL ESTVANIK, Foreman,
Track, Emp. 7-06-20
JOHAN FRANCISCOVICH, Carpenter,
South Shops, Emp. 11-22-30
LOUIS GIARRUSSO, Laborer,
Building, Emp. 8-14-42
RUSSELL T. GIBBONS, Information Clerk,
Transportation, Emp. 9-01-27
MARK A. GIER, Adjuster,
Claim, Emp. 2-27-41

DENNIS S. GRIFFIN, Repairman,
69th Street, Emp. 4-07-26
JAMES GIOVENCO, Laborer,
Building, Emp. 6-06-41
JOHN HEGARTY, Mech. Helper,
South Shops, Emp. 6-24-25
GALE HRUSKA, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 11-13-29
LAWRENCE M. JOHNSON, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 10-05-26
CHARLES G. KNOERR, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 8-13-26
NELS L. LARSON, Operator Apprentice,
Substation, Emp. 5-08-25
HARRY J. LAWRENCE, Statement Man,
Claim, Emp. 2-02-42
WILLIAM A. METZGER, Foreman,
Track, Emp. 2-03-27
JAMES McNULTY, Repairman,
69th Street, Emp. 5-01-37
OTTO MOSER, Elect. Worker,
Skokie, Emp. 8-11-45
LOWELL A. MULLIGAN, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 7-03-43
CHRISTOPHER O'REILLY, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 5-25-26

PICTURED HERE are 14 CTA employees who joined the ranks of the retired on January 1 after completing 40 or more years of transit service each.



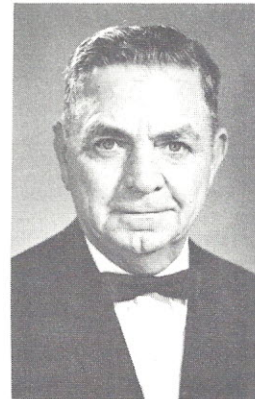
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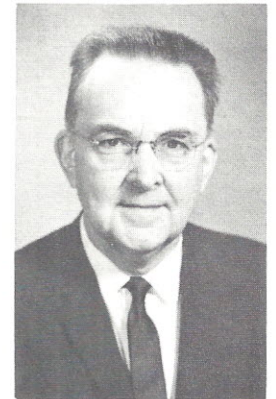
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STANLEY DYMON
43 years



HARRY BARRY
44 years



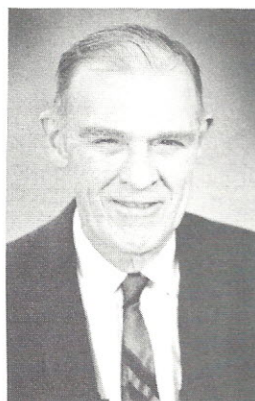
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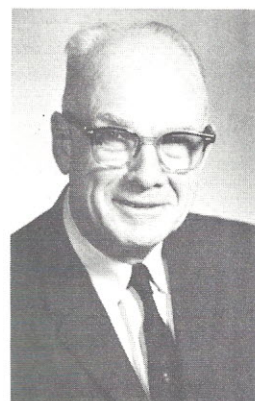
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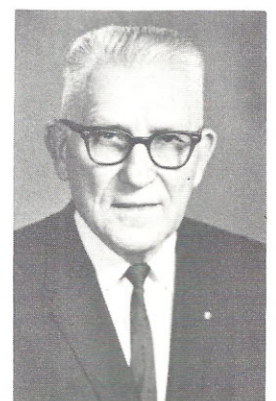
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DENNIS GRIFFIN
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LAWRENCE JOHNSON
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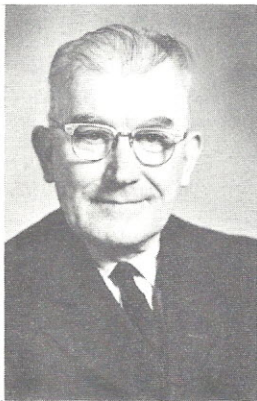


FRANK ROBACK
40 years

HENRY F. PASS, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-12-57
FRANK ROBACK, Foreman,
Keeler, Emp. 8-08-26
EARL STUMP, Operator
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-21-57
FRANK A. TRISILLA, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-24-23
RALPH S. UMSTOT, Statistician,
Insurance, Emp. 3-20-23
THOMAS VINTAN, Repairman,
Wilson, Emp. 2-01-29
WALTER W. WARNER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-06-27
MARTIN J. WELBY, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 10-21-42
IRWIN E. WIESMEYER, Painter,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 7-01-37

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

FRANK J. GROLL, Checker,
Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 10-12-36
VICTOR E. LEBEAU Jr., Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 9-21-43



FRANK TRISILLA
43 years



EDWARD BOEHM
46 years



NELS LARSON
41 years



HENRY PASS
41 years

We wish them a speedy recovery. Recently hired agent JANE MERRITT will celebrate her birthday January 19. Her mother as usual is going to make one of those luscious cakes she's noted for . . . Agent WILLIAM E. JACKSON and his wife, ERNESTINE, went to Greenwood, Mississippi, to celebrate Christmas and their second wedding anniversary . . . Agent LEONA NELSON is home from the hospital for New Year and is doing very well . . . May this year be the best you ever had.

- Julia Brousek

ELECTRICAL -

Even though we are well into the New Year, we would like to remember the Christmas season and thank BOB BOOTH for his efforts in making our Christmas tree such a beautiful one. His decorating job was excellent . . . NELS LARSON retired January 1 of the new year. Our best wishes to you with happiness and good health in great measure . . . WILLIAM STAUNTON Jr., son of WILLIAM, was graduated from the U.S. Marine Corps Training School on December 5. He is looking forward to seeing some of the South Pacific . . . RICHARD DORGAN's daughter, KATHY, age 20, is working in Santurce, Puerto Rico, with nuns who conduct a mission school in that area . . . Welcome to DAVID B. DZIKI who has joined our line department . . . We are all looking forward to a wonderful 1967 and would like to wish a speedy recovery and a healthy New Year to our boys who are off sick: FRANK CASTRIE, JOHN O'DONNELL, PETER MICHALEWITZ, CHARLES PARK, JOSEPH HOFERT, JOHN MADIGAN, and JOHN HILL.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

ENGINEERING -

What two track foremen are marking the days off on the calendar? Best wishes on your retirement, EMIL and BILL . . . STEVE KUDULKA's little boy started kindergarten. We heard he was a born leader; he really gives the teacher a hard time . . . WILLIAM MAC FARLANE spent a lovely Thanksgiving in North Carolina and he also has just celebrated 39 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations! . . . Two of our tinnerers are cruising around in brand new 1967 cars, JOHN CIRRILO in an Oldsmobile and ANDY KOCOLOWSKI in a Buick Wildcat . . . Teddy Bears are so cute and cuddly, only Teddy Bear is not a stuffed toy, but a 170-pound St. Bernard puppy belonging to TED WADE, ironworker general foreman. Mr. Wade is having problems. It seems Teddy prefers Mrs. Wade. However, he won the Puppy Futurity at the Wheaton, Illinois, St. Bernard Show October 15, 1966 . . . Plumber CARMEN SCAPPUCCI recently spent two lovely weeks touring the West and Mexico. He came back with a barrel full of money from the one-arm bandits in Las Vegas. Ha, ha! . . . We wish to congratulate ANN O'DONNELL, former employe of the Engineering Department, who recently gave birth to a baby girl, EILEEN is her name.

- Jean Heusen

FOREST GLEN -

Hope you all had a nice Christmas and that Santa was good to you. How many of those New Year's resolutions have you already broken? If you need any help paying those Christmas bills, your Credit Union is there to help you out . . . Pensioner FRANK URBAN is enjoying his retirement. Just left for Hawaii after a stay in Califor-

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nia getting acquainted with his new grandson. Another Hawaiian visitor was LOUIS TIGNAC, who with his wife, LENA, also welcomed a new grandson, LOUIS III, who was born on Thanksgiving Eve. He was trying to make us jealous by writing on the post card that the temperature was 82 degrees. Wonder if he really saw any Polynesian beauties like the one pictured on the post card he sent? . . . Operator TRYGUE BERG left the ranks of bachelorhood when he took a bride on January 14. She is Mrs. CATHERINE REEGER. Nuptials were at the Church of the Good Shepard at Sayre and Palmer here in Chicago. Congratulations and wishes for a long and happy life together . . . A grandfather for the fourth time is ERNEST GVEDEL. The proud new father is at Kedzie Repair Department. They are mighty proud of little RUSSELL TODD GVEDEL . . . The son of Operator JOHN MAHNKE was home on leave from the army in November and left right after Thanksgiving for Viet Nam. To all the young men serving their country we offer our prayers. . . On Thanksgiving Eve Mr. and Mrs. BILL LYNAM celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. They are the proud parents of three children and five grandchildren. May you have many more happy years together . . . FRANK PASCHE and EDWARD VAN CLEAVE vacationed on the west coast of Florida, with their wives, of course. A good time was had by all . . . Operators O. ZEIGLER and C. DAVIS vacationed for two weeks each. Thanks for two quiet weeks on Elston-Clybourn! . . . P.S. Now men please let yours truly have all the news.

- W. A. Henry (Don't call me Wilbur)

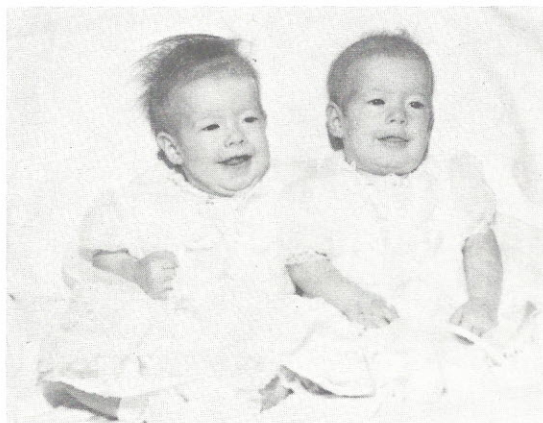
GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

RALPH UMSTOT was honored at a dinner and also an open house party on the occasion of his retirement December 29 after 43 years service with CTA and Rapid Transit. Among the many friends and co-workers on hand to wish Ralph many more years of health and happiness, were Pensioners CHARLIE SMITH and LETA CROWLEY . . . CAROLYN WILSON recently joined CTA. She replaces DIANA TUNZI. Carolyn has three children, KIMBERLY, age 6; ROBERT, age 5, and PATRICK, age 2. Her father, MAJOR CHAPMAN, is an operator at 69th Street Station.

(Medical) -

Our deepest sympathy was extended to Doctor GEORGE IRWIN on the recent death of his wife and also to

TWIN DAUGHTERS of North Park Operator and Mrs. ROY PIPKA, ISMENA and ELIZABETH, are pictured here at the age of three months.



Doctor Irwin's nurse, SWANEE SANFORD and her husband, RAY SANFORD, Assistant Superintendent, rapid transit North Side, who were also saddened with the tragic death of their daughter, Kay's, husband, Major FLOYD ACKER. Major Acker was a navigator-bombardier stationed at Bunker Hill Air Force Base, Indiana, and died when his B-28 crashed in Kentucky on December 12. Mrs. Acker and Mrs. Sanford were former CTA employes. Both families wish to express their sincere appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy extended to them by CTA employes.

(Employment) -

New employes welcomed were MARIE WIECZOREK and GEORGIANNE WOLSKI. Marie is the daughter of IRVIN WIECZOREK, employed as a rapid transit ticket agent.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

RICHARD POLLIZZE was welcomed to Accident Statistics. He transferred from Treasury and replaces ROBERT AVRAM. Sympathy was extended to JOANNE NOWOSIELSKI, whose father, RAYMOND NOWOSIELSKI, died suddenly at work in Skokie Shops. MARGE CONWAY, with a group of friends, had a pleasant New Year's week end skiing at Mt. Telemark, Wisconsin. . . . ELIOT HIRSCH's daughter, BETSEY, and son, LAWRENCE, were home from the University of Illinois for the holidays and El complained that with all the coming and going of college boys and girls at this house, he couldn't hear the football scores. Well, El, you just 'gotta' yield to youth . . . JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN is a proud grandfather for the second time. RICHARD JOSEPH, son of JAY O'SULLIVAN of Responsibility Reporting, was born December 4. The Christening took place on New Year's Day at St. Ludmilla's Catholic church. A family celebration took place later with the paternal great grandparents present.

(Public Information) -

DIANA BOYLE, Clerk II, Employee Suggestion Department, received a beautiful friendship ring from MICHAEL HALLAHAN. Mike is in the navy and received his third stripe, designating him as an airman. After the holidays he returned to his base at Memphis, Tennessee.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEDZIE -

Congratulations to Superintendent E. K. PETERSON who became a grandpa for the second time when his daughter, LINDA, gave birth to a lovely baby girl on December 14 named HOLLY MARGARET GREHM. We send our blessing to the proud parents and grandparents . . . The supply division of the 3510th Maintenance and Supply Group achieved outstanding results during the past quarter in up-grading the training program. The achievement of an over-all passing rate of 99 per cent can be considered outstanding in itself. The record was featured by 10 persons making a perfect score, 100 per cent. One of the 10 was A 2C WILLIAM J. COLLINS, the son of Operator COLLINS, who is stationed at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas . . . Operator JOHN AICHINGER and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 14. They held a party at Marvin Galvins' Restaurant and Lounge at Hillside, Illinois . . . Operator MICEK and his wife celebrated their 20th anniversary on December 15. Their youngest son, RICHARD, was 14 years old December 14. Their oldest son, DENNIS, was inducted into the U. S. Army December 13.

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The month of December, 1966, will be remembered for years to come in the Micek family . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of all the following: Retiree WILLIAM J. McELLAGOT, who passed away December 23, and Operator JOHN J. BURNS, who passed away December 27.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Happy New Year Fellows! Here's a little thought as you endeavor to live up to those New Year resolutions: Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there . . . A tip of the old lid to Janitors GLONKE and SY GOLDMAN and Operator FIETZ on the beautiful Christmas tree in the trainroom . . . How about that huge card from retiree and former station instructor McINTOSH. The card was almost as big as your heart Mac . . . It was nice seeing former Janitor TOM HAYES again. Tom is living it up in retirement. Another old timer dropped in to wishus the season's greetings, namely PETE BUCHANAN, better known as "High Lift Pete." Pete was one of the mainstays on the Wilson-Michigan line. Ask superintendent E. C. LOUGHRAN how Pete acquired the nickname. I was very pleasantly surprised to see an old friend from Lawndale days, it was Relief Clerk JIM MOORE . . . Keeler was saddened by the loss of three old friends, Receiver PENNIE, Operator F. PERRONE, and Former Operator LEE CHERARR. All three were well liked by all, and their families have our sympathy . . . Good luck to operator JOHN ZYCK, who retired December 1. Zyck is to live in Florida but Chicago gave him a send off present--it snowed on his last day of work . . . Somebody says they swear that they saw Chief Clerk ELMER RIEDEL doing the St. Nick bit at Gimbel's Department Store in Milwaukee, and all the while we thought he was vacationing . . . Fond farewell to receiver GEORGE SINGER who has gone the limit--I mean gone to Limits . . . Receiver EDDIE McDERMOTT has gone south for the winter--south to Lawndale Depot that is . . . Welcome back to our good friend, Receiver RONNIE MILLER . . . Say guys, how about a nice word now and then to a really good guy. His name? Station Instructor JIM HENDERSON . . . I never knew 'til now, but that ever busy fellow in the garage was Night Foreman FRANK ROBACK. Frank is now retiring after 40 years of service. And I do mean service. Because every time that I saw him, he was working as though he knew the foreman was watching him through a crack in the wall. Good luck Frank from all of us . . . Operator MEREDITH and his wife, LOIS, surely had something to be thankful for Thanksgiving Day when son, DEREK, made his arrival (in time for income tax exemption too, eh Meredith) . . . Operator FREDDIE HOEDEN and his wife, ELEANOR, couldn't wait for Christmas to peek at their present. Janice made her appearance December 15 . . . Operator GEORGE SCOTT's brother, WALTER, dropped in from Fort Carson in Colorado to help celebrate little SYNDI's first birthday. Syndi is the pride and joy of operator Scott. . . Say fellows, did you know that Big BILL KNUDSEN is thinking of an early retirement now that wife, GAIL, has received a nice fat raise. What do you have to say about that, Gail? . . . Congratulations to Operator CALVIN and his wife, DOROTHY, on their sixth anniversary January 5 . . . Here's belated birthday wishes to Operator MIX. He must be getting ashamed to tell us about them . . . Would you believe that it was 20 years of togetherness for Operator JOHN H. McGHEE and his wife, ESTELLA, December 31? May there be many, many more for you



THE HOLIDAY season was brightened for Porter LESLIE BYRNES and his wife when their son, ROBERT, was able to come home for a short stay with them. He has now returned to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, where he is assigned for military duty.

two, John . . . I'm sure you all join me in extending a hearty welcome to our new men: Operators Grant, Ivory, Washington, Yarbrough, McDowell, Dienethal, Rutleg, Brownlee, West, Coburn, Lawfair, and Yarrington. May your sojourn with CTA and Keeler be long and pleasant. A closing thought--Horsepower was much safer when only horses had it.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

Our number two man in the department of sanitation, CHARLES STOLCPART, really knows how to pick his vacation. This year he got away from putting up the Christmas tree, the task was left to janitor EDDIE until he got the able assistance of BILL MOSER. Anyway, Charlie will be back in time to take it down . . . A bundle of blue was left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. EDDIE BAINES, a bouncing baby boy. Eddie passed out about 4 boxes of cigars, some with the label, "It's a Boy." I saw fellows smoking cigars that never smoked before. A funny thing was heard, one fellow puffing a cigar said, "I hope your son is as strong as this cigar." . . . We hear that S. HARDY is taking in laundry as a side line and he also does a good job with or without starch. Oh, yes! He also gives S & H green stamps . . . We hear that Mrs. JOE NOVAK was in the hospital and I hope at this writing that she is much better. I also heard that Mrs. TOM JACEK was in sick bay, but is doing much better now . . . Our deepest sympathy to the families of PETER SHELLENBERG, buried December 12, RICHARD PENNIE, buried December 9, and also to the family of ROCCO MOLFESE Sr., buried December 21--his son, PETER is an operator at Lawndale . . . If any of you fellows would like to see your name in print, and have something that can be printed, please contact me or Janitor Eddie.

- Larry Keating

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Here it is the end of January and we've all had time to break our New Year's resolutions . . . Agent MARY OHNESORGE celebrated her birthday on December 3, as did our grand-daughter, ELIZABETH, and daughter, HELEN, on the 12th and 22nd . . . Extra Assignment Agent JOSEPHINE COLEMAN transferred to the Mart. We wish Jo good luck in her new job . . . Sorry I put ANN DUNLEAVY on pension last month. She'll be with us for awhile, for which we are grateful . . . Agent MARY STANCZYK's daughter had a little girl since we

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A RECENT U. of I. graduate who is now teaching high school on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu is JUDY PIETRUS, the daughter of South Shops paint shop foreman TED PIETRUS. Judy is also taking post graduate courses at the University of Hawaii.

last talked to Mary. We don't know her name but we're sure Mary is strutting over her three grandchildren. . . Agent KUPCYK is back to work after being on the sick list some time. HARRY MULVIHILL called his mother to tell her he passed his commercial pilot's test. Needless to say, Mama Marie was both proud and thrilled. . . Agent EMILY DILLON enjoyed a week's vacation in December visiting around Chicago. . . Agent DOLORES BERO was really in a spot when her car's brakes gave out. It's pretty rough when home is in the suburbs. But all is well now. . . Agent ARLENE SWANSON's son, BARRY, moved with his family into their own home in Villa Park on the Saturday before Christmas. We wish Barry, CATHY, and little CASSIE happiness in their new home. . . GEORGE SWANSON who went on pension October 1 took a week's vacation in Sioux City, Iowa, visiting his sister-in-law and brother-in-law. . . AGATHA TCHOSIK received a beautiful diamond ring for Christmas. We wish Agatha and her husband-to-be good luck and happiness in their marriage which is to take place this summer. Date is still unannounced. . . Agent LEONE NELSON, No. 1 on the West Side, is home after undergoing surgery in St. Anne's hospital. . . At this writing MILDRED DOYLE is in West Suburban hospital in traction after an automobile accident. . . We wish both these ladies a speedy recovery. . . The passing of little NANCY NAUGHTON, daughter of PETE NAUGHTON, Logan Trainman, has touched us all deeply. Our deepest sympathy to the family and to Pete Naughton, grandfather, who is porter on the West Side and well known to many of us.

- Helen Pallister

LIMITS -

A Christmas Card and letter from our retired superintendent, HERMAN ERICKSON, and his wife, MARTHA, states they are well and are enjoying the sunshine of Florida. It sure is nice to hear from so many people who are enjoying their retirement. Had a letter from another retiree, EMIL SCHREIBER, down in North Carolina. Emil said the birds and bees were humming and that meant a good vegetable crop for Rustic Retreat, his place in the mountains. LES LUTTRELL and his wife, MARIAN, who retired in 1963 stopped to say hello at Limits. They are so happy in their Mt. Carmel, Illinois, home and enjoy Transit News so much. Les stopped at my house and he told me he had been the head umpire in the 1966 Mt. Carmel Baseball League. . . A beautiful Christmas tree was shown in our club room by Limits Credit Union. . . We did it again! In December we had more commendations than complaints. We were served

coffee all day by the management. Sweet rolls were on the Credit Union. . . Congratulations to Operator JOHN BRENNAN who was married to HELEN CORCORAN on January 21 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church. Lots of happiness, John and Helen.

- George Clark

LOOP -

Porter LEO ADAMS wishes to thank all his co-workers for their kindness and sympathy on the loss of his dear mother, ELIZABETH ADAMS, November 18, 1966. . . Former Student Agent DICK DEWYZE is enjoying national guard life at Fort Ord, California. . . On Sunday, December 18, all the student agents had a combination road rally and Christmas party. Arrangements were made by JIM HILL and LIZ WILLIAMS. Hope everyone found their way up and down the turning roads to the party. . . Good health and good luck and many years of happy retirement is our wish to Agent CATHRINE COYNE who retired on January 1. Cathrine has done a perfect job as ticket agent on Lake Street for so many years. She sure will be missed by co-workers and passengers who grew to like her very much. . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of Towerman J. LOFTIS who passed away so suddenly December 22. . . Our deepest sympathy to Motorman P. NAUGHTON on the loss of his dear little girl who was only four months old, when she passed away December 22. She is the granddaughter of Porter P. NAUGHTON and niece of Agent MARY WIXTED. It is very sad to hear such sad news especially this time of the year. But you have a little angel praying for you in heaven. And as the years go by this will mean a lot to the family. . . Your reporter, M. DOYLE, wishes to thank one and all for the lovely cards, gifts, flowers, cheerful phone calls, and visits during my stay at West Suburban hospital due to a car accident. I do hope to be back on the job real soon. Thanks once again for everything. A special thank you to DOROTHY DISMANG and CATHRINE DUNHAN for their visits and gifts. And thank you to JIM and JERRY HILL for the exercise they sent me with the card. Now boys, how can one rest and exercise 4,700 times a day in any hospital, especially when the patient is in traction.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Winter is here and the driving will be treacherous. Slow down when it is icy, snowy, or rainy. Protect your passengers by driving cautiously. Start up slowly, turn on the headlights, increase following distance, increase side clearance, and begin braking sooner. Let's put North Avenue on top again for "no accidents". . . Receiver WILLIAM PINASCO became a grandfather when PAMELA was born to MARSHA COLLINS. Bill also celebrated his birthday November 30 and brought a cake to the depot for all to enjoy, but I can't understand why only 39 candles. Our congratulations. . . We extend congratulations also to JOSEPH BYRNE, repair department, and his wife, CATHERINE, who became the parents of JOHN JOSEPH, born at 3:15 a.m., November 21. His birthplace was Illinois Masonic hospital. . . Operator ALAN HALL and RUTH became parents of a baby girl, MICHELE, on December 8 at Loretto hospital. . . WALLY O'CONNOR, repairman, received a commendation from Mr. DAIN and Mr. BUETOW for one of his suggestions to keep the CTA's image tops. Atta boy, Wally. Signed, "The Gang". . . We welcome new opera-

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tors RAYMOND PATRICK, PAUL JAKES, LOWELL WILSON, JOHN JACKSON, FRANK SMITH, BONEARL EDWARDS, HERMAN RIDLEY, HYMAN GOLDSTEIN, GUILFORD MOORE, JOHN NELSON, and MAURO RODRIGUEZ . . . We were glad to receive a letter from RONALD BEDOE, repair department, now in Viet Nam. Ron spent his last furlough helping his parents celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. He would be very happy to hear from his friends. PFC RONALD BEDOE, U.S. 55887284, 71st T. C. Co., APO 96238, San Francisco, California . . . Foreman PATRICK CLANCY's wife was in the hospital. Supervisor MAX STRUEE spent some time in Lutheran Deaconess hospital. Supervisor HUBERT MORAN was in Augustana hospital. Operator GEORGE MULLIS was hospitalized. We hope all are having a speedy recovery . . . RAY STRATTON dropped in at the depot for a visit and all his friends were happy to see him. Pensioner HAROLD LEMIEUX from Wautoma, Wisconsin, visited friends and relatives in Chicago during the holidays, and stopped at my home. He is looking fine, and says, "Hello" to all the boys at North.

Supervisor FRANK DE LONG took his pension December 1 after 42 years of service. All of his friends celebrated with him and had cake and coffee. We wish him the very best of everything and hope he will visit us . . . Clerk ARTHUR OLSEN visited his sister in Indiana during the Christmas holidays. Clerk JOSEPH DILLON took his vacation before the holidays so he could do his Christmas shopping . . . Pensioner CHARLES SCHAL passed away December 8. Pensioner JOSEPH CZARNECKI passed away December 26. Pensioner JOSEPH YORK departed this life December 13. Pensioner THOMAS O'MALLEY and Pensioner EDWARD DURKIN passed away December 19. Operator CARL RUSSO lost his father December 21. Repairman JACK FRITZLER passed away December 25. The father of Receiver MAURICE BUCKLEY passed away December 21. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved families . . . We received several welcome letters from pensioners. Pensioner CLARENCE VOSS says, "Hello" to all of his friends at North. He paid a visit to the depot and saw some of them, but wishes he could see the rest. He tells us that his former motorman, Pensioner PHIL DILLON, passed away last August 21. Clarence visited Operator ARTHUR BATES, who is on the sick list. Pensioner BILL ECCHOLS tells us he is back in Arkansas. He says that's the place he likes best, nice climate, lots of natural beauty. He took a plane trip with his nephew down the Pacific coast from Seattle to Southern California. Lake Hamilton is only three miles from his hotel with lots of good fishing and winter sports. There is also some good territory for hunting nearby. Bill tells us that Pensioner JOHN MURPHY celebrated his 90th birthday recently. Bill is living at Parkside Manor, Room 210, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901. Pensioner ELMER DEEGAN writes that he is living in Phoenix, Arizona, after moving from Olympia, Washington. He says, "Hello" to all . . . We hope you are all off to a good start in 1967. May you be blessed with health and happiness.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH PARK -

Your station superintendents and clerks take this opportunity to thank the operators and clerks for the fine cooperation that has been given around North Park in order to get all of the runs on the street during the trying days of December and January. Gentlemen, continue to be safety minded, drive defensively, and use caution on

slippery streets . . . Operator CHARLIE KNIGHT spent a week hunting in upper Michigan around the Big Bay area and came home with his usual buck deer, weighing 165 pounds. Charley also shot a large black bear and had a collection of squirrels and rabbits . . . Operator BILL KNIGHT was director of the Christmas program which was recorded and sent to radio station HC-JB in Quito, Ecuador. The message contained a beautiful selection of music with an appropriate sermon . . . DAVID NEGELE, son of Operator ALBERT NEGELE, has been released from the U.S. Army after serving four years as a paratrooper on a stint with the 118th Military Police Company. David is now going to become a CTA bus operator . . . Seaman 1st Class TIM SEDIN, son of Operator HAROLD SEDIN, who is stationed with the Navy at Yukuska, Japan, was attacked by a police dog. Tim was bit on the arm and leg and had 23 stitches . . . WILMA RAE CALLENDER, daughter of Operator BILL SEIFERT, is driving a school bus for the Colonial Village School District which is located near Lemont, Illinois. Wilma Rae has been cited for her perfect driving record and Bill is mighty proud of her . . . TOM MARCHISOTTO, son of Operator PETE MARCHISOTTO, has been promoted to Specialist #5 with the U.S. Army. Tom is stationed at Bad Kruznack, Germany, where he is playing saxophone with the 8th Army Band . . . MARILYN GUSTAFSON, daughter of Operator STANLEY GUSTAFSON, spent four months touring Europe with the Loyola university group. Highlights of the trip were an audience with the Pope in the Vatican City and trips to Paris, Florence, Venice, Capri, and Switzerland . . . Operator JOHN MARCINIAK became a 32nd degree Mason and also joined the Shriners of Medinah Temple. John is eagerly looking forward to participating in the many activities of the Shriners . . . Operator JOE MIKIETA became the new owner of a 1967 Buick Le Sabre. Joe's wife, LILLIAN, still can't get over the shock of the new car pulling up in front of their home . . . Operator AL PARADISE was presented with a 23-inch Magnavox Color TV set by his wife, FAYE, and is now spending all his evenings at home . . . Operator JIM DOLAN won a 1967 Chevrolet Impala at a drawing at St. Andrews church, given by the Holy Name Society. Jim also won two turkeys at a raffle given by the University Council of the Knights of Columbus. The luck of the Irish, eh Jim? . . . Operator TOM MCGINLAY has enlisted in the U.S. Navy and is going to report to the Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, where he will be commissioned an ensign in May . . . Instructor GEORGE RELSTAB

PLANS FOR a May wedding were made recently by HELEN LINDQUIST, who will become the bride of STEVEN CARL BERG on May 17. Helen is the daughter of CARL "Herb" LINDQUIST, foreman of electrical workers at Skokie Shops.



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and his wife, EVELYN, have moved into their new home and the office force will be invited out for an evening of fun and refreshments . . . North Park depot has undergone a face lifting and is looking very sharp again. The painters, OTTO KRUEGER and RICHARD NELSON, did their usual fine job . . . The following Operators: PAUL KOLSCH, BILLSMITH, ROBERT JULUN, JACK MOORE, and Clerk WALTER RINGHOFF are all attending supervisors school at this writing, and we wish them the best of luck as they vie for advancement . . . Operators FRANK TRISILLA and STANLEY DYMON, our number one and two men on the list, each with 43 years of service, retired January 1. The two gentlemen who operated on North Western Avenue will be sorely missed by their many friends, and we take this opportunity to wish them many years of happiness and leisure living.

We welcome new operators JAMES GRIFFIN, THURMAN KIRKLAND, OLLIE RODGERS, LONZO TERRY, and TOM SWIFT . . . Operator RAY KENNALLY fell on the ice Sunday, December 4, and broke his arm, adding to the bad luck Ray has been experiencing of late . . . Sanitary Engineer FRANK NEISIUS has been off sick with pneumonia and we all miss his pleasant smile and cheerful quips, so hurry back, Frank . . . Operator LEROY CASTLEY had another operation on his stomach and at this writing is convalescing at home . . . Operator ROY MEYER has been off sick with Emphysema and his many friends are hoping to see him back soon . . . Operator JOHN BRANDICH and his wife, MYRTLE, had another grand time fishing at Lake Norfolk, Arkansas, where they caught their quota of rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, and crappies . . . Operators PAT DOHERTY and ART JANZ spent a week around Clearwater, Florida. Pat, who is looking for property to purchase, expects to retire in the near future and hopes to find a dream spot where he can settle down . . . Operator TONY BRUNO, his wife, BARBARA, and their children spent their vacation at Reed, Michigan, where Tony's cousin, PAUL KOMINSKI resides. Tony did some deer hunting while in Reed, but had no luck . . . MIN, the wife of Operator BILL SEIFERT, spent three weeks in Southgate, California, visiting her father, HENRY EULBERG, who observed his 96th birthday January 3. Min's brother, FRED EULBERG, a pensioner from Elston depot who resides in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, was unable to attend this grand reunion due to other commitments . . . Operator ELMER WILLENBROCK spent his vacation remodeling his basement where he put in an air-condition-



KEDZIE STATION Operator and Transit News Reporter RAYMOND GRAHAM is still proudly displaying pictures of his first grandchild, VALERI ANN, who is now one year old. Valeri is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. TUFANO.

ing system and a new recreation area. Operator PAUL RODGERS became a father for the first time when his wife, SYLVIA, gave birth to a son named PAUL JUNIOR on October 27 at Lying-In hospital . . . Operator F. H. MILLER became a grandparent for the first time when his daughter, Mrs. CAROL ANN NELSON, gave birth to a daughter named MARCY LEE, born November 26 at Victory Memorial hospital in Waukegan, Illinois. Congratulations are extended to the proud parents. WILLIAM MILLER, son of Operator and Mrs. JOHN E. MILLER, was married Saturday, December 17, to DIANNA MACEY of St. Charles, Illinois. The ceremony took place at the Catholic Church in St. Charles. William, who has been in the navy for the past nine years, is an Aviation Machinists Mate 1st Class, and is stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, where the newlyweds will make their home . . . Operator BOB WALTERS and his wife, DORCAS, celebrated their 30th anniversary January 1. The Walters dined at the Palmer House and took in the floor show with their children PHILIP, KIRK, and RUTH for this festive occasion. Happy anniversaries are also extended to Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHAT and his wife, ANN, their 27th on November 25; Operator IRVING WEINER, and his wife, IDA, their 36th on December 25; Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, their 28th on January 1; Operator WALTER LINDEMAN and his wife, ELEANOR, their 39th on January 19; Operator JOHN EISELT and his wife, LOUISE, January 9, and Supervisor LARRY BENNETT and his wife, JULIA, their 26th on January 11 . . . Happy birthdays are extended to Operator ROY LEMKE December 14; Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHAT, December 25; Mrs. EULALIE DOWEY, January 10; Mrs. IDA WEINER, December 25, and Mrs. MARY HOLZMAN, January 19 . . . Our sympathy and condolences to Operator HENRY THELIN on the loss of his brother, JOHN THELIN; to Operator ROY MEYER on the loss of his father, FRED MEYER, and to the families of Pensioner ARTHUR JACOBY and RICHARD PENNIE of Limits Depot . . . Repairman PAUL "On the Ball" SCHREVES entertained a housefull of company on Christmas day, again with another organ recital . . . Repairman FRANK SIBLEY had his usual Christmas vacation period and spent it driving his wife, TESS, around Chicago and suburbs looking over the many beautiful outdoor decorations . . . Repairman JULIUS MERSCH donned the Santa Claus suit and made his familiar visits with the bag of gifts for his seven grandchildren . . . Repairman TONY GALLO became a grandfather for the second time when his son, TONY JUNIOR, and daughter-in-law presented him with a grandson named MICHAEL, born November 29 at Lutheran General hospital. The younger Gallos, who are living with Mr. and Mrs. Gallo, are building a new home in Schaumburg, Illinois, and will soon be moving to their new surroundings . . . Repairman FRANK SCHENDL and the Mrs. spent the Christmas Holidays in Dubuque, Iowa, with Frank's in-laws . . . RICHARD PRISBLE, son of Repairman DAN PRISBLE, who was recently discharged from the U.S. Marines, is now working for American Air Lines at O'Hare Airport as a ramp ticket agent . . . In the recent pick at North Park Garage, Repairman BUCK BAKANOWICH picked the day trick, while Repairman MIKE MUSIELSKI had to return to the night shift . . . Bus Dispatcher GEORGE SERRITELLA would like to thank the operators for the kindness and consideration shown him this past year . . . Union meetings are held the first Monday of the month at Musicians Hall, Wells and Washington streets, and North Park members are urged to attend. Support your officers and committeemen and help bring North Park back on top again.

- Melvin Horning

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

PETER ARIOLA, 72, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 9-02-19, Died 11-19-66
ANDREW F. AXELSON, 83, West Shops,
Emp. 10-15-10, Died 11-25-66
JOHN BILIC, 71, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 8-06-42, Died 11-13-66
JOSEPH BOCHINSKI, 79, Revenue,
Emp. 6-24-41, Died 11-20-66
GEORGE BREIDENBACH, 79, Internal Auditing,
Emp. 12-13-26, Died 11-09-66
WILLIAM P. BURLESON, 71, Limits,
Emp. 8-30-29, Died 9-12-66
JOHN J. BURNS, 57, Kedzie,
Emp. 12-17-40, Died 12-22-66
JOHN E. CAHILL, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-22-13, Died 12-02-66
JOSEPH G. CONOBOY, 67, Wilson,
Emp. 6-19-22, Died 11-23-66
HARRY E. DIEHL, 72, Wilson,
Emp. 4-02-14, Died 12-07-66
CHARLES W. ESTELL, 35, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-21-57, Died 1-5-67
JACK FRITZLER, 57, Shops & Equipment,
Emp. 4-7-47, Died 12-25-66
WARREN J. HUNTER, 59, Devon,
Emp. 2-23-27, Died 11-27-66
MARTIN H. HUSEBY, 90, Lake Street,
Emp. 6-07-23, Died 10-20-66
ARTHUR O. JACOBY, 68, Devon,
Emp. 4-29-23, Died 11-25-66
CARL E. JOHNSON, 72, Devon,
Emp. 5-19-21, Died 11-15-66
THOMAS KING, 76, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-11-13, Died 11-13-66
OTTO L. KRUEGER, 71, District A
Emp. 1-02-26, Died 12-01-66
ALFRED LAMPEL, 76, 61st Street,
Emp. 5-17-20, Died 9-10-66
EDMUND LITZ, 63, Engineering,
Emp. 12-17-19, Died 12-02-66
JAMES T. LOFTUS, 53, West Section,
Emp. 4-27-48, Died 12-22-66
FRANK MARINO, 82, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-26-44, Died 12-01-66

DAVID T. MATHESON, 62, Beverly,
Emp. 7-29-25, Died 11-12-66
CHARLES P. MATSCHKE, 76, Lincoln,
Emp. 9-19-13, Died 11-29-66
HARRY D. McKAY, 73, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-30-20, Died 11-12-66
JAMES J. NORRIS, 66, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-20-21, Died 11-17-66
RAYMOND NOWOSIELSKI, 51, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 12-07-59, Died 12-12-66
THOMAS O'CALLAGHAN, 50, Transportation,
Emp. 6-24-42, Died 12-06-66
JOHN P. O'CONNOR, 63, Devon,
Emp. 11-13-29, Died 11-18-66
MARTIN PEMBROKE, 62, 52nd Street,
Emp. 5-14-26, Died 12-20-66
RICHARD PENNIE, 63, Limits,
Emp. 9-10-28, Died 12-06-66
HOWARD PHILBERT, 64, West Section,
Emp. 7-30-26, Died 12-31-66
DANIEL RAVENFELDT, 61, Transportation
Emp. 10-29-45, Died 12-22-66
MICHAEL H. RYAN, 89, Legal,
Emp. 10-01-03, Died 11-17-66
CHARLES SCHAL, 88, Division Street,
Emp. 7-23-01, Died 12-07-66
PETER SCHELLENBERG, 61, Lawndale,
Emp. 11-20-29, Died 12-09-66
GEORGE H. SCHMIDT, 47, Archer,
Emp. 1-31-51, Died 12-27-66
RAYMOND SIMON, 62, North Park,
Emp. 10-08-29, Died 12-15-66
PAUL SMITH, 74, Lake Street,
Emp. 10-13-42, Died 11-11-66
CHARLES E. SPRINGER, 88, Archer,
Emp. 5-24-13, Died 11-21-66
JERRY E. VONDRAS, 70, South Shops,
Emp. 10-01-19, Died 11-10-66
WILLIAM J. WALDRON, 79, 61st Street,
Emp. 4-18-06, Died 11-26-66
EDWARD J. WANGERO, 80, Burnside,
Emp. 12-10-09, Died 11-01-66
MATHEW P. ZIRBES, 71, Limits,
Emp. 2-20-43, Died 11-13-66

NORTH SECTION -

With regrets we announce that this will be the last issue which I shall write for the column, my friends and co-workers. I have decided to follow through with a certain desire of mine for a few years and take employment elsewhere. I hope my decision was a wise one, and would like to leave my goodbye with my sincerest feelings, and hope my column was appreciated, as I have enjoyed preparing it greatly. The people I have met and worked with, I can really say, have been the greatest. Now a few news items . . . The Annual Credit Union meeting is coming up the second Sunday in February. It will be the twelfth meeting and will be held as usual at the Harold Taylor veterans post located on North Ashland near Grace street. Included on the schedule will be door prizes, entertainment, refreshments, a buffet luncheon, and the election of officers. If additional information is desired contact Conductor HAL STAATS . . .

Motorman R. THOMAS is back at work after being on the sick list for quite a while and looks in top shape . . . Speaking of proud papas, have you seen Motorman JOE VALLIER recently? Congratulations are in order for the Valliers on their addition of a new baby girl. And speaking of proud papas, you should see a proud grandpa. He is the man with the big chest, Motorman CARL GESBECK. His daughter, ANDREA, gave birth to a baby boy, also, CARL and his family as of this writing are moving into their new home in Hampton Park. Congrats to all. This is all the news I have received thus far. So let it be our signoff.

If there is anyone interested in writing the column for the North Section rapid transit, and it should be represented, he is advised to contact the editor: David Evans, Room 742, Merchandise Mart.

- Frank T. Jasch

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PURCHASING, STORES & SPECIFICATIONS -

Get Well wishes go to ED PIONTKOWSKI, who at this writing is a patient in St. George's hospital . . . Welcome back to ART STAHL, JOHN JOHNSON, BERNIE FITZPATRICK and TOM SKVARLA, who have returned to work after recent illnesses . . . JACK GUBBINS seems to be having trouble keeping track of his car. In the past three weeks he has had to call for aid in finding it. "It just seems to disappear," says Jack. It has been stolen three times in three weeks . . . MIKE KORZEN is sporting a new 1966 Buick LaSaber - Happy Motoring, Mike!

- D. Jane Bell

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Your scribe, KATHRYN BATINA, and JOE SABOL celebrated mutual birthdays on December 17 . . . J. BRENNAN and family motored to Florida to spend Christmas with his parents . . . A very enjoyable Christmas get-together was experienced when LAURA SCHRECKE and MARGARET VIDAL returned to celebrate the holiday . . . JAKE SUMNER is sporting a new Buick Special . . . FRANK CORBETT's daughter, NANCY, was home from college during the Christmas vacation . . . WALLY THOMAS was happy to have his son and daughter home from college in order to receive their gifts from the Libertyville Santa Claus . . . JOHN BENNIS is very thrilled with what Santa Claus gave him for Christmas--a pool table. John in his heydays could run off 50 at a time. What about now John? . . . STEVE LAWLOR's wife was in an automobile accident, but we are happy to report that she is now recovering at home . . . JOE SABOL's son, ALAN, recently celebrated his Bar Mitzvah. Congratulations to father and son! . . . ESTHER O'BRIEN journeyed with friends to the West Coast to spend the holiday season in sunny California.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

OLLIE LANG, paint shop foreman, just returned from a successful hunting trip in upper parts of the State of Michigan. In spite of the noise of low flying planes of the Air Force in training, which seems to make the deer



A PROUD mother indeed is Ticket Agent FAY CAPRIO, West Section, whose 22-year old son, TOME, recently completed the airborne course and was awarded a diploma at Fort Benning, Georgia. A graduate of Oak Park High school, he also attended Wright Junior college where he studied art and sculpture.

very nervous, Mr. Lang was able to return with a nine point buck, which hit the scales at 140 pounds . . . GERALD GULLERY, electrical worker, reports the engagement of his daughter, MAUREEN, to THOMAS WODARSKI, who is serving our country in Germany at the present time. The father of Thomas is THEODORE WODARSKI an operator at the North Avenue Depot . . . ALPHONSE SCHMITZ, upholsterer, is on the sick list but is enjoying the company of his daughter and family from Minnesota for the holidays. PATRICIA, the daughter, is a former employe of the Insurance Department . . . EVERETT E. ENGLAND, your reporter, had a week's vacation with his wife, MARCELLA, to visit relatives in southern Illinois. One week is too short . . . Your reporter had a card at Christmas from the lovely wife of A. H. DAUS, deceased. Mr. Daus was superintendent of shops and equipment, RTD . . . Our sincere sympathy to the family of RAYMOND NOWOSIELSKI, Skokie Shop employe, who passed away recently . . . Your reporter is very thankful and happy for the news items contributed during the year of 1966. And please keep the items coming in for 1967. Happy New Year to all.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

Happy 1967 To All! . . . Collector THOMAS McINERNEY decided to take his pension December 1 and the 61st Street men had a get-together for him and a token of remembrance was presented to him from his co-workers. Ham sandwiches, rolls, cake, and coffee were served. There went my diet again! Congratulations to Tom and much good luck on pension . . . Greetings and salutations to newly transferred trainmen from the North and West Sections: RICHARD LEWIS, INMAN DAWSON, JAMES SMITH, ROBERT GRAHAM, WILLIAM TUCKER, LEON FEAGINS, and JAMES GREEN . . . Heard the news that Retired Motorman CHARLES McMORROW, who lives in Mt. Home, Arkansas, was in the hospital recently. However, he is back home now and feeling fine once again . . . Our hearts are sad to hear that Regular Conductor MICHAEL SHEERIN, who was on the sick list, passed away recently . . . The Agents Pension club held their Christmas dinner on December 4 at the Beverly Woods restaurant. Retired Agent KAREN FRIDDLE, who went on pension August 1, was the honored guest and a gift was presented to her by the club members. The weather was a freezing rain and sleet, but it didn't hold back the crowd. Ninety-five people attended and their hearts were warm and gay even though it was storming outside. The family-style dinner of chicken and beef and all the trimmings was excellent. Karen looked so young. Much happiness is wished to Karen on pension. Some of our Agents attended who hadn't attended a dinner in quite awhile and it was good to see them at the dinner and hope they come to the next one. All the Pensioners were there looking happy as can be. Talked to Retired Motorman EDWARD HENNESSY, Retired Conductors WILLIAM MANNICH and VERNON AMMONS and his wife, ALICE, Retired Clerk BARNEY TRANDEL, retired Supervisor ROBERT BROWN, Retired Division #308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS, and Retired Agents MARY CARSON, MARY MURTAUGH, CATHERINE COLLINS, and many, many more. It was a wonderful party . . . Welcome to newly transferred agents from the Surface Division: ALONZO PRUITT, and LOUIS McEWING, and newly hired Agents JEWEL ASHFORD, ANTOINETTE JOHNSON, FRANDELIA LEE, JEWELL O'NEAL, MARILYN LYLE, and newly hired part-time Agent NORMA DOWNEY . . . Sincere sympathy is extended to Yard Foreman ARDIS

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MORRIS whose brother passed away; to Conductor THOMAS DOUGLAS on the loss of his wife, and to Supervisor THOMAS STAPLES on the loss of his wife . . . Good luck to Agent CASIMIR PAULINSKI who transferred to the Claim Department in the General Office on December 11 . . . Retired Motorman JOSEPH HILL, who lives in Florida, sent word that he wishes to thank everyone for the cards he received at the hospital during his recent illness. He's home now and recuperating nicely . . . Motorman CHARLES CONLEY was passing out cigars and smiling from ear to ear when he told us about his new born baby girl named NICOLE ELIZABETH, born December 16. This makes three children for the happy Conley family . . . Retired Towerman WILLIAM WALDRON passed away recently. Our condolences to his family . . . More passenger commendations keep coming in for our South Siders: Agent LUCINDA WEST was commended for her honesty in returning correct change for a \$5.00 bill when the passenger thought she left a \$1.00 bill. Conductor LUTHER WILLIAMS was commended for his perfect enunciation of stations. Conductor JOHN MOLSBY was commended for waiting for a passenger to board his train. Motorman VERNON ROBINSON was commended by a city policeman for his assistance in apprehending two men in an attempted robbery . . . Mrs. MARTIN McNAMARA, wife of deceased retired conductor who was living in Arizona, passed away recently . . . Agent MARJORIE BRYANT resigned recently, also part-time Agent SUSAN LYNCH and Trainman A. JULKES . . . Retired Shop Clerk HENRY PIOTROWSKI and Shopman HENRY PLUMMER were around recently visiting with the boys in the shop . . . You should have seen the pictures of Motorman JOSEPH DOYLE with his Santa Claus outfit on. He played Santa for his family at a big Christmas party. Joe sure made a good-looking Santa Claus.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

The Shop raffle held recently was won by DAWSON SAMPLES. FRANK HORVAT was the second prize winner and TOM MCPARTLAN, third. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of ERNIE NELSON on the death of his mother, to CHARLES SHREEVE on the death of his father-in-law and to TONY NUTILE on the death of his mother-in-law. Our best wishes to JOSHUA JAMES, whose home was damaged by fire recently. SANDY PFUND and KAREN HOFFMAN are off again for the New Year holiday. This time they spent a wonderful weekend at Pheasant Run.

- Kathleen O'Brien & Al Haas

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Congratulations to J. PERILLO, Congress, who retired on December 1, after 47 years of service. Hope the new year brings him health and happiness . . . After 36 years of service, T. VINTAN, Wilson, retired on January 1. Best wishes for good health and continued happiness in his golden years . . . R. SCHEIBE of Congress spent his holidays in grand style with a trip to Germany to visit his parents and relatives . . . A hearty welcome was extended by all the boys at Howard to R. LONDON, new car cleaner . . . J. JONES bid farewell to his friends at Congress to take on his new position as a truck driver for Standard Oil company . . . Sorry to hear that J. MORELLI, Congress, is off on the sick list. Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent his way . . . Congratulations are in order for R. OLCOM, who was

promoted to an electrical worker apprentice and who transferred from Congress to Skokie Shops. Promotions to repairman included H. MURRY, who transferred to Congress from Skokie Shops, and R. SCHEIBE, who transferred to Congress from Lake Street. Also on the repairman promotion list were L. C. JONES and J. WILSON of Congress . . . Holiday vacations were enjoyed by C. DUNLAP, J. RAND and V. DENTAMARO of Wilson.

- Ray Brzezczek

TRANSPORTATION (Mart) -

Our sympathy is extended to the family of THOMAS O'CALLAHAN, who recently passed away . . . A wonderful retirement and the best of luck to RUSSELL T. GIBBONS, information clerk, who retired on January 1 . . . Our new radio telephone operator is THOMAS E. MACE: welcome and good luck . . . A very colorful and pretty Christmas scene was painted, free hand, in the Operations Control Office by LARRY STEPHENS Sr. This is a yearly task for him and because he will be retiring soon all his co-workers wish to thank him for a job well done in bringing Christmas cheer . . . Since this is the beginning of the year, I feel it fitting to send wishes for a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year to all.

- Colette Szycepanek

69TH STREET -

I wish to thank Mr. SCREEN and Mr. GIBES for the opportunity to report the news for 69th Street. It is my wish to do as well as my predecessor, BILL DONAHUE. He always wrote a nice line but was my softest touch when flipping a coin for coffee. Speaking of coffee, a certain waitress at the "Union" has put her tropical fish aside because she is very serious about the sitter she has on her new sofa. I wonder what she meant when she said she always would have her fish . . . "Big Bad Gus" GUSTAFSON of 59th street collected a lot of loot on his first trip the Thursday before Christmas. In appreciation he broke down pulling out and missed that trip Friday. What did they say the next week, Gus? . . . Mr. and Mrs. GENE HOWE's son, MIKE, who is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, enjoyed the Christmas Holiday at home . . . J. R. DAVIDSON's daughter, MARLINE SHOTAW, gave birth to a son, TIMMOTH, August 22. This is Davidson's seventh grandchild. How about that, Mr. Ensworth? . . . Congratulations to HELEN and ARNOLD HILLSTROM on their 25th anniversary January 3 . . . Yours truly and the missus celebrated our 29th on the 2nd of January. Daughter SANDARA, went on a four-day cruise on the S. S. Bahama Star to Nassau over the New Year Holiday looking for her prince charming . . . L. DAKE claims to be the best former farmer in the depot. He served his apprenticeship with the cows, sheep, pigs, and a shovel, he says . . . To FRED HAHN and A. JENSEN and all you fellows on the sick list, our best wishes and a hurry up and get well to you. The deepest sympathy to the family of T. O. CALLAGHAN, dispatcher, on their great loss. All the old Cottage Grove Barn men will always remember him as a good friend and motorman. I also extend your sympathy and mine to my wife on the loss of her sister the day after Christmas . . . On the brighter side I wonder if Transfer Instructor LUCAS, the "weatherman," predicted right for a change on his Christmas outlook? Remember this news depends on you. So let's hear about it fellows.

- Arthur P. Buesing

LET'S GIVE IT A GOOD START!



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