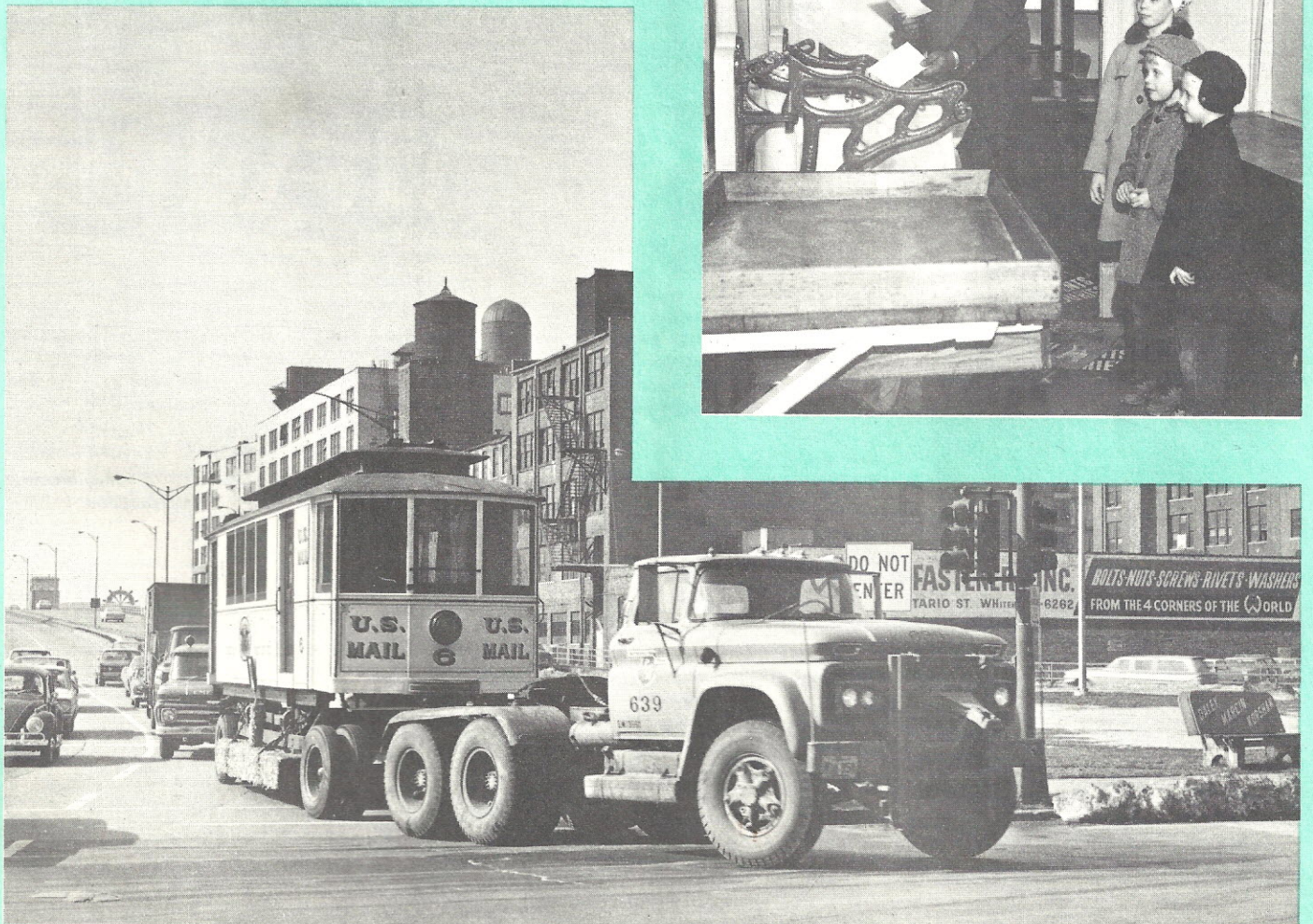


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OUR COVER: The hibernation of old Mail Car No. 6 was interrupted recently when the car was taken from storage and refurbished for use in a display sponsored by the Ford City Shopping Center, 76th and Cicero, during the week February 13-19. Entitled "A Salute to the United States Post Office," the display included postage stamps, postal vehicles and other equipment, and the 72-year old streetcar. Shoppers toured the car and, as shown in the center picture, were given demonstrations by postal employees of how mail was once sorted in the streetcars. In the bottom picture car No. 6 is shown behind a CTA tractor on its return trip to the Lincoln-Wrightwood car barn.



ON THE front platform and at the controls of old No. 6 are CTA General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor and Postmaster Henry W. McGee. Car No. 6 was an active part of the former Chicago Railways Company fleet between 1895 and 1915, when streetcars were used for delivering mail to the main post office and outlying postal stations along streetcar lines.

NOTCHING UP a type-K streetcar controller was a new experience for little Sandy Manak, one of the thousands of children who, with their parents, departed from busy shopping schedules to view the Post Office display at Ford City.

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Employee Suggestion Plan

Reports Successful Year

ANOTHER GOOD year for the CTA Employee Suggestion Plan was registered during 1966 with the submissions totaling the second highest in number since the Plan went into effect system-wide in 1952, according to the annual report issued recently.

For the year 1966, 1,439 employees representing all CTA departments demonstrated their interest in the Plan by sending in 2,325 suggestions. The overall submission rate for 1966 was 19.1 in comparison to 21.9 per hundred employees in 1965.

Employees in the General Office departments continue to be the most active participants with the submission rate of 59.0. Shops and Equipment Department employees did very well with a submission rate of 43.4.

The 193 suggestions receiving original awards totaling \$3,181.00 or an average of \$16.48 per adopted suggestion. This amount compares to an average of \$13.04 for 1965. In addition to the 193 original awards, six supplemental awards were made during the year, totaling \$3,461.00 for an average of \$17.39 per award.

In evaluating the merits of the 193 adopted suggestions during the year, it was estimated that the savings to be realized during the first year they would be in effect would total \$22,267.00, for an average saving of \$115.37 per adopted suggestion. It is notable that since October 1, 1952, when the Employee Suggestion Plan was established system-wide, to December 31, 1966, a total of 1,739 suggestions have been adopted. The first year's estimated savings for these suggestions now total \$230,162.00.

To expedite consideration of suggestions, a coordinating committee of five members has been appointed. Those named were F. C. Knautz, suggestion program administrator; R. T. Warnstedt, suggestion coordinator; J. R. Blaa, superintendent of rapid transit operations; R. H. Martz, technical services, and J. F. Urbaszewski, Engineering Department.

AWARD WINNERS RECEIVE \$460.00 FOR ACCEPTED IDEAS

SEVENTEEN EMPLOYEES who received cash awards for their ideas submitted to the Employee Suggestion Plan were named recently by the Executive Decision Committee.

Twelve were \$25.00 awards and two were \$35.00; the other three were supplementary awards for \$90.00, \$35.00, and \$10.00, respectively. The winners of the supplementary awards were: Robert Tucker, Stores Department, South Shops, \$90.00; Ray W. Gunnerson, S&E, Kedzie, \$35.00; Willard M. Larson, S&E, South Shops, \$10.00. Two others who received \$35.00 original awards were James Marron, S&E, South Shops, and Charles Jurkus, Stores, South Shops.

Winners in the \$25.00 category were: Lawrence Pawlak, Executive Department, General Offices; William Moog, Utility, 77th Street; George Kuenstle, S&E, North Avenue; Harry Hardy, Engineering, West Shops; Leroy Hagen, S&E, South Shops; Bernard Fitzpatrick, Stores, 63rd Street; James Nagel, Engineering, West Shops; Leo Lizak, Engineering Department, Merchandise Mart; Joseph Sabol, Schedule, Merchandise Mart; Robert Booth, Electrical Department, Blue Island; Melvin Cook, Electrical Department, Blue Island, and Margaret Kells, General Office, Purchasing Department.

Twenty-two Honorable Mention credits, which entitle those named to food certificates, were also announced. These follow: James Joeffrey, Engi-

neering Department, General Office; Michael Chambers, Engineering Department, West Shops; Zita Doublin, R. T. Transportation; Reinhold Wenzel, Surface, Limits; Leroy Hagen, Electrical, South Shops; Donald Dausinus, CTA Police; Robert R. Booth, Electrical, Blue Island; Bernard Kyle, S&E, Kedzie; John Pietrowski, Transportation, Logan Square; Melvin Cook, Electrical, Blue Island; Josephine Feldman, Insurance Department, General Office; Erwin Koplins, Engineering Department, West Shops; Robert Lenahan, R. T., North Section; John Dunham, Surface, Beverly; Valerie Moehring, R.T., Congress; Francis Brady, General Office, Employment Department; Margaret Kells, General Office, Purchasing Department; John P. Gill, General Office, Stores Department; Veronica McCann, General Office, Insurance Department; John Capaccio, S&E, Congress; Joseph Weidinger, S&E, Congress, and Harold Rowbottom, General Office, Research & Planning Department.

Reviewing the standards for evaluating the suggestions, it is well to remember these points: (a) do they improve or simplify present methods of job procedures and reduce cost of operations? (b) do they suggest more practical ways of reusing or salvaging old material? (c) do they reduce the amount of supplies required for specific operations? (d) do they propose ways and means by which substitute items can be used more economically?



Six Operating Stations Cited for Recording Safest Year

SUPERINTENDENTS OF six operating stations accepted special award plaques on behalf of their men for making 1966 the safest year at their stations. Charles E. Keiser, operating manager, made the presentations on March 3.

Mr. Keiser cited the fine achievement of the six stations and announced that the men of the winning stations would be served coffee and rolls on March 9 as a token of appreciation for their fine job in reducing traffic and passenger accidents.

Mr. Keiser also cited other safety achievements in 1966. They were:

The rapid transit system's combined traffic and passenger accident frequency rate of 1.64 accidents per 100,000 miles operated was 2.4 per cent below 1962, their best previous year.

The surface system's passenger accident frequency rate of 7.03 accidents per 1,000,000 passengers carried was 2.5 per cent below their previous record established in 1965.

It was also pointed out that 1966 was the sixth consecutive year in which CTA operating employees were involved in fewer than 10 traffic and passenger accidents for every 100,000 miles operated. The rate of 9.1 was the third best rate in CTA history.

Pictured with Mr. Keiser, holding the plaque, are the superintendents who received the special award. They are, from left: F. J. Buetow, North Avenue station; R. W. Meisner, 61st and Loomis stations; Earl Peterson, Kedzie; L. M. Keag, 52nd street station, and E. J. Heatter, Forest Park station.

New Department Heads Named for Three Mart Offices

NEW APPOINTMENTS affecting three General Office departments have been announced by General Manager T. B. O'Connor and were placed in effect recently.

Advanced to the post of Superintendent of Insurance and Pensions on March 1 was William A. Ashley who succeeds H. B. Storm, retired. Mr. Ashley started with CTA in May, 1949, as a student engineer and worked in various departments throughout the properties until he was permanently assigned to the Insurance Department in December, 1950.

Effective February 1, William C. Platt was appointed superintendent of employe relations. He

started with the former Chicago Surface Lines in August, 1939, as a division clerk in the Way and Structures Department and in 1952 joined the staff of the Job Classification Department. He became assistant superintendent of the department in 1957. On February 1, 1964, he was named assistant superintendent of employe relations, the position he held at the time of his recent appointment.

Other appointments placed into effect recently were: J. F. Boyce, named assistant superintendent of insurance and pensions, Edward A. Bole named assistant superintendent of employe relations, and Bruno Karp, instructor, Transportation Department, was appointed assistant manager of Charter Service.

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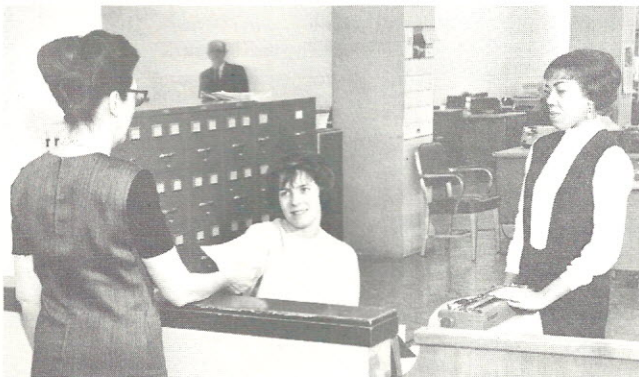
EDITOR'S NOTE: This second installment explaining the functions of the Insurance and Pension Department deals with the insurance phases of the operation.

GROUP INSURANCE COVERAGE

AFTER APPLICANTS for work with CTA have qualified for a job, they are required to fill out certain forms for company records before being assigned to duty. Among these forms are census cards, pension forms, and a request for dependent hospital and surgical benefits if eligible. The census card contains essential facts relating to the new employe and the name of his beneficiary. From these facts, an employe record jacket is made up and filed for reference.

The census cards in duplicate are filed according to the month in which the employe was hired. At the end of 90 days, group insurance certificates are mailed to the employe. With each certificate is included claim forms and a letter of explanation stating that hospital and surgical insurance and dependent hospital and surgical insurance, if taken by the employe, will be effective after three months of continuous service, and that the life insurance and accident and sickness insurance will become effective after one year of continuous service, provided the employe is actively working on the effective date.

ALL MATTERS pertaining to insurance coverage affecting employes and their families are handled in the Insurance Department. The first stop when entering the office is the reception desk. Mrs. Joseph Feldmann (left), clerk-typist, portrays the part of an employe handing a disability notice to Mrs. Ronnie McCann (center), receptionist, as Carolyn Wilson, clerk-typist, stands by to obtain the record from files.



A GREAT deal of correspondence is involved in the routine handling of pension and insurance matters. A lot of these pass through this desk, occupied by John F. Boyce, assistant superintendent of insurance and pensions, who is giving dictation to Cathy Raschick, stenographer.

Of special benefit to CTA employes is the group life insurance furnished to employes without cost. This covers each eligible employe for \$2,500.00 after one year of service up to the beginning of his fifth year of service. After five years of service, the employe is covered for \$4,000.00 of life insurance.

All details pertaining to policies are handled by the Insurance Department. These include changes of beneficiary; cancellation of certificates for termination of employment; the preparation of papers in connection with death claims, such as death certificates and affidavits, writing of checks, recording of claims, and the delivery of checks to the beneficiaries.

On the average, between 196 and 219 death claims, totaling approximately \$416,750.00 are paid out each year on these policies.

Employes, covered by the group life insurance plan, who terminate their services for any reason other than death, may convert their certificate to any other form of insurance, except term insurance, written by the Travelers Insurance company, in an amount equal to that in force at the time of termination, without any physical examination, provided they apply to Travelers within 31 days from the date of termination of employment.

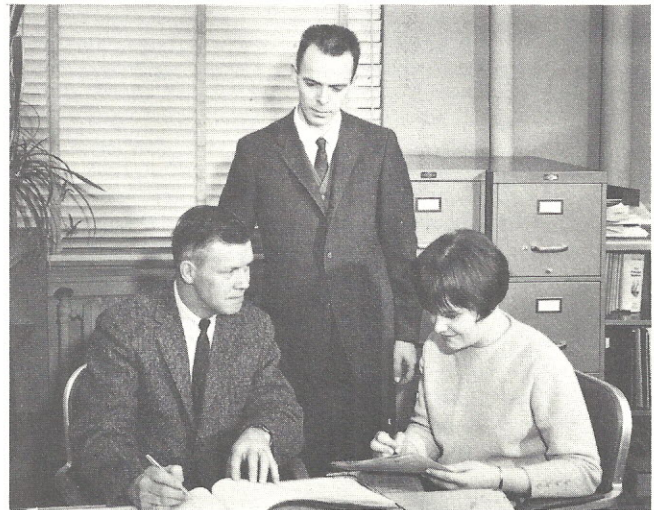
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MEDICAL RECORDS of all 13,000 active CTA employees are filed in this long row of wall cabinets. In the foreground, Mary Ann Kohlmann, clerk-typist, is removing a file jacket, and in the background, Pat Murphy, clerk-typist, is replacing a jacket which has been taken out for reference.

DISCUSSING THE preparation of compensation checks with James F. Madden (left), statistician, are John F. McMahon (center), industrial safety analyst, and Jackie Huizengo, clerk-typist.



HOSPITAL & SURGICAL INSURANCE

Another benefit enjoyed by CTA employees without cost is hospital and surgical insurance which becomes effective after 90 days of continuous service. This coverage provides \$14 per day for room and board for 40 days, with hospital extras paid up to \$140 (for Division 308, the allowance is \$16 per day for room and board and hospital extras paid up to \$160, as recently awarded by arbitration), \$225 maximum for surgery, and \$3.50 per day for doctor's visits for 40 visits in one 12-month period while hospitalized.

Employees entering the hospital must notify CTA's Insurance Department with a properly completed claim blank. The claim is then checked to ascertain that all is in order and a claim jacket containing all necessary details is prepared.

The employee is requested to supply statements, bills, and information verifying the stay in the hospital and a statement from the attending doctor describing the surgery performed, and the charge therefor.

After the information and statements have been approved, checks are written, signed, and mailed to the employee or to the hospital, as directed by the employee. Payments are usually made in two steps since the surgeon's bill is usually received much later than the hospital bill. Thus the employee does not have to wait for the hospital portion of the claim pending receipt of the surgeon's bill.

In addition, employees may obtain at their own expense extra hospital and surgical insurance through Travelers or the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Plan, depending upon their union affiliations. The premiums for this added insurance are collected through monthly payroll deductions.

Under the Travelers contributory hospital and surgical insurance plan, the benefits for employees cover an additional \$10 per day toward the first 40 days and \$12 per day during the next 80 days for room and board; the balance of hospital extras not covered under the basic CTA plan during the first 40 days, and one-half of the hospital extras charged during the next 80 days.

Employee claims under this extra coverage are handled and paid by CTA's Insurance Department in the same manner as on the coverage paid for by the Authority.

Employees having Blue Cross-Blue Shield establish coverage when entering hospitals. The hospital then submits the bills direct to Blue Cross-Blue Shield for payment.

DEPENDENT HOSPITAL & SURGICAL INSURANCE

Depending upon the union affiliation of the employee, hospital and surgical insurance for dependents is available through the Travelers Insurance Company and Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Under the Travelers insurance plan, dependents are covered during the first 40 days for \$24 per day for room and board and \$12 per day for the next 80 days.



CHECKING OUT the record on the proper payment of a claim with Edward Donohue, insurance clerk, is Mrs. Ann Golding, insurance clerk.

PROCESSING ALL hospitalization claims by employes and employe's dependents is the responsibility of Terry Lo Coco (left) and Mrs. Lela Brangan (right), hospitalization clerks. They also verify hospital coverage by telephone with the various hospitals.



During the first 40 days of hospitalization, hospital extras are fully covered, and for the next 80 days, they are covered for 50% of the actual charges. Surgical benefits are paid in accordance with the schedule up to a maximum of \$225. If the hospital confinement involved no surgery, doctor's visits will be paid up to \$3.50 per day per visit limited to

40 visits in any 12 months while hospitalized. Dependent claims are mailed to the CTA Insurance Department where they are checked for coverage and then forwarded to the Travelers Insurance Company for payment direct to the employe.

Provisions are in effect to permit employes to pay monthly dependent hospital and surgical insurance premiums by cash when not working.

ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE

Should off duty accidents or sickness strike, CTA employes are further protected, without cost to them, with insurance coverage which becomes effective after one full year of continuous service, provided they are at work on the effective date. The coverage begins with the eighth day of disability and continues if disabled and unable to work for 26 weeks. Beginning December 1, 1966, the weekly rate is \$67.50 and on December 1, 1967, the weekly rate goes to \$70.00 per week.

When an accident and sickness claim is filed it is checked against the employment record and on the claim jacket. This information includes name, address, age, date of employment, claim number, first day off, and the cause of the disability. At the same time all claims filed by the employe during the previous five years are entered on the back of the jacket, so the claim adjuster and the Medical Department may check this individual's health record.

Claim blanks for the payment of full wages for the first seven working days are originated and forwarded to the employe's place of work. Here the blanks are filled out to indicate the actual hours lost. When the forms are returned to the Insurance Department, they are attached to the claim form and turned over to an adjuster. If satisfactory, they are approved and forwarded to the payroll department so the amount involved will be included with the employe's next pay.

After the first seven-day claim is completed, the jacket is placed in a file to come up for payment each seven days, as long as the employe is disabled, up to a maximum of 26 weeks. If there is any question as to the validity of the claims, the employe is sent a letter asking him to obtain a statement from his doctor or to appear at the CTA Medical Department for examination by doctors.

After the check has been written, they are countersigned by a CTA representative and signed by a representative from the Travelers Insurance company. The signed checks are mailed on the same day to the employe's home address. Payment for accumulated seven days of disability are mailed on the eighth day, which is usually fast in comparison with usual group insurance practices.

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FIRE PREVENTION & INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

Beginning in November, 1952, CTA did away with all fire insurance coverage on its property and began to charge any loss due to fire against the operating budget. As of November, 1966, this policy has saved over \$1,450,000 over what would have been paid out to insurance companies in the way of premium on fire policies. In order to protect against a major fire loss, a catastrophe fire policy is taken out each year in amount of \$2,600,000, excess of first \$400,000 of any one fire loss. One of the prime responsibilities of the Insurance Department is the development of a program to keep CTA properties as free of fire hazards as possible and to reduce the exposure of our employees to industrial accidents.

In this connection, the Insurance Department develops the fire prevention and industrial safety program at a staff level in cooperation with a fire and safety committee of members appointed by the heads of the operating departments. This committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month to develop the safety theme for the month, to disseminate information regarding the fire and safety program to the employees of each department and to confer about and solve the various fire prevention and industrial safety problems.

As the eyes and ears of the superintendent of insurance and pensions, the Insurance Department has a fire prevention and industrial safety coordinator, who makes inspections of all properties and makes observations of the work-safe practices of the employees in each department.

In addition, the fire insurance and safety coordinator conducts fire and safety meetings and instructs employees in use of fire fighting equipment in the various departments. Also, the Insurance Department assists in the testing of new safety and fire prevention equipment and the development and standardization of equipment for the protection of our employees and properties. Personnel of the

Insurance Department with the fire and safety coordinator also conduct night inspections of the operating properties, to observe conditions when the minimum amount of personnel are available at each location. Under the jurisdiction of the department, a staff annual fire and safety inspection is made during Fire Prevention Week, and a complete detailed report is presented to the General Manager and all department heads on the conditions found.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Since January, 1963, the Insurance Department has assumed the responsibility of making payment of Workmen's Compensation Benefits to all employees who are injured while on duty. Approximately 1,000 to 1,100 Workmen's compensation claims are filed by CTA employees each year. Payment of a workmen's compensation claim is closely related to the industrial safety program. The statistical data developed in the industrial safety section of the department materially aids in the development of procedures to reduce the number of injuries received by employees in industrial accidents. Further, the claim cost controls developed by the department aid in reducing the annual workmen's compensation cost.

MISCELLANEOUS INSURANCE

To protect CTA against any loss of money, tokens, and securities, the Insurance Department covers the Chicago Transit Authority with comprehensive commercial bond insurance which protects the company from burglary, holdups, robbery, and employee dishonesty. For added security, CTA properties are also protected with safes, special doors, guards, and other special safety features. An annual inspection is made of these properties in cooperation with Transportation Department and the Chicago Police Department and any unsafe conditions are reported for correction.

All other miscellaneous insurance such as public liability, property damage, bonds, boiler and pressure vessels as required by CTA are placed by the Insurance Department. Complete records are maintained of the insurance in force as to the amount, where placed, and the date of expiration. Any losses involving insurance coverage are reported to the Insurance Department, which is responsible for making collection from the insurance company.

Any contractors doing business with CTA are required to furnish workmen's compensation, public liability, property damage, and automobile insurance as required for each particular job. Depending on the hazards involved, the limits are set by the Insurance Department. The contractor, who is to do the work, must furnish their insurance policies for approval as to limits and rating of the insurance company.



W. T. UNWIN (left) fire prevention and industrial safety coordinator, uses a combustible gas and vapor detector to check drains and low areas in the Paint Shop for combustible concentrations or vapors. Looking on is Ted Pietrus, paint shop foreman.



Surface System Graduates Largest Supervisor Class

THE LARGEST surface system supervisor group in CTA's history completed the training program and was graduated on February 28. The 36 men comprising the class were assigned to the supervisor's pool where they will be available to fill in as needed and when vacancies occur in this category. The class members were trained by supervisors and instructors of the Transportation Department and are qualified in all phases of supervising duties.

Members of the class, listed in alphabetical order, are: J. R. Burke, E. L. Burkett, S. L. Burns, W. B. Claiborne, Michael Clemente, C. W. Cooper, J. T. Degnan, D. G. Eggersdorf, D.

W. Gilligan, D. R. Hays, C. H. Hicks, C. W. Hodges, M. J. Hunt, R. M. Julun, John Kenna, W. G. Kilstrom, P. W. Kolsch, M. J. Lacriola, W. F. Lane, H. F. Miles, Jack Moore, M. M. Morrison, R. D. McGrath, P. J. O'Sullivan, E. J. Rhoda, J. W. Rice, W. G. Ringhoff, Karlis Robeznieks, B. D. Smith, W. J. Sorensen, C. R. Wade, Alton Williams, Herbert Williams, H. G. Williams, and C. L. Wood. Not in the picture is S. P. Perce. Standing in the rear rows in dark suits are T. M. Stiglic, superintendent of instruction; Ray Dagenais, superintendent, Central District; J. J. Hemzacek, superintendent of surface operations, and at right, Ralph Tracy, superintendent of operations, surface and rapid transit.

State Seeks Stiffer Penalties For Assaults On Transit Riders

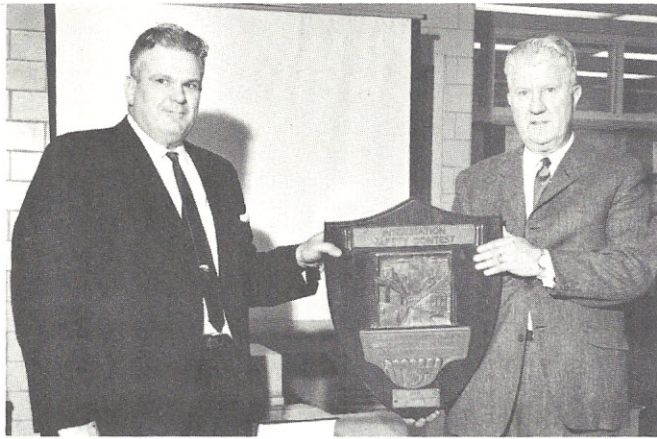


STIFFER PENALTIES for assaulting a public transit employe or passengers riding on public transit facilities is now pending action in the current session of the state legislative assembly in Springfield.

The legislation provides for penalties of from one to 10 years imprisonment in the case of aggravated battery and one to five years in the case of aggravated assault. The legislation has been reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee with a recommendation for its passage, but is still pending action in the House.

Passage of the bill, SB 210, is of particular interest to CTA, as well as other transit companies, for the reasons cited above, and employes are urged to give it their consideration by making known their support of the bill to their representatives.

In the accompanying photo taken at a Senate Committee in Springfield are (from left) Chairman George L. DeMent of Chicago Transit Board; State Senator John J. Lanigan, sponsor of the bill, and Don Karl of CTA's Transportation Department, who assisted in developing the legislation.



CLOSING THE final competition for 1966 in the Interstation Safety Contest, Forest Park came through with a perfect 75.00 score to win the rapid transit system plaque and Lawndale claimed the surface system trophy with 60.48 total points during the fourth quarter. Runners up were Congress and Kedzie, respectively. In the picture at the left, Superintendent E. J. Heater of Forest Park receives the rapid transit plaque from D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation. At the right, R. K. Keag, superintendent, Lawndale, is presented the surface system award by Mr. Flynn. Forest Park also won the ISC plaque for the second quarter of the year.



H. B. Storm Retires; Headed Insurance, Pension Department

CLOSING OUT a career of 43 years of transit service, Howard B. Storm, superintendent of Insurance and Pensions for CTA, retired on pension on March 1.

Mr. Storm, a graduate of Purdue university with a B. S. degree in electrical engineering, started with the former Chicago Surface Lines as a student engineer in 1924. In 1926 he became chief clerk and assistant purchasing agent and was appointed superintendent of Insurance and Pensions on May 1, 1937.

A large number of his friends and long-time associates were present at a retirement dinner given in his honor on February 23, and to extend best wishes for the leisurely years ahead. Pictured at the head table on the occasion are, left to right: P. J. Meinardi, manager of finance; Mrs. Storm; Mr. Storm; General Manager T. B. O'Connor; P. W. Flaherty, representing Division 241, and William A. Ashley, Mr. Storm's successor.

REPORT CARDS ON RETIREMENT CREDITS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL EMPLOYEES

EMPLOYEES ARE advised by the Secretary of Retirement Allowance Committee office that report cards showing each employe's credits in the retirement fund as of December 31, 1966, will be distributed with their checks on the following payday dates in April: 5-6-7-12-13. These cards are valuable for ready reference at all times and it is suggested that they be kept for records.

The Insurance Department also reminds employes that it is desirable that all changes in family status such as marriage, death, or divorce, which make it necessary to change the beneficiary named for your life insurance and retirement fund, should be done at once. Change of beneficiary forms for both are available through your department head. These forms should be filled out promptly and returned to the Insurance Department. Failure to change your beneficiary adds unnecessary expense in settling your estate.



OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

THE RECORD-BREAKING snowstorm of late January brought many letters of commendation for CTA operating personnel whose performance of duty under adverse circumstances greatly impressed many riders who, like thousands of other Chicagoans, were caught in the rampaging sweep of the blizzard.

One such example was a letter received from Sister M. Stephanie, S.S.C., administrator, Loretta hospital, where some operators on the Central avenue route sought refuge when their vehicles were stranded and unable to move when the storm was at the height of its fury.

The sisters gave them food and shelter and the men responded by volunteering their services to aid the hospital staff, which was faced with a critical shortage of personnel due to the breakdown of normal transportation facilities and service. The bus drivers, to further show their appreciation, took up a collection among themselves and donated the proceeds to the hospital expansion program.

In a letter to CTA, Sister Stephanie wrote: "We are most grateful that they chose to respond in this manner. These men conducted themselves in such a manner that would have made you proud to have them in your employ."

The operators concerned in the incident cited were not identified to the hospital authorities, but it was typical of many other friendly, heart-warming stories which were reported during the height of the blizzard.

That the public recognized and appreciated the strong sense of duty displayed by operating personnel facing almost impossible driving conditions was reflected in the many letters of commendation received by CTA Service Section.

Here are a few of such statements selected at random from the incoming mail:

Operator Harvey Thompson, Badge No. 2795, 52nd, "I was one of many thousands caught in the big blow and snow on the night of January 26. I boarded a bus at State and Adams street at 10:40 p.m. and reached my home on East Melrose street some five hours later, normally a 20 to 25-minute ride. Although this could have been a most trying experience, the driver made it almost an enjoyable

adventure. We were like lost souls on a 'wayward bus.' He tried everything possible to circumvent the endless traffic tie-ups, always patient and pleasant--and all of this without having his dinner."

Operator Benjamin Roulhac, Badge No. 9945, Kedzie, "Conditions were very trying at the time when tempers were under a heavy strain he maintained a serene and courteous attitude to a remarkable degree. His driving was voted highly skillful by his passengers, who voluntarily and on their own initiative piled out of the bus and pushed it to help him 'work out' of a couple of slippery, tight spots."

Operator Robert Mullin, Badge No. 9997, North Park, "I was one of 20 passengers marooned on Sheridan south of Bryn Mawr. The operator did everything he possibly could to get the bus going and then when we realized we were parked there for the night, he was as kind and solicitous as any human could be. Several times he got off the bus and walked to Bryn Mawr to try to get aid. He made arrangements for some people with a taxi; but those of us who were left lived on Sheridan Road and the taxi could not go on Sheridan. More than once he walked many blocks to a phone to try to get us help, and at 7:00 a.m. he insisted on walking to get the remaining passengers coffee and doughnuts. We were all impressed with the wonderful conduct of our driver."

Operator Alvin Potts, Badge No. 2896, 52nd, "I was on his bus in the Hyde Park vicinity when his bus and another bus going in the opposite direction became snarled in the snow. After carefully backing the bus down the street to the intersection, the operator saw to it that we were dropped off at the Greyhound bus substation at 63rd and Stony to wait for the Jeffrey bus in the shelter and not outside in the miserable weather. After completing his run he stopped off at the bus station and obtained the information that no Jeffrey bus had stopped for three hours. He called the dispatcher and received permission to route his bus down Jeffrey and so accommodate all his stranded passengers. To us, Mr. Potts was the hero of the hour."

There were many other riders who expressed similar opinions praising the employees for their outstanding service. But one wrapped it all up with her succinct observation: "Hip, Hip, Hooray for CTA."

NOSE BLEEDS are fairly common and occur frequently enough so that some knowledge of this condition may be of help to the average person during his lifetime. A hemorrhage from the nose may be

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Doctor George H. Irwin, CTA Medical Consultant

very mild and inconsequential. In cases of this type no treatment of any kind is necessary. It just stops of its own accord. On the other hand nose bleeds can be severe and alarming. In these cases the individual may have to be hospitalized, packs inserted, and in some instances a blood transfusion may have to be given.

Why do people have nose bleeds? There are several causes or reasons for nose bleeds. First, the anatomical structure of the nose seems to predispose to bleeding. The nasal cavity is lined by delicate, membrane-like tissues which can be irritated very easily by infection or by chemical irritants. Also there is rather an extensive network of blood vessels inside the nose.

In addition to the above, trauma or injury is an important triggering factor. This may be brought about by excessive blowing, wiping, or picking the nose.

Direct blows on the nose like football injuries may be a cause. Occasionally foreign bodies in the nose cause bleeding.

Inflammations which might be a cause include simple rhinitis, infection of the nose, running nose, sinus infections, various fevers such as measles, influenza, or rheumatic fever.

Blood disorders may also be responsible for Epistaxis, especially in conditions where there is abnormal clotting time, hemophilia, blood platelet deficiencies, and jaundice.

Another less common group is one in which there is an associated malignancy such as carcinoma or leukemia.

The cardiovascular group is a fairly common cause and include high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries.

There is a miscellaneous group consisting of climate factors, high altitudes, vicarious menstruation and chemical and drug poisoning from the use of salicylates, dicumarol, mercury, phosphorus, and tobacco.

The site of nose bleeds is usually on the septum or partition of the nose. The reason why this area is so frequently involved is because air and dust strike this region first during breathing, causing an irritation and adherence of dust particles. This irritation usually results in a small ulcer with a crust on it. Because of this abnormal sensation one is tempted to blow the nose too strenuously or pick it and thus bleeding is started.

The management of nose bleeds will depend on the locations of and the severity of bleeding. As stated before nose bleeds are, generally speaking, not serious for most people. Usually it is not indicative of a pending stroke or a rise in blood pressure.

In the great majority of cases the nose bleeds from the front part of the nose. In these instances the patient should be kept quiet in a sitting position with the head bent forward. Cold packs on the nose are helpful. Most nose bleeds in this group can be helped by putting a pledget of cotton soaked in water in the nostril as far up as possible. Then apply pressure along the side of nose for five or ten minutes and as a rule this is all that is necessary.

However, if the bleeding is coming from the back part of the nose prompt medical attention in the hospital should be sought. These cases can cause a good deal of worry and concern. Posterior nasal packs, cauterization, and even surgery may be necessary in the persistent cases.

Nose bleeds can occur at inconvenient times and places. I remember sitting in an airplane in Phoenix last year for 30 minutes beyond "take-off time." Later, I learned the delay was occasioned by a woman with a severe nose bleed who did not want to leave the plane for medical attention. Finally the air line physician came and took her to the hospital. In the meantime the schedule and plans of 100 people on the plane were affected.

If you have repeated minor nose bleeds which seem to stop with home remedies it would be wise to see your physician. Don't wait for the big blow-out when it may not be convenient to have prompt medical attention.

LOUIS KARIOLICH, electrical worker: "I have been working with ceramics for five years and have entered many pieces of what I have made in different shows and have won many ribbons. But what I have been striving for is to win a first place ribbon just once."



CATHERINE ANN HARNETT, (with reporter Everett E. England): "For the past three years I've been planning a trip to Ireland--I'm hoping '67 will be my lucky year."

QUESTION:

What do you hope to accomplish in your personal plans during 1967?

INQUIRING REPORTER:

Everett E. England

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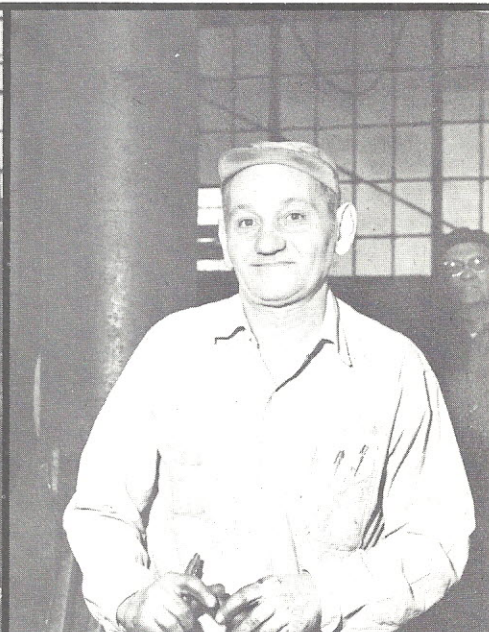
Skokie Shops



JOHN MILAS, carpenter: "My accomplishment for the year 1967 is to go on the fishing trip that my brothers and brothers-in-law have been postponing for the last five years. We are planning another attempt this coming spring."



ROBERT MUELLER, machinist: "With a wife and teenage daughter all trying to leave early in the morning, my primary plan for '67 would be to finish a second powder room in the basement. Secondly, joining in a little more participation in the "All American City" community and school affairs and completing the year with a dream vacation."



MARTIN DUNDOVICH, electrical worker: "My children and wife enjoy watching television programs on a colored set. I hope my accomplishment for 1967 will be to purchase a colored TV set for my home."

THE INSIDE NEWS

-AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

PAT LEGENZA, voucher, made a speedy flight to San Francisco, California, to be with her husband, JOHN, over the New Year's holiday. Her husband is in the military service in the Presidio there. They toured and explored the many exciting and picturesque places in and around San Francisco. Pat fell in love with this fascinating city leaving a part of her heart there when she left . . . BEA FRANKE, voucher, along with her husband, ROY, and daughter, KAREN, drove southward on vacation enjoying the various towns and points of interest along the way. Their goal, the big, big State of Texas where their son, RUSSELL, and his wife are living. Russell is stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso where he is a sergeant in the armed forces. From Texas they are driving to California and the Pacific Coast before wending their way homeward . . . A. J. FITZSIMONS, general accountant, and his wife commemorated their 40th wedding anniversary when they renewed their marriage vows at a high mass which was celebrated by their Pastor, Rev. PHILLIP NEENAN of St. Celestine Church in Elmwood Park. The celebration was followed by a luncheon for the immediate family which included Father Neenan . . . The 16th annual meeting of the CTA Credit Union was held in the lunchroom on January 20. A large number of members were present who were gratified to hear the report of progress made by the Credit Union since the last annual meeting. Refreshments were served and door prizes given and a good time was had by all.

MIKE VERDONCK and his wife celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary with a holiday in Las Vegas, where they enjoyed the climate and entertainment in this Western resort. Then they flew to Los Angeles and San Diego, California, and Tijuana, Mexico. While in Los Angeles, Mike visited BEN RATNER, former supervisor of accounts payable. Ben is recuperating nicely and sent word he appreciated cards sent by his friends and well-wishers and intends to answer them when he is able. Needless to say, he was very happy to see his friends from Chicago . . . JOHN CANNON, GEORGE PELLICORE, and SIG SHONTS, accompanied by their wives, were invited to share with LARRY COLLINS, formerly Accounting Department, his 77th birthday celebration. Larry is convalescing very well following an illness and thoroughly enjoyed his birthday and visiting with his former CTA associates and friends.

- Mable Potthast

(Payroll) -

A few from the office visited RUTH HUGHES at Oak Forest hospital and found her looking good and feeling better. She sends her thanks for the many cards, letters and gifts she received during the holidays. Keep up the good work--we are all pulling for your recovery Ruth . . . Welcome to MARY CARNEY, our new payroll clerk. Nice having you with us . . . A group of our retirees came to visit us during the holidays--among them were MABLE MAGNUSEN, OLIVE BATTERSBY, and MAE BUJNOWSKI. JEANETTE SCHROEDER (Kelly for short) also came and had lunch.

-Eileen Neunauer

(Material & Supply) -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to KATHERINE DWYER, whose mother passed away January 16 . . . LYDIA HAEMKER was fortunate to choose a winter vacation this year and although her departure to Florida was slightly delayed by our monstrous snowstorm, she will have much to tell us upon her arrival home.

- Clara Lawrence

(Revenue) -

The revenue section held a delightful Christmas luncheon in the M. & M. Club. HAROLD BROWN and BOB McSHEA of Methods and Procedures were a few of the honored guests who came. Entertainment of the day was provided by the magical fingers of F. C. PALILUNAS, revenue accountant, at the piano, and KATHY SLOYAN sang a few Irish tunes. Last but not least, group singing of "Jingle Bells" was accompanied by sound effects of a soft-shoe number with spoons . . . MARY JANE HOSSETTER, who has had difficulty with her hearing since childhood, had an operation on the inner part of her ear which was called tympanoplasty. So far 95 per cent of her hearing has been restored and is expected to improve more so in time. Mary Jane said she had always put aside, for one reason or another, seeing what might be done about her hearing problem until one day she decided she had nothing to lose. As it turned out, Mary Jane gained a new world of hearing . . . BOB TUMA transferred to the Treasury Department and MARY CARNEY has been promoted to the payroll section. New faces at the Mart: CRAIG CAMPBELL, file clerk; JO COLEMAN, comptometer operator; CHARLES WROBEL, clerk II, and PATRICIA COLBURN, comptometer operator.

-Joanne Paris

BEVERLY -

If you are ever short of cigars see Operator BILL DOWNES as he is always loaded with them. Sanitary Engineer OZZIE GRIGALUNAR was smoking one of Bill's Havana fire crackers which went off with a bang . . . FRANK CLAXTON, former Motorman at 77th, and FRANK BLACK's old buddy, called to say that he and his wife are in from Pomona, California, to visit their son, CHARLES, in Dolton. Frank's recent visitors in California were JACK FISHER and FRED RAPP . . . Little Flower dues are to be paid now for the year 1967 so you can be an active member. Please contact JERRY GLEASON, CHARLIE CALLAN, EARL TIBBITTS, or your scribe. New members include Supervisor AUGUST SHIMKUS and VIC HULTHEN. Anyone else for our membership campaign? . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Pensioner TERRY NICHOLSON, who is hospitalized . . . We extend our sympathy to: Supervisor JOHN GROJEAN in the loss of his mother-in-law; ED LAGERSTROM, whose mother died, and to the family of ELMER KLOTBOCHER, formerly of Beverly and the General Office.

Special attention is called to the March 28 Maryknoll Night for Father Arthur Murphy, M.M., son of Supervisor ARTHUR MURPHY, who is here from Korea on a visit to raise funds to build a much needed church in that

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Asian nation. The event will be held at Marquette Hall, 69th and Western. Chairman of the program is your Transit News scribe, the undersigned. Father Murphy will show movies of Korea and discuss life and the people of that country as it is today . . . Another date to remember is April 28 when a dinner is scheduled at Beverly Woods restaurant. Father Murphy also will show the movies of Korea at the dinner and a good attendance is anticipated. For further information or to obtain tickets for this worthy cause contact me at Beverly station.

- Tom Daniels

CONGRESS (Agents) -

The Women's Auxiliary of the CTA Legion Post will give a card party for the patients at the Veterans Research hospital on Huron street on Saturday, March 25. There will be prizes and refreshments . . . Do we have a date to meet with you at the St. Theresa Communion Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, March 19? Your committee also is collecting for your renewals. Remember, it is always nice to bring a friend with you or give them a gift membership . . . Howard street P.M. receiver W. H. BALK and his family went to the Mardi Gras and then headed west where they planned to visit Carlsbad Cavern, the Grand Canyon, Jaurez, Mexico, and possibly San Diego . . . Douglas Park Trainman FRANK PRAZAK is retiring in March and the fellows are making plans for their usual and delightful pension parties. He is the No. 1 conductor on the Congress, Douglas, and Logan routes. We wish Frank many happy and wonderful years . . . Student Agent JOSEPH HEFFERNAN and his dad, TED HEFFERNAN from Kedzie, and mother spent their vacation in California where Joe's sister resides . . . We are happy to hear Agent ED SEYERSON got over his siege of illness . . . Our sympathy to SOPHIA MIRABELLI and the family of JOSEPH MIRABELLI who passed away suddenly on September 5. Joe will always be remembered as the "good Joe" he always was . . . Services were held for pensioner and former Supervisor HARRY STEVENSON. Mrs. STEVENSON wishes to express her appreciation for the masses, floral offerings, and the many acts of kindness by her husband's friends and co-workers at the time of her deepest sorrow . . . KAY BROWN, extra conductor, and his wife, DONNA, became the proud parents of a little girl named ROXANNE, born at St. Elizabeth hospital on February 15. They have another child, KENNETH, seven years old . . . Receiver JAMES MIDDLETON and his wife, BARBARA, became the proud parents of a baby boy, COMDRON AVERY, on February 4. The new baby has three brothers whose ages are 7, 5, and 4 . . . Douglas Trainman JOSEPH JAMISON and his wife became parents for the first time when their son, JOSEPH ANTHONY Jr., arrived at Michael Reese hospital . . . We were sorry to hear that Trainman MICHAEL CAVANAUGH passed away. Services were held at St. Mel's church . . . Receiver LAWRENCE TOBIN has been on the sick list . . . LAWRENCE FRICOT's wife was in the hospital for surgery but is doing very well at this writing. Lawrence, however, who was the chief cook and bottle washer, became ill . . . HELEN McMAHON fell during one of the snowstorms and broke her arm. The many cards of cheer were appreciated and a comfort to her. Good luck, Helen . . . Those accepted for receiver training were Agent WARD, Motorman MONTGOMERY, Agent KUCIVER, Porters CUNNINGHAM and GALLOHER, and one retrainee, your reporter. So, fellows, kindly inform your wives that the CTA has a woman receiver again so that if the phone

rings for you to come out it won't be any accident on purpose. One lady called a terminal during the snowstorms to inquire about her husband who had to work overtime. She thought she dialed the wrong number when a female voice answered . . . Our sympathy to Pensioner CAROL SCHILDT on the loss of her beloved sister, LYDIA SARNO, who passed away recently . . . Welcome to new agents RAYMOND CASTRO from 77th; LOUISE BROWN, whose son is a bus operator at North Avenue; TERESA STAUNTON, SHERLY ANDERSON, BESSOLS JAMES, ANNIE WELCH, NANCY JORDEN, CEOLA STANSIL, ESTHER JOHNSON, and new Porter BEN TAYLOR, also to MARION HUNT, whose husband is a bus operator at Forest Glen and whose father-in-law is employed at 77th; MARY MORIARTY, BETTY BRAZIER, GWENDOLYN FEARS, HARRIET SMITH, whose husband is Bus Operator SHELLIE SMITH of 69th; JANICE BURGE, whose husband is WILLIE BURGE, bus operator at 69th; VALENTINE SYKES, MARY RAGO, CLARENCE PETERSON, and THOMAS STEVENS, who is the grandson of Pensioner MOLLIE SHIELDS. There were many more and I'm sorry I missed getting their names . . . As part of a two-week vacation I had coming, I was busy dodging those awful snowstorms, retraining as a receiver, and spending a few wonderful days playing Aunt Julie to my nieces and nephews in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and enjoying every moment.

- Julia Brousek

ELECTRICAL -

Well the old saying "No news is good news" is usually accepted, but that isn't the case if we expect to keep this column going--we must have news . . . Blue Island had four free breakfasts last month. They were to celebrate birthdays. So, to CLARENCE MALLOTKE, JOHN CARCY, JOHN SMITH, and ROBERT FERGUSON, a very happy birthday . . . Would like to welcome a new employe to the Electrical Department, JOHN NEWMAN . . . In the month of January we were visited by two pensioners, GILBERT ANDREWS and JOHN MICHNICK. Good health to both of you . . . On our sick list at this time are JOHN O'DONNELL, FRANK CASTRIE, CHARLES PARK, JOSEPH HOFFERT, SAMUEL CHARLETON, JOHN HILL, and ART HANSEL. Hurry and get well fellows.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

ENGINEERING -

We wish the best of luck to our former receptionist and scribe, JEAN HENSEN, as she awaits the arrival of the stork. A luncheon in honor of this occasion held at Henrici's was attended by her many friends. We'll all miss her smiling face at our front door . . . MARY GALLON would rather bribe than pay! . . . TOMMY STAUNTON, our track foreman, finally caught the garter at a wedding. Any future plans, Tommy? . . . Just like a bug snug in a rug, CHARLIE PAVASIC spent five glorious weeks, in of all places, his basement . . . The days were warm and sunny and the colors were beautiful, that's all RUSS SHANKLIN could say after spending the holidays in California. His week began with the Rose Bowl, Knotts Berry Farm, Disneyland, down to Tijuana for some Tequila, and finally to San Francisco, where he toured Chinatown, rode a cable car up to Knob Hill, and of course took a bus ride . . . Riddle: Who plays post office at the West Shops? . . . Happy birthday to JOHN HEFFERNAN and BOBBY HEIDENBLUT.

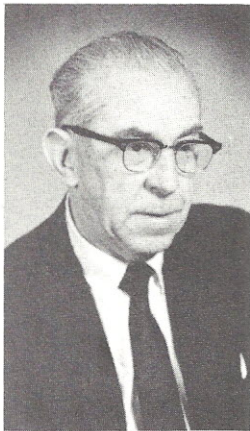
- Jean Fitzgerald

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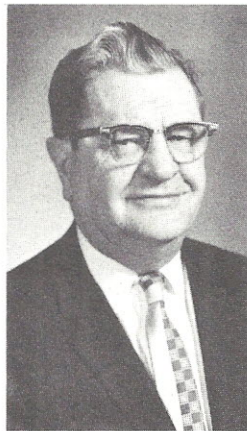
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Howard Street, Emp. 2-19-42
WILLIAM W. BAKER, Repairman,
77th Street, Emp. 8-18-36
HARRY F. BUERGER, Lineman,
Electrical, Emp. 12-10-36
MICHAEL BURKE, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 2-27-28
LEO CACIOPPO, Trackman,
Track, Emp. 7-23-36
DOANE A. CLARK, Supervisor,
Reproduction Services, Emp. 6-5-33
GEORGE D. CLARK, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 10-11-27
JOHN J. DAVIS, Court Assistant,
Claim, Emp. 3-12-29
JOHN J. DOWLING, Towerman,
North Section, Emp. 5-8-26
MARTIN DUNLEAVY, Security Officer,
Security, Emp. 10-29-43
ANTHONY FRICANO, Trackman,
Track, Emp. 5-25-29
JOSEPH GIACONE, Trackman,
Track, Emp. 5-9-42
PATRICK J. HIGGINS, Ass't. Foreman,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-8-26
JULIUS P. JACKIEWICZ, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 1-20-26

PETER JENSEN, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-27-43
JOHN J. JOYCE, Traffic Checker,
Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 12-26-25
EDWARD C. KLIE, Stock Clerk,
South Division, Emp. 2-5-24
MICHAEL J. LAVIN, Door Guard,
77th Street, Emp. 7-26-27
WILLIAM LEMKE, Towerman,
Howard Street, Emp. 7-18-18
JAMES R. LOFTUS, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 4-9-29
WILLIAM V. LUBY, "B" Helper,
Electrical, Emp. 5-8-24
PATRICK LYDON, Plumber,
Building, Emp. 2-17-43
DANIEL J. LYONS, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 4-10-23
DANIEL MALONEY, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 11-20-25
FRANK MC DERMOTT, Locator,
Claim, Emp. 1-10-49
HEZEKIAH H. MILLIGAN, Porter,
South Section, Emp. 6-17-37

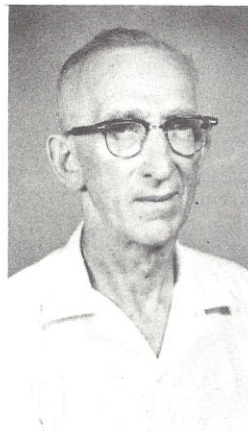
AMONG EMPLOYES who joined the ranks of the retired in February and March were the ten



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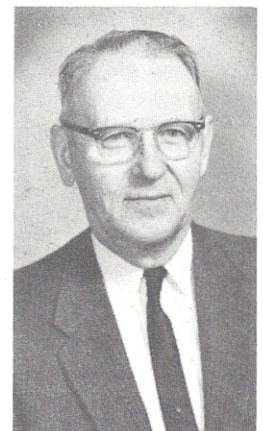
JULIUS JACKIEWICZ
41 Years



WILLIAM LEMKE
48 Years



ZETTA PRAUL
41 Years



MERVIN WALLACE
40 Years

FOREST GLEN -

This is your friend, "Don't Call Me Wilbur," who is going to try to replace FRANK CARPINO . . . NICK RASMUSSEN, retired, passed away in the month of November . . . FRANK KATKUS and his wife are very happy over the birth of FRANCIS SEAN, born October 15. Brother Katkus is now saying this one will be a pilot. Good luck to the new one . . . Brother SHELDON DEAN and EVELYN just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Thirty guests were present to wish them well . . . Flash -- Looks like Brother JOHN LANGE will lose his "driver of the year" card . . . Soon to be father of the bride is Supervisor JOHN ANDERSON, whose daughter, KAREN, recently became engaged to BRUCE SIMON. The wedding will take place in September. Best wishes to the young couple. Better start saving up your money for it, John! . . . PETER JENNER is now receiving his mail at his new address, 1465 West Byron Street, Chicago . . . Retired Supervisor BOB WINTHERS is a recent groom.

He and HELEN KLONOWSKI were united in Holy Matrimony on January 7 and honeymooned in Florida. Best wishes for many happy years together . . . Weighing in at a whopping 9 pounds 12 ounces, DENNIS ROBERT LINDEN made his appearance on December 5 at Resurrection hospital. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. ART LINDEN. Equally proud were those five brothers and sisters who welcomed little Dennis home . . . Semi-annual Little Flower Society Communion Sunday will be March 19. All members and friends are invited to attend. See the committee members for details.

Many thanks for a job well done during our big snow-storm. Of course there were many stories to be told-- but one I'll never forget was about Operator HAMMOND. He was trying to walk to work from Harlem and Foster, making little headway until a fire engine offered him a lift. But it seems they were going right to their station and Hammond had no way to get off till they lost a hose

PENSIONERS

WALTER H. NORDSTROM, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-27-33
ROBERT NUGENT, Porter,
West Section, Emp. 1-30-29
PATRICK J. O'BOYE, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 9-3-42
EDWARD J. O'GRADY, Laborer,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 2-7-51
CHARLES V. PERI, Cleaner,
Wilson, Emp. 6-25-36
WILLIAM F. PETER, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 11-18-46
ZETTA I. PRAUL, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 8-14-25
FRANK PRAZAK, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 6-6-23
LESLIE L. ROESER, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-26-40
PAUL N. SCHILLE, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 9-25-22
GEORGE SCHROEDER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-26-43
HENRY M. SEEGER, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 7-22-39

OSCAR SIDER, Conductor,
Kimball, Emp. 6-18-24
HOWARD B. STORM, Superintendent,
Insurance, Emp. 6-30-24
MERVIN J. WALLACE, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-8-26
FRANK P. YESKIS, Repairman,
Lawndale, Emp. 1-13-26

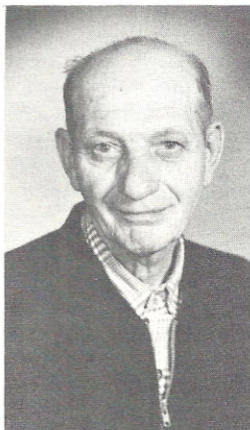
DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

ISAAC CHRISTMAS, Porter,
West Section, Emp. 2-24-46
JAMES K. DEMEREST, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 1-4-27
EDWARD P. HEIDENREICH, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-12-34
SIDNEY L. JACOBSON, Porter,
North Section, Emp. 12-9-42
MARION JEFFREY, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 10-15-47
JOSEPH A. KACZMAREK, Conductor,
South Section, Emp. 8-10-48

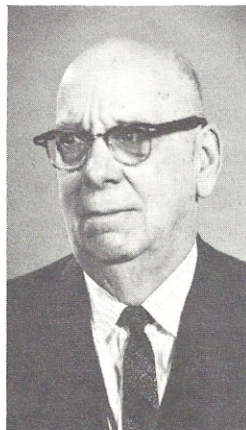
pictured here who had served CTA and predecessor companies for 40 or more years each.



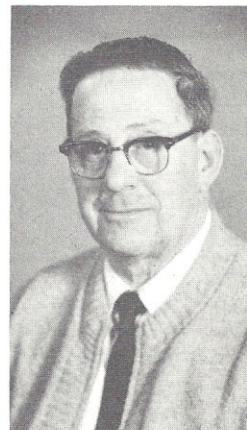
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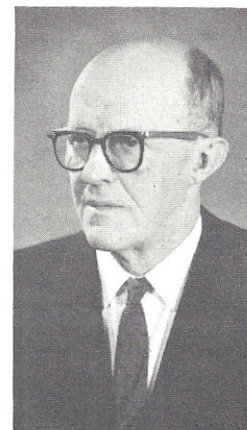
FRANK PRAZAK
43 Years



JAMES DEMEREST
40 Years



PAUL SCHILLE
44 Years



DANIEL MALONEY
41 Years

and had to stop to pick it up. I wonder if the hose fell by accident or whether it was pushed off. Anyway, he managed to arrive at work on time . . . Operator LOMBARDO and several of our boys spent their time at the Loretto hospital. Here they were fed and given shelter during the storm. I even understand Lombardo did a few chores for the sisters. Good work! . . . Received a card from Receiver JOE GASKEY. He spent several weeks in Tucson, Arizona, had a wonderful time then he and his wife went over to California to visit their daughter . . . GEORGE OATIS was married on January 8. The lovely bride, Mrs. ANNIE R. OATIS, made a beautiful picture. The best to our happy couple . . . Lombardo is a grandfather once again. He states he is running out of fingers to count them on. Good luck grandpa, now start using your toes . . . Operator Hammond's son was presented with a fine son; mother, NANCY, and baby are doing fine . . . A question the boys at Forest Glen would like answered is, was F. KOSTRZEWA speeding during our

snow storm? . . . Returning to work after having been injured is our fine friend E. L. BRZECZEK (Briezie) . . . Men lets get out for the Union meeting. We are in second place at present.

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

RONALD KRAMER was welcomed to the department after transferring from Training and Accident Prevention. He now holds the job vacated by RALPH UMSTOT who recently retired. Besides his new job, Ron and his wife, GERRIE, have a new addition to their family. A little daughter born January 20 at St. Anne's hospital and named DEBORAH LYNN. The Kramer's other youngster is JEFFERY, who must now share all that attention previously given to him alone by his proud paternal grandpop, LOUIS KRAMER, a CTA Foreman.

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(Research & Planning) -

JERRY DALTON and his wife, PAT, are the proud parents of a baby girl born January 9 at Little Company of Mary hospital. She was named CYNTHIA LOUISE. The baby's twin brothers are JOHN and KEVIN, age two. Her paternal grandfather is GERALD D. DALTON, employed at 77th Street Station.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

JIM TRETTON and his wife, ELIZABETH, celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on Washington's birthday. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to them . . . BOB AVRAM transferred to South Shops and we wish him well in his new job. THOMAS HOUGH was welcomed to the department where he will fill the job vacated by RONALD KRAMER. Tom transferred from the Claim Department.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEDZIE -

To all the men at Kedzie, operators and our Repair Department, Superintendents E. K. PETERSON and PAYTON extend their congratulations on our outstanding safety record. We are not in first place, but we beat our other accident record at Kedzie. In 1966 we had 107 less accidents than in the year 1965. This accomplishment is due to our strict training department headed by Supervisor J. KNOPP and results from their continuing effort to stress defensive driving, your good judgment, and proper distances between cars. Safety comes first; your schedule second. We are having a bad start this year due to the storm that hit Chicago, but we can overcome this if we keep our defensive driving program at work at all times. For improving our accident record we are having coffee and rolls on CTA in March. This is the way our big bosses say a job well done! . . . The Bass and Beagle hunting club held their annual dinner and dance February 4. Operator F. ROWINSKI is president of the club. Kedzie was well represented, I won't mention any names, as I might leave someone's name out and they would feel offended. The dinner was superb and the music was grand. To all the Bass and Beagle members congratulations on a job well done . . . Retired Superintendent J. FRUGO wrote me a wonderful letter, "The big snow storm and WBBM helicopter pilot race stork." The Thursday it started to snow his daughter, BARBARA JEAN GUGLIOTTA, had an appointment with her doctor, so he drove her there - but the doctor's office was closed, so he decided to take her to his house. She was expecting. She also decided to stay over night. About Midnight she started to get pains about four minutes apart. He called the Fire Department and Police Department. The Road Department said everything was snowed in, they said they would try to get there but to no avail. Pains were getting more frequent. A fireman walked to their house in case she would have to deliver at home. A neighbor nurse was also on hand. The Mt. Prospect Fire Department was called again and they said they would try to get a helicopter. One was available at Meigs Field. Then they were told to make a fire in front of their home and place a red blanket in the snow, which they did. The pilot found their home and he put that helicopter right down in front of their house. In five minutes the helicopter landed in front of the Holy Family hospital. His daughter was carried in on a stretcher and at 8:49 p.m. Barbara had a baby boy. The mother and the baby are doing fine. The grandparents and father are thankful everything turned out fine. I called Retired

Superintendent Frugo and we had a good chat. He said when the weather is better he'll stop in to see us all, but for now he sends his regards . . . The credit union at their annual meeting re-elected the officers to their same position. Our board member WILLIAM LARSEN, was moderator and did a very good job. It was a pleasure to see all the retired operators and their wives plus today's operators and their wives. Operator J. MURPHY sang some good old Irish tunes which was pleasing to one's ear. John has a wonderful voice, he was accompanied by CHARLIE STARR Jr. on his accordion. Again I'd like to mention everyone who was there but it's impossible. Thanks to our credit union, all of us had a great time . . . Retired operator M. KENNY's son, Rev. GREGORY KENNY, C.M.F., was home for Christmas. This was the first Christmas home in 17 years. What a party that was at Kenny's house . . . Congratulations to Operator A. WYSZYNSKI on his promotion to supervisor. He was appointed on January 1. Also the following operators who are going to supervisor training classes to be future surface supervisors: M. CLEMENTE, E. BURKETT, and A. WILLIAMS . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following family and friends: Operator R. LEGGS, his uncle HARRY HARDMANN passed away on January 1; Operator HAROLD SCHUMAKER, January 31; Retired ARTHUR SAGOTZ, January 21; Retired Motorman ERNEST KRUSCHA, February 9; Retired International Executive board member ROBERT STACK. Requiem mass for Mr. Stack was at the Resurrection church, he was laid to rest at Mt. Carmel cemetery. When he retired he made his home in Phoenix, Arizona. He was a union official for more than 20 years . . . At this writing the following operators are on the sick list: TONY SHERRICK and FRANK VALEK. Back on the job after being off over 12 weeks is Operator SINGERLAND.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Hi fellows! All the bells are ringing for the numerous birthdays--Operator LINDSAY, January 11; Operator EARL LATIMER, January 23; Operator BARRON, March 1; your scribe's on February 1; ANDY SEGAR, February 2; DAVID BROWNLEE, February 3, and ANDY GRABOWSKI, February 11 . . . A fond farewell to Clerk TYRONE NAPOLEON, who has gone to Limits . . . Ho hum, Night Foreman JACK KAMIN became a grandpa for the 20th time on January 7 . . . WILLIE B. NAUDEN is back from vacation and raring to get back to work cleaning buses . . . Get well wishes to Tireman LOUIS OLANDESE who has been confined to Condell hospital in Libertyville . . . CHESTER GAZINSKI is sojourning at Cuneo hospital . . . Clerk RONNIE MILLER didn't forget the gang even though he was basking in the sunshine of St. Petersburg, Florida. The card was well appreciated, Ronnie . . . The night garage boys want everyone to join them in a big welcome to new Night Foreman BRUNO FERET . . . Honorable mention to the garage men, RICH HANDY; BILL PATTERSON--the new papa, and BIG COOPER--the man with the aristocratic walk . . . Operator BECKER can smile again now that his wife, IRENE, has returned home from the hospital . . . Operator T. MENSON, who just celebrated his first anniversary as a CTA operator, is already making plans for his Sundays off . . . Well, fellows, if you happen to see any early blue jays around Chicagoland, look again. It's probably a lost robin, blue from cold. Till next time.

- Ernest C. Carter

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LAWNDALE -

We received a card from J. J. CARR the other day, he has taken a winter vacation. On the card is a picture of a big pink elephant; it states, "I like to stay in the pink." I wonder just where Johnnie is spending his vacation? . . . STACH HYERCZYK has been sporting a new haircut, and it makes him look like a red head. Who is cutting his hair lately? . . . FRANK BELLINO has been confined to the hospital and has had surgery. I hope at this writing he is doing much better . . . We received a Christmas card from Mrs. FRANK MAREK who wishes to be remembered to all . . . The medical bus is paying us a visit at present and we are fortunate to have the same doctor and his assistant. They sure know how to make a fella feel at ease . . . The stork paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT M. LUCAS on January 7 and left a darling baby girl named KIMBERLY. They had three boys before the girl. Don't forget the instructions the stork also left: "If you want to have a happy baby, this is what to try--Keep one end well fed, and the other end good and dry." . . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of ROBERT STACK of Division 241 and the International Union . . . LAWRENCE JOHNSON took his pension on January 1 and on February 1 FRANK YESKIS from repair takes his pension. Many happy days of retirement fellas. Don't forget to come and see us . . . Also from repair, WALTER HALLFORD was transferred to 69th and GEORGE HUNT came to Lawndale. Good luck in your new surroundings fellas!

Our deepest sympathy to the family of LOUIS KAZDA in the death of his father, ANTON KAZDA, buried February 3, also to the family of PETER RUMAS, buried February 7, and GEORGE CRIBBEN, buried February 8 . . . Our station superintendents, the office force, supervisors, instructors, and bus operators wish to thank the men who did the salting and plowing during the big snowstorm. A great big hand to them and also to the bus operators for a job well done . . . And now a little more about another job well done by us at Lawndale--winning the I. S. C. award for the fourth quarter. We were given ash trays for the happy occasion, then on February 21 we were given the red carpet treatment with free coffee and rolls, movies, an artist making sketches of the fellows, and a talk was given by D. M. FLYNN, superintendent of transportation, praising us on our good work, followed by a talk from Station Superintendent ROBERT KEAG, praising us for our great effort during the "big snow." EDDIE WISS and FRANK MATRE were present for the occasion . . . A raffle was held on some dictionary encyclopedias that were very expensive. The lucky winners were F. BARNES, F. FARRELY, S. JONES, J. FEARS, E. STRUGALLA, J. BELL, L. McCLELLEN, J. PATER, R. DILLARD, and one winner from the Repair Department, M. WEAVER. Everything turned out so good. Let's try for a repeater on that, fellas! . . . Clerk STANLEY MICEK hasn't been seen wearing his cowboy shirt lately. How about getting that bronco to pull you out of that snow bank in back of your garage, Stan . . . We received a card from CARL NELSON from St. Petersburg, Florida. He wishes to give his regards to all the boys . . . Chief Clerk HERB BYERS received a letter from an "Old Timer" who states he is 85 years young and recalls the days as a conductor. He had his pockets laden with pennies, nickles and dimes, and how he froze his hands lifting up the switch lever. Two events that remain so vividly in his mind are the Iroquois Theatre fire, and the sinking of the Eastland. Both times his car was in the Loop where he and his motorman saw bodies being taken out of the debris. He hears from CHARLEY EGGERSTEDT in St. Petersburg and CHARLEY

VACHA in Phoenix, Arizona. If there are some "old timers" around drop our friend a line because at present he is in a wheel chair, write to JOHN C. HAGEN, 240 Bridgewood Drive, Antioch, Illinois 60002 . . . And a speedy recovery to our clerk, JIM RITTENBERG.

- Larry Keating

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Trainman MICHAEL CAVANOUGH who was laid to rest on January 11 . . . Agent CARL HALL, member of 241, was buried on January 18. Our condolences to his family, and to the family of Pensioner IRENE WHITLOCK . . . Agent E. SEGERSON underwent surgery in Garfield Park hospital and is home convalescing. We hope his recovery will be rapid . . . Agent MILDRED DOYLE is in the hospital again after undergoing surgery. She has pneumonia. Mildred has been on the sick list since before the holidays and we sure hope she will be back soon . . . Agent LEONE NELSON wishes to thank all her friends for their good wishes, cards, and telephone calls during her recent illness . . . Two of our girl students have resigned recently. They are former Agents JOANNE LALAS and MARY ELLEN DUNN. Joanne is going to devote more time to her studies and Mary Ellen will spend a vacation in Florida and then buckle down to a new job. Good Luck, Girls . . . I received a call from former Agent ANN SCHNEIDER, who wants all her CTA friends to know she is well and doing fine . . . Glad to see Agent BEEBE back at work after being ill . . . Happy dual birthday to Agents MARY BURROWS and HELEN GUTH. They celebrated on January 13, which was a Friday this year . . . Mr. and Mrs. BERT LINNE welcomed their first grandchild on December 19. The little girl, named TAMMINA JANINE, is the child of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. WASE AHMED. This was the best Christmas present that Santa could bring, says proud grandpa and grandma . . . To all West Side agents and porters who would like to join the Blood Bank. Applications are now being taken. Call Helen Pallister at 419; Loop - Dorothy Parker, 706, and South Section - Lillian Cullinan, 412.

- Helen Pallister

LIMITS -

Collector CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his wife, ZONA, spent four weeks visiting the latter's sister and brother in Costa Mesa and Glendora, California. They journeyed both ways on Santa Fe's El Capitan . . . Limits Depot Federal Credit Union held their annual meeting on Sunday, January 22, at Eagle's Hall. Business meeting included declaring a 4 per cent dividend and a talk by WALTER FELD on the values of a credit union. All officers whose terms expired were re-elected. It was so nice to see Superintendent GEORGE MAY and his wife, WALLY STEINBEISS and his lovely wife, and our former credit union president, BRUNO KARP. Also present at the meeting was our Shop Superintendent, TIM RIORDAN, District Superintendent TOM SHANAHAN, Superintendent JACK MORRIS, retired Motorman MICHAEL COLLINS, retired Shopman ALEX LANG, retired Operators ALEX McPHEE and JOE PELLELY, also OSCAR KETZ from the rapid transit. Our former credit union officer, JOHN McEVILLY and his lovely wife, KATIE, were there also. There were many beautiful prizes for both adults and children. No child left without a prize. A most delectable lunch was served by our own amiable PETE COLUCCI and his wife, MARIA . . . Retired Operator HAR-

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RY FREY passed away in January. Harry was employed by Chicago Motor Coach company in 1925. All extend sympathy to his widow . . . Retired Operator JAMES BURKE from Limits passed away in January. We extend our condolences . . . We received a letter from Retired Operator EMIL SCHREIBER. He informed us the only person to die in the McCormick Place fire was a native of Hendersonville, North Carolina, where Emil lives. Emil says he bowls twice a week and stays young and healthy. Emil and OLGA have moved into town and now live at 107 Hazelton Drive, Hendersonville, N. C. . . Operator ERNIE JOHNSON vacationed in California during January. He reports good weather . . . Operator JOHN PAKONEN submitted to major surgery in January and is now recuperating at home. Hurry back, John, as 41 run is waiting for you . . . Coffee was served all day on Wednesday, January 18, for more commendations than complaints in December. This is the only station in the system that had more commendations than complaints six times in 1966. George May thanks all for their fine achievement. Superintendent May and his wife celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on January 28. Many more years of wedded bliss to this fine couple . . . The Festival of Leadership Banquet at the Conrad Hilton which was canceled January 28 will be held at a future date. Father PAUL HOBAN will notify all ticket holders when it will be held . . . I want to thank the student nurses from St. Joseph's hospital for handing out free sandwiches and hot coffee to the passengers as well as the drivers of the 19 buses stranded on Sheridan Road Thursday night, January 26, during the worst blizzard Chicago has ever seen, they were wonderful. I also want to thank the tenants of 3101 Sheridan who were so solicitous of the drivers and neighbors that they insisted on them staying all night in their warm and beautiful lobby. They served us breakfast the next morning and some of the women even took neighbor women who were strangers to their apartments to spend the night. This kind of treatment in this generation is certainly commendable.

Thursday, January 26 was my 62nd birthday and also my last working day and I certainly will never forget that day and the wonderful and kind people that I met. May God bless them, one and all. With regrets I must announce that this is my last column with Transit News as I have retired as of February 1. I enjoyed writing this column for five years and four months. During the 39 years and four months of my transit career I have met a good many fine people, among them my fellow workers, including superintendents, instructors, supervisors, fellow operators and workers in the mechanical shops and downtown in the general offices. I want to especially say thanks to my immediate workers, Superintendents GEORGE MAY, JACK MORRIS, MILES DeWITT, and Chief Clerk ROGER WARD, and all the clerks and receivers that I have been in contact with at Limits.

- George Clark

LIMITS -

Hello, everyone. I will be your new scribe for the Transit News since George Clark took his pension as of February 1. I hope that I will be able to do as well as George has done in getting this column out monthly. I would appreciate the cooperation of all the men at Limits in giving me interesting news of themselves and their co-workers . . . Former superintendent HERMAN ERICSON and his dear wife are enjoying the beautiful sunshine and balmy weather down in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. After reading of the big snow in Chicago they are very

happy to be where they are . . . Operator GOLDSTEIN, who took his pension several months ago, is also enjoying himself down in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He sends greetings to all of the men . . . JAMES ZINNINGER, GENE ADAMS, HAROLD BAKER, LEBLANC LE DREE, JACK BURKE, RALPH VENN, JOSEPH DAPULANTI, and BOB PARNAM, our snow and salt crews did a tremendous job in opening the streets for bus and vehicular traffic. Good work men! . . . CARMEN IACULLO is back on the active list after being off for several weeks due to illness . . . JOHN PAAKONEN is back to work again after undergoing surgery for hernia . . . Our sincerest sympathy to the families of B. KLINGENMAIN, EDWARD PERLSTEIN, and JAMES BURKE who passed away this past month . . . ART MAAS became a grandfather again when his son and daughter-in-law presented the family with a handsome baby boy. There are now three girls and one boy in the Maas family . . . The Communion breakfast will be held on March 19. See the notice which will be on the bulletin board or your board member for further details . . . The Limits Credit Union will be only too happy to help anyone who is in need of financial help, or why not open an account where your money is fully insured and a high dividend is declared annually. See any of the Limits Credit Union officers; they will be more than glad to serve you.

- R. S. Benson

LOOP -

December 7, 1966, was a memorable day in more ways than one for your reporter, MILDRED DOYLE. During her split she brought her little four year old grandson, DANNY, home from Little Company of Mary hospital and saw he was safe and happy at home. Then on Mildred's way back to work, only a block away from the 2 p.m. relief at Ridgeland and Lake, there was a crumpling of steel as another invaded her auto. West Suburban hospital was called for required repair to Mildred, not the car, and with the aid of four doctors, traction, and some fractured roommates, Mildred went home after 13 days. Thirteen, however, wasn't exactly the magic number because right after Christmas she was back at West Suburban hospital in more traction. And a very quiet New Year's eve was hers. One thing led to another and now Mildred has a beige zipper where a gall bladder used to be. She is doing pretty well and hopes to be back very soon. While on the subject she wishes to thank her many, many friends who took time out to write notes, cards and the so many phone calls and visits which made the time and pain seem shorter. A special "thank you" to Agent ANN CINCINETTI and her husband for the ever so large and beautiful plant they sent to her. She also thanks CATHRINE QUINLAN and DOROTHY DISMANG for the lovely cards and gifts. Everyone sure has been so nice through it all . . . Congratulations to Agent H. OLSEN and his wife who celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary in November . . . Let's hope for more and better news next month from your reporter, Mildred Doyle; I'm just another agent filling in for her.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

North Avenue Depot Federal Credit Union had its 29th annual meeting on January 13 at La Follette Park. Operator SAM KELLY gives us the following report: A four per cent dividend was voted by the board of directors. We had the largest attendance we've ever had at any an-

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nual meeting. Ten dollar door prize winners were Superintendent FRANK BUETOW, who declined; P. SMITH, ED DOWLING, BEN SCHOLZ, LEO RAMEL, DAVE EGERSDORF, MIKE FIO RITO, TOM YAPELLI, PATRICK CLANCY, RALPH CARPINELLI, SAM JEFFERSON, and R. CORDOVA. Five dollar winners were TED BOCHNIK, RAY SWITAL, JOHN GRACE, JOHN NAUGHTON, and PAT CARROLL. The big \$50 winner was JOE LAZZARA Jr. Congratulations to all. Our visitors were WILLIAM MOSER, JOHN MUELLER, V. SHEPARD, ARTHUR HALEK, RAY GRAY - financial secretary of Division 241, J. LANG, E. STOBART, T. GALUS, D. MC FADDEN from Forest Glen C. U., JOE NOLAN from Lawndale C. U., GEORGE MAY from Limits, E. LOUGHRAN, ELMER RIEDEL from Keeler, B. BERTOLA from the Federal Credit Unions Examiners, and Pensioners ERNEST BOCK, BARNEY CALLAHAN, JOHN NAUGHTON, CHARLES JOHNSON, GEORGE BAEHR, WALTER SCHMIDT, EMIL KLIPP, JOHN CRAIG, FRANK BRAMAN, and CHESTER NEUGEBAUER. The committee and officers thank Operator PETER MADIA for the loan of his P. A. system and for operating it . . . Night superintendent WILLIAM MOSER and his wife, ESTHER, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 27. They entertained 60 guests. They plan to go to the Abbey at Fontana, Wisconsin . . . Operator WILBERT ELLISON and his wife, LE BRASIA, celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary on December 19 . . . Pensioner FRANK BRAMAN became a great grandfather December 29 when SCOTT ALLAN GNADT was born in Elmhurst hospital. Frank is still counting all of his grandchildren. Operator VALENTINE KREISEL became

a grandpa for the third time when MICHAEL CHARLES NADIA was born at Elmhurst hospital . . . Superintendent GEORGE MAY of Limits will visit North Avenue so that he and Superintendent FRANK BUETOW can celebrate their birthdays together. George's is February 28, Frank's is February 29. Cake and coffee will be served to the well-wishers . . . EDWIN AGUAYO Jr., son of Operator ERWIN AGUAYO, finished his term in Viet Nam and is now stationed in Hawaii. His sister, IVETTE, flew there to meet him and will remain until he is mustered out. PHIL CAROLIN, nephew of Collector SYLVESTER CAROLIN, has been in Viet Nam's Binh Duong Province as a representative of the Agency for International Development. He works among the people in small villages and gets back in the States once every four months. His wife and family are planning to move to Manila to be closer to him. RONALD BEDOE, repair department, now in the U.S. Army, is stationed in Qui Nhon, South Viet Nam. His family made a recording for him at Christmas. When they went to make it, there was a representative from the news department of CBS-TV who photographed them and they appeared on the five-o'clock news . . . We received a card from Operator JIMMIE HARDY, now in the service of Uncle Sam. He is stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He sends a "Hello" to his friends at North . . . We also received a card from Operator EMILE OUSLEY who is training with the Army Reserves at Fort Benning, Georgia. I hope all of you remember to write to the boys in service. Mail means so much to them, it's their only connection with the home from which they are so far. A card or note doesn't take long and it does so much to cheer them . . .

FREEDOM BOND DRIVE



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Three of our men took pensions February 1. They are Operator LESLIE ROESER, who had 26 years of service; Assistant Day Foreman PATRICK HIGGINS, and Operator DANIEL LYONS. We wish them good health and happiness and hope they will drop by and see us. Daniel's retirement makes HAROLD KING number one man now . . . We welcome new Operators THEODIS MC DONALD, RAYMOND SWOPE, and EDDIE HOWELL . . . Supervisor CHARLIE LANGNER and his wife, STELLA, send greetings from Memphis, Tennessee. They are visiting with their daughter, JOYCE ANN, and her family and are doing some fishing . . . Operator AL SKONIE has been on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery . . . We thank GEORGE "Sinatra" KUENSTLE for his kind wishes to myself and the family, and I'm glad he enjoys the column. He wants to congratulate the men in the Repair Department for the good job they did keeping the buses going during the bad weather . . . Operator CHARLES LUEPKE lost his father, WALTER, January 18. Supervisor H. MORAN lost his mother January 24. Pensioner CARL HALL passed away January 15. Pensioner JOSEPH KOHNKE departed this life January 15. We extend our sympathy to these families . . . We received a nice letter from Pensioner BILL ECHOLS. He is well and says "Hello" to the boys at North.

To all operators from Station Superintendents, District Superintendents, and Supervisors, Repair Foremen, and Supervisors: We wish to thank all the men from North Avenue Station for their splendid cooperation during the recent snowstorm. We thank them for their wonderful teamwork in helping each other during difficult times. They worked long hours under difficult conditions. Some were stranded with their buses. We thank the acting supervisors for trying to improve passenger service. We thank you all for a job well done . . . We received a nice letter from LESLIE L. ROESER who retired on February 1. He is planning on moving to Tucson, Arizona. He says that for the first time since 1893 the name of Roeser will be missing from the CTA payroll and records. His father and three of his brothers were on the streetcars. JOHN was a Supervisor, ADAM and his father were at Lincoln Avenue Depot, and JOSEPH was at North Avenue Depot. Joseph recently celebrated his 91st birthday. Leslie's wife is already living at their new home. Leslie says he will not forget all the men he worked with and the friends he made, it was nice knowing all of them. We'll miss Leslie and we wish him success and happiness in the future. His address is R.R. 1, Box 518, Tucson, Arizona 85704 . . . Operator JOSEPH CHRISTY has been confined to Roosevelt Memorial hospital. We hope he is well on the road to recovery . . . Welcome to new Operators ARTHUR ALLEN, WILLIAM GILL, JOHN GODBOLT, JAMES BROOKS, WILLIE BRANCH, WALTER PATTON, NORRIS DOBBIN, OLIVER WILSON, WILLIE HUNT, JON CORBITT, PORTER HODGES, BOBBY PUGH, AND JAMES DIXON... Best regards to all from Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN and his wife, JOSEPHINE, who fled Chicago February 5 in a snowstorm, and are relaxing in Orlando, Florida. Barney says they've had plenty of rain but that is preferable to the snow he left behind . . . Pensioner WILLIAM CAVANAUGH passed away February 6. JOHN AMODEO of Shops passed away February 7. Supervisor WILLIAM

TRANSITAD

FOR SALE: 1965 Apache Silver Buffalo Camping Trailer. Fully equipped, factory installed options. Has a side room with Vinyl floor. Can be seen at 1739 W. Farwell avenue. For particulars call George Bell, 743-2374.

YOUNGLOVE lost his mother, JENNIE, February 15. WAYNE MATEJKA, repair department, lost his grandmother. We extend our sympathy to their families . . . We wish all of you a jolly St. Patrick's Day, and may you and your families have a blessed Easter.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH PARK -

North Park's Annual Credit Union Meeting was held January 6 at River Park fieldhouse with a large crowd in attendance. The officers declared a dividend of four per cent on savings, and five per cent on rebates of loans. All members are urged to bring their books in so that they may be brought up to date. DALE PETERS and JOHN O'BRIEN were elected directors for three years while ED GOETTERT was re-elected to the credit committee for a three-year term. Refreshments were served and 21 door prizes were won by the following: D. PRISBLE, M. HORNING, M. HEAVEY, M. O'MALLEY, KID O'MALLEY, H. SCHRAMM, J. RICCARDO, V. MITCETIC, W. SEIFERT, R. SIMON, D. SOMSEL, B. NEUMAN, J. KACZAR, H. CRUM, S. MUSCARELLO, G. DOHERTY, W. UHLMANN, G. SPRINGER, and Pensioners GILL, P. SULLIVAN, and J. VAN DEN EEDEN . . . Operator CASEY JOHNSON and his wife, EUNICE, held their annual Christmas party for the children of their block with Casey again serving as Santa Claus . . . Operator TONY SANSONE was presented with a young parrot for Christmas by his future daughter-in-law and it is our hope that Mrs. SANSONE will receive a pair of ear plugs soon . . . Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, spent the New Year's weekend at the Flying Carpet motel. Among activities the Posners participated in were a great New Year's Eve party, ice skating, swimming, steam baths, and massage treatments. Supervisor JOHN ERICKSON and his wife, AGNES, hosted a New Year's Eve party in their Des Plaines home. Operator ROBERT WALTERS' wife, DORCUS, Operator ERNEST BUCHANAN and his wife, EDNA, were among many of the guests attending. Country and western style music were the popular trend of the night . . . PAT DOLAN, daughter of Operator JIM DOLAN, is teaching English to Spanish citizens at Goudy school where she is also a second grade teacher . . . RICHARD KACZAR, son of Operator JOHN KACZAR, was home for the holidays on a furlough from Fort Houston, Texas. On returning, Richard was sent to Fort Hood, Texas, where he will serve with the medics . . . ROBERT SMITH III, grandson of Operator PAUL COOK, was inducted into the U.S. Army and is stationed at Oakland, California, where he is taking his basic training . . . KATHY ZAHN, daughter of Operator NICK ZAHN, finished third on the honor roll at St. Benedict's High school where she is a freshman . . . CHRISTINE CITRO, daughter of Operator JOE CITRO, was graduated from the National College of Education on December 16. Christine received her bachelor of education degree and now will be teaching in District #68 in Skokie, Illinois . . . STEVEN ALLEMAN, son of Operator CHARLES ALLEMAN, who is a member of the University of Illinois gymnastics team, suffered a broken leg during a practice session and will be idled for several weeks . . . BILL ERICKSON, son of Supervisor JOHN ERICKSON, broke his shoulder in a recent wrestling match at Maine High School West. Bill wrestles in the 147 lb. class and was undefeated up to the time of the injury. MARIANNE, daughter of JOHN, who is a student at St. Stephens High school, was chosen to be a cheerleader for DePaul university basketball games and has appeared on television, Channel 32, twice in recent

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weeks . . . Operator TED KINDERMAN and his wife, MARGE, flew American Airlines to Silver Spring, Maryland, to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. PATRICIA GABBETT, and their granddaughter, MARGIE . . . PFC RON CONNOR, son of Operator JIM CONNOR, who is stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia, with the U.S. Army was home on furlough for the holidays. Ron is going to school at Fort Gordon where he is studying electronics . . . Operator BUTCH MIDDLESWORTH bowled in the Peterson Classic at Peterson's Lanes where he had an eight game series of 1402 . . . The Southern Club of Chicago held their annual fish and chicken dinner on January 25 at the American Legion Hall on W. Irving Park road. Proceeds of this affair are used for charity purposes. Operator ROY BOWLIN is president of the Club and Operator SHIRLEY MILLER is vice-president . . . Pensioner HAROLD VANGEN, who now resides in Walnut Creek, California, was a recent visitor in Chicago, and would like to say hello to his many Chicago friends . . . Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, of Highlandville, Iowa, were visitors in Chicago during the holidays, visiting their children, HELEN, MARIE, and TED. Harvey showed up at North Park and was well received . . . Operator DAN MALONEY retired February 1 after 41 years of service. Dan, who operated a night bus on Western avenue and was a collector at Lane Tech High school, will be sorely missed by his many passengers and boys from Lane. Dan has no plans for the future, other than to relax and take it easy . . . DEANNA, daughter of Operator GEORGE VOIGHT, was married on January 7 to JOHN KLUGE at St. Viator's church. A dinner for the immediate families was held at Di Leo's restaurant. The young couple honeymooned at the Abbey, in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin . . . Operator DON BENNETT and his wife, MARIE, vacationed at Miami Beach, Florida, where they stayed at the Surfside Plaza Hotel. The Bennetts went deep sea fishing, catching two eight-pound kingfish. An airplane cruise of the Everglades with a stop at Cape Coral for dinner, with several stops at Danias to watch the Jai Ali games, were also on the agenda . . . Operator JIM Mc AULIFFE spent his vacation in St. Louis, Missouri, and reports that the girls in Chicago are still the finest.

The CTA medical bus was at North Park during the month of January, with DOCTOR LYNN and Medical Examiner AL GLUECKERT doing their usual excellent job . . . Operator JIM CONNOR and his wife, LORETTA, celebrated their 33rd anniversary January 5 by staying home and relaxing . . . Operator DAVE ARREGUIN and his wife, THERESA, celebrated their 10th anniversary January 26. The Arreguins attended the Little Flower dinner at the Conrad Hilton hotel January 28 for their big night . . . Operator ELI PESTINE and his wife, RUTH, celebrated their 33rd anniversary January 14. The Pestine's children, Mr. & Mrs. HARVEY PESTINE and Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL MILSTEIN took the Pestines to Allgauer's restaurant for dinner, and then presented their folks with 8 x 10 framed pictures of their weddings . . . Pensioner JOE VAN DEN EEDEN and his wife, CLARA, celebrated their 40th anniversary on February 5. The VanDen Eedens dined at George Hessberger's restaurant with their children for the occasion . . . Operator JOHN BAXTER and his wife, MARCIA, celebrated their fifth anniversary February 10. The Baxters had dinner at the Blackhawk restaurant and then took in a movie . . . Anniversaries were also celebrated by Operator TOM RAO-MON and his wife, PHYLLIS, 15th, January 28; Operator HENRY NEWMAN and his wife, LEONA, 35th, February 5; Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, 29th, February 5, and Operator ROGER AYOTTE and

his wife, HELEN, 8th, February 28 . . . HELEN MERRY STIGLIC daughter of Superintendent of Instruction TOM and Mrs. STIGLIC, was married to BRIAND HAR-OLD MOISAND at Queen of Angels church. Following a reception and dance, the young couple left for their honeymoon at an undisclosed resort. The Moisands will live in Alexander, Virginia. Mr. Moisand works with the U. S. Army at the electronic research laboratory in Washington, D.C. . . . Operator JIM HOLMES became a grandfather for the second time when his daughter Mrs. KATHLEEN ROUNDS, gave birth to a daughter named VALERIE ANN on December 13 at Fairview hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota . . . Operator LARRY SHIELDS became a grandfather for the third time when his son, PETER, and his wife, CAROLE, became parents of a daughter named NANCY JOANNE, born December 20 at Elmhurst hospital. Our congratulations to the parents and grandparents . . . Happy birthdays are extended to CAROL DALEY, December 24; ROCHELLE LYNN WEINER, 1-year old, January 2, and Operator GORDON ACKERBERG, January 22 . . . Operator LOUIS BIELSKI has been hospitalized at Ravenswood hospital for a month at this writing, and at last reports is convalescing at home. Hurry back, Lou . . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator ULYSSES BROWN on the loss of his father, WILLIAM BROWN to Receiver MAURICE BUCKLEY on the loss of his father, JOHN BUCKLEY, and Operator FRANK WEISHAAR on the loss of his brother, Pensioner NORBERT WEISHAAR . . . Repairman ED CORDA began his pension January 1 after 31 years of service. Ed and his wife have moved to Tennessee where they have bought some property and will now be living the life of contended hillbillies . . . Repairman HERMAN AMBROS has been promoted to ED CORDA's bench job and is finding the job of filling Ed's shoes quite a task . . . Pensioners JIM FINNIGAN and MAX WALDOCK were recent visitors at North Park Garage and left many happy impressions around the place . . . The welcome mat at North Park Garage is extended to Bus Cleaner PATRICK DALY who recently started to work here . . . TERRY PLUTA has returned to work after serving six months service in the U. S. Army reserve . . . Day Clerk GEORGE BENSISH has purchased a '67 Buick two door sports coupe Buick Electra. George is planning a trip in the near future to Arizona and California, so the Buick will soon get a good workout . . . Repairman JOHN MOUNT was inducted into the U. S. Army January 20 and is taking his basic training . . . Repairman GEORGE JONASON has been off sick for four weeks at this writing with bursitis and the garage force hopes to see him back soon . . . The sympathy of the garage and depot is extended to Repairman ALEX FRITZLER on the loss of his brother, JACK FRITZLER, who passed away Christmas Day . . . Bus Dispatcher GEORGE SERRITELLA enjoyed his winter vacation by relaxing around the house .

Gentlemen: Your attention is called to the parking regulations that are in effect around the garage. The no parking areas are to be kept cleared for fire and police vehicles that may have to use the space in emergencies. The areas that have 7 p.m. limits are used to store buses and anyone not obeying the regulations will be disciplined. A map of the parking area is posted on the bulletin located on the board at the P.M. bus dispatcher's lineup . . . Miss ALLYNE ALLEMAN, daughter of Operator and Mrs. CHARLES ALLEMAN, was married Saturday, February 25, to Mr. DANIEL GIBSON stepson of Operator and Mrs. GARRET FOY. The ceremony was held at the study of RABBI TARSHISH of Glencoe. The reception was held at the bride's home where open house

was held for their many friends. Congratulations are extended to the newlyweds . . . The 1967 Festival of Leadership Scholarship Banquet which had to be postponed, will be held Friday, May 5, at the Conrad Hilton hotel. Keep this new date in mind and make your plans accordingly . . . A hearty thanks is extended to the operators, clerks, receivers, and garage personnel for the wonderful job everyone did in the recent record snow storm . . . Operator ED KURCZENSKI became a father for the sixth time when his wife, BEVERLY, gave birth to her first daughter, LAURA JEAN, on Saturday, January 28. Ed is very grateful to Operator JOHN OLSZEWSKI who picked Beverly and Ed up at 4 a.m. and drove them to the hospital where Beverly gave birth to Laura 10 minutes after arriving. Big John says his Cadillac can get through any snow, as he was pressed into service the rest of the day driving operators around to make reliefs on buses that were stuck in various places. Operator JIM KIRKWOOD became a father for the fourth time when his wife, MARY, gave birth to a son named JOHN JAMES, born February 12 at Wesley Memorial Hospital. Congratulations to the proud parents.

- *Melvin Horning*

PURCHASING, STORES & SPECIFICATIONS (Specifications) -

LEE DESUTTER is back on the job again after having been a surgical patient for a couple of months . . . The new man in "Specs" is GEORGE CHRISTOFIDIS, a student engineer.

(South Division) -

Our sincere sympathy goes to A. W. EGGERT on the recent death of his brother . . . All good wishes for a speedy recovery go to FRANK RUND, TOM SKVARLA, and ED PIONTKOWSKI . . . Best wishes for a long and happy retirement go to Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD KLIE. Welcome to DAMON P. RILEY, our new stock clerk.

- *D. Jane Bell*

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

JOHN BILLIS, traffic checker supervisor, became a grandfather for the first time. His daughter gave birth to a daughter, MICHELE MARIE. Congratulations grandpa . . . GEORGE HANUS' son was promoted to captain . . . We welcome to the Schedule Department A. MICKOVIC, J. LAZZARA, and J. DUDEK as new outside checkers . . . JAKE SUMNER is sporting a new 1967 Buick . . . BILL WORCESTER is now home from the hospital, we wish him a speedy recovery . . . Pensioners GERTRUDE and JIM ANDERSON are enjoying the winter weather in sunny Florida. They have kept us informed with the many cards they have sent us . . . At our recent credit union meeting, JOHN URBAN walked off with the first prize . . . PETER DONOHUE and BOB LaVOIE also won prizes. It's a wonderful feeling having such lucky people among us . . . EDWARD BENNIS, son of JOHN BENNIS, has announced his engagement to JUDITH KAWULA. Their wedding is planned for the near future . . . Traffic checker J. MAREK recently transferred to reproduction services in the employe identification section . . . JOHN JOYCE, traffic checker, selected February 1, 1967, for an early retirement. His career in transit started in the Transportation Department in 1925 where he was well known especially around the South Side. He was a traffic checker since 1963. Good health and a long time of pleasant leisure to you, John. Best recovery wishes are extended to EDWARD REILLY who is present-

JOHN AMODEO, 79, West Shops,
Emp. 11-20-17, Died 2-6-67
DIDIMO BARBANTINI, 73, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 6-19-28, Died 1-14-67
MARTIN J. BARR, 71, Archer
Emp. 5-10-16, Died 2-4-67
FRANK J. BASKE, 67, West Section,
Emp. 8-17-21, Died 11-30-66
OTTO J. BILDSTAN, 83, North Section,
Emp. 1-17-21, Died 1-28-67
JOHN BUCKLEY, 80, Limits,
Emp. 2-15-08, Died 12-21-66
HENRY H. BURT, 90, North Section,
Emp. 2-22-02, Died 1-24-67
FRED C. BUSS, 77, Lake,
Emp. 8-3-18, Died 12-16-66
WASHINGTON CARTER, 68, North Division,
Emp. 9-29-30, Died 12-31-66
MICHAEL F. CAVANAGH, 65, Congress,
Emp. 5-8-25, Died 1-7-67
SAMUEL B. COLLINGS, 72, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 5-1-23, Died 12-26-66
ABRAHAM COLLINS, 83, Lake,
Emp. 3-9-44, Died 1-24-67
MIYO CONDICH, 74, South Shops,
Emp. 5-8-23, Died 12-10-66
EDWARD J. COUTRE, 66, 39th & Halsted,
Emp. 4-18-23, Died 12-1-66
GEORGE W. CRIBBEN, 85, Lawndale,
Emp. 7-20-07, Died 2-6-67
JOSEPH B. CZARNECKI, 65, North Avenue,
Emp. 5-8-24, Died 12-25-66
THOMAS DALY, 86, South Section,
Emp. 1-30-12, Died 1-6-67
WILLIAM L. DE GROFF, 84, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-8-07, Died 1-23-67
STEPHEN DEUTSCH, 80, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 8-27-25, Died 1-30-67
JAMES S. DUFFY, 68, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-4-23, Died 12-12-66
EDWARD DURKIN, 78, Kedzie,
Emp. 12-31-25, Died 12-19-66
PETER C. ECKERT, 73, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-2-20, Died 12-9-66
PERRY G. ELBERSON, 81, Devon,
Emp. 3-24-09, Died 1-18-67
GERALD J. ENNIS, 91, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-9-13, Died 12-30-66
FRED J. FLEISCHER, 60, Wilson,
Emp. 12-19-45, Died 1-6-67
HARRY W. FREY, 64, Limits,
Emp. 1-21-25, Died 1-10-67
ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER, 71, West Section,
Emp. 9-19-27, Died 12-18-66
JOSEPH GENDUSO, 71, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 6-27-23, Died 12-9-66
JOHN J. GILHOOLY, 64, Rapid Transit,
Emp. 1-12-28, Died 2-14-67
WILLIAM GRIFFIN, 76, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-4-15, Died 1-29-67
CHARLES M. HAGER, 73, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 7-30-23, Died 1-1-67
JOSEPH HALEY, 66, Keeler,
Emp. 6-31-47, Died 12-15-66
CARL E. HALL, 55, West Section,
Emp. 11-14-42, Died 1-14-67

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

- HENRY J. HAMMERSCHMIDT, 76, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-23-21, Died 2-8-67
- FRANK HANDZIK, 82, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-8-09, Died 11-12-66
- CHARLES W. HAWKIN, 70, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-12-16, Died 1-3-67
- JAMES J. HAVEL, 62, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-1-27, Died 1-19-67
- FRANK A. HEROLD, 77, Rapid Transit,
Emp. 7-8-11, Died 1-18-67
- ELMER R. HITE, 74, Devon,
Emp. 2-25-26, Died 1-19-67
- FRANK L. HUPP, 88, Executive,
Emp. 9-1-02, Died 12-15-66
- JOHN KASPAR, 77, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 8-12-18, Died 1-12-67
- RICHARD C. KEEFER, 89, Burnside,
Emp. 12-13-23, Died 1-2-67
- MARY B. KERWICK, 87, South Section,
Emp. 5-12-33, Died 12-9-66
- ELMER P. KLOTZBUCHER, 49, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-23-43, Died 1-22-67
- JOSEPH S. KOHNKE, 90, Armitage,
Emp. 4-30-13, Died 1-16-67
- ERNEST C. KRUSCHA, 79, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-30-23, Died 2-6-67
- BENJAMIN LA BUY, 43, North Section,
Emp. 8-1-60, Died 1-12-67
- VITO LAMONTO, 80, South Division,
Emp. 8-23-28, Died 12-26-66
- HOWARD J. LANGDOC, 74, South Shops,
Emp. 8-20-45, Died 12-15-66
- JOSEPH LASOWSKI, 86, Shops & Equipment,
Emp. 12-12-22, Died 12-30-66
- JOHN A. MAGNUSON, 82, North Section,
Emp. 2-21-12, Died 1-2-67
- WILLIAM MC ELLIGOTT, 79, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 7-15-25, Died 12-21-66
- JOHN B. MC HALE, 87, Armitage,
Emp. 8-6-14, Died 12-28-66
- JOSEPH MC MANUS, 68, Wilson,
Emp. 12-17-36, Died 12-16-66
- RAYMOND MC MANUS, 76, 61st Street,
Emp. 1-10-45, Died 12-20-66
- WILLARD E. MESCHER, 63, Wilson,
Emp. 1-7-30, Died 2-3-67
- JOSEPH J. MIRABELLI, 54, West Section,
Emp. 1-7-37, Died 2-5-67
- JAMES E. MOONEY, 77, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 2-20-13, Died 12-30-66
- EDWARD W. MOORE, 88, South Shops,
Emp. 1-7-20, Died 1-20-67
- DOMINICK MUSTACCIO, 81, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-22-21, Died 12-18-66
- AUGUST F. NIMTZ, 82, Shops & Equipment,
Emp. 9-22-05, Died 1-28-67
- WILLIAM OFFERMAN, 68, Lawrence,
Emp. 1-22-20, Died 12-25-66
- JOHN L. OLIVER, 75, Blue Island,
Emp. 10-12-23, Died 2-1-67
- THOMAS O'MALLEY, 84, North Section,
Emp. 12-23-19, Died 12-19-66
- ARNOLD J. ORLICH, 60, Frog Shop,
Emp. 1-3-44, Died 1-4-67
- KATHERINE ORTH, 88, Accounting,
Emp. 10-4-10, Died 12-29-66
- WILLIAM H. PAUL, 74, North Section,
Emp. 8-2-12, Died 12-16-66
- JOE PEARLSTEIN, 86, Lincoln,
Emp. 2-22-08, Died 1-02-67
- CLARENCE PENGE, 46, Engineering,
Emp. 8-17-45, Died 1-20-67
- FRANK B. PERRONE, 59, Keeler,
Emp. 5-19-47, Died 12-12-66
- JAMES POCH, 86, Throop Street,
Emp. 6-19-20, Died 1-12-67
- BERNARD J. REGAN, 66, Wilson,
Emp. 3-15-26, Died 1-4-67
- MATTHEW REGAN, 73, Wilson,
Emp. 8-9-24, Died 12-18-66
- MICHAEL J. RIETH, 75, Devon,
Emp. 3-10-43, Died 12-24-66
- RICHARD ROBINSON, 85, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 1-15-06, Died, 1-1-67
- PETER RUMSAS, 80, Lawndale,
Emp. 1-3-19, Died 2-4-67
- ALFRED RUPPERT, 88, Shops & Equipment,
Emp. 12-1-43, Died 1-5-67
- VINCENT RUSSO, 87, West Section,
Emp. 5-22-22, Died 12-21-66
- RALPH RYSKAMP, 88, Burnside,
Emp. 1-2-18, Died 12-30-66
- ARTHUR SAGOTZ, 74, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-28-25, Died 1-18-67
- ELMER A. SCHIEBLE, 63, Claim,
Emp. 8-4-34, Died 1-29-67
- HAROLD SCHUMACHER, 60, Kedzie,
Emp. 12-23-43, Died 1-27-67
- EUGINIO SCOLA, 74, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 3-21-27, Died 1-26-67
- JOHN SITKIEWICZ, 74, West Section,
Emp. 2-1-11, Died 12-20-66
- HENRY B. SORENSEN, 73, District "B",
Emp. 5-19-20, Died 1-10-67
- ROBERT STACK, 74, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-24-13, Died 1-14-67
- HARRY A. STEVENSON, 68, Douglas Park,
Emp. 5-25-23, Died 2-01-67
- THOMAS B. STEWART, 63, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-30-34, Died 12-13-66
- MICHAEL SULLIVAN, 76, Lawndale,
Emp. 5-21-09, Died 12-23-66
- GUSTAF T. SWANSTROM, 77, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-25-22, Died 1-24-67
- EDGAR G. TRIPP, 82, Logan Square,
Emp. 1-17-08, Died 2-1-67
- ELLA C. UMBRIGHT, 81, North Section,
Emp. 11-25-47, Died 2-3-67
- FRANK VOLLTRAUER, 63, West Section,
Emp. 1-16-42, Died 2-6-67
- FRANK S. WAJERSKI, 74, Armitage,
Emp. 2-10-20, Died 12-12-66
- JOHN R. WATSON, 71, 69th Street,
Emp. 7-7-21, Died 1-21-67
- CLAUDE WEIDNER, 81, Burnside,
Emp. 10-14-19, Died 1-6-67
- NORBERT WEISHAAR, 65, District "C",
Emp. 7-25-33, Died 12-22-66
- IRENE L. WHITLOCK, 75, West Section,
Emp. 4-26-39, Died 1-6-67
- JOSEPH J. YORK, 66, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-29-23, Died 12-13-66

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ly in St. Francis hospital . . . The sympathy of the department is extended to JAKE SUMNER on the death of his father . . . JOHN KOLON, outside checker, was married during our recent big blizzard. Congratulations to the newly wed couple . . . A Happy Easter to all!

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

Still off ill at this writing is ANDREW HODOWANIC, machinist, JOHN HOLBAY, electrical worker, ALPHONSE SCHMITZ, upholsterer, JOHN ZDUNEK, upholsterer, and newly added to the list is JAMES WELTON, electrical worker. Get well soon, fellows . . . Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. HENRY HITTERMAN and family upon the death of her husband, HENRY (Heinie) HITTERMAN, retired truck shop foreman at Skokie Shops. Heinie retired in 1960 . . . Please, fellows, how about turning in some news so we can print it. Let us share your interesting experiences.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

While writing this I'm looking out the window at our record-breaking 23-inch snowfall and just thinking that February and then March and Spring will not be far behind . . . The 30th annual meeting of the South Side "L" Credit Union was held on Sunday, January 22, in the afternoon at the Am Vets Hall, 88th and Vincennes, and everyone who attended had a swingin' good time. This was the first year it was held at the hall and everyone liked the place. It was so nice and cozy for a get-together. Free sandwiches and refreshments were served and you should have seen my darlin', ROLAND, sporting his fancy gold vest, serving the refreshments. Congratulations to Conductor FRANK PONZIANO, who was elected assistant treasurer. Some of our pensioners attended: Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT and his charming wife, and Retired Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT. Lulu was on K. P. in the kitchen and our thanks to her for the help. It sure was a nice way to spend an afternoon . . . On the new system agents pick some of our agents transferred to the North and West Sections and we wish them luck: CECILE THOMAS, CLEO HALL, AMOS BOFFMAN, VIVIAN ROBINSON, BERNICE SMITH, and IDA AARON, went to the West Section, while WILLIAM SYKES, EUGENE KANE, PEGGY COLEMAN, BERNEDETTE CARAKER, and JAMES MOCK went to the North Section. Also welcome back to ANTOINETTE STIPATI who came back to work on the South Section again and welcome to JUNE KINARD, WILLIAM ANDERSON, BETTYE WILLIAMS, VALERIA BRADBURY, BEVERLY PEOPLES, ANNE TOMLINSON, and MARTIN LANE . . . Loomis Street had a retirement party for Motorman PAUL BOETTCHER who went on Pension January 1. Paul had 49 years, five months, and 22 days of service and that sure takes in a lot of years. A token of remembrance was presented to him by his fellow employes and refreshments were served. Everyone wishes Paul many years of happiness on his retirement. He and his wife are going to stay in Chicago for awhile and then go down to St. Petersburg, Florida, to see if they like it well enough to live down there . . . Back at their respective posts and off the sick list are: Agent WILLIAM SHEEHAN, and Trainmen WILLIAM ROSS and GERALD CAREY . . . Sunning themselves down in Florida are Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS and Retired Conductor THOMAS BEG-

GAN. Doesn't that sound wonderful this time of the year . . . Our sincere condolences to Motorman FRED GRO-NEMEYER whose mother passed away recently, to Retired Agent LILLIAN RUSSELL on the loss of her sister, and to Retired Motorman PAUL BOETTCHER and Conductor ROY BOETTCHER on the loss of their brother . . . "Hello" to our new Agents: LILLIE POPE, ERNESTINE BELL, MARIANNA HUNT, LYNETTE NETTERVILLE, JIMMIE ROBISON, RAYMOND CASTRO, SHIRLEY ANDERSON, BESSOLA JAMES, and to these new Part-Timers: JOYCELYN AYERS, EUNICE BURTS, VERNON LYLE, ALAN HOUSE, ROY LEE, JAMES WEST, and LARRY TAYLOR. Also welcome to Porter ARTHUR WASHINGTON who transferred from the Shop Department . . . Another winter vacationer was Supervisor DON MURPHY and his wife, GEN, who drove down to "deep in the heart of Texas" to Brownsville and then into Mexico. While in Mexico they did a lot of souvenir shopping. They saw quite a bit of the State of Texas while down there: The Alamo, Houston, Six Flags Over Texas (a Texas Disneyland), and they said they really enjoyed their Texas winter vacation . . . At this writing, Agent BETTY BUCKLEY who lives in Hawaii is in the hospital. She is doing fine and all our best wishes are sent to her for a speedy recovery . . . Retired Conductor THOMAS DALY, and retired Agents DELIA MORLEY and MARY GRACE passed away recently . . . The Traveling ELMER PIPKORNS, retired towerman, were on the go again during the holidays. They stopped off at Reno, Nevada, and went to the famous Harold's Club and as Elmer said "he lost one of his shirts there." Then to Sun Valley which they said was just beautiful and on to California where they spent Christmas . . . On the sick list at this writing are Conductor HAROLD THEDENS, Switchman JOHNNIE TOLSON, Agent JAMES MURPHY, and Porter JASPER ARNOLD. Our wishes to them for a quick recovery so they can get back to work real soon . . . Congratulations to Porter AUSBIE GILLESPIE on the newest addition to his family. This now makes nine children for the Gillespies.

- Verna Hartney

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

After 30 years of service, CHARLES PERI, Howard Street, retired on February 1. Best wishes for good health and happiness are sent his way . . . Congratulations to PATRICIA and WILLIAM McHUGH, Wilson, on the new addition to their family. The little featherweight, named MICHAEL SEAN, was born on January 10 and stretched the tape all the way to 22 inches. Michael Sean's proud grandfather, ANTHONY D. McHUGH, also works for the CTA . . . Speaking of proud grandfathers, guess who has another grandson. EDDIE SHIELDS of Congress was presented with an early Christmas present in the form of a grandson named STEVEN EDWARD. Steven was born on December 14, 1966. Grandpa is sure he is going to be an All American by 1990 . . . All the boys at Howard Street extended warm greetings to two new car cleaners, CHARLES J. HARRINGTON and ROGER E. TANG. Roger is following in the tracks of his grandfather, MATTHEW BUCHANAN, a car cleaner at Wilson . . . LARRY MONAHAN, while on furlough from the army, stopped in to say "hi" to the gang. On return Larry will be going to school in Washington with the compliments of Uncle Sam . . . CTA Post 1216 played Santa to some 100 children at their annual Christmas party. On hand to make sure that things were running smoothly were Santa's little elves, NICK SUERO, R. CATANESE, P. J. SABADOSA, C. MEYERS, and MIKE

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VESQUES. Also the JOHN CANNELLA family was represented by his three nieces who, by the way, are triplets.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT FLOWERS, Lake Street, on the birth of their son, DANIEL JAMES. The little slugger was born on February 3 . . . Our deepest condolences to the family of G. TOSSI, former CTA repairman, who passed away . . . Sorry to hear that F. RIO and E. SHIELDS, Congress, are off on the sick list . . . It is good to see RAY CATANESE of Congress back at work after undergoing ear surgery . . . On their way up the ladder of success are L. DAVENPORT and J. MORELLI, Congress, who are presently attending classes for instructors . . . Those who enjoyed a vacation shoveling snow were E. KARIOLICH, J. KOGGER, J. NASH, T. TOGHER, T. BRANDON, and S. IZZO . . . The grapevine has it that RALPH DANIELSON, Congress, is waiting for the spring thaw before he moves his car from in front of the shop unless he can talk his wife into shoveling out the driveway at home . . . You can always count on the Lake Street boys to keep in the swing of things with sports. Currently, DICK LORIMER and BOBBY WRIGHT are giving ski instructions to BOB FLOWERS and CHARLEY MYERS. The first 10 lessons include free first aid . . . A first birthday is usually a big celebration and that is what NATALIE ANN, granddaughter of RAYMOND BRZECZEK, Wilson, had for her birthday on March 4.

- Ray Brzeczek

TRANSPORTATION (Mart) -

JUNE R. VAN CAMP spent two weeks in the beautiful sunshine of Florida, where she visited both Fort Meyer and Miami Beach. While Chicago had its bad snowstorm June was swimming and enjoying the sunshine. To conclude a wonderful vacation she took a boat trip to Nassau . . . The sympathy of the Transportation Department is extended to MARY ANN BOHAT and her family in the recent death of her husband, EDWARD B. BOHAT. Mass was said at St. Margaret Mary church on Tuesday, February 14 at 10 a.m. . . Welcome to SAMUEL T. KELLEY, our new information clerk. It's nice to have you with us . . . On January 26 a snowstorm hit the City of Chicago. It was a blizzard that crippled the city and its people. The streets had to be plowed, stalled autos, buses, and trucks had to be moved. People depended almost entirely on public transportation to get them to and from work. In order to keep the buses and elevated trains running many, many employes worked day and night, most of them getting little or no sleep. The employes involved in this task are too numerous to mention, but all are deserving of a great deal of credit. To them we say thank you for a job well done.

- Colette Szczechanek

WEST SECTION -

Now that the holidays are over, the first thought is when is the next day off. Motorman WALTER FITZGERALD came off the sick list for one day and then went on vacation. JAMES HOWLETT and WILLIAM HAWKINS are still sick but according to the last report are coming along a lot better. Clerk DAN DOYLE and his wife were both in the hospital and are now back to work. Agent LOUIS BECK is back in the hospital, so let's hope he gets back soon . . . With great sorrow I report the death of Switchman HOWARD PHILBERT. The greater sadness is that he was supposed to go on pension next month.

Our deepest condolence to Motorman PETE NAUGHTON and his wife on the death of their four-month old daughter who died of a dreaded disease, leukemia. A great deal of blood was needed, so if anyone would like to donate some just contact Pete Naughton. Motorman R. PROVENZANO lost his brother on the fields of Viet Nam. We all extend our sympathies to his family . . . One of our nicest agents went on pension. You really want to know who it was? It is Agent CATHERINE COYNE, one of the cheeriest persons I have known working for the CTA. May she have all the happiness in the world . . . Conductor MEL PFIEFER was telling us how he bit his dogs ear when he misbehaved. So we all have noticed that lately Motorman SAL DITOMASO hasn't been barking anymore . . . Our Christmas party was a huge success and such brotherly love amid the personnel. The biggest smiles where on VOTJA and CRAWFORD's faces with all the free food and coffee. They just couldn't stop eating. It was a pleasure to see Superintendent EDWARD HEATTER come out and shake the men's hands and wish them a Merry Christmas. I don't remember anyone ever doing it before. A great thank you to Pensioner CARL FRANK and his wife for the lovely cake she baked for us . . . Conductor BARNEY ROLAND celebrated his 41st wedding anniversary. The way I heard it, he celebrated and celebrated and celebrated. All I can say is what a wonderful person Mrs. ROLAND is. See you next month.

- Santo Siciliano

69TH STREET -

Everything is "Rozie" at 69th these days because A. S. MROZYNSKI drew up a contract with Mr. Screen to stay a while longer. May we keep "Rozie" around until I get ready to bump him . . . MIKE LAVIN, who lost a leg 17 years ago while working 69th street, took his retirement in February. He had been working as a janitor . . . JOE HAGG comes around and checks up on the credit union boys now and then. He looks real good . . . GALE HURSKA took his retirement and is probably taking on all comers at pool and cards. May these fellas have many good years ahead of them. ROLIN JONES decided that insurance was a good deal and he went to work for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company . . . HARRY RONS, our relief clerk, had a very busy holiday season. Three days in a row he hit the sack after 4 a.m. and made it to work each day on time. What a man! . . . C. E. STELL was all set to go to work when he died of a heart attack. He was found by one of our drivers. Our deepest sympathy to the family and that of C. BIRD on the loss of his mother-in-law. LARRY LARSON recovered from the beating he took when he was robbed while working a night bus on 63rd. I was strongarmed a few days before and know just how he feels. I do believe that the CTA and City police will find a way to put a stop to this sort of thing. In the meantime, fellows, be careful . . . JIMMY AHERN, my right hand man in the Repair Department, states that BRUNO FERET, the day foreman, transferred to Keeler station. DENNY GRIFFIN and JIM McNULTY took their retirements as of January 1. Both men put in many years with the old Surface Lines, too . . . Uncle Sam took JOE CARRANZA into his little old army. Lots of luck, fella . . . DAN LIMERY has every right to be proud of his artistic talent. Some of his paintings are on display at the Union restaurant. He also enters some of the better art exhibits. Keep it up, Dan . . . Don't forget this news depends on you, so let me hear from you fellas.

- Arthur P. Buesing

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