

# TRANSIT NEWS

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**THIRD QUARTER** winners in the Interstation Safety Contest were 61st Street on the rapid transit system, which had a perfect score of 75.00, and Archer station on the surface system, which received a 60.81 rating. In the picture above, employees at 61st Street look on while G. A. Riley, superintendent of operating stations, presents the plaque to Station Superintendent R. W. Meisner. Operating employees at Archer station are assembled (right) for the award presentation being made by D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, to M. F. Harrington, station superintendent. Board Chairman G. L. DeMent attended the presentation and is seated to the left of Mr. Flynn.



## Transportation, S&E Personnel

### Named in New Supervisory Appointments

**BULLETINS ISSUED** recently announced appointments affecting supervisory personnel in the Transportation and Shops and Equipment Departments.

In a bulletin signed by D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, and approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser, R. H. Kugelard was named District "C" superintendent; R. Reighard became relief district superintendent - Districts "C" and "D"; T. Hildebrandt was appointed district supervisor - District "D", and L. Mount became relief district supervisor - Districts "C", "D", and Central.

Appointments affecting garage foremen, according to bulletins signed by E. E. Olmstead, assistant superintendent, S&E Surface Division, and approved by S&E Superintendent L. G. Anderson, were as follows:

Effective November 12, Walter C. Hallford was named assistant day foreman at 77th Street Garage, Tellis Walker P.M. foreman at Beverly Garage, Hosea Johnson relief foreman at Archer Garage, and Terrence McGuigan relief foreman at 77th Street Garage.

Effective November 26, Phillip E. O'Connor was appointed night foreman at 77th Street Garage, Edward F. Kuklewicz assistant day foreman at Archer Garage, Terrance P. Muellner P.M. foreman at 69th Street Garage, James R. Pankonen relief foreman at North Avenue Garage, and William J. Joseph relief foreman at 77th Street Garage.

Effective December 10, Harold R. McGann became assistant day foreman at 77th Street Garage, George A. Hunt P.M. foreman at Archer Garage, and Michael M. Smith relief foreman at 52nd Street Garage.



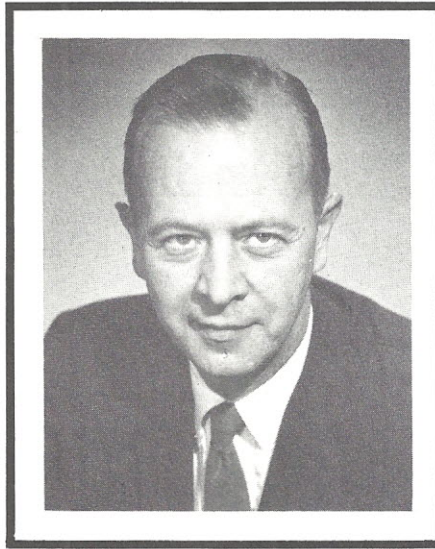
# H. S. Anthon, Supt. of Engineering, Dies at 49

HAROLD S. ANTHON, 49, general superintendent of engineering for CTA, died of a heart attack Wednesday, December 6, in Sherman hospital, Elgin.

Mr. Anthon, who lived at 208 Chamberlain drive, Barrington, Illinois, had worked as usual on December 5 but felt ill on his way home and drove directly to the hospital, where he died early the following morning.

Mr. Anthon was CTA's administrator and coordinator for many important rapid transit extension and improvement projects financed by the City of Chicago and the Federal Government. These include the Skokie Swift and extensions in the Dan Ryan and Kennedy expressways, extension of the Englewood service, and the Northwest Passage connecting the North Western railway's downtown terminal with CTA's Clinton station on the Lake rapid transit route.

As assistant engineer of buildings and structures, Mr. Anthon joined CTA in 1948. In December, 1950, he was appointed engineer of buildings and structures, and in July, 1961, he advanced to the position of superintendent of construction and maintenance. In October, 1964, he was appointed general superintendent of engineering, the position he held at the time of his death.



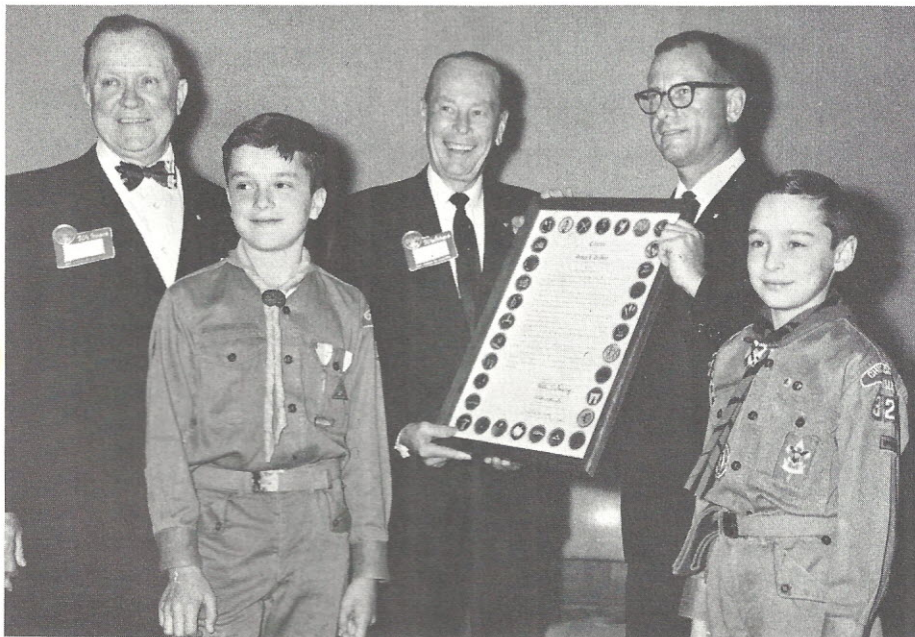
Mr. Anthon came to CTA from the California Institute of Technology, where he received his master of science degree in civil engineering and was a graduate teaching assistant in civil engineering.

From 1940 to 1946 he served in the armed forces, during which time he attended the University of Chicago Institute of Meteorology and the United States Air Force Flying school. In the air force, Mr. Anthon held the rank of major. Prior to his service career, he was graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

In addition to his membership in many fraternal, engineering, and military organizations, Mr. Anthon has served as chairman of the Plant and Engineering division of the American Transit Association. He was a member of the Barrington Tennis club and was active in the Norwegian Old Peoples Home society.

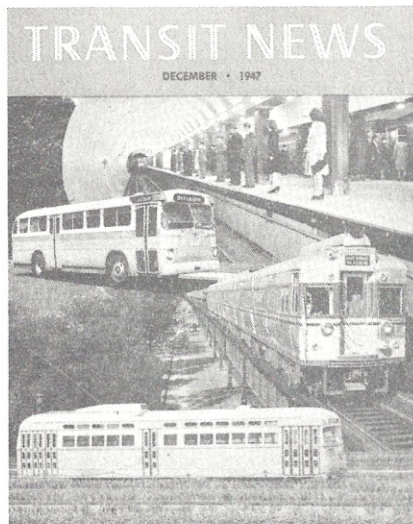
Mr. Anthon is survived by his wife, Barbara.

Funeral services for Mr. Anthon, who was born in Chicago January 24, 1918, were held December 8 at the Stirlen-Pieper Funeral home in Barrington, Illinois. Burial was at Acacia cemetery, Chicago.



BOARD CHAIRMAN George L. DeMent became a recipient of the Good Scout Award at the 1967 Construction Industry Lunch-O-Ree held on November 22. Mr. DeMent, who is a member of the Executive Board of the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, was cited, according to the award, because "the service he has rendered to both his profession and to society exemplifies the Scout ideals of integrity, honor, determination, and leadership." In the accompanying picture, Mr. DeMent (center) is receiving the award from William E. Dunlap, general partner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. The luncheon speaker, a former state senator and mayor of Nashville, Tennessee, was Attorney Ben West (left). The two Chicago area boy scouts are Don Wodarski (left) of Bethany Union church Troop 607 and Jim. Vaughan of Our Lady of Charity Troop 325.





# TRANSIT NEWS Birthday Marks 20 Years of Reporting to Employees

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CTA WAS still in its infancy 20 years ago this month, but the first monthly magazine was already in the mail addressed to employees of the newly-formed company which only two months before had purchased the properties of the Surface Lines and Rapid Transit.

The TRANSIT NEWS of December, 1947, was for many employees the first means by which they learned of their new employer. The issue introduced the Chairman and members of the Chicago Transit Board and the General Manager. It also depicted the initial organizational structure of CTA, outlined the modernization program, and, of even greater importance to the reader, it described the many guaranteed benefits of employment with CTA.

Since that time, it has been the purpose of TRANSIT NEWS to continually keep employees informed about their employer. Improvements to operations are described, as are revisions to CTA's various services. As new facilities are constructed, they too are shown.

TRANSIT NEWS has especially proven itself to be an effective avenue for conveying news about

**OUR COVER:** Santa's arrival in Chicago is officially marked annually by the State Street Christmas parade on the first Sunday after Thanksgiving, held this year on November 26. And as it does every year, the parade drew a huge throng which lined both sides of State Street from Wacker to Congress. Leading the 1967 parade was the miniature bus constructed by explorer scouts in Post No. 9607 under the supervision of CTA personnel. Taking up the rear, of course, was Santa Claus on his traditional float. After the parade, however, Santa deserted his sleigh and reindeer and took the wheel of the small

employees. The "Inside News" section has been a regular feature since January, 1948, and it, in fact, accounts for more than half the pages in this current issue of TRANSIT NEWS. News coverage is company-wide; 35 reporters, the largest team in our 20 years, now provide news monthly. They are pictured and identified with the departments they represent on pages 12 and 13.

Other features in TRANSIT NEWS include the Public Speaks and Inquiring Reporter pages, which have both appeared there since the first issue. The Medically Speaking page, written by CTA Medical Consultant Dr. George H. Irwin, has been printed in TRANSIT NEWS continuously since November, 1955.

More than 18,000 copies of each issue of TRANSIT NEWS are mailed out to a list which includes, in addition to all active and retired employees, transit companies throughout the world and editors of other company publications. Every effort is made to maintain the accuracy of our mailing list; however, to accomplish this we must have the wholehearted cooperation of our readers. Please fill out the proper CTA change of address forms whenever you move -- we don't want to lose you as a reader.

bus. Judging by our cover, it would seem that Santa maintains his popularity with children no matter what conveyance he uses. Appearing somewhat astonished by the unprecedented switch to CTA, though, Limits Station Operator Denis Kippes looks on in disbelief.

While operating in its position of prominence in the parade, the bus was driven by Instructor Frank Vitek. The picture below, taken while the parade was in progress, is looking north from Washington street.

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**M**ay the warm glow of this  
season's holy spirit  
remain in our hearts  
throughout the coming year!

*Thomas B. Obenour*  
GENERAL MANAGER



## Courtesy to Riders Pays \$50 Dividend to Keeler Operator

COURTESY DOES pay as Operator Ezel Linzy of Keeler station found out.

Operator Linzy, who has been a CTA employee since April, 1967, was cited for the \$50 Chicago Tribune award by Reporter Joy Darrow. She observed the exemplary manner in which he treated his passengers and in the December 1 edition wrote, "He caught no coats in the door. He pulled up next to the curbs, thus eliminating the necessity for passengers having to either step into puddles or vault over them. He expressed no impatience at one stop when four passengers walked in front of the number 76 bus, boarding it, and asked if they were on the number 76 bus. Even more gratifying to the reporter with only a \$10 bill for fare, he smiled when he gave her \$9.70 change."

An ex-sergeant, he served three years in the army, of which two years and four months were spent in Germany. Upon discharge, he filed an application for the police department. While wait-

ing, a friend from 52nd street station referred him to CTA.

Linzy, the son of a minister, is unmarried and has aspirations of buying his own gas station someday. An auto mechanic in the service, he feels the knowledge would be beneficial in this type of business.

"I just like people," he said, "and that is the reason I enjoy working for the company and may make it a career."



OPERATOR LINZY, whose courtesy to passengers won him a \$50 check from the Chicago Tribune, is receiving congratulations from Keeler Station Superintendent E. C. Loughran.

## RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

BAUGHN, R. L., Repairman, Beverly  
CALDWELL, W., Extra Guard, West Section  
CAMPBELL, C. P., Clerk II, Revenue Acct.  
CURRAN, R. M., Car Serviceman, 61st St.  
DABNER, R. H., Operator, 77th Street  
GILLEAD, R. A., Operator, Limits  
GREEN, T., Operator, North Park  
JOHNSON, G. R., Bus Serviceman, Forest Glen

LELCESONA, J. H., Bus Serviceman, 52nd St.  
LONG, C., Operator, 77th Street  
O'NEIL, J. M., Operator, North Park  
RAMSEY, O., Operator, North Park  
REDD, R. C., Conductor, North Section  
SNIEZEWSKI, J., Bus Serviceman, Forest Glen  
TOWNER, C. E., Operator, North Avenue

## RECENTLY RETURNED

ALBRECHT, W. R., Repairman, 77th Street  
BARRETT, W. J., Repairman, Limits  
BARTON, G. E., Shop Clerk II, South Shops  
BORDERS, H. L., Operator, Lawndale  
BROSNAN, P. A., Janitor, West Section  
JACKSON, S. M., Trackman II, Track  
KOSCIENSKI, N. J., Repairman, Kedzie  
LAZARZ, R. F., Cleaner, Keeler  
LORENZ, J. W., Cleaner, Campaign Area

MARRON, R. E., Bus Serviceman, 77th Street  
MARRON, R. M., Bus Serviceman, 77th Street  
McGUIGAN, T. J., Repairman, Limits  
MOORE, L. D., Operator, North Avenue  
REED, J. F., Bus Serviceman, Archer  
SCHULTZ, T. F., Bus Serviceman, Archer  
VUKOVICS, F. J., Repairman, Forest Glen  
WALTER, J. E., Bus Serviceman, 77th Street  
WARD, J. A. Jr., Repairman, Forest Glen



SPECTATORS AT sports events can recognize a certain quality in a team by watching how smoothly they effect plays and, consequently, add points to their score. The sports fan appreciates the display of this quality, in his favorite team at least, and shows his approval by cheering. That quality, as we all know, can be described in one word . . . teamwork.

That same word, teamwork, has become a slogan at CTA. We learned about it at discussions recently, we are reminded of it daily by the small button we wear, and we practice it to give our riders better service. Passengers may not express their approval as vociferously as they would at a sports event, but an indication of how well they appreciate the improvement in service is shown by the increase in the number of commendations received during November, as compared with October when the teamwork program was just getting underway.

One rider in particular, a West Sider who rides the Lake Street "L" daily, describes how much he appreciated the courteous service given by two CTA employees in the letter which follows. The employees, who both work on the Lake route, are Ticket Agent Dorothy Ford, Tag No. 812, and Conductor Robert Blyth, Badge No. 25471:

"In this modern, busy, complicated jet age when many people are sophisticated, tense, not too friendly and somewhat irritable, it is refreshing to come across people, particularly those dealing with the public, who are friendly, courteous and accommodating. For this former farmer accustomed to living under conditions where everyone is your neighbor and friend, but not expecting to find the same conditions in a large city, it was surprising but pleasing to have contact with two CTA employees who may or may not be exceptional. At about 11:15 a.m. yesterday (10/19/67) I was greeted by the young lady in the cashier's cage at the Central Avenue station of the Oak Park line with a cheer-



*Robert Blyth*



*Dorothy Ford*

ful, "Good Morning." This threw me off balance to such an extent that it took a few seconds to regain my composure and return the greeting. In the train to the Loop I could not help but be impressed by trainman No. 25471. He was clean-cut, friendly and intelligent. He called out the stations in a clear and understandable manner. His enunciation was perfect. He gave information and directions in a friendly and courteous fashion. He really seemed to enjoy his work. I am sure you have had other CTA patrons who have appreciated these two employees, but they have not all taken the trouble to give expression to their feelings."

Because they are on the street for almost eight hours a day, CTA bus operators are confronted with countless situations which require their personal attention. Quite often, displays of courtesy and even acts of heroism go unnoticed and the employees involved

# OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS



*Robert English*

never learn how well appreciated their assistance was. One rider, however, who was riding on the bus being driven by North Park Operator Robert English, Badge No. 3531, was so impressed by his quick action that she wrote the following letter of commendation:

"On Monday, October 30, I was on a bus between 12 and 1 p.m. At Montrose and Broadway a baby was hanging almost halfway out of a second story window. Our bus suddenly came to a stop and our driver ran from his bus ready to catch the little one in case she would fall. Fortunately, the driver got the attention of someone in the same room she was in. I took the driver's number, which was 3531. I think you should know what a wonderful person he is. I do not know his name and never saw him before, but if we had more people in the world like this man there would be no need for wars or riots."



# MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin, CTA Medical Consultant



## CIGARETTE SMOKING—ITS RELATION TO HEART DISEASE AND LUNG DISEASE

HEART DISEASE has been the subject of the Medically Speaking page for three months now. The first two articles dealt with diabetes and obesity, respectively, and their relationship to heart disease. The present paper will discuss, in a general way, the effects of cigarette smoking on heart disease and also on lung disease.

These three causative agents or factors, namely diabetes, obesity, and smoking, have recently been given considerable publicity by the Heart Association and daily newspapers. Therefore, it seems proper at this time to emphasize again the importance of these disorders. Later in this article where the word "smoking" is used it will mean -- cigarette smoking.

In the Chicago daily newspapers dated August 16, 1967, an article by the Chicago Heart Association emphasized the following remarks, "Recent population studies show that the risk of a heavy cigarette smoker developing heart disease is two to six times greater than that of a non-smoker."

A few years ago, an American Heart Association report stated that a number of medical studies had demonstrated a statistical association between heavy smoking and increased mortality and morbidity from coronary artery disease. It was pointed out that although statistical association does not prove casual relationship, the available data strongly suggested that heavy cigarette smoking contributes to or accelerates the development of coronary heart disease and its complications. I think the above is a very fair statement. The report further emphasized that because coronary heart disease is the leading cause of death and a major cause of disability, further study and publicity should be carried out.

It has been proven experimentally that nicotine injected into the blood stream causes a constriction and narrowing of the arteries, also an increase in blood pressure and certain changes in the electrocardiogram. Some investigators say that the above changes are only those of physiology and do not prove much. On the other hand, if these physiological changes are kept going long enough there will follow a permanent structural narrowing of the coronary and peripheral arteries. Nicotine also reduces the quantity of oxygen in the blood.

Some of the symptoms from excessive cigarette smoking are cough, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, chest pains, chronic fatigue, indigestion, hoarseness, loss of weight, insomnia, and difficulty in swallowing.

While this article is primarily to emphasize the relationship between smoking and heart disease, I would be negligent not to mention the effect on the respiratory, digestive, and nervous systems. In the respiratory system we find cancer of the larynx (voice box) and the lungs is commonly, although not always, associated with smoking. Bronchitis and emphysema, non-cancerous conditions, are more common in cigarette smokers.

In the gastro-intestinal system it is a matter of record that more stomach ulcers occur in cigarette smokers.

In the presentation of any subject we must be fair. It is true that heart disease and cancer of the lung occur in non-smokers. However, if we consider the law of averages, we must admit and realize that the incidence of heart and lung disease is definitely greater in heavy smokers.

It is also important to remember that other bad habits, such as over-eating and over-drinking, can be injurious to our health.

I think it makes good sense to stop smoking if any of the above noted symptoms are present. Furthermore, periodic health examinations by your doctor will sometimes reveal early findings of disease due to smoking which the person is not aware of. In these cases, stopping smoking will stop the disease.

Personally, I think motivation is the all-important factor in stopping smoking. If a person's emotion such as fear of a heart attack or cancer of the lung, for example, is stronger than the emotion of pleasure from smoking, he will stop. If the emotion of pleasure is stronger he will not stop.

Everyone who smokes cigarettes should carefully take into consideration all the facts, both good and bad, study and evaluate them in relation to his own health and then make up his own mind and stick with the decision to the end.



## QUESTION:

What is the most memorable Christmas gift you have ever received?

**LOCATION:** Limits Station

**INQUIRING REPORTER:** R. S. Benson



**PAUL LOCASSIO**, operator (with Reporter R. S. Benson): "A few years ago, I was hospitalized two weeks before Christmas. I was discharged from the hospital Christmas eve day. The warm feeling of being home with my wife and children for Christmas was the most memorable gift I ever received."



**HENRY GOETZ**, supervisor: "Our son was stationed on Iwo Jima during Christmas of 1954. By way of ham radio and telephone he called to wish us all a Merry Christmas. That, to me, was the most memorable gift I ever received."

**LUCAS DANIELE**, operator (left): "My most memorable gift was from the United States Army when they gave me my honorable discharge just before Christmas, after four years in the service. It sure felt good to be home with my family again."

**CLEVELAND WARDLOW Sr.**, operator (right): "My most memorable gift was one I gave, not received. When I reached Chicago avenue, I announced, 'Moody Bible Institute, now broadcasting. Yes, God's words mean salvation today. Why worry when you can pray.' Pressing his way through my bus, a passenger handed me a \$20 bill and said, 'Thanks for those life saving words.' He had been contemplating suicide."



**ED FEDEROWICZ**, janitor: "The most memorable gift I ever received was meeting my wife and marrying her 30 years ago. I shall never forget that Christmas."





# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (Revenue) -

This is the "hustle-bustle" season with holiday spirits chiming in the air, but there is another sound and that is the ringing of wedding bells on December 23 for DELOIS LILLY and RICHARD HILL. Wonder if that comes in a stocking? Also, the wedding bells tolled for TOM WODARSKI and MAUREEN GULLERY on November 4. Tom recently transferred from the Reproduction Services Department and is a revenue record clerk . . . A big "hello" to LOU BIELSKI who transferred from the Transfer Room. Lou is replacing CRAIG CAMPBELL who enlisted in the army. Craig will serve as a military policeman. Good luck to you . . . A warm welcome back to STELLA CIEZADLO after fracturing a wrist. We missed you, Stella, so take it easy with those karate lessons! . . . Birthday candles were lit for OPAL YANT, November 10, and PAULINE THIEL, November 17. Now, girls, were they really sweet 16 parties? . . . What better place to vacation than in Chicago? And, that is just what CHARLES WROBEL did, and the same for BETTY SUHR . . . LOIS JAHNKE just returned from Central America. Lois has told us much about those exciting people and their culture, and of course we are looking forward to those pictures . . . It's "Aloha", says ESTELLE KALECKAS after her vacation through the Hawaiian Islands. Estelle also spent several days visiting Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Las Vegas . . . With "Suzy Snowflake" back in town, the ski bugs can really get into motion again. JOANNE PARIS, a member of the Schiller Park Ski Club (the Hustlers), was a representative at this year's national ski fair at the Chicago Amphitheatre. A good way to get information on what slope to dare, and when.

- Clotilde Mrzena

## (Payroll) -

We in the Payroll Department would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, with no shortages! . . . BEN TWERY paid us a visit in November looking tan and chipper. He and his lovely wife, ROSE, upon retirement moved to Miami, Florida . . . EMILY COYNE has moved into her home in Galena, Illinois, so we are waiting to hear when "Happy Acre" will be ready for us to go to collect eggs . . . We also heard from NOAMI BOHLIN who now lives in Blue Island.

- Eileen Neurauter

## (General) -

TOM McGRATH, Material and Supplies, became a proud grandfather for the second time when a wee colleen named KATHLEEN was born to his son, THOMAS McGRATH Jr., and his wife, who live in (Old) Greenwich, Connecticut. TOM McGRATH III, the two-year old brother of Kathleen is not so happy over the new arrival and completely ignores his brand new sister. Thomas, Jr., has recently been made general agent of Penn Mutual Insurance company in New York City . . . RITA DEAKIN, Accounting, has been on the sick list since the first part of November. We have just learned the good news that she has improved and is returning to work . . . There was joy in the McCARTHY household when the Immaculate Conception football team won the championship, when they defeated the St. Isaac Jogues team. Bob, son of

ROBERT McCARTHY, plays first string on the team. . . LOUIS SMITH, formerly of Accounts Receivable and who has been retired for several years, came in to say "hello" to his friends and former co-workers. Louis, like the other retirees, looks "in the pink" and is enjoying his well-earned retirement.

- Mable Potkast

## BEVERLY -

Superintendents JOHN O'CONNOR and JOHN FARRIS wish all the operators a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year . . . Thanks to Union Steward JOHN KING, EARL PETERSEN, Operator RAY HAMMER-SCHMIDT of 69th, and all the men who helped your scribe to make Christmas a little brighter for the patients at Manteno State hospital. Sometimes we forget that God's greatest gift is a sound mind and body . . . Come one, come all, to the big credit union party at Graver Park, 102nd Place and Prospect, January 19. VIRGIL TRIMMER and WALTER TADJUS have promised prizes and plenty of food for everyone. Time: 7 to 10 p.m. . . Operator TOM CHORAK has found out that you are never too old to get the mumps, as the kids shared it with him. . . We express our sympathy to the families of the following: Operators VIC HULTHEIN, JOE THURSTON, and PAT MURPHY. To LOU BOORMAN on the loss of his mother-in-law, and to ED LAGERSTROM whose father died . . . Thanks to ROSE and TERRY NICHOLSON for their wonderful and thoughtful card on Thanksgiving day, and I hope we will always be friends.

- Tom Daniels

## CLAIMS -

Our best wishes are extended to HANK MAUER for a long and happy retirement. Hank retired December 1 . . . For the past several weeks CASEY PAULINSKI has been on the sick list. We all miss you, CASEY, and wish you a speedy recovery. . . DAVE MUNYER is running around these days bragging about his new niece, ELIZABETH, who arrived November 19. Congratulations to Dave's sister, HELEN SEMINATORE, and her husband. . . VERN and ANNA THORNTON have been vacationing again in North Fort Myers, Florida. . . The employees of the Claim Department wish everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Peggy Hallahan & Shari Pupa

## ELECTRICAL -

A hearty welcome to GORDON EGGER, a new employee in the Electrical department. . . MILDRED and JOHN FELHABER celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 28 . . . JOSEPH PIENTO and his wife, CHRISTINE, are the proud parents of a son, MICHAEL, born October 17. . . Our sympathy is extended to JOHN DARCY in the loss of his sister, FRANCES DARCY. . . Welcome back from sick leave to ARTHUR McDERMOTT and PAUL MALONE. . . Vacations just seem to go on and on. Mr. and Mrs. SYLVESTER DANECKE are en-



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joying the sun at Pompano Beach, Florida. ARVIN WILMONT and his wife are sunning themselves at Ormond Beach, Florida. BRUNO and HARRY CZANSTKOWSKI toured the west coast from San Francisco all the way down to Tijuana, Mexico. Pensioner BEN KIRCHENS is having the time of his life in Hawaii. FRANK CORRIGAN spent his vacation at Crab Orchard Lake in Marion, Illinois. His grandsons were teaching him how to be a sailor in ten easy wettings.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

### CONGRESS (Agents) -

We wish Agents MARGUERITE McMAHON, BEULAH FIELDS, and Porter PETER NAUGHTON many happy and wonderful years of retirement . . . To my friend and co-workers who are retired, those on the sick list, and those who are working, may you have a very Merry Christmas and a healthful and prosperous New Year.

- Julia Brousek

### GENERAL OFFICE (Reproduction Services) -

ART HUBACZ's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH PUDLO, were guests of President JOHN-SON at a dinner in the White House. It was given in honor of all National Commanders of Veteran Organizations.

### (Insurance) -

RICHARD REDDING's daughter, SUE, was recently married to MILLARD CAMERON at South Park Church in Park Ridge. Sue is a former CTA ticket agent. She and her husband are residing in Detroit where Millard is an employee of the Chrysler corporation.

### (Equipment Research & Development) -

The newest addition to this department is MARLENE DAY, a stenographer. We're glad to have you with us and extend a hearty welcome.

### (Employee Relations) -

MARY ANNE PRELL and her friend, JUDY MARTIN, recently vacationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico, flying first to New York where they took in a few shows before traveling on to the Island. Mary Anne said they enjoyed the warm sunshine, beaches, and were also able to visit many interesting places by bus as the fare was only 10 cents.

### (Training & Accident Prevention) -

BRUCE POPE of Accident Statistics was recently married to KATHLEEN ASHLEY, the daughter of WILLIAM ASHLEY of Insurance. The ceremony took place at a nuptial Mass in Ascension church, Oak Park. A reception was held at the Diplomat in Chicago and was attended by many CTA friends and co-workers. The bride and groom spent their honeymoon at the Abbey in Fontana, Wisconsin, and are now residing in Oak Park. Kathleen formerly worked in the Claim Department, as did her maid of honor, MARY KENT. LOIS ZIEBARTH, a bridesmaid, formerly worked in Public Information.

Pensioner PATRICK O'BRIEN recently visited the General Offices on his return from a trip to the British Isles and other European countries. While in Ireland, Pat had quite a visit with President DEVALERA at his Resident House, and he later attended a session in the Irish Parliament House and heard a debate on the common market. He was also on hand to attend his niece's

wedding and reception which was held at the Marina Hotel in Bray, Ireland. Pat had his movie camera working constantly capturing the beautiful scenic countryside of Ireland and Scotland, so he could relive this interesting trip back home in Chicago.

- Mary E. Clarke

### ENGINEERING -

LOIS POTTS spent a week of her vacation in Miami, Florida. She had a very nice time . . . CAROL ANN RADMAN received a beautiful engagement ring on November 3 from Airman JAMES ADAMSON, who is stationed at Kincheloe, Michigan. . . ANNETTE HESTER's daughter, MARLENE, and her husband, BOB ROSEN, are the proud parents of a baby girl, MARNI IRIS, born on November 8 . . . CHARLES LAPP and his wife were very proud of their son, JOE LAPP, when he was given the game ball for his outstanding performance during the season. Weber High school honored the parents of their football team by presenting the mothers with a corsage at the final game . . . We wish to extend our sympathy to HENRY (Hank) LUEBECK whose father, ELMER LUEBECK, passed away on October 17, at the age of 71 in Chula Vista, California.

### (West Shops) -

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to ART MALMQUIST whose mother passed away on November 7 in Morris, Illinois. . . Plumber Foreman C. MAJERO-WICZ won a Polish ham at an annual turkey raffle at the plumbers local. Did he say turkey? . . . Welcome back to work ED (Greasie) GRESZIAKOWSKI after your long siege of illness. We need our laborers . . . "Oh my achin' back", has been the cry of JIM SINCLAIR. Our bricklayer foreman has been in the hospital with a bad back and is now recuperating at home. Hope to see you soon, Jim. . . Supervisor of Plant Equipment and Maintenance and Mrs. W. J. MacFARLANE celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss Saturday, November 18. Wow! What an anniversary! . . . Chief Clerk E. A. HESS had a leisurely week of vacation at home just recently . . . Congratulations to MARY GALLON who appeared on CET's Amateur Showcase television program this month.

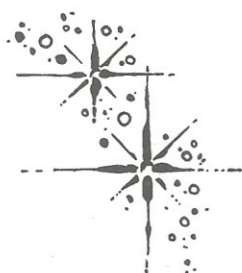
- Jeanne Fitzgerald

### FOREST GLEN -

Soon we shall hear the delightful strains of beautiful Christmas carols and hymns. The streets will be gaily decorated and twinkling lights will be glimmering through the windows of our homes. All this is typical of the holiday season, but the real meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the natal day of the Christ child. Those of us who are so fortunate as to be a part of everyday life will spend a few hours with their families and loved ones. Let us all reflect a happy face from the warmth and comfort of our heart with the holiday spirit. A very merry Xmas to all, from yours truly and family. . . The Forest Glen committee of the Little Flower Society, St. Joseph Branch, wishes to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the annual raffle. Through your generosity Forest Glen was able to contribute more than its quota. We were sorry that the chartered bus scheduled to take members and their families to the communion breakfast on November 12 had to be cancelled due to the gasoline situation. Forest Glen station hit the jackpot in the annual raffle. Operator DAN MANZO won \$500.00, Mrs. BEVERLY SCHOEFFEN, the wife of Jani-



# Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year



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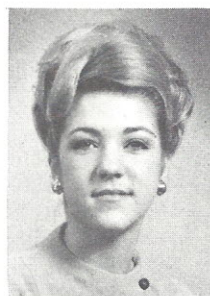
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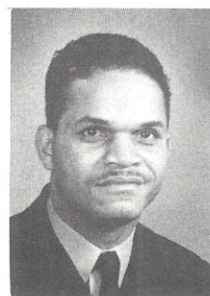
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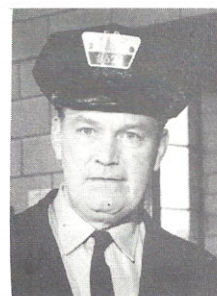
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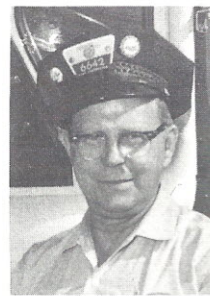
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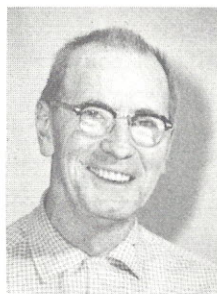
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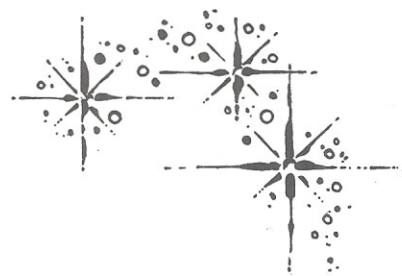


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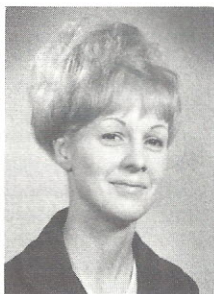


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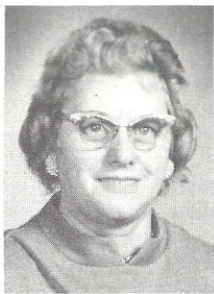
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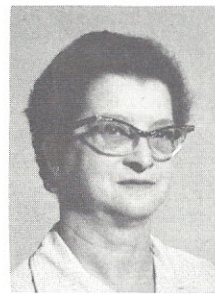
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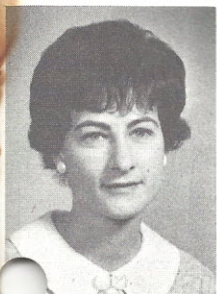
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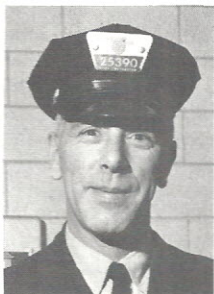
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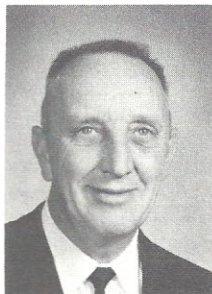
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## West Section



Santo Siciliano

## 69th Street



Arthur P. Buesing

## 77th Street



Amos Foster



Julius Brazil





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tor HENRY SCHOEFFEN, won \$50.00, and VERNON ALLIE won a consolation prize. Operator Manzo reciprocated by donating \$100.00 to the Little Flower Society. A very noble gesture . . . Retired Operator RAY JOHN-SON paid us a visit last month. He is looking in the pink and feeling fine. He is making his home in Eagle River, Wisconsin. Ray says the fishing is great there, so fellows if you are interested pay him a visit and get some of those fish. All are welcome to drop in . . . Operator THOMAS CHESTER was married to JOYCE REITER in Park Ridge, Illinois, November 18. Many happy years to the newlyweds . . . Operator GEORGE OATIS and his wife are looking forward to the happy blessing due this month. I understand George is looking for a boy. Here's hoping that both of you are going to be pleased. The best to this happy family. . . Received a card from GEORGE EDWARDS who spent his vacation in Arizona. He stated that driving a bus in the winter in Arizona must be a cinch. . . Operator GEORGE STRESKE became a grandfather. GEORGE Jr. is the father of a baby girl born November 10 at St. Francis hospital. Looks as if George is holding up fine. Good work, grandpa . . . JOHN ANDERSON says he will have only three Xmas trees this year, due to the fact his lovely daughter was just married. Poor John, we all feel sorry about the loss of one of your Xmas trees. At this writing, I am very unhappy to report that Supervisor Anderson is in the hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery . . . Operator FERNANDO RUBIO is looking forward to a visit from his mother this month. She is coming in from South America. This will be a happy Xmas for Fernando . . . Operator JOHN HARTMAN passed away after a long illness. All our hearts go out to his fine family . . . A belated birthday wish to KATHY PANTOS, the daughter of Operator CHRIST PANTOS. By the way, I had the pleasure of riding on Mr. Pantos' bus the other day and I thought he was a very fine operator. It was the best ride I ever had on a trolley bus. Keep up the good work, Christ. . . Just heard of Operator RICHIE having heart trouble and being in the hospital. . . To all our new men, good luck. Remember, this job is what you make it. You can make it hard on yourself or easy. The first thing is to relax and think of safety. Keep these things in mind and your job will be more relaxing. . . Our friend JOHN LANGE will be leaving us in February, so start saying your good byes soon. He has been Operator of the Year for some time, and now I understand his wife also gave him the same award. Of course, it was for being a fine husband and an outstanding father. . . Operator and Mrs. MEAGHER had a quiet Thanksgiving at home. Rest is what he wanted for that day, along with peace in the world. . . Men, let's have more news for Forest Glen next month and take up more space. After all, we are large and an outstanding station, at least I believe so, but I need help . . . Remember, your credit union is at your service. See any of the men there . . . I would like to add one more line about our receivers and clerks; these are about the finest you can find. Everyone is ready to help. I guess this is what we call Teamwork.

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

### KEDZIE -

Superintendents E. PETERSON and G. PEYTON wish all the personnel at Kedzie a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. To you and yours, may the coming year bring health and happiness to all . . . Operator KELLY GILIO and his wife, MARG, spent two weeks in Miami, Florida. They also celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary . . . Operator R. LEGGS and his wife,

FRANCES, spent their vacation in Las Vegas. They also celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary . . . Your reporter and his wife, MEL, celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary. We went to the Blackhawk restaurant for dinner, then to the theatre to see "Gone with the Wind." Four other couples helped us to celebrate this happy occasion. . . Belated congratulations to MICHAEL MURDOUGH and GEORGIANA SULLIVAN who were united in marriage November 4 at St. Attracta church in Cicero. Georgiana is the daughter of Operator G. SULLIVAN. . . A regular meeting of the Kedzie credit union was held November 14. ROGER HARMON was appointed by the credit union to serve on the committee effective this date. The officers of the credit union are: WILLIAM LARSEN, president, CHARLES SEEBOCK, vice president, and T. J. HEFFERNAN, treasurer. The credit committee is composed of J. WILLIAMS, G. SEPKE, and BILL FRANZ. The committee appointed J. Williams as loan officer. The supervisory committee is composed of W. SCHLEIZER, GUY DI MEO, and ROGER HARMON. The committee appointed W. Schleizer as chairman. The treasury committee appointed J. Williams, assistant treasurer, with William Larsen and G. Sepke as office assistants when needed. . . From our repair department, a note from the ghost writer. "Big Red" CESAF-SKY, it has been said, is in the market for a new car. Can this be true? After all, he is fond of his old Cadillac. . . TINY is playing on DON O'BOYLE's squad these weekends, after a long hard fight to stay on while he's off Saturday and Sunday. He'll be a big help to the squad. . . Open house at the General Office was a big success. The tour took about two hours to go through all the departments. Every department had someone on hand to explain its function and how each department works in conjunction with the other. After the tour, refreshments were served. . . Belated condolences are extended to Operator E. MICEK and his family in the death of his father, MICHAEL MICEK, who was laid to rest at St. Adelberts cemetery. . . Our Chief Receiver, Mr. BUCKLEY, came to work in the latest fashion--the new look. He wore one brown shoe and one black shoe. Was his face red when he discovered his mistake. . . Your reporter and his wife were invited to the installation of officers of the Circle Masonic Lodge No. 938 in River Forest, Illinois. Operator JOHN AICHINGER was installed as worshipful master. To attain this high office, it took John about eight years. I know he will govern his lodge to the best of his ability. Operator WEBBER and his wife and Operator JOHN HEELAN and his wife were among the well-wishers for John on this great event. I also met LEROY SHARPBACK, who was last year's worshipful master. Sharpback is a former operator out of Kedzie. To all that know Leroy, he is doing fine and sure looks good. He sends his best regards to all at Kedzie.

- Raymond Graham

### LAWNDALE -

A few of our men who took their pensions on November 1 were: A. BROOKS and L. ABRAHAMSON, and from the repair department GEORGE MIGDAT. During the world series, L. Abrahamson broke all the baseball pools. Must be the, "luck of the Irish." . . A walk by Washington and Dearborn streets make you feel right at home. On the corner, from Lawndale, are Collector J. MOE and Supervisor KOCAR. . . Don't forget that we are still on Operation CTA Teamwork. Let's practice it every day. . . Glad to see AL LUCE back on the job and looking well. . . "Stash" HYERCZYK was seen at a party with a brand new suit on. The lining was a bright



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red and it had a Polish canary embroidered on the pocket. I wonder if it was made in Poland? . . . Mrs. F. BELLINO underwent a serious operation and we hope at this time she is doing well . . . CRAIG CAMPBELL, son of DOUGLAS CAMPBELL, entered service at the Law Enforcement school at Fort Benning, Georgia, on November 16 . . . Our deepest sympathy to the families of EDDIE WISS in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. NESPECHAL, buried October 17; the family of WALTER DABROWSKI in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. HELEN LISOWSKI, buried October 25; the family of GEORGE MALARZ in the loss of his mother, CATHERINE MALARZ, buried October 18, and the family of LOUIS MAGILL in the loss of his mother, buried November 13 . . . A beautiful baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. SMITH on October 13 and was named SADIE. The mother and baby are doing well. They must have been thinking pink . . . Our number two Janitor, N. ODOM, just spent a "honeydew" vacation at home. Honey do this, and honey do that! . . . At the semi-annual communion breakfast of the Little Flower Society on November 12, Lawndale had three lucky winners, Mrs. M. Mc CARTHY, Mrs. S. BITEL, and Mrs. J. NOLAN.

- Larry Keating

### KEELER -

Hi all you wonderful people. Just like to thank all of you for the kind words and helpful criticism you tendered to this scribe in the past year. Keep the comments and compliments coming in, for your contributions alone gauge the success of this column . . . If Santa Claus happens to be a little late in delivering your requests, take heart in knowing that Santa's new helper (the baby New Year) is taking over all of Santa's delinquent orders. So, just keep the faith and those good things are sure to come . . . Speaking of good things, it was nice to see an old buddy, Retired Operator ART OLDHAM, who dropped in to say "Hi". Another surprise visitor to Keeler was Operator CARL NELSON, now at Forest Glen . . . Though a little late in our acknowledgment, we express our appreciation to the good guys and gals who took the precious time from their vacations to send delightful cards, thus allowing us to share in their enjoyment. So thanks to board member ART SCHNEE who carded us from New Orleans. From Valdosta, Georgia, retired Operator AL KURTH and his wife, EL, sent an envy arousing card . . . Operator WHITEY SZYMELL hosted a family reunion Thanksgiving. Whitey's brother, JOHN FAYNIK, who is a career serviceman, with his wife and daughter, came in from Delaware; his son, BOB, who is in the Air Force, came in from San Francisco, and Whitey's sister, ADELE, of Wisconsin, was particularly happy to be reunited with brother John after 12 years . . . Your scribe was deeply impressed by the sincerity in the voice of Instructor R. ANDERSON who wanted his many friends and well wishers to know that his son, TOMMY, now 5 years old and who had heart surgery at the age of 5 months, is doing remarkably well. Oh yes, folks, whenever you run into life's disappointments, just take time out to count your blessings and see how little time you have for gripes . . . We missed the face of Repairman LOUIE OLANDESE. Upon inquiry, I discovered that Louie is on a three-week vacation and thoroughly enjoying same by moving into his new home . . . Congratulations are in order for Operator WAYMON STEELE and Miss JONNIE DAWSON who consolidated their tax accounts December 23. May your tax exemptions continually grow . . . Belated good wishes to Operator KARRAS and his wife, INA, on their 30th anniversary.

sary. They were gifted with a 25-inch color TV from their daughter and son-in-law. Other anniversary greetings go out to: Operator "Big Bill" and GAIL KNUDSEN, their 5th, November 3; Operator BILL and LORRAINE HODGSON, their 17th, November 4; Operator BARTNICKI and his wife, JOAN, their 17th, November 18; Operator and Mrs. ED JASEK, their 26th; Operator ED MERK and his wife, AUDREY, their 30th, November 25, and to Janitor ED GLONKE and his wife, MARTHA, their 41st, November 24, who are still champs for this period. These anniversary greetings remind me of the most optimistic fellow I've ever heard of. He went down to the marriage license bureau to see if his license had expired . . . The birthday bells really have work to do, so ring out for: Repairman A. PARILLO, November 3; Operator THEODORE GRAY, November 3; CARRIE MERRICK, the wife of Operator A. D. MERRICK, November 20; Operator ED MERK, November 24; Operator J. W. COLGAN, November 15; ROMONA RENEE BROWN, November 24, the daughter of Operator "Pop" BROWN, who celebrates his birthday December 28; Operator FISHER's son, November 14, and Operator LOUIS MacKAY, November 20 . . . Special greetings to the new father and recent Armed Forces returnee, ROBERT LAZARZ, November 15 . . . Operator EDWARD HUTCHERSON's daughter, THERESA, birthdayed December 3 . . . Car Cleaner DANIEL WOODS admitted to another birthday December 18. Oh, I'm sorry, Dave, WILLIE B. NAUDEN reprimanded me about that job classification title. It should have been, "Bus Interior Beautifier." . . . Repairman JERRY ROCHETTE celebrated his birthday on December 29. Mustn't forget Mrs. SADIE O'NEAL, wife of BOB, November 20 . . . Well, folks, before we chat together again, a New Year will have arrived. So, as a final thought for this year and one to carry over into next year, try - nay - DO be kind today, tomorrow is to late.

- Ernest C. Carter

### LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Former Assignment Agent MARGARET QUEENAN welcomed a little great-grandson, THOMAS QUEENAN REED. Little Tommy has a sister, MARY PAT, who will be two years old in January. They are the children of Mrs. Queenan's granddaughter . . . Welcome to new Agent CAROL NOEL, who is the wife of a bus driver and daughter of a 61st street yard foreman. Also welcome to TOY WHITHOUSE and BILL GUSIK . . . Former West Side Agent KATHERINE CONROY is ill in Garfield Community hospital at this writing. Come on all you former "Kitty Keegan" students, Kitty would like to hear from you. At this writing former West Side Agent MILDRED LEPLA is recovering from surgery. We wish both these fine ladies a speedy recovery . . . Former midnight man, Agent ROBERT DOHERTY, is now residing in Arizona. We hope the climate will improve the health of Mrs. Doherty, as that was the reason for the change . . . Lake street Agent MARGO BOGGS, Agent HERB SAFFRON, and Porter PETE NAUGHTON are all hospitalized at this time. Hope they are all coming along fine . . . The passengers are glad to see Logan Square Agent ELEANOR HASBROUCK back after an extended illness . . . Logan Square midnight Agent BERT LINNE and his wife went to Sweden to see Bert's mother who is in her 90's, and still very alert. While there, they also visited Norway . . . We hear that Agent BEULAH FIELDS is preparing to take her pension January 1. After 46 years it couldn't happen to a nicer gal. Much luck Beulah . . . Our condolences to the family of Trainman LEO FORD on the death of his brother-in-law . . . Agent MARION



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FILIP and her husband moved into a new home before the holidays . . . Congratulations to MARIE MULVIHILL on becoming a regular assignment agent . . . Porter BOND and his wife entertained her parents over Thanksgiving. It was a double celebration, as they celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary while they were here . . . We hope everyone had a joyful holiday and is looking forward to a New Year.

- Helen Pallister

### LIMITS -

EDWARD FEDEROWICZ, maintenance man at Limits garage, wishes to announce the engagement of his daughter, CONSTANCE, to Pfc. ALEXANDER SEDEN. No date for the wedding has been set as Mr. Seden left for Viet Nam on November 2. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple . . . Superintendent GEORGE MAY and his wife had a most enjoyable vacation travelling all over the far west, visiting relatives and places of historic interest . . . ART MAAS and his wife spent their vacation in beautiful Hawaii, where they enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Maas reports that the weather was beautiful and the food exotic . . . ERNIE JOHNSON was one of the men who attended the Union convention down in New Orleans, Louisiana, with board member CHARLES HEROLD . . . PETER COLUCCI became a grandfather for the second time last month and was passing out cigars by the box. Congratulations to the proud parents and also to grandpa . . . Operator JESSE BROADNAX and his wife entertained 45 relatives this Thanksgiving. It is an annual get-together at the Broadnax home. Mrs. Broadnax is a very busy woman during the Thanksgiving week . . . We are happy to see Operator GEORGE VLASS back on the active list after being off for six weeks due to surgery . . . Our deepest sympathy to LOU MUELLER on the loss of his mother and to Instructor BROGAN on the loss of his father-in-law . . . The Division 241 union meetings are very interesting and are presided over by our president, JAMES HILL. Plan to attend the first Monday of each month at 8 p.m., at the Musicians Hall, 175 W. Jackson boulevard.

- R. S. Benson

### LOOP -

Collector LAMPROS and his wife celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary November 12 with a big dinner attended by 100 guests . . . Did you know Agent FAY CAPRIO loves to fly here and there and she is not afraid of anything except a little animal. Yes, a little mouse can cause Fay to pass out . . . So we hear Former Agent MARY ELLEN DUNN will say "I do" next summer. Good luck . . . Chief Clerk AL BROWN has found a new way to relax over the weekend after a hard week in the office. Leave Friday afternoon and fly to Florida, where the temperature is 90 degrees and sunshine all around . . . Our best wishes go to Agent M. McMAHON, who retired as of December 1 . . . While we poor folks were dragging ourselves to work the day of the first snow, Trainman R. MCGOVERN was basking in the West Palm Beach, Florida, sunshine, and cruising around on the famous Paddle Queen River Ferry. Nice to have money, huh Mack? . . . We hear Agent E. MAURO is taking dancing lessons, including the twist and dances from Hawaii. That's how Edie caught her cold; practicing in a little grass skirt. Who knows, she may go to Hawaii someday . . . Not to long ago, Former Agent MARY AVALON went through Harlem and Lake station and was asking

about many of her old friends. She said hello to Agent ANN CINCETTI . . . Mr. and Mrs. S. STIPATI, ticket agents, became the proud grandparents of a baby boy, TROY ALLEN, born November 15. He is one of four grandchildren. Just one more to spoil . . . Agent TONI STIPATI, Assignment Clerk L. CULLINAN, and Retired Agent E. McDERMOTT drove to New Jersey to visit JERI VINZENS who retired as assignment clerk a short time ago. Jeri wishes more of her friends would write or visit her. We do hope these girls leave the eight inches of snow up there. It looks better there than here . . . May I take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

- Mildred Doyle

### NORTH AVENUE -

My son, DAVID, and I attended the CTA 20th anniversary open house on October 28 at the Merchandise Mart. It was very interesting and educational. Former North Avenue employees working in the travel information section, RAY STRATTON and SAM KELLY, said "hello" to the gang. We met the heads of all the departments. We wish to thank all those who made it possible by explaining the functions of each department. We finished the tour with delicious refreshments. We also met MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM, Foreman PATRICK CLANCY and his wife, and many other friends from North Avenue depot . . . PETER GERAME, repair department, and his wife announce the marriage of their son, PETER JR., to CHRISTINE SZAFRAN, daughter of the ALBERT SZAFRAN. The marriage took place at St. Camillus church on Saturday, November 11, at 1 p.m. A reception followed at Sharko's restaurant. Best wishes to the newlyweds . . . Congratulations to Operator KARLIS ROBEZNIEIC and his wife, ASTRIDA, who became the parents of a baby boy, ARNIS KARLIS, born September 26 at Wesley Memorial hospital. We also congratulate Pensioner DAVID McGRATH and his wife who became grandparents recently . . . We thank God for the safe return from Vietnam of SP/4 RONALD BEDOE and BOB CASEY. Ronald returned November 18. We talked with him on the phone. He had a 30-day furlough and was very happy to be home. He was greeted on his arrival by many friends, relatives, and neighbors. What a wonderful Thanksgiving for the Bedoe family. Bob is the son of JOHN CASEY, repair department. John and his wife, are very happy that he has returned, having completed his time there. Bob was injured and will remain in an Army hospital for a while. We hope he will be released very soon. A good rest and his mother's home cooking will do wonders for him. Also, a few kisses from his girl, KATHY, will help . . . JOHN GRIMALDI, son of Assistant Day Foreman FRANK GRIMALDI, who is a helicopter mechanic, was home on furlough and was given a party by his parents for his friends and relatives. John is going to Vietnam. We pray that God will be with him and bring him safely home . . . Congratulations to Pensioner AKSEL WINDFELD and his wife, HELGA, who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on January 8. They live at 4829 W. Ainslie street, Chicago, Illinois 60630 . . . We received a welcome letter from Pensioner BILL ECHOLS. He was still in the hospital when he wrote it but expected to be discharged soon. We hope he is well now . . . On November 1, Supervisor MAX STRUEW of District "C" retired after completing 40 years and 2 months of continuous service. He joined the former Chicago Surface Lines as a motorman on September 2, 1927, at Limits station and was named Supervisor on April 16, 1945. On October 1, Operator RALPH



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BRIGGS took his pension; on December 1, Operator EDWARD FISCHER joined the ranks of the pensioners, and on January 1, Operator NICHOLAS LORENZETTI and Operator WILLIAM MAIRE plan to do the same. We wish them all the very best and hope to see them or hear from them . . . We received a card from the WILLIAM REDMONDS and the WILLIAM KENNEDYS vacationing in Mexico. We also received a card from Operator BERNY PEARSON and his wife, CELE, who are vacationing in Honolulu, Hawaii. They plan to visit the outer islands also . . . We welcome new Operators ROBERT WASHINGTON, CLARENCE LEWIS, ROLAND CURETON, NATHANIAL WILLIAMS, RAYMOND BALTS, ISIAH THOMAS, JOE JONES, CARL WILLIAMS, ROBERT BOLDON, GLYN CROSS, JERRY WICKWARE, SIDNEY HAWKINS, WILLIAM DOZIER, DANIEL JEFFERSON, and EDDIE CAREY . . . Pensioner JOSEPH POKRYWKA passed away and was buried at St. Petersburg, Florida, on October 7. Operator MACIO JENKINS lost his brother, WILLIE, on October 19. Operator JULIUS TED-ESCHI lost his sister, FILOMENA MANGO, on November 11. Pensioner JOHN ZAJAC passed away November 2. We extend our sympathy to these families . . . We wish all of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Let's hope we don't have a repeat of last year's snow. May God bless you in 1968.

- Bill Miedema

### NORTH PARK -

The North Park Credit Union annual business meeting will be held Friday, January 5, at River Park Fieldhouse, 5100 North Francisco avenue at 8 p.m. Election of officers will be held and dividends will be declared. Refreshments will be served, with a drawing for door prizes. All members are urged to attend. . . A special thanks is extended to all who participated in the transferring of buses to North avenue and Kedzie depots for refueling during the recent gasoline strike . . . North Park depot was well represented at the Little Flower Communion breakfast held Sunday, November 12. Father Hoban and the committee members wish to thank everyone for helping North Park go over their quota again. . . Operator WALTER UHLEMANN and his wife, LEE, motored to various places in Wisconsin on their vacation. On the agenda were stops at Devils Lake, Baraboo, and a couple of days in Milwaukee where the food and breweries were very inviting . . . Operator JOE EIFFES motored through the east on his vacation. Joe visited Tupper Lake, New York, then ferried across Lake Champlain to New Hampshire. Also on the agenda was a visit with Joe's son, LYNWOOD, and daughter-in-law, TREASURE, who reside in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania . . . Operator PETE MARCHISOTTO and his wife, FELICIA, along with Operator PAT SCIORTINO and his wife, FRANCES, enjoyed a trip to Los Angeles, California, on the El Capitan of the Santa Fe railroad. Highlights of the trip were visits to Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, the Wax Museum, and several night club tours to see the Go-Go girls . . . Operator LE ROY CARR and his wife, LOUISE, and son, TOM, vacationed at Sisters Lake, Michigan. The Carrs, who are expert water skiers, had a ball . . . Operator BILL SEIFERT and his wife, MIN, motored throughout the west on their vacation. The Seiferts headquartered at Southgate, California, where Mrs. Seifert's 97-year old father, HENRY EULBERG, resides . . . Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN and his wife, ERMA, and Mr. and Mrs. R. ELLIOTT toured the West on their vacation. A highlight of the trip was a visit with Mrs. Christian's sister, Mrs. ANDERSON, of Tucson,

Arizona. Also on the agenda were a four-day stop in Las Vegas, Nevada, stops at the Grand Canyon, Estes Park, the Air Force Academy, and a visit at Old Tucson where the folks watched some of the filming of the television show, High Chaparral . . . Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, spent their two weeks vacationing during the recent Jewish holidays. Sam also had time to purchase a new '68 Chevrolet Impala . . . MARION POWELL, daughter of Operator E. H. BURT, and her husband, DICK, along with their children, MELODY, MARSCHA, and MAURIEN, who reside in Duluth, Minnesota, spent two weeks with their parents. The Burts, who live in Fox Lake, have excellent fishing facilities available and the results speak for themselves . . . Operator CARL HANSEN and his wife, SANDRA, and children, CARL, DENISE, and JOHN, motored to Machias, Maine, where Carl had a grand reunion with an old army buddy, PETE PALMER. Also on the agenda were visits in New Hampshire, Vermont, and stops throughout Canada . . . JACK BIBBY, cousin of Operator and Mrs. HAROLD DOWEY, was a visitor for three weeks with the Doweys. Jack is from Liverpool, England. While here the Doweys and Jack drove to Kansas City, Missouri, to visit Mrs. Doweys' brother, EARNEST NICHOLSEN. Also on the agenda was a stop in Duluth, Minnesota, to visit another brother, the Reverend JOHN C. NICHOLSEN . . . Operator JOHN RIVERA and his brother, PHIL, vacationed at Rose City, Michigan. The fishing was good with catches of bass and trout reported. Also on the agenda was a visit with John's father, Mr. MANUEL RIVERA, of Saginaw, Michigan.

Board members WARREN SCHOLL and FRANK LASKE, along with Operator JOHN O'BRIEN attended the A.T.U. convention held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Also on the agenda was a trip to Houston, Texas, with a motor tour of the city, plus a visit to the Houston Astrodome where the boys had lunch in the executive suite . . . Operator FRANK WEISHAAR and his wife, MARTHA, daughter, JUDY, and son-in-law, JIM, relaxed for two weeks in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Frank and Jim had a great time fishing at Lake Norfolk where Jim caught all the fish . . . Operator TEX ABERNATHY and his wife, ASTRID, motored throughout the south and southwest on their vacation. Their first stop was at Superintendent C. W. KERR's home at Bonita Springs, Florida, where Tex caught so many fish that Mr. Kerr set up a roadside stand. Next stop was at Pensioner ART and RUTH MUIR's home in Forsythe, Missouri. While there the Abernathys were joined by Ticket Agent FRANK HESS and his wife, MYRTLE, and Operator ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION. Tex's next stop was made at Abilene, Texas, where his brother and sister reside. While in Abilene, Tex checked out his 200-acre ranch . . . Operator DICK GUSTAFSON and his wife, MERCEDES, motored to West Palm Beach, Florida, where Dick's mother, Mrs. NORLUND GUSTAFSON, resides. Dick played several rounds of golf at the Lake Worth Country Club and had a couple of days of ocean fishing with few strikes . . . Operator WINKY COLLIER had the misfortune of falling down the stairs at his home and suffered a broken leg . . . Operator EMIL KROSS was hospitalized at Ravenswood hospital, where he was operated on for a spinal condition. At this writing Emil is at home and convalescing well . . . Operator LYLE CARLSON was hospitalized at Martha Washington hospital for a hemorrhoid operation and will be back to work soon . . . Operator PAT DOHERTY has taken a new hobby upon himself now and as a result is riding a new bicycle to work . . . JOHN HANSEN, son of Operator CARL HANSEN, was struck and injured by an automobile



# NEW PENSIONERS

VIRGIN J. BERNHARDT, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 10-19-28  
JACOB BERNSTEIN, Line Helper,  
Electrical, Emp. 9-23-42  
CARMINE CARDAMONE, Laborer,  
North Division, Emp. 8-22-39  
FRANCIS X. CLARK, Cleaner & Repairman,  
61st Street, Emp. 6-17-25  
ANTONIO COSTA, Cleaner,  
North Avenue, Emp. 11-22-30  
JAMES W. COURSEY, Switchman,  
Howard Street, Emp. 9-27-43  
CHARLES F. DAVIS, Motorman,  
West Section, Emp. 12-19-44  
JAMES J. DONNELLY, Conductor,  
North Section, Emp. 8-30-26  
WALTER W. DOVICK, Truck Repairman,  
South Shops, Emp. 7-10-45  
MELVIN M. DREYER, Cleaner,  
Limits, Emp. 2-7-30  
CHARLES B. EDMONSON, Janitor,  
69th Street, Emp. 12-28-28  
PAUL R. EHMKE, Machinist,  
Skokie Shops, Emp. 2-5-47  
RAYMOND L. ESSIG, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 12-3-28  
EDWARD L. FISCHER, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 10-1-28

PATRICK J. FOY, Carpenter,  
South Shops, Emp. 2-9-42  
ADAM J. GABLIN, Lineman,  
Electrical, Emp. 6-4-34  
JAMES V. GEARY, Collector,  
69th Street, Emp. 4-3-43  
EDWARD F. GULLY, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 3-13-43  
PATRICK M. HAUGHEY, Boiler Maint. Man,  
Engineering, Emp. 9-25-28  
ERNEST A. HUCKSOLL, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 11-6-33  
THOMAS J. LEAHY, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 12-4-25  
MAURICE A. MARTENS, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 2-17-42  
HENRY R. MAUER, Locator,  
Claim, Emp. 8-6-42  
LAURENCE MC COLLUM, Operator,  
52nd Street, Emp. 3-23-44  
MARGUERITE A. MC MAHON, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 7-16-26  
ANDREW PETERSON, Janitor,  
North Park, Emp. 11-16-25  
ARTHUR F. POKLENKOWSKI, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 8-31-36  
GEORGE J. RAUSCH, Microfilm Operator,  
Reproduction Services, Emp. 2-11-26  
STEVEN SASIADEK, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 5-26-43  
GEORGE H. SCHERDIN, Welder,  
Track, Emp. 2-26-25  
EDWARD J. SCHILTZ, Motorman,  
North Section, Emp. 11-21-42



FRANCIS X. CLARK  
42 Years

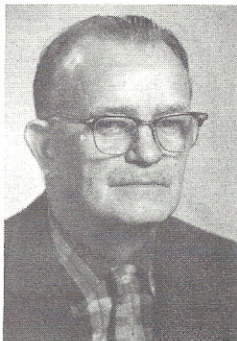


ANDREW PETERSON  
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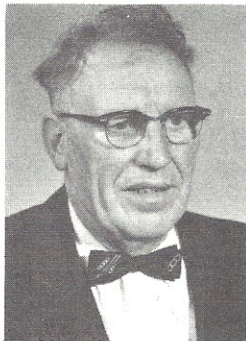
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## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

MICHAEL J. LYNCH, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 11-30-26  
LOUIS MANSCH, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 3-6-43  
WARD M. POWELL, Welder,  
Skokie Shops, Emp. 4-23-42  
CARL E. RUSS, File Clerk,  
South Division, Emp. 5-9-27  
ARTHUR M. WASHINGTON, Porter,  
West Section, Emp. 6-14-51



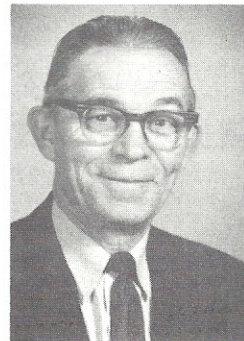
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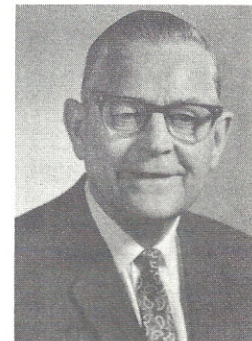
JAMES J. DONNELLY  
41 Years



MATT TOMASIC  
41 Years



GEORGE J. RAUSCH  
41 Years



THOMAS J. LEAHY  
41 Years



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and was hospitalized at Columbus hospital. At this writing John is coming along fine and will soon be as good as new . . . HOWARD MARTENS, son of Operator MAURICE MARTENS, became engaged to Miss WALTRUD ALUBACH of Haibach, Germany. Howard met Miss Alubach while he was serving with the United States army in Germany. The young couple plan to be married in June . . . Operator ROBERT TAYLOR after studying 13 years in various seminaries, decided not to pursue the ministry. Robert has been working at North Park for four months now and is very happy with his new position . . . ROBERT OESTERREICH, son of Operator BOB OESTERREICH, was drafted into the United States army September 25 and is receiving his basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas . . . MARCIA O'BRIEN, daughter of Operator EDWARD O'BRIEN, received a 23 inch portable Zenith television set from her father for receiving outstanding grades in mathematics at school . . . BOB ZIENTARA, son of Operator ED ZIENTARA, has been a member of the Notre Dame high school football team for four years. Bob has never played in a losing game at Notre Dame, and is being sought by several college teams . . . Mrs. PEARL KRINKE, wife of Operator GEORGE KRINKE, was hospitalized at Ravenswood hospital for major surgery and at this writing is convalescing at home . . . The Christian Believers Fellowship Club invites all men to come and enjoy good fellowship discussions, bible study, and prayer. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Operator CHARLES ANDERSON, 5320 N. Sawyer avenue . . . Pensioner JOE "Charge" GRASSL writes from Wisconsin that he and Mrs. GRASSL are still very active in Red Cross work serving in Veteran's hospitals in Madison, Wisconsin. Anyone interested in writing Joe may reach him at this address: Route 4, Box 2A, Edgerton, Wisconsin, 53534 . . . ANDREW PETERSON retired on December 1 after 42 years of service. Andy started at Elston Depot and has worked as a conductor, one man car operator, bus driver and finished his career as North Park's sanitary engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson plan to spend a month in Florida before making any plans for the future . . . Operator ERNIE HUCKSOLL retired December 1 after 34 years of service. Ernie, who has been working Western avenue, will be missed by his many passengers and his future plans call for plenty of time for fishing . . . CHARLES BAKER, son of Operator SAM BAKER, was married to Miss BARBARA ATKIN of Skokie, Illinois. The reception was held at the Pioneer Court, with the honeymoon at Las Vegas, Nevada. The young couple are living in Hollywood, California, where Charles is working as a song writer at one of the studios . . . Operator and Mrs. ELI PESTINE became grandparents for the first time when their daughter, Mrs. MICHAEL MILSTEIN, gave birth to a son named JASON born September 13 at Skokie Valley hospital. . . Operator BERNIE KONIARSKI and his wife, GERTRUDE, became parents of their third child when a son named FLOYD HIRAM was born September 23 at Mt. Sinai hospital . . . Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operator ORVILLE MURRAY, October 29; CAROL STRITZEL and BILLY STRITZEL, November 5; EILLEN STRITZEL, November 14; MARY STRITZEL, November 19; Operator PETE MARCHISOTTO, December 2; Operator ROY LEMKE, December 14; Operator MEL HORNING, December 17; Operator TOM CONROY, December 23; LOU BIELSKI, December 24; BARBARA ANDERSCHOT, December 18; Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHAT, December 25; MONICA AYOTTE, December 29; DEBORAH AYOTTE, December 1, and Operator CARL SANDBERG, December 29 . . . Operator IRVING WEINER and his wife, IDA, celebrated their 36th anniversary Decem-

ber 25, with many of their friends wishing them well . . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Relief Superintendent LOUIS MUELLER on the loss of his mother, and to the families of Pensioners OTTO MATVICK, PAUL J. BENTER, and LEO L. BRUSH . . . Repairman DAN and Mrs. PRISBLE spent a week's vacation at Acapulco, Mexico, and were very impressed with this magnificent playground . . . Clerk GEORGE BENSISH and his wife traveled to Florida for a two-week vacation. George is still talking about the sights in this wonderful state . . . Assistant Foreman JOE COUGLIN and his wife, DOROTHY, of the Mart spent a weekend in Dubuque, Iowa, at Joe's parents farm. Joe and Dorothy returned home with a dozen goose eggs and Foreman CHARLES DUNNE will again be invited over for a breakfast . . . Pensioner ED CORDA reports in from his plantation in Tennessee that the strawberries are being readied for spring. Ed invites anyone traveling to Florida to stop by and visit . . . Foreman CHARLES DUNNE would like to thank all his personnel for the great job that is done around the garage, because he received an "A" in the recent fire inspection . . . Bus Serviceman DENNIS CRONIN was married to Miss LINDA LATCH on September 9 . . . MARIE MERSCH, granddaughter of Repairman JULIUS MERSCH, made her first communion October 28 at St. Peter's church in Skokie, Illinois. Marie also won a first place medal and 3 first place ribbons in a swimming meet at Oakton Park in Skokie this past summer . . . Repairman JULIUS MERSCH and his wife, AGNES, spent a week end in Dubuque, Iowa, where they visited the Trappist Monastery and brought home some of the bread that the monks are famous for . . . Sanitary Engineer ERNEST DITTSWORTH is replacing ANDY PETERSON at North Park and we take this opportunity to welcome him here at North Park . . . All of the office personnel - Superintendent CHARLES KERR, ROBERT CHRISTIAN, WARD CHAMBERLAIN, Instructors GEORGE RELSTAB, VICTOR JOHNSON, ART HIGGINS, JOHN BORK, and JOHN JACOBY, and janitors, receivers, and clerks wish to extend the Seasons Greetings to all employees of this station and their families . . . I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men in each department who have helped me with news items each month.

*- Melvin Horning*

### NORTH SECTION -

DARLENE (WALSH) BOHANNON has returned to work after a few months rest from having a baby. Her mother is taking care of the little one. Welcome back, Darlene . . . Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR GISINER took a trip to Antigo, Wisconsin, on October 19 to celebrate the 12th wedding anniversary of their son and his wife and, of course, spoil the grandchildren . . . Attention please--the blood bank dues are due before December 31, so see H. SWEENEY at Howard, Mr. DELVIN at Kimball, or contact A. C. KALVELAGE . . . Student Agent MIKE HARDY went to Washington to visit his brother, MARTY HARDY . . . ROSE O'CONNELL and her sister went to St. Louis, Missouri, to see their aunt on November 12 . . . Conductor ROBERT REDD, Kimball, left October 19 and is now in the army . . . Supervisor CHARLIE SOUTHARD spent his vacation travelling. He went to Springfield, Missouri, Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma, Amarillo, Texas, and Tucumcari, Albuquerque, Gallup and Roswell, New Mexico. He visited the White Sands Missile base while in New Mexico. He visited former North Section platform man FRED BECK and Motorman BILL PEAKS in Phoenix, Arizona, where he also went to the



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dog tracks twice and was lucky both times. He also visited CAL WILSON who is a barber in Phoenix. He stopped in Flagstaff, Tuscon, and Old Tuscon, Arizona, where he took a lot of pictures. He travelled to Silom Springs and Mt. Homes, Arkansas, where he visited with retirees CHARLES McMORROW and AL GRABE. He also saw retired North Section Motorman PLOGER in Tuscon and took his picture . . . ED PLATH went into the hospital on October 21 for treatment on his legs. We wish you a speedy recovery, Ed . . . JOHN BERQUIST is now recovering at home. Those on the sick list are: ART RABIN, B. MATHEN, J. CUMMING, G. DONNELL, H. MACKASKI, V. WAGNER, and PAT ROSENGARTEN . . . Condolences to the BARTHEN twins, STELLA GIBBS, and PAT EGAN, on the loss of their mothers . . . Hope you didn't overlook the Public Speaks page in the October-November issue, as MYRTLE APITZ was on it . . . Porter C. HALLARAN left the CTA to return to Ireland to live . . . We have a new janitor, ROBERT GAFFENEY, who came from the surface lines. As of November 5, our porters became janitors. Congratulations to all of them. Janitor HAL is back to work after a long illness . . . Janitor HENRY MEYERS, CLIFF MONEY, and HODO are retiring. Good luck to them . . . ART KRAUSE spent Thanksgiving day with relatives in Kansas City. F. HENRY spent Thanksgiving with relatives in St. Charles . . . Your scribe and her husband bought a home in Franklin Park and moved into it on November 13 . . . TERESE FITZGERALD and her husband celebrated their first anniversary November 26; he was recently promoted to transportation inspector at the Santa Fe railroad too . . . Any news may be left at Kimball, Howard street, or contact me at Montrose, 572, 1:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; at Kimball, 525, 1 to 9 p.m., Saturdays.

- Grace Mounts

### PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES (Stores) -

A warm welcome to JOAN THOMAS who recently joined our ranks as a clerk-typist.

#### (South Division) -

Our congratulations to EDWARD GRZENIA Jr., and his new bride, CYNTHIA. The couple were united in matrimony on November 4. The father of the groom, EDWARD GRZENIA Sr., is a stock clerk in Storeroom 15 . . . A big welcome is extended to JERRY KILLMAN who recently joined our department . . . We also wish to welcome HENRY HANSEN who has returned to work after a recent illness . . . STEVE ZAHORA vacationed in Rome, Italy, for three glorious weeks. By the way, don't be too surprised when you see Steve with a new crop of hair! . . . Get well wishes to HARRY HOSANG who, at this writing, is recovering from a recent illness.

#### (North Division) -

SAM INGRAFFIA is recuperating at home after surgery in St. Elizabeth's hospital. Hurry back, Sam . . . CARMINE CARDAMONE is looking forward to retiring after 28 years, but says he will miss all his friends in SR 42 . . . SAM CANELLA's son, JOHN, recently toured Rome, Florence, London, and Paris with a group of 250 young people. He also had time to visit relatives in Italy, and enjoyed it very much . . . Received a letter from retired clerk DOROTHY STEMBRIDGE who is enjoying the Florida sunshine and is planning on living there permanently.

- D. Jane Bell

### SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

ROBERT SEDLACK of Schedule retired after 44 years of service. Bob started with the Chicago Surface Lines on June 18, 1923, and stayed with the same department until his retirement November 1. Bob says he is just going to stay around Chicago and take it easy. We all wish you a long and happy retirement . . . SHIRLEY LUKES, who resigned from the Schedule Department to await the stork, gave birth to a baby boy. Congratulations to mother and dad . . . Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD FEINBERG celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 12. Congratulations . . . GEORGE HANUS and his wife are motoring down to Hampton, Virginia, to spend Thanksgiving with his son's family and then will go on to Florida . . . We welcome RONALD BAKER, graduate trainee, to the department . . . JAY KELLY vacationed in and around Chicago . . . JOE BILLIS's daughter, BEVERLY, made the honor roll at Bogan High school . . . The girls in the office helped celebrate CAROLYN O'BRIEN's birthday by taking her out to lunch . . . CLARK JOHNSON and his wife drove south to Florida to get some of that good sunshine . . . EILEEN SHEEHAN, who married HAROLD ARDELL on December 2, at St. Viators church, honeymooned at St. Thomas, San Juan, and Miami, Florida. Congratulations to the happy couple . . . WALLY THOMAS's wife had an accident in their home but that didn't stop them from motoring to Denver to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter . . . SAM DeSALVO and his wife flew to Florida to spend Thanksgiving there . . . JOHN BENNIS's son, EDWARD, was married November 4, to JUDITH KAWULA at St. Mary of Czestochowa church. They flew to Nassau for their honeymoon . . . The sympathy of the department is extended to KAY BATINA, upon the death of her mother, and to JOE SABOL, upon the death of his mother .

- Kathryn Batina

### SKOKIE SHOPS -

EVERETT E. ENGLAND, your reporter, just returned from a visit to Florida, where he had the opportunity to visit with Pensioners ERNEST JONES, FRED PLATTNER, and ALEX MUSCATO. Our deepest sympathy to Fred Plattner on the loss of his wife recently . . . At this writing Clerk ALICE MAY and her husband, EDWARD, electrical worker, are vacationing in Florida . . . Our hardest congratulations to WILLIAM BUERGER Sr., pensioner from Kimball Inspection Terminal, on his 50th wedding anniversary. His proud sons who are taking part in the celebration are WILLIAM BUERGER Jr., electrical worker, and ROBERT BUERGER, carpenter . . . A warm welcome to PATRICIA (Pat) DUNEK who recently joined Technical Services at Skokie Shops. Glad to have you here, Pat.

- Everett E. England

### SOUTH SECTION -

Here we are in that wonderful Holiday Season once more. Time sure does fly by fast. A very Merry Christmas is wished to everyone and their families . . . Congratulations to the men at 61st street. They won the third quarter of the 1967 Interstation Safety contest. The plaque was presented on November 16 by Mr. GEORGE RILEY, superintendent of operating stations. It was such a nice day. Free coffee and rolls were served and movies were shown in the trainroom and all the men received ash trays. A drawing was held with the lucky winners receiving \$5.00 Jewel gift certificates. Keep up



# RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

GIUSEPPE BELMONTE, 71, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 11-11-23, Died 10-24-67  
PAUL J. BENTER, 82, Devon,  
Emp. 8-18-20, Died 10-29-67  
LEO L. BRUSH, 73, Devon,  
Emp. 4-20-23, Died 10-22-67  
GEORGE CHRISTIE, 88, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 2-10-22, Died 10-15-67  
FRANK P. CISCO, 73, North Park,  
Emp. 2-11-44, Died 10-8-67  
JOHN W. COLEMAN, 72, West Section,  
Emp. 5-6-16, Died 10-10-67  
EDMUND J. CORCORAN, 73, Kedzie,  
Emp. 1-2-22, Died 10-28-67  
WALENTY DOMIN, 86, West Shops,  
Emp. 4-12-20, Died 11-5-67  
ANNA DOWLING, 76, West Section,  
Emp. 10-21-20, Died 9-14-67  
FRANK EDDINGTON, 97, Armitage,  
Emp. 7-2-21, Died 10-14-67  
PATRICK J. ENRIGHT, 83, Cottage Grove,  
Emp. 1-3-08, Died 10-3-67  
JAMES GREEN, 48, 77th Street,  
Emp. 6-19-46, Died 11-7-67  
JACK GREBENAR, 79, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 3-20-43, Died 10-7-67  
FRANK W. HALLINAN, 76, 69th Street,  
Emp. 12-17-10, Died 10-10-67  
JOHN C. HARTMANN, 59, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 5-24-41, Died 10-26-67  
HELEN A. KINIRY, 75, West Section,  
Emp. 4-13-21, Died 10-22-67  
GEORGE J. KOCLANIS, 75, 77th Street,  
Emp. 3-4-25, Died 5-16-67  
RODOVEN KOMMENICH, 82, Track;  
Emp. 4-14-24, Died 10-24-67  
JOHN KOZELUH, 66, West Section,  
Emp. 1-4-44, Died 10-30-67  
EDWARD C. LOEBERT, 78, 77th Street,  
Emp. 2-15-07, Died 10-23-67  
FRANK H. MARTHALER, 83, South Shops,  
Emp. 11-26-18, Died 10-31-67

OTTO F. MATZICK, 77, Devon,  
Emp. 12-30-19, Died 10-31-67  
EDWARD R. MILLER, 89, South Shops,  
Emp. 7-29-26, Died 10-23-67  
JACOB MORANO, 69, Congress,  
Emp. 10-15-18, Died 10-19-67  
RAYMOND J. NIX, 75, Grand Avenue,  
Emp. 6-19-14, Died 10-25-67  
CHARLES A. OLSEN, 76, 39th & Halsted,  
Emp. 6-16-07, Died 10-11-67  
AUGUST G. OLSON, 79, West Section,  
Emp. 10-15-09, Died 10-21-67  
JOSEPH M. POKRYWKA, 76, North Avenue,  
Emp. 1-3-27, Died 10-7-67  
MICHAEL P. PRETZIE, 55, 69th Street,  
Emp. 7-19-44, Died 11-4-67  
RAYMOND J. SEIBERT, 73, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 6-25-36, Died 10-9-67  
HENRY F. SOELLNER, 69, Lake Street,  
Emp. 5-16-27, Died 10-24-67  
ORVILLE STEINWAY, 60, 69th Street,  
Emp. 4-20-46, Died 10-18-67  
WILLIAM N. TERNES, 69, Internal Auditing,  
Emp. 5-26-25, Died 10-25-67  
JOSEPH J. THOME, 69, South Section,  
Emp. 6-20-45, Died 11-1-67  
EMANUEL E. TRAZNIK, 72, Beverly,  
Emp. 6-6-24, Died 10-21-67  
RAYMOND J. VAN DYKE, 81, Police,  
Emp. 11-16-40, Died 11-4-67  
CLINTON L. WAGNER, 64, Loomis,  
Emp. 2-9-42, Died 10-20-67  
MARY A. WALSH, 85, West Section,  
Emp. 1-15-40, Died 9-8-67  
HAROLD K. WENDT, 68, Logan Square,  
Emp. 8-5-18, Died 11-2-67  
WALTER WILLIAMS, 76, Lake Street,  
Emp. 11-23-42, Died 10-10-67  
JOHN ZAJAC, 75, Lincoln,  
Emp. 5-7-20, Died 10-31-67

the good work men. We are sure proud of all of you . . . Greetings to transferred Trainmen from the North and West sections: WILLIE HILL, GREGORY WILLIAMS, JOHN PARKER, THOMAS JONES, CLEOPHUS PARKER, MALCOLM STEVENS, OLLIE WINSTON, and ROGER WALKER, and to newly-hired agents: CAROL NOEL, MILDRED CHEATHAM, and KAREN WALTON, and to Janitor RICHARD WALLS who transferred from the Surface Division, and newly hired Janitor ALFRED HARRIS . . . Received a postcard from Retired Conductor EDWARD HOPKINS who was vacationing in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he likes the climate very much . . . It is good to see Porter EUGENE ROGERS and Agents DOROTHY JOHNSON, and VINCENT CHAMBERS back at their respective posts after being off sick . . . One of our champion grandfathers, Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK, became a grandpa for the seventh time when a baby girl named EILEEN CAROL made her entrance into this world of ours . . . Retired Conductor CLINTON WAGNER and Retired Janitor JASPER ARNOLD passed away recently. Our sincere condolences to their families . . . Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY wishes to thank everyone

for the nice get together they gave him at 61st street when he went on pension recently . . . Another one of our "finest", Motorman ANGELES YPSILANTI went on pension November 1 and the boys at Loomis street had a party for him and a crowd turned out to give Angelos a nice send-off. A token of remembrance was presented to him by his fellow employees. He said that he may take a trip to Greece in the spring. Our heartiest good wishes for a happy retired life . . . Motorman MOSES ASHLEY was telling us about his son, MOSES Jr., former part-time agent. He was wounded in action in Viet Nam, but is doing fine now . . . Congratulations to Regular Conductor JOHN KALTSAS who was elected for the second time as Post Commander of the Scottsdale American Legion Post . . . Supervisor WILLIAM NASH had a birthday recently and brought coffee at 61st street for everyone. Bill, have some more birthdays . . . I met Retired Switchman MAURICE O'BRIEN in a restaurant recently and he looked just wonderful and said to tell everyone hello . . . Conductor DENNIS GIBSON received a passenger commendation recently for the efficient job he does in the performance of his duties . . . Our condo-



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lences are extended to Motorman THOMAS BLANEY whose father passed away recently, and to Switchman EUGENE KANE on the death of his brother . . . Assignment Agent LILL CULLAN told me that Retired Assignment Agent JERE VINZENS called from New Jersey recently where she is staying with her daughter. Jere said hello to everyone and that she misses all her friends . . . Resigning recently to accept other positions were Collector JAMES B. GREEN and Conductor LUTHER WILLIAMS. Also resigning were Part-time Agents NAOMI TERRY, ALAN HOUSER, and Agent DIANNE WARNER . . . Retired Motorman JOHN SEERY called recently to let us know that he is back from his trip to Europe, which he enjoyed very much . . . At this writing, Clerk JOHN MORAN is on the sick list and Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS is also ailing. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to John and Charles . . . Come one, come all to our South Side "L" Federal Credit Union annual meeting and get-together which will be held on Sunday, February 4 at 2 p.m. at the Am-Vets hall, 88th and Vincennes avenue. The meeting was held there last winter and everyone liked the new hall. It's real cozy. Free refreshments will be served and there will be door prizes. Everyone who attends always has a good time. So, you and your families and all the pensioners come on out and support your credit union. Let them know you support them. See my hubby, Clerk ROLAND, serve up the refreshments. Mark the date, February 4, on your calendar and we'll all have a good time.

- Verna Hartney

### SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations to Miss JUANA SINCLAIR, daughter of JUAN SINCLAIR, mechanic, Area A. She was chosen as one of four delegates from her high school to attend the 9th Annual Leadership Conference. Their host was the Union League Club of Chicago. Some of Chicago's outstanding leaders who were present to meet them were: Mrs. Wendell Green, School Board member; Raymond Berg, Judge of the Traffic Court, and Joseph Johnson, General Manager of Illinois Bell Telephone company . . . I attended the annual dance given by the "Society of Italian-American Musicians," which FRANK PRESTI, carpenter, Shop C Area, founded. To my surprise, I found that Frank can really play a saxophone, and play in tune too. Some of the finest musicians in Chicagoland were there. I did mention to Frank that it was a lucky thing they were using a 2/4 count beat, as some of them looked as if they couldn't count to five or six. Just kidding. I would like to suggest that you attend the next one if you can . . . The second retirement party for the shop employees was held at the Wonderland ballroom, and about 75 persons were there to honor the retired men. I want to thank those who attended and those who sold tickets, especially the men from Kedzie who made the party a success . . . On September 17, Mr. and Mrs. HENRY KOLAR became grandparents for the second time. Their daughter, DONNA, presented them with another grandson, JAMES. Their first grandson, ROBERT, is now 16 months old . . . It was brought to my attention that FRANK KRUNZLA, carpenter, D Area, after seeing the film, "Teamwork", put it to good use. Frank was riding the Grand avenue bus when he noticed trouble with the rear doors. He identified himself to the operator and offered to repair the doors, thus eliminating a road call and inconveniencing the passengers. A perfect example of teamwork which we should all practice.

- Kathleen O'Brien & Frank Sprovieri

### TRANSPORTATION (Mart) -

Enjoying the sun and nice warm weather was BURCHARD POGUE, who flew down to South Miami to visit with his mother. He also spent some time in Key West, Florida . . . KATHY KRUEGER and her parents drove to New Lisbon, Wisconsin, where they vacationed for two weeks taking in all the beautiful colors of the fall season . . . BOB QUETSCHKE and his wife, JUNE, visited their son, PHIL, at the Central Missouri State college, and were a part of the activities held on Parents Day . . . Deer hunters, they sure are! RALPH TRACY and his son, RANDY, proved this when each of them shot a deer. One got a spike buck and the other a fork buck. All their footwork and shooting was done in the area of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, in ideal weather . . . Your scribe received a card from AUDREY PETERSON, who with her husband, HOWARD, spent a week leisurely driving around to scenic places. Their travels covered approximately 800 miles and included visits to Starved Rock and Nauvoo, Illinois, Amana and Westbranch, Iowa. The very pretty fall colors added a little extra pleasure to their trip . . . A warm welcome is extended to MARGARET ARCHER, our new telephone operator. It's nice to have you with us . . . Your scribe became an aunt again when her sister, AUDREY ANDERSON, a former typist in the Insurance Department, gave birth to a baby boy, GARY ANTHONY. Congratulations to the new parents . . . I want to thank you for your cooperation in giving me articles for my column this past year and hope that you will continue to do so in the coming year.

### (Utility and Emergency Service) -

JAMES, the son of JIM ROCHE, received an award from the Illinois State Council, Knights of Columbus, for outstanding service to community and school. He was one of 72 boys from 38 high schools to receive such an award. Congratulations James and keep up the good work . . . We're glad to see C. JACOBS and A. CANDELLA in good health again and back on the job . . . Recently transferred into this department are A. KRAUS, F. MASON, H. McMILLON, F. SPITALLI, H. SURRETT, and O. ROBINSON. Best of luck to all of you.

- Colette Szyganczak

### TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Our deepest condolences to the family of PAUL LORIMER, office, on the passing of his father-in-law on October 20, and on the passing of his mother on October 30 . . . RICHARD LORIMER, instructor, is at home and recuperating after undergoing surgery at Christ Community hospital . . . A double round of cigars was passed out at Congress to announce the birth of Mr. and Mrs. N. HUNT's third child, a girl named SUSAN MARIE, and also the birth of Mr. and Mrs. C. SCHEIBE's first child, a girl named CATHERINE. Congratulations to all . . . Wishes for a complete and speedy recovery are sent to the daughter of M. COYLE, Congress. The little lass is in a sanitarium with rheumatic fever . . . The scenic beauty of Michigan was enjoyed by R. DANIELSON and R. DAVIS, Congress, who spent their vacations in the northern wonderland . . . For some fun in the sun, E. SHIELDS spent his vacation in Florida . . . A. KUNZ and C. WIECHOWSKI, Congress enjoyed their vacations taking in the sights and sounds of Chicago . . . Congratulations to D. PAPALEO on his promotion to car repairman. We all hope he enjoys his new position at Kimball . . . With a tear in their eye, the boys at Forest Park bid a fond farewell to SIDNEY NETTLES and JOHN NASH, who transferred to 61st street . . . An SOS is being sent



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to JACK BRIGHT, Forest Park, to hurry and get well. The boys miss you and want you back at work... FRANK CLARK, 61st Street, retired December 1 and his picture appears on this month's pension page... Our sympathies are extended to the family of J. LOCKE, whose wife passed away recently... The sun and sandy beaches were enjoyed by A. SCHNELL, Wilson, on his trip to Florida... Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to G. COLOMBO and R. LAUDANSKI, Wilson, who are off on the sick list... Holiday vacations were enjoyed by: F. STOEHRMAN; N. BENSON; H. YOUNG, M. FELTON; C. NEVELS; E. HASKELL; L. ZIELINSKI; N. SCIMECA, and M. DUKE.

- Ray Byczek

### WEST SECTION -

Merry Christmas to all and may the gifts you receive bring you untold happiness. Our silver tree, its arms adorned with red ornaments, brings to the carhouse an atmosphere of friendliness and good cheer. Here are a few gifts that some of the men would like to find under their tree. GEORGE NEW and JOE LONGO, a shorter extra board; Conductor GEORGE WOODMORE, not only his two front teeth, but the other thirty as well; V. MORRIS, the young fellow would have me call him mister instead of kid; CHARLES McDERMOTT, a big price double; Motorman AL CLARK, just a hole in four... To our office personnel, a big thank you from the men for all the favors extended to us, and last of all, a few more awards to Superintendents HEATTER, ROONEY, and FLYNN in order to make Lake street the best line in the system... How come everything happens to TOMMY KING. While reaching to open the window on the train, his belt broke and his pants began to slide down. The fastest move he ever made was to grab his pants and still open the window. His red face came in handy for no one knew of his embarrassment... Smiling HARRY SAFRANEK is in the hospital for surgery and we all wish him a quick recovery and return to work... We all extend our condolences to the wife and family of Pensioner HENRY SOELLNER on his recent death. Our condolences also to WILLIAM HEALY and his family on the death of his father... With the going rough in wintertime, let's try and keep the accidents down. We all hate to make out accident reports.

- Santo Siciliano

### 69TH STREET -

To one and all, I wish a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year... Well, how do you like the new Transit News mail box? Let's fill it with news and fun. Please sign your name to your notes or I can't send them in... Talking about fun, that is what "Big Bad Gus" GUSTAFSON thinks driving a bus is. He likes it so much that he reported to work on his vacation. It broke Clerk Larry's heart to send him home... ARCHIE BEREN, retired, better known as "Scotty", sent a nice letter from Chula Vista, San Diego, California. He said he would put his money on TAMUL against CAVANAUGH in regards to golf. Cavanaugh wants to know if you are still as conscientious as you were when you were his student and LYNCH was the instructor and you slid and hit that parked car? Also, we all thought you had gone to Ireland to retire... Say, fellows, check out your bus when you pull in. You can never tell what you may find. The repairmen found a dead man in one a while back... On January 2, I am going to receive a

medal for valor, as I will celebrate 30 years of marital bliss... R. FELTZ is strutting his stuff as he became a grandfather for the first time with the birth of a baby girl on November 20... JIM RATLOFF is back working after being off sick for a long spell... SCHOENBAUM was hurt while loading at 63rd and Harper. He was hospitalized at the Woodlawn hospital. Hope you are much better now... P. J. LALLY took his pension November 1. Many happy years, fellow... At this writing, CASPER's wife is very ill. May the good Lord look after her... Our deepest sympathy to the families of District Supervisor BEEKER and Supervisor BAYER, who have passed on. Also to the ORACKI brothers who lost their father... D. W. MAGEE transferred to 77th Street, so now, perhaps SAM will quiet down... L. MANSCH is still off sick. Let us know how you are doing fellow... Don't forget the credit union meeting in January. Fun, eats, and door prizes are just a part of the event. So, come one and all... JIMMY AHERN of the repair department said that JOHN GUINCE may not be able to repair a bus, but he sure can doctor a sick bird. So, all you birds be sure to call on "Doc" Guince... Who is the tallest, baldest, let alone, the most skinny repairman in the garage?... EDDIE PRUEMER, who fell in the pit, and RAY SCHEID are on the sick list. A speedy recovery to them both... J. CURTIN is the new relief clerk during the vacation periods at the various garages... HARVEY BROCK and CARL REESE had a great vacation boating and fishing... Night Clerk CHARLIE WILLIAMS said that he caught some big pike on his vacation. Sound fishy fellows?... You retired fellows in Florida, drop me a line as I will be down that way in February. I'll try to stop by and give you the dirt, face to face... Remember, fellows, you are the news so drop the news in the mail box.

- Arthur P. Buesing

### 77TH STREET -

Well, here it is December again. My how time seems to fly after you reach a certain age. Hope all of you had a good year. As for me and mine, things were very nice. All things considered, we have a lot to be thankful for... Operator GEORGE GARFIELD tells us his wife, MAGGIE, is home after being hospitalized in Woodlawn hospital. Welcome home Mrs. Garfield... A big welcome to Mr. RICHARD GILMORE to CTA... Operator RENE HIDALGO has been wearing the natural look for five months, then all of a sudden - swoosh! "Wha happen?"... Operator JOHN STOKES has a long winter ahead. His wife, EZELLA, has gone south until spring... Operator JAMES OLIVER and his wife, JEWEL, are celebrating their 4th wedding anniversary December 16... Operator ARTHUR JAMES will take his wife, SYLVIA, out for dinner for her ?? birthday December 5... Now for a few more birthday greetings. ANITA RAWLING, daughter of Operator TOM RAWLING, 19 years old December 13, and DEBORAH HICKS, daughter of Operator JAMES HICKS, 18 years old December 1. Mr. Hicks has something else to celebrate. His two sons, CORNELIUS and WARREN, will be home for Christmas for the first time in four years. They were both away in service... Operator JULIUS BRAZIL, who recently joined our news staff, kicks off by reporting birthdays for his daughters, DIANE, 5 years old December 9, and CHERYL, 3 years old December 30. Happy birthday, girls... We'll close this by wishing all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Outlook for '68 -- 30 per cent increase at union meetings.

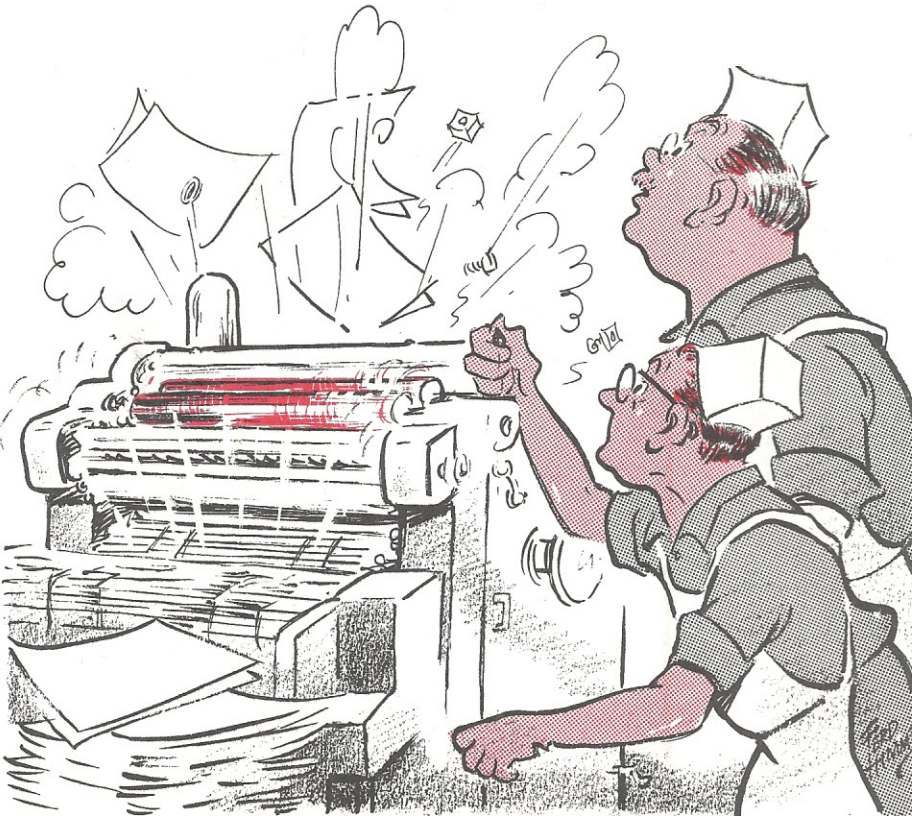
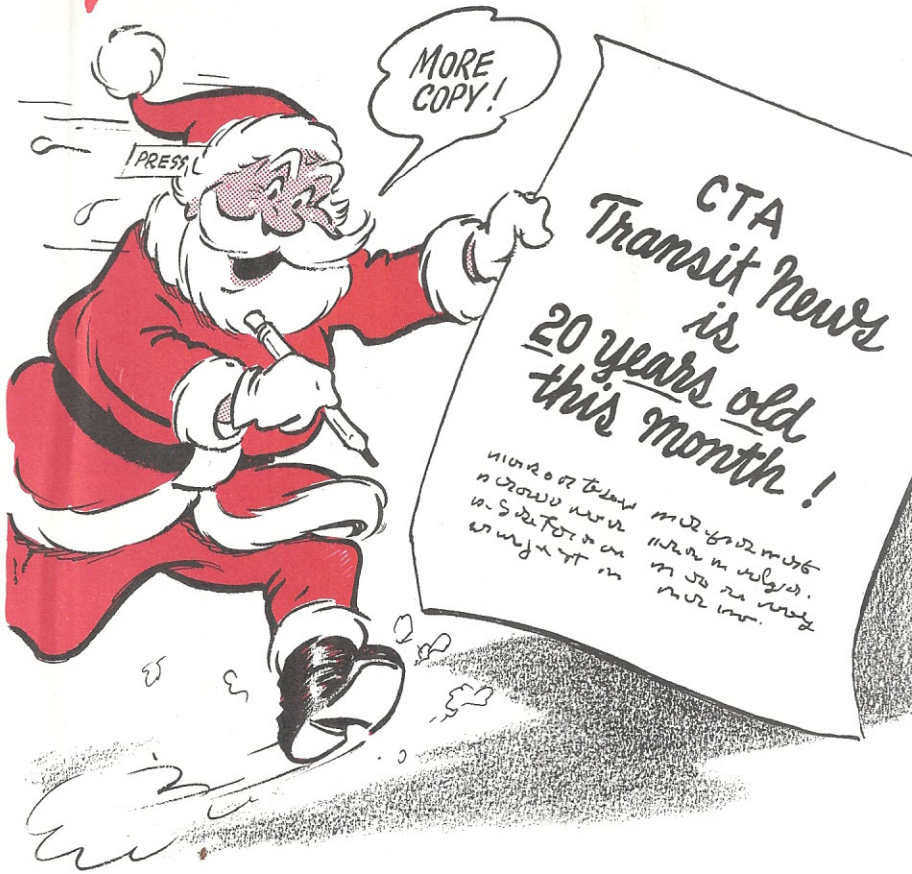
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