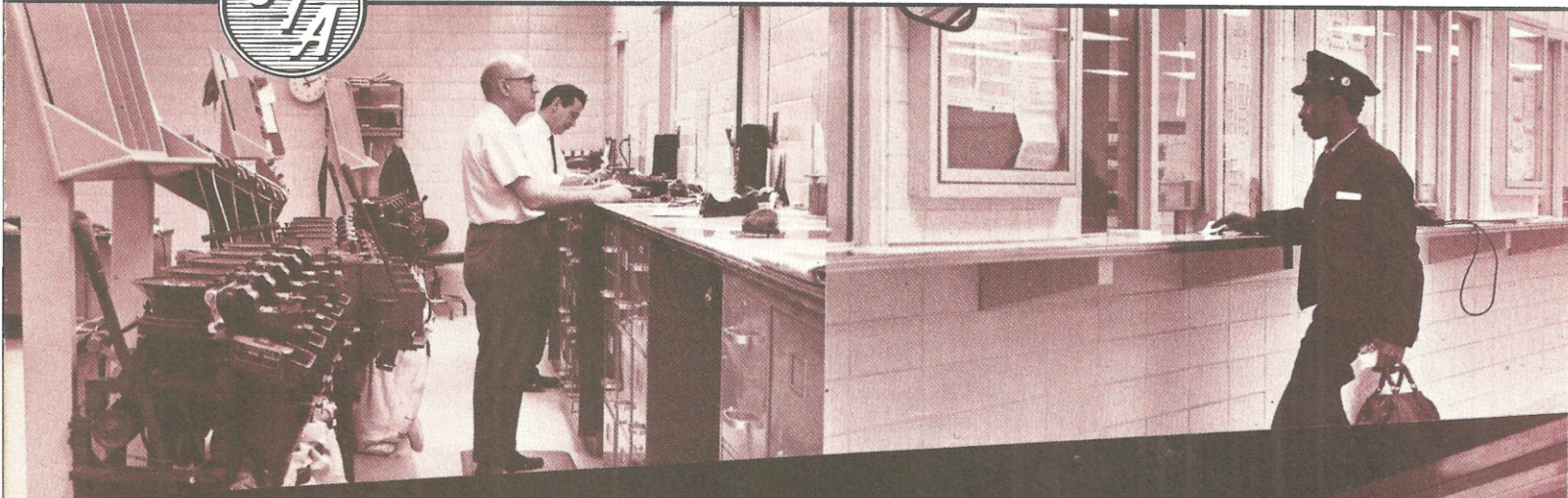


TRANSIT NEWS



APRIL, 1967



CTA's 1967 Clean-up, Paint-up Campaign Gets Underway

AS PART of CTA's 1967 clean-up campaign, contracts totaling \$129,530 were awarded April 13 by Chicago Transit Board for painting "L" structures. Another \$32,760 was approved for the purchase of paint for the painting program.

On the North-South and Ravenswood routes, the elevated structure between North-Sedgwick and Belmont-Sheffield will be painted including the Sedgwick, Armitage, Fullerton, Diversey, Wellington, and Belmont station steel. Contracts amounting to \$88,450 were awarded to Midway Industrial Fire Proofing and Painting company, of 1718 E. 79th street, for this work.

On the Logan Square branch of the West-Northwest route, the structure will be painted between Rockwell street and Fullerton avenue, including the station steel at California. On the Ravenswood route, the structure will also be painted between Clark-Roscoe and Lincoln-Patterson, including the station steel at Southport, Paulina, and Addison. A contract for \$41,080 for this work was let to G. B. Charnas company, of 10336 S. Western Avenue.

The structural steel at all these locations is to be cleaned, spot primed with lead and finished with green structural rust inhibiting paint.

A contract for 12,000 gallons of green rust inhibiting paint was awarded to the Jordan Paint Manufacturing company, of 7250 Franklin, Forest Park, for \$32,760.

Additional work in CTA's 1967 clean-up program which is performed by CTA crews amounts to about \$420,000 for labor and materials for the year.

On the North-South route, stations have been painted at Bryn Mawr, Sheridan, Fullerton, Thorn-dale, Diversey, Addison, Wilson, Chicago, Indiana, 51st, and 55th. Stations scheduled for painting this year are Howard, Argyle, Granville, Loyola, Morse, Jarvis, South boulevard, Stony Island, University, Dorchester, Cottage Grove, South Park, Cermak, 47th, 58th, and 61st.

On the Douglas branch stations at Kedzie, California, Western, and Polk will be painted, and on the Logan Square branch, stations at Logan Square, Damen, Western, and California were recently decorated.

Also, the clean-up of CTA's over 100 off-street bus terminals was recently completed by CTA forces.

South Shops Wins

1966 Efficiency Award

SELECTION OF CTA's South Shops as a winner of Fleet Owner Magazine's 1966 Maintenance Efficiency Award was announced recently following the magazine's annual conference held at the Drake hotel in Chicago.

The award honored the "attainment of an outstanding level of maintenance performance at a cost consistent with demands of company, passenger, or customer service."

Fleet Owner, a publication based in New York city, is the nation's leading business magazine serving truck, bus, and automobile fleets. Judges in the competition included top representatives of national automotive and transportation organizations.

Displaying the banner and plaque award are, from left, L. G. Anderson, superintendent of Shops and Equipment, who accepted the award for CTA at the conference; J. J. Replinger, superintendent of surface system shops; J. W. Dain, superintendent of garages, surface, and E. E. Olmstead, assistant superintendent, surface system.



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Throng Attends Preview of New 77th Office Building

MORE THAN 1,000 employees, their families, and neighborhood residents turned out on the evening of March 22 for an open house and preview of CTA's new transportation office building for 77th station of the surface system.

It was a gala affair with souvenir transfers being distributed and refreshments being served to all present.

Visitors had an opportunity to tour the building and see the activities of a CTA operating station. Entertainment was provided by a musical group comprised of CTA bus operators. Members of CTA Scout Explorer Post 9607 displayed the one-quarter scale model CTA bus which they constructed under the guidance of CTA shops employees.

The new air-conditioned building in CTA's South Side complex is located north of 79th street east of the main overhaul shops building. Access to the new building is on 79th street at Wentworth avenue. The new facility replaces the out-dated transportation office building at 77th street and Vincennes avenue which was built in 1910.

The 77th street station is the largest CTA operating station and the headquarters for about 882 men who operate buses on 14 South Side bus routes.

Of ranch style design and costing about \$500,000, the structure covers 12,000 square feet. In addition to the clerks', receivers' and operators' areas, offices are provided for the station superintendents, credit union, and training personnel.

The building is constructed of white glazed brick and architectural glass panels. Interior walls are tile and floors are terrazzo. A colonnade walkway around the perimeter is a functional architectural feature that serves as both a weather-protected sidewalk and sunshade.

Lighting is provided by fluorescent fixtures in the modular drop-in ceiling, supplemented by skylights over the concourse and operators' area.

CTA'S NEWEST operating facility, the transportation office building at 77th station, drew an overflow crowd for the preview and open house held on the evening of March 22. It was a crowd that liked what it saw as the guests toured the building and it provided some good candid camera shots for CTA photographers, as shown on this page. The pictures on the front cover were taken after the new building was placed in service.



Student Named as Honorary CTA Manager for Youth Week

A PETITE blond, Jan Thommes, who attends Mother Guerin High school on the North Side, was named Junior General Manager of CTA for 1967 during Chicago Youth Week.

Sponsored by American Turners, the teen-ager was chosen for her participation and leadership in student activities. On March 31 she visited the



CTA offices in the Merchandise Mart where she was greeted by General Manager T. B. O'Connor who explained departmental operations and posed for the accompanying picture as she occupied his office chair.

Later she was escorted through various CTA offices and found the line supervisors train movement recorder tape an interesting installation. In the picture at the left she is comparing the schedule with the actual train movement as indicated by the tape.

Helpful Hints When Applying for Medicare Payments

MISSING SIGNATURES and addresses are two frequent problems that Illinois Medical Service, official representatives for Medicare in Cook and other Northern Illinois counties, have run into in processing doctor bill request for payment forms from medicare beneficiaries, according to social security district officials.

Representatives of the carrier for medicare doctor bill payments in the Chicago area have reported that some beneficiaries have received repayment for doctor bills later than was necessary because they forgot to sign their forms or to include their address.

The signature on the request for payment form authorizes the carrier to pay the claim, but must have the signature before the claim can be paid.

A missing address presents even a bigger problem. Without the address Illinois Medical Service doesn't know where to send the check, and the only way to get it is to write back to the doctors, who are sometimes reluctant to give out their patients' addresses.

There are two ways to get payment for doctor bills under medicare and under the first method the doctor agrees to make the claim to the medicare carrier. But when the other method is used, the beneficiary pays the doctor bill and sends the claim to the carrier.

Beneficiaries sending in their own request for payment forms should be especially careful to give all information called for including their address, medicare identification number, and their signature. Also, the beneficiary should either have his doctor complete the receipted bill before sending in his claim.

Because Illinois Medical Service has reported some problems with claims from this area, it is suggested that beneficiaries making their first claim bring the forms and receipts to their social security office. By letting them check the request for payment forms before they are sent to the medicare carrier, the beneficiary can be sure that his claim won't be delayed because some item has been left off. There are several Social Security offices in Chicago and suburbs. Visit the one nearest your home and this assistance will be provided.

Preliminary Work Started on Two New Rapid Transit Routes

WORK BEGAN March 27 on the construction of the Kennedy and Dan Ryan rapid transit lines when the installation of an electrical duct line began at the Irving Park-Pulaski station of the Kennedy route.

About 450 feet of electrical duct line, consisting of 6,000 feet of conduit will be installed. The duct, containing 12 asbestos tubes sheathed in concrete with a manhole at each end where connections can be made will be buried two and one-half feet below ground level. It will contain cables for communication, control and supervision of power, line supervision, and the most modern type of cab signal train control system. CTA forces are installing the duct line.

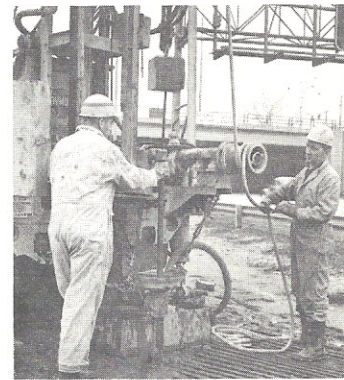
Removal of excavations and delivery of material in connection with the work is being done from the reversible lanes in the expressway during the hours when these lanes are normally closed to vehicular traffic. The cost of the construction work is estimated to be \$30,000.

At the same time, test soil borings were made along the Dan Ryan rapid transit route. The soil explorations are preparatory to construction of the station facilities. The testing operation began at the south terminal of the Dan Ryan line at 95th street.

The total cost of constructing the rapid transit lines in the medians of the Kennedy and Dan Ryan expressways is estimated to be about \$68,800,000, of which the Federal government is contributing \$45,942,999. The City of Chicago will pay \$22,886,000 of the cost from a \$28,000,000 bond issue approved by voters on June 14, 1966. CTA will operate and maintain the rapid transit service.



WITHIN DAYS after announcement was made in Washington, D.C., of the approval of a Federal grant providing two-thirds of the cost of constructing the two expressway rapid transit routes, work was under way preparing the median strips for train operation. CTA crews are shown above installing an electrical duct line for the Kennedy route while City crews (at right) are taking soil borings at the site of a station on the Dan Ryan route.



Engineers of the City of Chicago, Department of Public Works, and Chicago Transit Authority are applying new and modern techniques for expediting construction so that the two rapid transit lines will be in operation as soon as is possible.

Retirement Committee Approves 367 Pension Applications in 1966

PENSION APPLICATIONS of 367 CTA employees were approved by the retirement committee during 1966, according to a report for the year prepared by Secretary W. A. Ashley.

That total included 209 applicants who had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 109 who were in the age group of 58 through 64, and 49 disability retirements.

Taking into account the 367 who were approved to become pensioners and the 400 who died during the year, a total of 5,428 retirees were drawing benefits at the end of the 1966 plan year.

Employees contributed \$4,449,755, and the CTA \$8,005,670 during the year for a total of \$12,455,-

425. The committee approved payments totaling \$8,972,622 covering allowances paid to retired employees, refunds to employees who terminated their services and to deceased employees' beneficiaries, and expenses of administration.

The assets of the fund increased \$5,189,807 during the 1966 plan year, making total assets of \$46,290,973, as of December 31, 1966, held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company, trustee for the plan.

Individual Report of Earnings and Contribution cards showing each employee's credit to the Plan as of December 31, 1966, were distributed during the month of April. Employees should retain the report card as a permanent record.



COPENHAGEN, CAPITAL of the Danish Kingdom, is famous for its lovely parks and its elegant shopping streets. It is also the city of the famed Tivoli Gardens, the fabulous amusement park and recreation center. Another picturesque and historic landmark which attracts sightseeing tourists is the Stock Exchange (pictured above), the oldest in the world.

Departure date is Sunday, July 23, with arrival back in Chicago on August 13.

The trip will begin aboard a giant BOAC jet plane at O'Hare International Airport. Then a speedy overnight flight across the Atlantic to London. The stopover there will be for three days and two nights, allowing plenty of time to sightsee and stroll leisurely along the avenues and in the parks of this historic city. Leaving London by plane, the next city on the itinerary is Amsterdam, Holland, where the tour of the six nations in Northern Europe will begin.

A folder giving full details of the tour, the places you'll visit, the accommodations arranged for you, and just about everything you want to know about the trip is available.

The complete cost for the whole tour, Chicago to Chicago, is \$709.00. This includes air transportation, ground transportation, hotels, all meals, hand baggage transfer, sightseeing tours by chartered motor coach or private car, tour escorts, English speaking guides in all major cities, and tips and taxes.

Because there are special arrangements to be made in advance, such as obtaining passports, visa and health documents, it is wise to complete these details as soon as possible.

Only a limited number can be accommodated on the tour and reservations are now being accepted. For complete information and descriptive folder write Jane Mitchell, CTA, Room 734, Merchandise Mart.

RESERVATIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR 22-DAY EUROPEAN TOUR

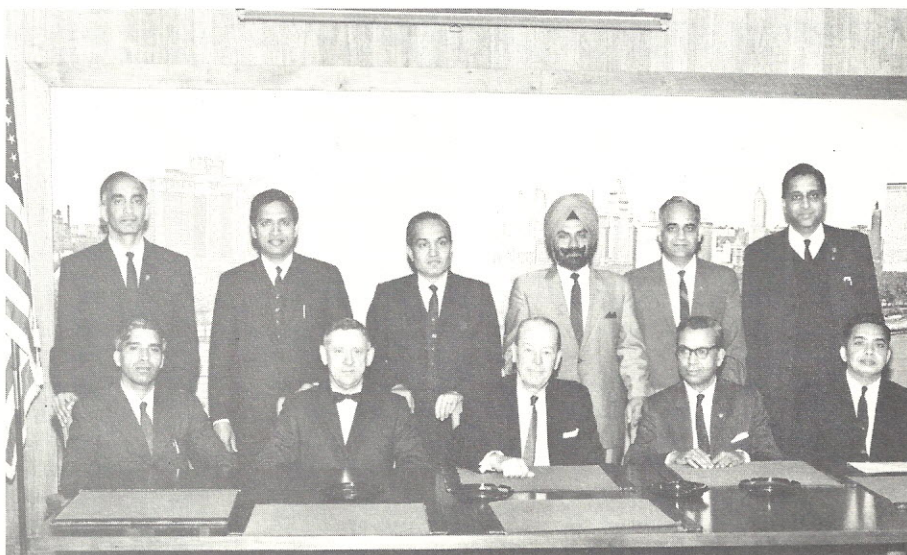
IT'S NOT so many weeks away now that members of the third annual CTA Employees Tour of Europe will be taking off for 22 unforgettable days of luxury travel.

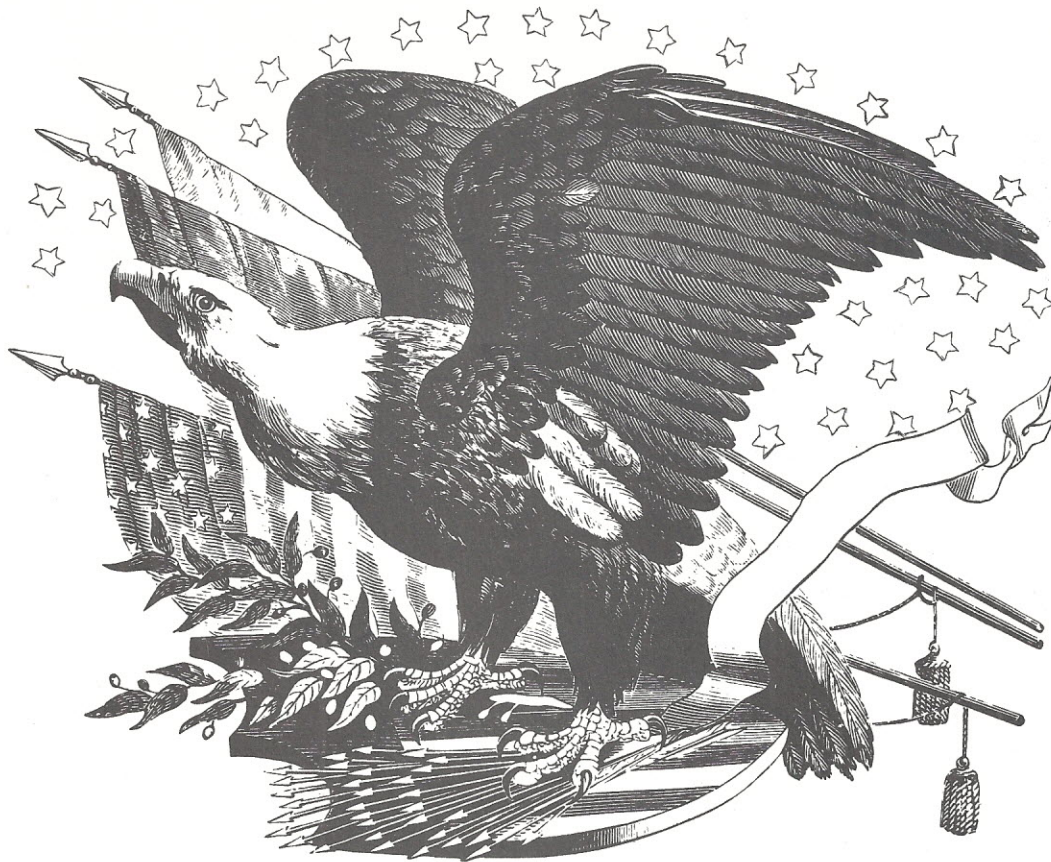
The itinerary is planned especially for the CTA group, which includes employees, their families, and friends, and covers many of the cities and much of the picturesque rural areas of Northern Europe. The tour includes seven countries - England, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and France.

NINE RAILROAD officials from India on a tour of the United States metropolitan areas were guests of CTA on April 24 and spent the day visiting the general offices in the Merchandise Mart.

During their busy day, they were shown through the operations control center and the power supervisor's office, and their tour of the properties included riding the Skokie Swift, Lake, and North-South routes.

Upon their arrival at the Mart offices they were greeted by (seated, front center) C. E. Keiser, operating manager, and CTA Board Chairman G. L. DeMent. The visitors are, standing, rear: M. L. Gupta, Calcutta; Prakash Narain, New Delhi; K. L. Manda, New Delhi; P. Singh, New Delhi; M. L. Gupta, Bombay; B. M. Notarojan, Madras. Seated, at table: G. L. Dhanijo, Bombay; C. D. Chatterjee, Belospur; V. B. Menon, Madras.





TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Each year CTA employees are provided the opportunity to purchase U.S. Saving Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan. This year there is a new incentive for every employee to participate and build greater security for himself and his family.

Added to the Series E-bonds are U.S. Treasury Saving Notes, known as "Freedom Shares", which will earn increased interest and offer other advantages to further strengthen your financial stability.

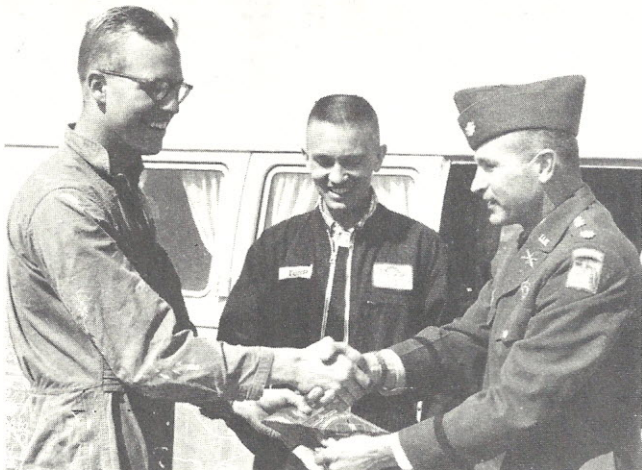
The bond campaign for CTA employees will be held from May 17 to June 15. During that period you will receive a pamphlet explaining what your purchase of U.S. Saving Bonds can mean to you and your country.

If you are not now enrolled in the Payroll Saving Plan, I urge you to give your consideration to this easy, systematic method of saving for the future. For those who are already buying bonds regularly through payroll deductions, the issue of "Freedom Shares" opens a new avenue for saving with a purpose.

It is encouraging to note that CTA was rated among 88 companies throughout the country which distinguished themselves for high level of participation during 1966. I know that we can maintain that record for this year.

In buying bonds, you will be reaffirming your faith in our country and, at the same time, you will become shareholders in America's future.

T. B. O'Connor
General Manager



Former CTAer Wins Parachute Jumping Trophy

PARACHUTE JUMPING may not appeal to those who prefer to remain on solid ground, but Robert Retzler, son of John Retzler, superintendent of

buildings, Engineering Department, enjoys nothing more than floating down from the wild blue yonder and landing the 'chute right on a pre-determined target area.

Bob worked for CTA as a member of a survey crew in the Engineering Department for three summers when on vacation as a student at St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota. He presently is in Viet Nam as a specialist 5 with Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 96th Field Artillery.

Bob's interest in parachute jumping began when he joined the Sports Parachute Club of Lake Geneva some three years ago. Since then he has jumped 326 times and completed them without a mishap. Soon after entering the service, he was assigned as a member of a team which met a West Point Cadets club when his unit was training with the Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In that competition he won the first prize individual accuracy award for perfection in landing his chute right on the target.

In the accompanying photo Bob, at left, is receiving the award plaque from an Army Major, who was an adviser to the team, while the director of the meet looks on.

Suggestion Plan Awards Received by 21 Employees

SEVEN EMPLOYEES were each awarded \$25.00 in suggestion plan money recently and 14 others received honorable mention certificates, according to a recent announcement by the Suggestion Committee.

All cash award winners became eligible for the \$25.00 category by submitting a second honorable mention entry which was accepted for consideration and possible adoption if it so merits.

The seven who profited by their ideas were Donald Prendergast, R. T. Skokie; James Nagel, Engineering, West Shops; Don Scanlon, Edward Gertz, William Lyke, Joseph Pratl, Leroy Albers, all of S & E, South Shops.

Thirteen others received Jewel Tea Company food certificates for submitting ideas which benefited CTA procedures or operations. They were Ann Gusich, G. O. Purchasing; Clyde Hays, S & E, Skokie; George Kuenstle, S & E, North Avenue; Walter Hallford, G. O. Engineering Department; Henry Keane, Engineering, West Shops; Robert Haas, R. T. West Side; John Siebert, Stores, South Division; Frank Powell, R. T. 61st Street; Sam McCuller, Utility, Blue Island; Vincent Donahue, G. O. Research and Planning; John Vidas, Stores, South Division; Mary Traxler, G. O. Claim, and Joseph Gorden, CTA Police.

Through the middle of April this year, 548 suggestions have been received from employees. Keep your eye on the bulletin board at your working location for information as to the status of the idea you submitted. You may be among the winners.

Peter Benjamin, Oldest CTA Pensioner, Dies at Age of 99

CTA'S OLDEST pensioner, Peter Benjamin, a former Chicago Surface Lines shop employe, died on April 17 at the age of 99 years.

Mr. Benjamin, who retired on pension in October, 1941, started as a transit worker on February 28, 1907, in a powerhouse operated by the old Chicago City Railways. Later he became an armature winder in the electrical shop at 77th and Vincennes.

Born in Sussex, England, in 1868, he came to the United States when he was 17 years old.

Surviving are a son, Henry E.; a daughter, Mrs. Clara Allard; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the chapel at 10001 S. Western avenue on April 19. Interment was at Cedar Park cemetery.



HUBERT J. MORAN, (with reporter Bill Miedema): "Although we have a very good pension plan, I am investing in Government Bonds to offset any inflationary trend which may occur when I retire."

QUESTION: For what future purpose are you investing regularly in U.S. Savings Bonds through the payroll deduction plan?

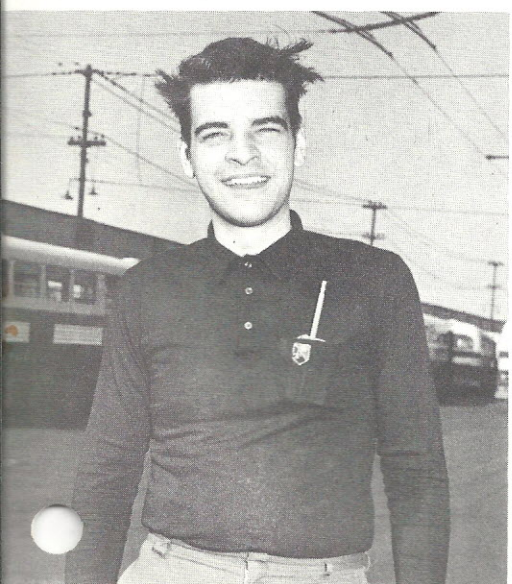


GENE PETERSON, chief clerk (top left): "For the security of our good U.S.A. and future security for years ahead for the wife and I."

LOCATION: North Avenue Station

AARON AMOS, operator: "I am investing in U. S. Savings Bonds in order to take a month's vacation in the South Sea Islands."

INQUIRING REPORTER: Bill Miedema



WAYNE MIEDEMA, bus cleaner (left): "Next year a very lucky girl is going to lead me to the altar and these bonds will make a very nice nest egg."



JOSEPH GIUNTA, operator (right): "Future security is my main reason for investing in U. S. Savings Bonds. The convenience of a payroll deduction plan fits in well with our budget, also."

FRIENDS WHO come calling at the Northwest Side home of Paul J. Schreves, repairman at North Park garage, are treated to a musical melange the like of which they probably have never heard before.

It all results from a unique home-made pipe organ which features not only conventional music but with an unusual miscellany of sounds which have been added by Paul in rebuilding the instrument.

Intermingled with the standard organ tones are a xylophone, harp, drums, triangle, Chinese block, castanet, sleigh bells, cymbal, fire bell, bird calls, auto horn, and siren, all operated from the organ keyboard.

Paul started it all when he acquired an old Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ toy rack which he connected to an electronic organ. It is equipped with electric blowers which supply air to the instrument. Since it occupies considerable floor space, he has installed it in the basement.

Considering that Paul brought all the parts home in bushel baskets, it was quite a job putting the pieces together. Some 250 wire connections went into the assembly of the toy rack and organ. The project occupied his spare time for five months. Paul believes it is the only organ of its kind in the Chicago area.

Paul enjoys entertaining his friends with his one-man band and from all reports he puts on a good show for all comers.

Repairman's Gift to Music-- Home-Made Pipe Organ



Eight Complete S and E Training Program

EIGHT EMPLOYEES of the Shops and Equipment Department recently completed the Shops and Equipment Instructor Training Program and received graduation certificates.

Sessions were held weekly for five weeks at the CTA Training Center at Limits Station. Included in the subjects covered during the program were public speaking, instruction theory, instruction techniques, letter report writing, and practice instruction.

Class members have been assigned to the instructor pool where they will be available to fill in as needed and when vacancies occur in this category.

Members of the class and supervisory personnel are, left to right, seated: William Lambert, Robert Kuntzendorf (graduate trainee), Joseph Sowizral, John Antonucci, Alan Zubor, and Jerry Morelli. Rear row: Anthony Porcaro, general foreman, rapid transit terminals; Anthony Fiorito, garage instructor; F. J. Cihek, supervisor of garage instructors; E. E. Olmstead, assistant super-



intendent of Shops and Equipment, surface system; L. G. Anderson, superintendent of Shops and Equipment; Charles Kubal, and Richard Lorimer. Absent for the picture was Glen Brunson.

OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

IT IS said courtesy is a little thing, but it is an important adjunct to our business of providing public transportation. Our schedules are designed to meet the needs of our customers who pay the fares and are entitled to safe and efficient service. Our personnel must supply the courtesy and cultivate the good will of our riders, in other words not only sell our service but also sell ourselves as good representatives of CTA by our actions and attitudes. Letters of commendation such as these printed below reflect the appreciation of a job well done.

Operator Elmer Knudson, badge No. 12987, North Park: "This man, without any doubt, is one of your finest operators and deserves a commendation. He is not only a gentleman but an excellent driver. He has command of the bus at all times and his manners are without blemish. Your young, less-experienced men could look to him as an example of what a "driver should be."

Operator E. C. Cox, badge No. 5587, Archer: "Today, when coming up the ramp at Congress-California to make connections with a southbound CTA bus, I noticed that a bus was waiting at the station for transfer passengers. When I boarded the bus, and it was raining at the time, I thanked the driver and he said simply 'I saw you coming, so I waited for a moment.' It was important to me for his courtesy enabled me to be on time for my business appointment."

Operator J. D. Hudgins, badge No. 515, Keeler: "My hat is off to the operator driving bus No. 8505 on the Diversey-Harlem run. He is a gentleman. He stopped to pick up a young woman whose legs obviously were so crippled she could not walk without the aid of two special crutches. Your operator got off, lifted her into the bus, then saw that she had a seat before he proceeded. When he reached her stop, he lifted her off the bus and made sure that she was safely on the sidewalk before continuing on his run. His act of kindness was heart-warming to see."

Operator Chester C. Jones, badge No. 2304, 52nd: "My wife and I brought our two young children to Chicago for the first time and after one day of using taxis decided to try the bus system. We were pleasantly surprised by the friendly and helpfulness of the drivers and I thought you would like to know our views. From the time we boarded the first bus going to the Science Museum we were impressed with the friendliness of the drivers. The driver who brought us back from the museum

was a 'natural gentleman' and his courtesy and easy manner was extended to all on the bus."

Operators Edward Baines, badge No. 7610, Lawndale, and Leaneer Scott, badge No. 13986, Kedzie: "Every once in a while I hear someone criticize CTA drivers and in most cases unjustifiably. However, this is in the form of a compliment for two of your operators. I had a chance to observe them at close hand when they drove bus loads of high school students to a basketball game at the International Amphitheatre. Both were gentlemanly, courteous, and understanding of young people. We convey to them our respects and thanks."

Operator C. R. Carr, badge No. 3794, Forest Glen: "I am in from a small farm town in Wisconsin and have recently moved to Chicago and have had the opportunity to use public transportation for the first time. I happened to get on one of your



buses and want to commend the driver for his assistance. With the aid of a street map he showed the fastest way to get to my destination. He was very helpful and courteous, called the street at which I was to get off to transfer, and told me at which corner to stand to wait for my next bus. I certainly want to commend the CTA for excellent drivers like No. 3794. I now intend to use public transportation as often as possible."

Operator George Steptoe, Badge No. 4809, 52nd: "I recently rode on a Jeffery bus and the operator impressed me as a man of unusual courtesy. He treated everyone getting off and on the bus as if they were visiting his home. When someone put their fare into the coin box he always said 'Thanks' and as you got off the bus he bids you with a pleasant 'I hope you have a nice day.' Please tell him that I for one appreciate this friendly personal service."

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin
CTA Medical Consultant

HEAD INJURY—THE BIG KILLER

LAST MONTH I read an article in "Today's Health" (American Medical Association Magazine) by Howard Earl. The information and statistics about head injuries were so interesting and shocking to me that I thought the readers of CTA Transit News would like to know something more about such injuries.

Last year the National Safety Council reported that there were 2,100,000 disabling work injuries and 190,000 of them were injuries to the head. Of the total disabling work injuries, about 14,100 were fatal and 85,000 resulted in some permanent impairment.

Play as well as work causes numerous head hazards. This is especially true of football, but they can also occur in any sport such as baseball, hockey, swimming, boxing, golf, and other athletic activities.

It is surprising to read that the Automotive Crash Injury Research at Cornell University reports that head injuries occur in 72 per cent of all auto accidents. Furthermore, they report that in the last year that there were 1,800,000 disabling auto injuries and 49,000 motor vehicle deaths. Also deaths due to motorcycles, motor-scooters, and motorbikes are increasing each year.

Since 1931 there has been an average of 17 deaths a year due to football accidents and the great majority of these were head injuries. Moreover, approximately 200 boxers have been killed by opponents since World War II. It is difficult to realize how common fatal head injuries are until you stop to analyze them.

There is scarcely any sport, amateur, semi-pro or professional, in which head injuries are not the most frequent result of an accident or mishap. Little leaguers and kids in scrub football are no exception. Thrown bats and pitched balls can injure those on the baseball diamond.

The following description by Howard Earl illustrates and dramatizes a very common type of accident in our everyday life in most any town or city in the U.S.A.

"The ambulance, its siren reduced to a whisper, pulls up at the hospital emergency entrance. Double doors open and a stretcher bearing a patient with blood-smeared face is wheeled into the admitting room by two hurrying policemen.

"The nurses direct them into the proper room and signal for the emergency doctor, resident, and intern. Quickly the doctor starts his examination to see that nothing is blocking the patient's airways so that breathing is normal.

"'What is your name?' the surgeon asks. 'What is your address?' There is no reply.

"The policemen report that they found the victim unconscious at the scene of the accident. His car had crashed into a cement abutment. The seriousness of the situation is quickly recognized and the neurosurgeon is summoned. Special tests and examinations are made to properly evaluate the patient's condition. Not all head injuries, including skull fractures, are serious. It is when there is brain damage that we have reason for alarm."

The symptoms of head injuries vary with the severity. Minor cases may pass unnoticed, except possibly for a slight headache. In severe cases the patient may be rendered unconscious immediately. A deceptive thing about head injuries is that the symptoms may be delayed a day or two. This is explained by the fact that bleeding inside the skull may be slow in developing. Then suddenly the pressure within the skull may cause headaches, blurred vision, dizziness, paralysis, and loss of consciousness.

Treatment may be mentioned briefly as preventative and active.

The preventative part of treatment includes all the known safety measures. For example, use of safety belts in autos and safety latches on the doors. Another example of prevention against head injuries is the helmet worn by football, baseball players, and motorbike riders.

A few general principles laymen should know are: 1. Consider anyone found unconscious to have a possible head injury. 2. Call a physician immediately. 3. Keep the victim lying down. It is better to keep him lying on his side so that the tongue doesn't fall back in the air passages. 4. Keep victim warm. 5. Use just enough pressure and sterile dressing to control bleeding. 6. Don't move an individual with skull fracture without expert help.

All skull fractures should be treated in the hospital where constant expert care, modern tests, and equipment are available.

THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

We extend our sympathy to OTTO STACK, formerly of Accounts Payable, whose wife, ELLA, passed away March 17 after an extended illness. Otto looks remarkably well and does not appear a day older than when he left the company 10 years ago. . . The Easter bunny arrived in a new green and white station wagon at the HAVLIK's, RUTH and MARIE, which he left as an Easter present. . . A. J. FITZSIMONS, general accountant, and his wife are leaving the cares and worries of a long cold winter behind them and are going via jet to the West Coast and the almost perfect climate of Southern California. They are going to Los Angeles and follow the coast line of the blue Pacific to San Diego and vicinity where the Fitzsimons will visit friends, bask in the sunshine, and enjoy their well-earned vacation. . . BARNEY KANE, General, has recuperated nicely after surgery and is back to work after a brief stay in the hospital.

- Mable Posthast

(Payroll) -

The happiest grandmother in the world is DORIS YOST. Her daughter and son-in-law flew home for a visit and it was the first time she saw her grandson who was born in a base hospital in Japan last year. If only the baby could talk - but then, don't all "grammas" have a loveable language of their own and the babies know just what they are saying with a few smoochs added in for flavor. . . LORRAINE BUEHLER is doing quite well with her cast on her ankle and tells us it won't be too long until she is back at work. . . Welcome to BILL SHOLDICE who transferred to Payroll from Treasury.

-Eileen Neurauter

(Revenue) -

JOE KLEIN became a grandfather for the sixth time when ROBERT ANDREW KLEIN was born January 6, at Swedish Covenant hospital. . . CLOTILDE MRZENA, key punch operator, with PAT POLIC, BARBARA KOSCIENSKI, and MARY CARNEY, from other sections of Accounting, went to Powder Horn, Michigan, on a weekend ski trip. There may have been a little broken pride and dignity, but nevertheless, all came back intact. . . Yours truly finally had a dream come true--a vacation skiing in Aspen, Colorado. The chairlift ride in itself is a sight to behold, as you go up beyond 11,000 feet. You could see mile after mile of trees and mountains covered with the fresh snow which had fallen the night before. This was my first taste of powdered snow (which covers your skis). Luckily I never found it too deep in powdered snow because skiing in powder is a completely different style. . . The welcome mat is extended once again to the following: DAN MERSHON, MIKE HOFFERT, ED HEIDENREICH, PAUL JANKOWSKI, and A. G. HISTER.

-Joanne Paris

(Material & Supply) -

Now that LYDIA HAEMKER has returned to Chicago, she longs for the relaxing but fun-filled days spent at the

Fontainebleau in Florida. She also enjoyed an exciting weekend trip on the Bahama Star, to Nassau where there was more fun and festivities.

- Clara Lawrence

BEVERLY -

We are glad to say goodbye to "The Big Snow" and to look forward to spring. . . We wish to thank all the wonderful people who were so kind to our bus drivers when they were snowed in on their runs for many hours. Faith in human nature was restored when people brought food, hot coffee, and blankets and even offered the warmth and hospitality of their homes when we became ill from the cold and snow. . . We salute Clerk DON KARL for the work he did on the bill which would make it a mandatory jail term for an assault on a bus driver or a passenger. Senator JOHN LANIGAN recently presented this bill at Springfield. . . We will miss our old buddy JACK "Nite Car" FALSEY, who has taken his pension. Jack made our day seem brighter with his wonderful stories and sense of humor. . . Good luck also to H. BRADSHAW and we hope he will enjoy his pension for many years to come. . . We express our sympathy to the following: Operator JOHN SMITH in the loss of his mother; Operator RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT, whose father, HENRY HAMMERSCHMIDT of 77th street, passed away; the families of Pensioner ALLBRANDT, and Operator GEORGE MAY, who died suddenly. We will miss our union steward, EARL TIBBITTS, who is one of the best union leaders we have ever had. We wish good luck to Operator JOHN KING who is our new union steward and we know he will represent Beverly to the full extent of his ability. . . Operator ROBERT CANTOR is the proud father of a baby girl by the name of STACIE. Thanks for the cigars, Bob.

- Tom Daniels

CONGRESS (Agents) -

The Little Flower Communion breakfast was a big success. There were many new and impressed faces and we hope they will come again. . . Douglas Conductor ELTON SMILEY and his wife, CARMELLA, were happy to welcome a new member to the family circle. Their son, RICHARD, and attractive LINDA PAGE were married on February 16. A reception for the family and relatives was held in Oak Lawn. . . Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Retired Motorman EDWARD WAR-KOCKI who passed away February 2. Services were held at the St. Anthony church. . . Our condolences to Motormen MORRIS' family on the loss of their beloved father who passed away in Panama on March 6 and also to the family of retired motorman SCHEFFERS who also passed away in March. . . Agent LAWRENCE FRICOT is on the sick list. We understand he is much improved, but it will be some time before he will be back. Good luck, Larry. . . Student Agent THOMAS STEVENS celebrated his birthday with his brothers and sisters. His grandmother, former Agent MOLLY SHIELDS made the birthday cake. . . Agent STANLEY SLOWIAK celebrated his birthday while on vacation. . . Agent OPEL YORK and her husband, FENTON, celebrated their 27th anni-

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versary decorating their new home. Moving is always an unpleasant chore but it was one they were happy to do . . . Agent MARTIN BEGLEY and ZETTA PAUL retired. We wish them many happy years . . . A pension party was held at 54th for Conductor FRANK PRAZAK. Everybody who attended had a good time . . . Conductor IRVIN BRIM and his wife, LILLIAN, celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on March 24 with their son, GERALD, and his wife and their five children. The younger of the grandchildren are four-month old identical twins. Gerald Brim is a successful young architect. . . We were so sorry to hear retired Agent ANN DOWLING was in the hospital for the Easter holidays because she fell and injured herself . . . Douglas Motorman JOHN McNALLY and his wife, PENITA, became the proud parents of a baby boy who was born on Good Friday, March 24, at St. Anthony hospital. The baby was named KENNETH PATRICK and he has two brothers, DENNIS and JOHN, and a sister, CATHERINE . . . JAN MICHAEL VARGO, a major in Geology and Oceanography, was recently placed on the Dean's list of high scholastic averages. Scuba diving is part of the curriculum and one which Jan enjoys tremendously. His father is JOSEPH VARGO, a Loop towerman. As a special treat after the arduous task of moving Joe and his wife, JEAN, made a trip to central Minnesota for a visit with Joe's sister but while enroute they stopped long enough to see part of the annual ice carnival in St. Paul.

- Julia Brousek

ENGINEERING -

We are still keeping an eye on the plans being made for the wedding in July. It seems that JIM ROCHE and JEAN TALUZEK are making good progress. Keep up the good work . . . JIM JEOFFREY and his wife spent a pleasant vacation at the Abbey, Lake Geneva . . . FLORENCE JANCZURA is to attend a two-day seminar on filing procedures soon . . . JEAN HENSEN announced the arrival of a baby boy. Congratulations! . . . BARBARA SHEER, formerly of Stenographic, and daughter of ANNETTE HEFTER of Research and Planning, announced the arrival of a daughter born March 20 named ROBIN MICHELLE. Mother and daughter are doing fine. Her son, IRWIN, age 6, and daughter, MARCI, 3-1/2, welcome their new baby sister.

(West Shops) -

Our Electrician, JOE CHRISTOI, just became a grandfather for the sixth time. MICHAEL ANTHONY was born February 28 at 2:20 a.m. Congratulations! . . . JIMMY RIGNEY has been passing out cigars since he became a daddy for the second time. Little DAVID MICHAEL was born March 18. Wedding bells will soon be ringing for our Track Foreman, TOMMY STAUNTON, it's a secret, but the date's October 7. We'd like to extend our sympathy to the MILOS family on the death of STEVE MILOS who passed away March 19.

- Jean Fitzgerald

ELECTRICAL -

Hawaii called and vacationing ROY KUTCHINS responded. We received a card and he is really having a ball . . . The 21st Electrical Retirement Dinner will be held on April 27 at Harrington's, 2529 Milwaukee avenue. The committee members are hard at work planning for a very special evening. The committee members are R. DORGAN, R. BOOTH, C. MALOTTKE, S. CHARLETON,

K. MIKOTA, J. LAMB, R. BIENIASZ, W. KOPKE, R. FERGUSON, M. COOK, and B. JAUMAN. Honored Guests will be WILLIAM McDONNELL, THOMAS STIPATI, NELS LARSON, JOSEPH McGLYNN, JEREMIAH WALTERS, and CARL W. WOLF. For tickets contact either Mr. Coyne, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Mallothe, or Mr. Anderson. So for an enjoyable evening meeting old friends and partaking of good food, make April 27 a red letter day on your calendar.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

GENERAL OFFICE (Employment) -

New employees welcomed to CTA are JEAN DAYTON and VALERIE LYNN HOEPPNER. Valerie is the daughter of Instructor HOWARD HOEPPNER stationed at Limits. DOROTHY COUGHLIN and her husband enjoyed a vacation at Naples, Florida.

(Public Information) -

Mrs. CAROLYNN STOLTZ, daughter of T.J. O'CONNOR, operator at Lawndale Station, was welcomed to Employee Suggestions.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

BILL ZAZULA transferred to Internal Auditing and was replaced by WALTER LOVELESS of the Schedule Department. MARGE CONWAY enjoyed skiing recently at Indian Head Ski Lodge in Michigan. BRUCE POPE was welcomed to the Accident Statistical Section. Bruce transferred from Claim and now fills the accident clerk job vacated by BOB AVRAM. JOE O'SULLIVAN, his wife, HELEN, and two sons, MARTIN and JOHN, enjoyed the Easter vacation with a flight to Phoenix, Arizona; Mexico, and Las Vegas, Nevada.

(Insurance) -

ANN GOLDING recently attended the legislative dinner held in Springfield, Illinois, honoring the Legislators of the General Assembly as well as the winners in the "Voice of Democracy" contest which was open to all high school students and sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The students' presentations were taped and Ann said that listening to the thoughts expressed by these youngsters was most inspiring.

(Equipment Research & Development) -

TOM LYONS and his family drove to Washington, D.C., where they went sightseeing and had a real nice time on their vacation.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEELER -

Hi, fellows! . . . If you missed my journalistic effort last month, well I was one of the last fellows to be dug out of a snow bank. However, now that spring has sprung, the sap has started to rise, and that glazed look in the eyes of every fisherman has sent many wives into a state of panic. Some portions of the ensuing news will be understandably a wee bit outdated, but better late than never . . . Operator GORDON TAYLOR's son, RONNIE, was wounded in Viet Nam and was hospitalized in Japan. Ronnie would appreciate mail from you fellows and it would make papa very happy, too . . . Station Supervisor JIM HENDERSON and the missus celebrated their 21st anniversary February 3. Our belated best wishes to a real grand couple . . . The bad weather didn't prevent Mr. Stork from making his deliveries--waiting breath-

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lessly for his arrival on the sixth of February were Operator CARRIDINE and wife, MARIANN, parents of little CYNTHIA MICHELLE . . . Operator W. KOHLER was visiting with his wife, JENNIFER ANN, at Presbyterian-St. Lukes hospital on February 9 when at about 7:56 p.m. they were paged to come to the maternity ward and take receipt of a 6-pound bundle addressed to them. The bundle? Cutie JUDY ANN KOHLER . . . Birthday greetings to Operator BARRON, March 1; Car Cleaner WILLIE B. NAUDEN, March 20, Operator PHILLIP SMITH's wife, THERESA, March 25. Oh yes, I'll still accept presents for my birthday February 1. Operator DUQUENE took his son, DENNIS, out on the town March 10 to celebrate DENNIS' first birthday. A right springy happy birthday to Operator J. VALTIERRA, April 4 . . . The bells are ringing for me and my gal; said tune is dedicated to Operator ANDY SEGAR and his wife, MARY, February 15 was their 20th anniversary . . . Happy anniversary to Operator BENNETT and the missus. Also to Clerk JOHN DAVIS and his wife, ANITA, 20 years on March 21 . . . Planting seeds of happiness for the third year, March 28, was Operator GARDENER and his pretty flower of a wife, MARION . . . Would you believe that your scribe and his missus will celebrate 29 years of matrimonial combatibility--and I have the scar to prove it. I'm only kidding, VIRGIL, I love you still . . . Operator SALVADOR PERCE was one of the graduates of the surface supervisor training program. The class of '67 received their beautiful certificates February 28. Rumor has it that Perce paid \$50 just for a frame for his certificate . . . We are all indeed saddened by the loss of Supervisor HAAK. Let it be known that he was well liked by all who knew him . . . Our sincerest best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Operator ANDERSON . . . With Easter ushering in the spring season the emphasis is on the rebirth of mother nature; on the fresh start, here are a few tips I hope you may find worth remembering. When angered, consider: 1. He is a fellow human subject to err and could be right, or wrong, just as you might be. 2. He is entitled to his opinion, which he believes to be the right one, just as you believe likewise. 3. Every single word you utter sarcastically or controversially is so much fuel to the fire. A fire dies without fuel. 4. Who might he really be--a spotter, an unidentified dignitary, or just a good customer without whose patronage there would be no job for you. All in all, why bug yourself, for in a matter of minutes he'll be gone on his way and if you're both lucky, you may never see each other again.

- Ernest C. Carter

KEDZIE -

Congratulations to Operator REYNOLDS and Mrs. REYNOLDS on their 20th wedding anniversary on April 18, also to Operator JAMES W. RICHARDSON and Mrs. RICHARDSON on their 35th wedding anniversary on March 2. God bless both happy couples, and many more years of happiness . . . While making out this month's issue Superintendent E. PETERSON went through surgery at the Northwest hospital. He is at home now recuperating. Operator JAMES RICHARDSON is in the hospital under observation, he'll be going thru a series of tests to determine what is wrong with him. To you men we all send get well wishes. Back to work after being off sick for seven weeks is Operator TONY CHEVRICK. Welcome back, Tony . . . Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Retired Operator TED NOOR, who passed away March 20.

- Raymond Graham

LAWDALE -

JERRY PROCHASKA forgot to lock his car one day and some guy sat in there and punched all his transfers --it looked like confetti . . . We had another round of free coffee on March 16 for having the most commendations, it came in appreciation from CTA and Lawndale Depot Federal Credit Union donated the rolls. STANLEY HYERCZYK had to get a special requisition for more rolls, as he was cut off by janitor EDDIE. And talking about our Credit Union, we had our annual meeting on Saturday, March 18, in the Lawndale Assembly Hall, with a lot of good things to eat. Prizes were a tape recorder, a transistor radio, a Sunbeam tooth brush set, and 30 \$5.00 bills. Everyone had a good time . . . And on Sunday, March 19, the semi-annual communion breakfast was held by The Little Flower Society at 64th and Woodlawn, a good turnout was there and 18 door prizes were given away. Lawndale took first prize of a beautiful "Infant of Prague" statue in full garb and gold crown, the lucky recipient was Mrs. JOSEPH TOMASETTI of Bellwood. She was quite thrilled . . . We heard that Mrs. W. LISIECKI has had surgery, and wish her a speedy recovery . . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of ANTON WAITKUS, buried Tuesday, February 28 . . . Paymaster JOHN POPE was here payday, and he had a real deep sun tan. Said he was in Miami, Florida. No, fellas! He didn't get it chasing bunnies in the Playboy Club, he was really basking in the sun . . . FRANK HRUBY and janitor EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI are learning the manly art of self defense, they are taking lessons from the old pro, "Shakey" FRANK LESZCZYNSKI, all they say is, JOHN GALVIN beware.

- Larry Keating

LOOP -

We all are very happy to see Agent L. DREWS back to work after her long illness. Keep well now so you can enjoy your lovely new home . . . Help, help cries Trainman CHARLIE GUZIK, "where can I park my car now that I'm on an early run." . . Now that all the grandmothers and grandfathers are all talked out about how cute their grandchildren were in the Easter parade lets have some pictures for the Transit News . . . Agent C. WHITE has received a new name since she started working for the CTA. Her name is "Pixie." . . Student Agent EUGENE WOLKS majors in monkey business . . . Stu-

A HAPPY fisherman indeed was W. W. Helfrich, assistant secretary of Chicago Transit Board, when he landed this Blue Marlin, weighing over 100 pounds, in the Pacific Ocean some 20 miles out from Acapulco, Mexico. The big catch was eight feet long and it battled for 55 minutes before giving up the fight and being brought aboard the fishing boat. You can see it was a whopper as it lies on the deck in front of Mr. Helfrich who looks none the worse for the struggle with the denizen of the deep.



NEW PENSIONERS

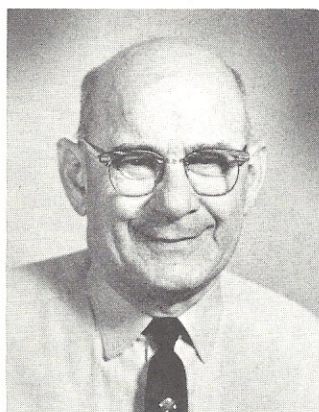
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South Shops, Emp. 12-27-22
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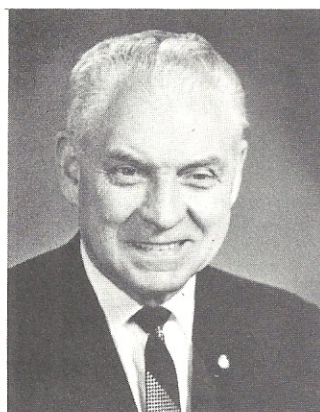
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THOMAS A. HANNIGAN, Janitor,
Archer, Emp. 6-9-23
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JOINING THE ranks of the retired April 1 were the eight employees pictured below who had 40 or more years of transit service each.



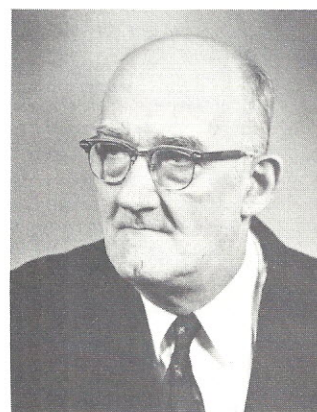
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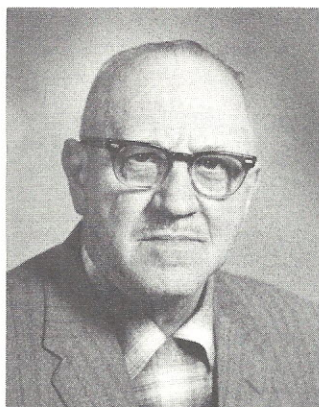
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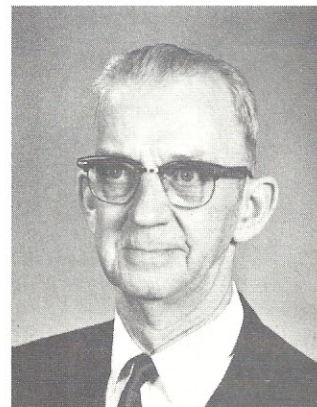
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WILLIAM BONNEFOI
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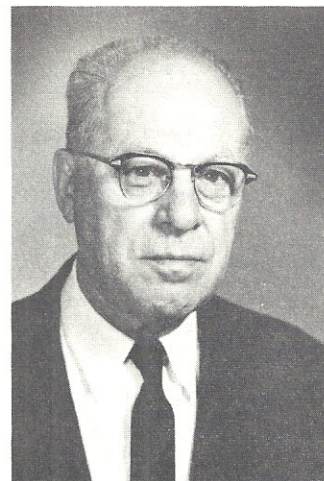
dent agents who have gone into the service around the time of this writing are TOMMY BARRETT, DENNY MATHEWS, and KEITH HANNING . . . Many of the student agents have nick names and here are some, just in case they are calling and you just don't know who they are: ED WINKATES, Water Buffalo; BOB MUSSER, Rooster; DAVE JUDY, Turkey bird; MIKE JUDY, R.S. ?; TOM BARRETT, Anteater; TED ZDEB, Porkey, and KEITH HANNING, Stinkweed. What will these kids think up next . . . Many thanks to J. McCARTHY, student agent, for the maps of the west section and Loop . . . Agent MORA HAASE has slowed down on her weekend sewing. She is now a very proud baby sitter. The baby is her sweet little granddaughter, BONNIE LYNN, age three months. Mora is also getting ready for her son's wedding September 16 in St. Paul, Minnesota. More on this wedding later on . . . Very glad to see Agent BETTY back on the job after being so ill . . . Agent AGATHA TSCHOSIK is quite excited and busy these last few weeks. She is getting everything ready for her wedding in June. More on this lovely wedding next month . . . Here is the sick list as of this date: E. MORRENZIN, S. GIBSON, L. NELSON, W. CAIN, M. ERENBERG, T. JARVIS, E. CORRIGAN, A. HILDBOLD, and C. THOMAS . . . Agent FRANK LUCAS became the proud grandfather of a baby girl born in January during the snowstorm. This is why we didn't hear about this little one till now . . . Many of the agents along the line send their get well wishes to Agents BILL CAIN and E. CORRIGAN. Hurry and get well boys, we need your help . . . On vacation at this writing are Agent A. BANNISTER and her husband, a former CTA employee, also BETTY DIAMOND and ANN DUNLEAVY . . . If we were to pick porters of the month we would have to start with Porter SCHULTZ and DAN--their stations always sparkle. And at home Schultz is a grade A baker and Dan a grade A cook . . . I wish to take this opportunity to thank one and all for their calls, visits cards, and notes while I was in the hospital. Also a special thank you to the many friends in the Loop for their kindness to me. I never knew I had so many friends there. Thanks to ANN CINCETTI and her husband for the most beautiful plant and the masses they sent to the hospital. I shall never forget the kindness shown me.

- Mildred Doyle

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

The Metropolitan Credit Union held its annual dinner at the Oak Park Arms hotel on March 11 and as usual the food was good and the entertainment enjoyable. Fifteen lucky people won \$5.00 bills as door prizes. In behalf of all who were there I would like to thank those responsible for putting on this dinner. It takes a lot of planning and hard work and I for one look forward to this affair every year . . . CATHERINE SHEEAN, pensioned Loop ticket agent, fell during the bad weather and suffered a compound fracture of the vertebrae. Miss Sheean is home now and I am sure would like to hear from her friends . . . We are also sorry to hear at this writing that agent ALMA HILDBOLD is in the hospital. We wish both these ladies a speedy recovery . . . Agent EMILY DILLON enjoyed a week's vacation in the beginning of April seeing shows and visiting . . . Agent GEORGIA BURGE spent a three-week vacation on the farm. It must have been wonderful seeing spring come to life there . . . Welcome to the new ticket agents, DOROTHY WANER and AGATHA BONDS among them. Miss Bonds is the niece of West Side Porter BONDS . . . Agent EL-EANOR HASBROUCK is a proud grandmother these days. Her son and daughter-in-law in California just presented

COMPLETING 49 years of service in Chicago transit, Elmer A. Howe, valuation engineer, Property Accounting Department, retired on March 31. He started as an employe of the Board of Supervising Engineers on June 18, 1917.



her with a new granddaughter; grandson, NEIL, just celebrated his third birthday . . . Readers please let me know where you went and what you did on your vacation. I'm sure all your friends would like to share this pleasure with you . . . On the first day of May the blood bank closes and will not take any more applications.

Agent J. DILLON received a letter from her sister in Argentina and was surprised to hear that they got reports of our big storm down there. It sure is a small world . . . Glad to hear Pensioner HENRIETTA BROWN is up and at 'em again after her leg injury. She is visiting her son in California . . . Agent LEONI NELSON is still home convalescing after surgery but she is doing fine. Keep the cards rolling in friends . . . All who knew JOE MIRABELLI were deeply shocked at his sudden passing. Joe was laid to rest on February 9. We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife, SOPHIE, and his family . . . Agent PRAUL, who has worked Clinton Street so long, took her pension on March 1. Just about in time to welcome a fifth grandchild . . . After 40 years of service Agent MARTIN BEGLEY took his pension on April 1. We wish many years of good luck and good health to our new pensioners . . . Agent STEVE GECAN is back on the job after being hospitalized. We are all glad to see him feeling well . . . Agent BURT LINNE and Mrs. LINNE drove to Florida in their new Impala. They couldn't have picked a better time. They were there during the big storm in Chicago . . . The snowstorm spelled bad luck for HELEN McMAHON. She fell and broke her arm and is still home at this writing. Sorry to hear Agent MILDRED DOYLE is off at this writing. We hope she makes it back soon . . . Our condolences to the family of Supervisor JOHN GILHOOLY, who went to his reward on February 15 . . . Belated happy birthday to Agents DOROTHY FORD, February 18; MINNIE DIKEMAN, March 17, and DOROTHY PARKER, March 20. Hope you have many more of them, girls. My grandson, BOB BRANDT, was confirmed on Palm Sunday in Messiah Lutheran church. Also, grandson JACK PALLISTER celebrated his 11th birthday on March 6 . . . Lake St. Porter MOORE is ill in Veterans hospital and I am sure he would enjoy hearing from his many friends.

- Helen Pallister

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NORTH AVENUE -

We received welcome letters from two of our pensioners. BILL ECHOLS expects to spend some time in the hospital. We hope it won't be long and that he'll be up and out soon. BARNEY CALLAHAN and his wife, JOSEPHINE, spent a month in Florida. They were guests of JOSEPH HAMEN, formerly of 69th Street, in Lockhart. They visited HUGH PETTIGREW, formerly of Archer, in Mt. Plymouth. They spent a day with ED ANDERSON, formerly of North, at Ormond Beach, and a day with HENRY STUEWE, formerly of Beverly, at Clearwater . . . Many Happy Returns to Clerk JOSEPH DILLON who celebrated his birthday on St. Joseph's Day. He treated the office boys to cake and coffee . . . RONALD BEDOE, formerly of the repair department and now in Viet Nam, sent home a projector and is sending home films so the folks can see what life there is like . . . On February 10 at Drake Bowling Lanes, EVERETT ENGLAND of Skokie Shops did himself proud. After nine strikes the six pin stood up following a good Brooklyn hit. The resulting score was 279. His following scores were 196 and 225 for a 700 total. Everett is columnist and secretary-treasurer of the CTA P.M. League. Good shooting, Everett . . . We welcome new Operators LAWRENCE JONES, JOHN WHITE, EDWARD STOKES, BOOKER BOLTON, JACOB BISHOP, HOWARD SMITH, JURIO VITANDS, ENIO ROLDAN, and JAMES HOLMES . . . FRANK GRAMALDI is the new assistant day foreman replacing PAT HIGGINS who took his pension. Repairman WILLIAM LAMBERT was promoted to relief foreman at Keeler Garage. JOSEPH BYRNE and WAYNE MATEJKA, Repair Department, were transferred to the Building Department. Clerk RON BENSISH has been promoted to the Internal Auditing Department as a field auditor . . . My son, WAYNE MIEDEMA, Repair Department, has announced his engagement to BONNIE BEAR of Norridge. The big event will take place in the spring of 1968 . . . Day Foreman PATRICK CLANCY took a whole week's vacation for St. Patrick's Day. Operator LEO PLUKOWSKI visited around Chicago instead of Florida, saving his dough and looking for an early pension. Clerk ARTHUR OLSEN visited Florida for his vacation . . . Operator ARTHUR THOMPSON finally made the overage list . . . Operator HERMAN HASENKAMP has been sick and would like to hear from his friends. MICHAEL McNICHOLS, Repair Department, has been on the sick list. We hope both will be well and back with us soon . . . Supervisor ELMER HAAK, formerly of North, passed away suddenly March 16. Operator MICHAEL DIER passed away March 13. Pensioner WILLIAM HAYES departed this life March 11. Pensioner A. KORTMANN, formerly of North, passed away March 19. Operator JACOB PANKOW, formerly of North, departed this life February 25. Pensioner GUSTAV HERZAU departed this life March 1. Pensioner PHIL SMITH lost his wife March 3. Pensioner HANS HANSEN passed away. Operator EARL TIBBITTS, Board Member from Beverly departed this life. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families . . . Credit union news: The new hours for business to be done by the credit union are as follows: Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12 Noon. Paydays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed on Wednesdays other than paydays. Please comply with these hours. Two men have been added to the credit union to fill vacancies left by retirements. They are AARON PRUITT and JOHN WITHERSPOON. We welcome these new men. Your credit union stands ready to help you with your loans or savings.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH PARK -

The North Park Credit Union is standing by for loans with strictest of confidence for auto, dental and medical, household furnishings, real estate improvements, clothing, taxes, tuition, vacations, etc. Your savings have added insurance features. Membership - one share \$5.00. See John, Tony, or Dale for information . . . In the union attendance contest, North Park earned a third place tie with Kedzie Depot and will receive a plaque at the April meeting. Board members SCHOLL and LASKE extend their thanks to everyone who helped make this possible . . . Clerk JOE DI GIOVANNI and his wife, CONNIE, vacationed in and around Miami Beach, Florida, staying at the Fontainebleau on Collins avenue. Joe and Connie spent a day visiting with Pensioner HERMAN ERICKSON, former Superintendent of Limits Depot, who sends his regards to his many Chicago friends . . . Operator CONNIE SCHMIT and his wife, FRANCES, spent their vacation at New Orleans, Louisiana, and Sun City, Florida, where Connie's brother, EDWARD, resides. Visits were also made at Hobe Sound, Florida, to visit Mr. and Mrs. EDGAR TREVITHICK. Returning home the Schmits were stranded for four days in Lansing, Illinois, due to our great snowstorm . . . Operator HAROLD JULITZ spent his two-week winter vacation ice fishing at the Chain-of-Lakes in Illinois and reports that he had great catches of crappies and blue gills . . . Operator JACK RUSS and his wife, MARION, were stranded at O'Hare Airport for four days during the record snowstorm and as a consequence missed the graduation ceremonies of their son, TOM, who was graduated from the navy boot camp at San Diego, California. Tom then had a 16-day leave and flew home on his furlough to have some fun before reporting to Guam . . . Airman 3rd Class ALAN JONES, son of Operator GUS JONES, was home on a furlough from Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada, for a wonderful two weeks of Chicago's winter wonderland . . . Operator ARNIE MARSCH found a new home at North Park, where he spent a few nights as a guest of Mr. KERR . . . Operator LARRY COSTLEY has become a street collector after having five serious operations and likes his position, which is giving him a new challenge . . . Operator SAM GAFENEY is now working as a sanitary engineer after nine years as a bus operator . . . Clerk WILBER GERRISH became a willing midwife recently when his dog, Browser, gave birth to

WELL REPRESENTED at the recent wedding of Bus Repairman ROBERT LEHOR (standing, center) was the Kedzie Station Repair Department. Bob's fellow employees were on hand at the reception following the ceremony to extend their congratulations to the newlyweds.



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five pups. Anyone interested in a pup should see Wilber . . . Operator CLARENCE KURTH was robbed and beaten by a person who was apprehended in the scuffle by a bystander . . . TOM and JIM KUREZEWSKI, sons of Operator ED KUREZEWSKI, received their first Communion and Confirmation March 19 at St. Hilary's church, while daughter, LAURA JEAN, was baptized March 5 . . . Operator CHARLES "Swede" ANDERSON purchased a 1967 Oldsmobile 98 and was privileged to see the car assembled at the plant in Lansing, Michigan, from where he drove it home . . . Supervisor JOHN BORK has moved into his new home at 6334 N. Oketo avenue and is looking for volunteers at Christmas time to decorate the 35 foot pine trees in front of the home . . . Operator RONALD HODGES had the misfortune of someone breaking into his garage and stealing the battery from his new Falcon . . . MICHAEL THELIN, son of Operator HANK THELIN, was elected president of the 26-member freshman class at the Alexian Brothers School of Nursing . . . Supervisor JOHN ERICKSON cut his finger, needing seven stitches to save it, while working on a trolley pole . . . FRANK VON SCHWEDLER JR., son of Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER, received his 11th cluster to add to his Air Medal, while he is serving in the U.S. Army helicopter service in Viet Nam . . . Pensioner PAUL GUNTHER writes from his hacienda in Hollywood, Florida, that the door is open to his many Chicago friends who may travel his way on vacations. Paul's address is 2530 Taylor street, Hollywood, Florida . . . Pensioner JACK KARASEK was a visitor to Palo Alto, California, where his son Dr. MARVIN KARASEK is a P.H.D. at the Stanford Medical Center. While in Los Angeles, Jack enjoyed a visit with Pensioner WILLIAM "Snuffy" SHEA, who resides here and would like to say hello to his friends . . . MARY JEAN MIKIETA daughter of Operator JOE MIKIETA was married on Saturday, April 22, to Mr. RICHARD NELSON at St. Aloysious church. The reception was held at the V.F.W. Hall on N. Laramie avenue with 200 guests attending . . . Operator JERRY BUDZISZ became a father for the fifth time when his wife, HELEN, gave birth to a son named STEVEN GERARD, born February 7 at St. Elizabeth's hospital . . . Medical Examiner AL GLUECKERT and his wife, MARGE, became grandparents for the first time when their son, RICHARD, and daughter-in-law, VIRGINIA, became parents of a daughter named JENNIFER LYNN, born February 8 . . . 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 . . . Operator DAVID BENSON became a father for the second time when his wife, JACQUELINE, gave birth to a daughter named LINDA FAYE born February 15 at Swedish Covenant hospital. David's father, ROBERT, is an operator at Limits Depot and is busy passing out cigars again . . . Operator HAROLD BASON became a grandfather for the third time when his daughter, Mrs. JOYCE DE LATOUR, gave birth February 24 to a daughter named CAROLYN JOYCE at St. Elizabeth's hospital . . . Pensioner MELVIN ZAHR became a grandfather again when his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. ANDREW ZAHR, became parents of a son named TIMOTHY born March 5 at Swedish Covenant hospital . . . Our congratulations are extended to the happy parents and grandparents.

Operator ROGER AYOTTE and his wife, HELEN, celebrated their 8th anniversary February 28. The Ayottes dined out at the Flame restaurant with Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD KRESK. The evening ended at the Portage Park Moose Lodge where a grand time was had . . . Operator IRVING MOSKOVITZ and his wife, ANN, celebra-

ted their 37th anniversary March 21. They were taken to dinner at Ivanhoe restaurant by their son, Operator BOB and Mrs. MOSKOVITZ, and then to the McVickers theatre to see the play, "Fiddler on the Roof." . . . Happy anniversaries are also extended to Operator ARTHUR OLSON and his wife, LENORE, their 27th, February 14; Operator ED ZIENTARA and his wife, ROSE, their 31st, February 25; Operator DON BENNETT and his wife, MARIE, their 19th March 2; Operator TOM DE CANTILON and his wife, MARY, their 20th, March 4; Operator IRVING SHER and his wife, MILDRED, their 29th, April 10; Operator ADOLPH JENDRYCZKI and his wife, JEAN, their 29th April 10; Operator CLARENCE VAN MIDDLESWORTH and his wife, SHAREN, their 2nd, April 6; Operator THOMAS WILSON and his wife, BONNIE, their 9th on April 16; Operator ALBERT NAGELE and his wife, ANNA, their 31st April 22, and Operator P. J. SMITH and his wife, MADELYN, their 14th, April 30. Congratulations are extended to the above couples . . . Happy birthdays are extended to the following: MARC ANTON CHAVIS, February 5; NATHANIEL ARTHUR, February 9; NATALIE ANGELA CHAVES, February 12; Operator WALTER "Valentine" ZINKOVICH, February 14; DANNY KURCZEWSKI, March 31; AGNES ERICKSON, April 7; MARY KIRKWOOD, April 12; Operator JOHN MEDINA, April 15; Operator CHESTER DAMIAN, March 2; Receiver ED STENZEL, March 9; Operator GARY NOONAN, March 6; Operator HERB LINDEMANN, March 17; Clerk RAY MIZANOVICH, March 17; Operator ED NEWTON, March 17; Operator LE ROY CONKLIN, April 5; TOM KURCZESKI, April 5, and ADOLPH JENDRYCZKI, April 28 . . . Our sympathy and condolences

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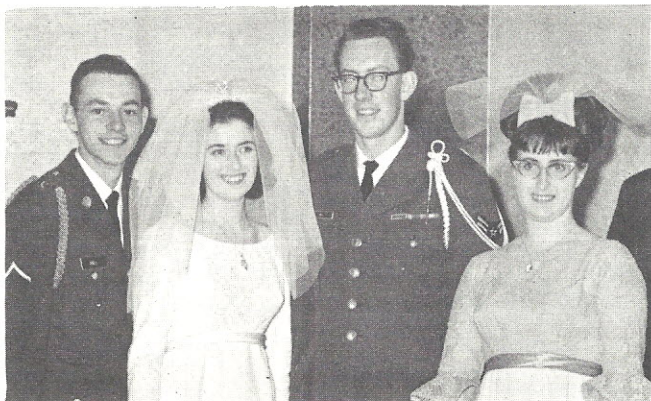
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to Operator JACK KOVITZ on the loss of his father, ABRAHAM KOVITZ, and to the families of pensioners J. J. GEARY and ARTHUR SABEY, Supervisor ELMER HAAK, and Clerk ROBERT STACH on the loss of his mother, Mrs. ELLA STACH . . . Operator BILL BONNEFOR retired April 1 after 41 years of service and is going to relax for a bit while he makes up his mind about what he wants to do. Good luck and may you enjoy many years of leisure living, Bill . . . Operator E. H. BURT and his wife, LILLIAN, spent their vacation at Mexico, Missouri, where E. H.'s mother, Mrs. MARGARET BURT, resides. The Burts fished on a farm where his mother lives and had good luck catching black bass . . . Mrs. MADELYN TERRY, wife of Operator JESSE TERRY, was graduated February 23 from St. Luke's-Presbyterian hospital Nursing School. Madelyne is now employed at St. Luke's hospital and is working the P.M. shift in the emergency room . . . North Park depot was treated to coffee by the company and rolls by courtesy of the Credit Union for setting a new high in commendations and a new low in complaints for the month of February. Let's keep up the good work, gentlemen, and have coffee and rolls soon again . . . Repairman JULIUS MERSCH and his wife, AGNES, flew Delta Air Lines to Miami, Florida, where they enjoyed a three-week vacation. Key points of interest were visiting Fort Lauderdale and Key West. Julius had exceptional luck fishing off the bridge at Key Biscayne using a hand line that he bought at Grant's dime store . . . Repairman PAT WALSH, who has been off sick for four months, is sorely missed at the garage and the gang hopes to see him back soon . . . Cleaner TOM CHIOVINO has returned to work after being home for a considerable time, due to an unfortunate accident . . . Sergeant ROBERT BAKANOWICZ, son of Repairman BUCK BAKANOWICZ, returned home from Viet Nam where his tour of duty ended. Robert's tour of duty consisted of working with army intelligence . . . Clerk GEORGE BENSISH and his wife, STEPHANIE, motored throughout the West on their vacation. Highlights of the trip were stops at Phoenix, Las Vegas, San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco . . . Repairman FRANK SIBLEY had his usual two-week spring vacation, and his wife, TESS, kept him busy with the usual spring cleaning chores . . . Repairman ED CORDA, who retired on pension, is now a resident of Tennessee Ridge, Route 2, Tennessee, and invites all his friends to stop and see him. Ed assures everyone that the Mountain Dew will be

UNITED IN holy matrimony at St. Giles church in Oak Park on January 7 were JOANNE O'CONNOR and GREG HILL. Joanne and her matron of honor, Mrs. CAROLYNN STOLZ of the Public Information Department, are the daughters of TOM O'CONNOR of the Lawndale Station Repair Department. The bridegroom, a PFC in the U. S. Army, is stationed at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, and his best man and brother is Air Force Corporal PAT HILL.



on the house . . . The sympathy of the garage is extended to Night Foreman JOHN JOYCE on the loss of his mother, MARGARET JOYCE, of Kassel Bar, County Mayo, Ireland.

- Melvin Horning

PURCHASING, STORES & SPECIFICATIONS (Specifications) -

A warm welcome back to JOHN LARKIN who recently underwent surgery . . . On January 14 BARBARA ANN MAGUIRE, daughter of Specification Engineer F. J. MAGUIRE, was married to LAWRENCE HECKLER at St. Anthony's Catholic church in Cicero, Illinois. Barbara Ann, a magna cum laude graduate from Mundelien college, is presently employed in the Social Security Department for the government and Mr. Heckler, an electrical engineering graduate from the University of Illinois, is employed by the United States Steel company. The CTA was well represented at an evening reception held at the Berwyn Eagles hall in Berwyn, Illinois. The newlyweds are now residing in Blue Island.

(Stores) -

The ED BRUCKNERS enjoyed a February vacation in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida.

(South Division) -

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN VIDAS are happy to announce the arrival of their first baby, CHERYL ANN, on March 6 . . . That terrific noise you heard the other day was not a jet breaking the sound barrier - it was the rousing welcome back FRANK RUND and TOM SKVARLA received from their co-workers at 78th and Vincennes when they recently returned from the sick list . . . Our newcomer at Storeroom 48 is none other than PAT HARRISON, who transferred from the Transportation Department . . . Our sincere sympathy is extended to the PI-ONTKOWSKI family on the recent death of ED PIONTKOWSKI, and also to RUDY HEROLD on the recent death of his brother.

(North Division) -

On March 2 Mr. and Mrs. BEN CUTRERA became proud grandparents for the fourth time when their youngest daughter presented them with a baby boy, EUGENE Jr. They also have little LISA MARIE, who is two years old . . . Mr. and Mrs. TOM MADIGAN just returned from a Florida vacation and enjoyed every minute of it and the more than 3,000 miles they put on their new car . . . Our best wishes to Mrs. MIX for a speedy recovery. Mr. MIX is our boss man in Storeroom 43.

- D. Jane Bell

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Belated birthday greetings are extended to JOHN BENNIS who celebrated his birthday on St. Patrick's day. Many more happy returns of the day, John . . . GEORGE HANUS announces that he is a grandfather for the second time; the score is even now, one boy and one girl. George is celebrating by taking his wife to Niagara Falls . . . JIM MCBRIDE is now back to work after an illness at home . . . BERNIE KINCANNON took an Easter week vacation to keep away from the snow . . . We have reports from ED REILLY that he is doing well and hopes to be back to work real soon. Hurry back, Ed . . . MARGE VIDAL, our former typist, called recently and wished all her friends a happy Easter.

- Kathryn Batina

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

CARL E. ANDERSON, 87, Burnside,
Emp. 10-19-07, Died 2-19-67
GEORGE BOTTCHEER, 72, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-25-16, Died 3-1-67
ALEXANDER L. BRAND, 62, South Section,
Emp. 3-2-27, Died 2-10-67
MARTIN BUTLER, 75, North Park,
Emp. 1-15-20, Died 2-5-67
THURE E. CARLSON, 59, 69th Street,
Emp. 7-9-43, Died 2-5-67
WILLIAM M. CAVANAUGH, 74, North Section,
Emp. 2-8-23, Died 2-5-67
ALEXANDER DANIELSKI, 57, Shops & Equipment,
Emp. 10-15-46, Died 3-6-67
WILLIAM DIER, 59, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-7-42, Died 3-11-67
GEORGE DONALD, 79, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-27-22, Died 2-15-67
ANGELO DRAMISINO, 75, North Division,
Emp. 4-9-24, Died 2-12-67
CHARLES EGGERSTEDT, 89, Lawndale,
Emp. 8-29-08, Died 2-23-67
JAMES A. FAVICCHIO, 79, Way & Structures,
Emp. 3-6-20, Died 3-3-67
ALBERT G. GAPINSKI, 66, Archer,
Emp. 11-13-41, Died 2-22-67
JAMES GEARY, 76, Wilson Avenue,
Emp. 11-29-27, Died 2-24-67
ELMER HAAK, 59, District D,
Emp. 11-2-33, Died 3-16-67
WASYL HAWRYLYSZYN, 77, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-25-19, Died 2-25-67
FRANK A. HEROLD, 76, North-South,
Emp. 7-18-11, Died 1-18-67
AUGUST A. HERZOG, 96, North Division,
Emp. 4-4-10, Died 3-1-67

HENRY A. HITTERMAN, 71, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 1-25-17, Died 2-12-67
AXEL HOLMBERG, 79, Lake Street,
Emp. 2-18-07, Died 2-2-67
JOHN JOHNSON, 72, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-22-27, Died 3-4-67
CHARLES KELLEHER, 80, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-6-07, Died 1-24-67
GEORGE MAY, 57, Beverly,
Emp. 10-5-44, Died 3-12-67
WILLIAM MC DONALD, 69, 39th & Halsted,
Emp. 9-15-23, Died 2-7-67
STEVE MILOS, 57, Track,
Emp. 5-1-29, Died 3-18-67
DELIA MORLEY, 87, South Section,
Emp. 4-12-08, Died 1-17-67
JACOB PANKOW, 76, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-9-23, Died 2-24-67
EDWARD PIONTKOWSKI, 64, Stores Department,
Emp. 11-30-26, Died 2-22-67
ALBERT R. SABEY, 81, Devon,
Emp. 9-20-06, Died 2-23-67
ALLEN SMITH, 49, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-18-57, Died 3-2-67
LORENZO R. THOMS, 79, General Office,
Emp. 8-31-20, Died 2-22-67
EARL TIBBITS, 63, Beverly,
Emp. 2-3-36, Died 3-5-67
ANTON WAITKUS, 88, Blue Island,
Emp. 4-14-13, Died 2-25-67
ANDREW WALSH, 84, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-7-14, Died 2-20-67
EDMUND WARKOCKI, 71, West Section,
Emp. 5-26-20, Died 2-14-67
EDWARD WELIN, 72, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 12-13-23, Died 2-16-67

SKOKIE SHOPS -

JANET, daughter of BILL and SHIRLEY BUERGER, took a plane from O'Hare airport on March 18, with a church group for Bermuda. This was a graduation present from Shirley and Bill. Bill is an electrical worker at Skokie . . . Welcome to CHARLES CATINO, laborer, who recently transferred to Skokie . . . Recently returned to work was JOHN ZDUNEK, who had a broken arm . . . Had more cards from OTTO MOSER, retired electrical worker, who is traveling around the world. Sure sounds like he is having a wonderful time . . . Come on fellows, how about giving some news into the office so we can have a nice column, too.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SHOPS -

March 11 was the date of a lovely wedding between CAROL BUEGEL, formerly of the Garage Division, and JIM CORBO. A reception was held at Ferrari Manor. The couple honeymooned in the Ozarks. Upon returning to Chicago their car was hit from the rear and both Carol and Jim spent some time in the hospital . . . LARRY VANCE has transferred to the S&E Office from the shop, BOB AVRAM to the S&E Office from Training and Accident Prevention, and CHARLES DAVIS to S&E Office from Revenue Accounting . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS VOLPE . . . Congratulations to TONY and PAULINE POLIC on the birth of a son, SCOTTY . . . Best of luck to RON JARECKAS who recently completed his apprenticeship

. . . The welcome mat is out to GUS IVY, former bus operator, DON CRIGLER, and FRED PETROZZ, who have entered the machinist apprentice program. Don and Fred are presently serving 19 weeks with the national guard . . . Hurry and get well wishes are extended to the following men who are under the weather at this writing: MARTIN LAUGHLIN, HENRY SZEPAK, and JERRY MORIARITY . . . The TONY NUTILES are grandparents again. This time a little girl, JENNIFER REBECCA, was announced by RONALD and JOYCE NUTILE . . . FRANK SPOLEC, foreman, was feted at a retirement party March 31 by his co-workers. May your retirement be a long and happy one, Frank . . . ANDY TYSON is piloting a new Plymouth . . . JACK MURRAY recently returned from jury duty . . . WALLY KAWECKI's son, WALLY, was recently home on leave, preparatory to a tour of duty in Viet Nam . . . FRANK HORVAT, BOB SMITH, and DICK HICKEY spent a back porch, Illinois, vacation . . . Congratulations and good health to BILL PETERS who retired after 20 years service at CTA. Bill started with the Chicago Motor Coach Company . . . Glad to see JERRY ANDERSON back after a stay in the hospital . . . The stork arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. JERRY KILLMAN on February 3 and brought TAMMY SUE . . . The winners of the Golf Tournament raffle are BILL HASKINS, STAN NIEMAN, and ED BYRNE . . . The FRANK CROUSES recently returned from Oklahoma City where their son, RONALD J., was married to NANCY FAYE GRIFFIN. The wedding took place March 11 in St. Paul's cathedral. The bride attended Oklahoma Baptist university, and the Ray-Vogue merchandising school in Chicago. Ronald attended the

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University of Illinois and is stationed with the army in San Antonio, Texas.

ROBERT S. ZAJAC, son of Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD E. ZAJAC, will graduate from Mendel Catholic High school on May 30. He will attend Northern Illinois university at DeKalb, Illinois, majoring in business administration. Bob is a member of Mendel's golf team and has earned a letter in same. He will be employed at the South Shops Stores Department during summer vacation . . . The L. GORDON ANDERSON's became members of the grandparents club on February 27 when DAVID SCOTT arrived at 5:10 a.m. . . Miss AMELIA RUKSTALIS will be given in marriage to THOMAS NOEL by her uncle, JOE KISELUS. Amelia is the daughter of JULIA and the late VINCENT RUKSTALIS, a former CTA motorman. The wedding will take place at Nativity Of The Blessed Virgin Mary church, with a reception following at the Hamlin Club . . . Mr. and Mrs. JOE BOLECH and another couple spent two weeks in Florida recently. After flying to Miami, they rented a car and drove to Marathon for fishing and various side trips. The following week they returned to the Hallendale area for an excursion and fun in the sun.

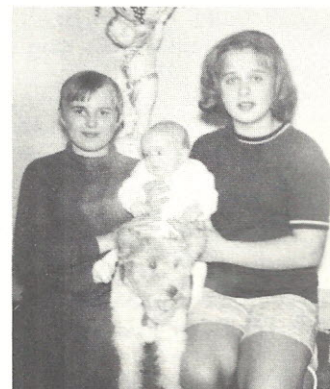
- Kathleen O'Brien & Al Haas

SOUTH SECTION -

Boy, that was some winter we all went through. Glad that it's over and spring has finally arrived. Our hats are off to all the men and women who worked so diligently during the super storm in January. Consequently, some of my news is rather old, but we'll get caught up with all of it this time . . . First of all, I must mention that for the first time my better half, ROLAND, and I walked into the front door of an auto agency instead of the usual back lot and purchased a new 1967 Chevrolet. We're still floating on cloud nine we're so happy . . . Now on with the news: Motorman PAUL SCHILLE of Loomis Street went on pension February 1 and we wish him many happy and healthy years on retirement. The men at Loomis presented him with a token of remembrance and coffee and rolls were also served. Sorry I was unable to attend cause it was during the big storm . . . Switchman AUBREY BOLLING was grinning from ear to ear when he told us about the birth of little CAROLINE, born January 26. This makes four children for the happy Bolling family . . . Good luck to Conductor ROBERT JACKSON who went on military leave with the army recently . . . Conductor PHARAOH CAIN had a nice winter vacation in Hot Springs, Arkansas . . . The South Section is really beaming with pride. Both 61st and Loomis Streets received a plaque for establishing best accident records over their previous best year and free coffee and rolls were served. Keep up this fine work men . . . Back to work and off the sick list are Motorman ANGELOS YPSILANTI, PAUL DUCAR, DALE SLEDGE, CARL FISHER, JIMMIE WHITTAKER, Switchman JOHNNIE TOLSON, Conductor HAROLD THEDENS, and Agents JEAN GUSTAFSON and ANTON CHRISTENSEN . . . Supervisor WILLIAM NASH is sure proud of his daughter, SANDRA, who won first prize in the Science Fair at her school, Cooley Upper Grade, and 2nd place in the district. She presented a visual perception project . . . Porter HEZEKIAH MILLIGAN went on pension March 1 and the 61st Street men had a nice get-together for him with sandwiches, cake, etc. A token of remembrance was presented to him from the trainmen and also one from the agents and porters. Retired Porter JOHN WILSON and many porters and agents stopped in to give Porter MILLIGAN a good send off. A good eating time was had by

all. Our best wishes for a good retirement life for Porter Milligan . . . Received a nice letter from Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS who spent most of the winter down at Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, with Retired Conductor THOMAS BEGGAN. They were sure two lucky people. They are back home now. While down in Florida they visited with Retired Supervisor WALTER HILL and Retired Motorman COLEMAN JOYCE. They also went to St. Petersburg and attended the pensioners meeting and saw all their old friends. The Florida pensioners send their regards to all of us back in Chicago . . . Greetings to newly transferred trainmen from the North and West Sections: ISRAEL HARRIS, FREDERICK MCCOLLOUGH, HENRY HARRIS, EDGAR SMITH, CATOR ESCHO, and HOMER SPEARS, and newly hired Agent RALPHENA NEAL . . . Another Florida vacationer for a month during our bad weather was Shop Clerk JIM DALY who returned looking healthy and tan . . . Good news: Retired Agent BETTY BUCKLEY, who lives in Hawaii and who had been in the hospital recently, is home now recuperating nicely . . . Good luck to Porter PATRICK HARRISON who was transferred to laborer, Stores Department, on March 12 . . . Going on disability retirement on March 1 were Motorman MARION JEFFERY and Conductor JOSEPH KACZMAREK, both had been on the sick list for several months . . . Another new member in our Grandfather's Club is Conductor STANLEY ZIELINSKI, who became a grandpa for the first time when a boy was born to his son and daughter-in-law recently . . . Roland and I wish to thank the officers of the Metropolitan Credit Union for inviting us to their annual meeting and dinner which was held in the Oak Park Arms hotel recently. Of course, lucky Roland and I walked off with two \$5.00 door prizes. Isn't that wonderful! We sure had a good time . . . Some of our pensioners were around to see the boys at 61st Street: Retired Motormen EDWARD HENNESSY and RALPH WRISKA, and Retired Conductors WILLIAM MANNICH and DENNIS BARRY . . . Motorman LEONARD BEATTY was sure bursting with pride when he told us about his son, LEONARD Jr., who is serving his country as a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Air Force in Viet Nam. Best of luck to Leonard Jr. . . Sincere condolences to Senior Station Instructor JAMES WALSH whose father passed away recently, to HELEN LAFAIRE on the loss of her sister, and to Motorman CLARENCE LEE on the loss of his son . . . Received a postcard from Retired Collector THOMAS MCINERNEY and his wife, NANCY, who took a trip to Palm Springs, California, to soak up the sunshine. They send their regards to all . . . Much good luck is wished to Collector DONALD KIRKILAS who resigned to accept another position and to Agent BETTYE WILLIAMS who resigned . . . Motorman GEORGE JEFFERSON, who is on Military Leave in Korea, sent a card to the fellas

BECOMING PROUD parents for the third time recently were Mr. and Mrs. JOHN SIEBERT, who announced the birth of MARIE MARTHA on February 2. Pictured here astride the family dog, Holly, Marie is being held by her sisters, BERNADETTE ANN (left) and ANITA MARIE. John is the stock clerk II in charge of Storeroom 51 at South Shops.



INSIDE NEWS

at 61st Street saying how much he misses them . . . Clerk JOE and Agent ANN O'CONNOR drove down to St. Petersburg, Florida, to sun themselves on the beach in 85 degree weather and they said they had a wonderful vacation. Received a nice letter from Retired Conductor WARREN (Sam) HILL and his wife who live in Port Charlotte, Florida. They are getting along fine and say "hello" to all their friends back in Chicago.

- Verna Hartney

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Our condolences to the family of L. STEWART, Kimball, on the passing of their mother, CALONIA BUTLER, on March 11 . . . Our sympathy is extended to the family of W. THORNTON of Congress whose father passed away on March 16 . . . After 20 years of service, L. JAKEL, Linden, retired on April 1. Best wishes for good health and happiness are sent his way . . . Congratulations to RICHARD LORIMER of Lake Street on his graduation to instructor . . . Glad to hear that our hospital visitors, M. HEIL and M. CRONIN of Wilson, are doing fine after a short stay at St. Francis hospital . . . TOM O'LEARY, Kimball, is at home and recuperating after spending some time at Forkosh Memorial hospital . . . Word has it that A. PHILBIN has organized wheel chair races to occupy his time while at Edgewater hospital . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Mrs. WIECHOWSKI who is confined to the hospital . . . A hearty welcome to new repairmen, J. CUNNINGHAM at Wilson and G. GRILLAERT at Congress and new car cleaners W. KRUEGER and G. ESTRADA at Howard and D. ROBERTSON at Congress . . . M. BUCHANAN, Wilson, enjoyed southern hospitality and a bit of moonshine on his recent visit to Tennessee and Kentucky . . . A vacation that offered a change of pace was enjoyed by F. RIO, A. LONG, A. GIBSON, J. DURR, J. RAND, D. BRODIE, L. COLLINS, A. MISCHKE, G. KLEIN, A. DIGIANFILPIPO, and M. KRISTMAN . . . Congratulations to CHARLES MYERS of Lake Street on the new addition to his family. Charlie plans on hours of fun and relaxation listening to his new canary.

- Ray Brzezczek

WEST SECTION -

I'm writing this column on Easter morning and my happy thoughts are that everyone had a very holy holiday . . . Finally getting to write about the big storm in January in case you have forgotten. A great big thanks to all who made it to work. Without them running our trains the city would have been a total disaster . . . Congratulations to Clerk E. SCHAEFFER on becoming a grandfather for the sixth time. Mother and father and little CATHERINE MARIE are doing fine, but grandfather was a total wreck . . . Motorman PROVANZANO's, wife just honored him with his sixth child. A good paisano should try for an even dozen . . . Motorman K. BROWN's wife gave birth to their second child. So congratulations to little ROXANNE for being born to such nice parents . . . Saw BILL HAWKINS and he seems to be getting along just fine except for his big toe . . . Porter REDUS MOORE was in the hospital for a while but now is back to work feeling very chipper . . . Conductor ROBERT McCARTHY was off due to a broken ankle. It happened during the storm, but his friend, DAN, told us it wasn't caused by the snow--he fell off a chair . . . The credit union party at the carhouse was a huge success. With our Polish chef, DAN BORE, cooking, the food was

great. I knew the Italian sausage was going to be good for my sister made it. And the best news of all is that the credit union is now giving five per cent. My parting words to the person who removed our coffee box money, may the man above forgive you.

- Santo Siciliano

TRANSPORTATION (Mart) -

Some like the plane and some like the train--ELSIE SMITH went by train down to Daytona Beach, Florida, where she spent a very enjoyable week with her mother and father, while CARL LARSEN and his wife flew to Florida. They stayed in Ft. Lauderdale and visited many places including Cypress Gardens. Being an ardent golfer, Carl was out on the golf course as often as possible, but wouldn't tell us any of his scores . . . The 8th grade basketball team of Our Lady Help of Christians finished in second place in a 27 team tournament. Helping them put the ball through the hoop was JOHN, the son of JAMES J. ROCHE, who was also named to the tournament all star team . . . Congratulations to LARRY PROVOST and JOE SMITH who celebrated their 25th anniversary with the company during the month of March . . . FLORENCE, the wife of ART ROEPKE, and JOHN HUIZENGA both underwent surgery. We hope that they are well on their way to recovery and are feeling much better . . . DONALD J. VELLEUX, the son-in-law of retired RT Superintendent S. R. SMITH passed away on March 1. We extend our sympathy to Mr. Smith and his family.

- Colette Szycepanek

77TH STREET -

Boy! How the time flies. It seems like only yesterday everyone was saying Merry Xmas-Happy New Year. And now here it is after Easter. Quite a few of the 77th Street hot rods are celebrating birthdays, to begin here are a few: Operator JERRY THOMAS, April 17; Instructor F. R. SNYDER, April 29; Operator DICK LANE, April 15, and Operator R. HIDALGO, March 22. The latter was so late in reporting his because he was in Mexico on vacation . . . Operator DON POWELL celebrated his birthday on Palm Sunday and his first wedding anniversary on Easter Sunday . . . And Operator W. STALLWORTH celebrated his birthday March 14 in Mobile, Alabama. He reported to this reporter that he caught lots of fish. But he didn't bring back any evidence --but we believe him, don't we? . . . Operator LEON SIMPSON would like to say thanks to everyone at 77th for their help and kind words, he was burned out by fire February 25 . . . Operator JEFFERY QUALLS attended the grand opening of the new 77th Street Station, bringing with the whole family. His daughter, CORTEA, was celebrating her 14th birthday March 22 . . . Well, I seem to be having lots of company in walking the last mile. Four months ago I was married to RUTH WILSON, and now Operator A. McKEIVER tells us he did the same thing April 3 with JEAN ALLEN. Good luck ol'buddy . . . Boy the grand opening of the new station was a real blast complete with the 77th street orchestra. Refreshments were served to all. The new station is open and already the checker games are in progress. Operators CHUCK CONNERS, JIMMIE GREEN, BANKS, and BELL all claim to be the champion, but I can take them all! . . . Operator TONY FORTINEAUX left on vacation April 9 for the apple better known as New York City.

- Amos Foster

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