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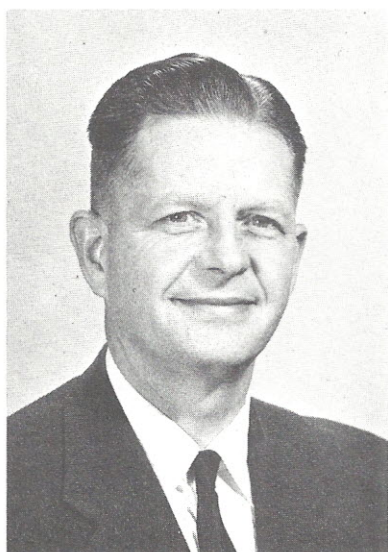
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# E. E. Olmstead Named Superintendent of Engineering



former General Superintendent of Engineering Harold S. Anthon who died recently.

As superintendent of engineering, Mr. Olmstead reports to Charles E. Keiser, operating manager, and is in charge of the following departments: Architectural, Buildings and Structures, Bridge, Construction and Maintenance, Special Engineering, and Real Estate.

Mr. Olmstead joined the former Chicago Surface Lines as a student engineer in 1936 and was a Schedule Department engineer from 1938 to 1941. After serving in the air force from 1941 to 1946, he returned to the CSL as an automotive engineer in the Shops and Equipment Department. From 1948 to 1950 he held the position of specifications engineer. He served as traffic engineer from 1950 to 1962 when he was appointed assistant superintendent of the S&E Department, Surface Division, the position held until his present advancement.

Mr. Olmstead was graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in railway electrical engineering. He is a past member of the board of directors of the Institute of Traffic Engineers.

APPOINTMENT OF Evan E. Olmstead as superintendent of engineering for CTA was announced recently by CTA General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor. Mr. Olmstead assumes some of the duties of

## NEW SUPERVISORY ASSIGNMENTS AFFECT THREE DEPARTMENTS

IN BULLETINS issued recently appointments affecting supervisory personnel in the Shops and Equipment, Property Accounting, and Transportation Departments were announced.

Effective January 14, Joseph J. Repplinger was appointed superintendent of surface shops and garages and Joseph Bolech was named superintendent of surface shops. The appointment was signed by C. E. Keiser, operating manager, and approved by General Manager T. B. O'Connor.

In a bulletin signed by P. J. Meinardi, manager of finance, Bruce P. Dinter was appointed assistant property accountant effective January 1, replacing Harold F. Ebeling who retired.

A bulletin signed by D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, and C. E. Keiser made appointments at various surface system stations effective January 1. S. J. Bitel was named Keeler station superintendent, replacing E. C. Loughran who retired; G. W. Daubs assistant station superintendent - Lawndale; E. W. Brodd relief station superintendent - Kedzie and North Avenue, and V. Johnson senior station instructor.

J. S. Farris became assistant station superintendent - 77th Street, replacing F. W. Krause who retired; J. E. Will assistant station superintendent - Beverly; H. P. Braun relief station superintendent - 52nd Street and Beverly, and J. Petrosius senior instructor.

### MOVING?

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## Suggestion Plan Reports for '67,

### Announces New \$7.00 Award

THE FIRST to receive a \$7.00 gift certificate--the incentive award recently authorized by the Executive Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan--was Herman Wirth of the Claim Department whose suggestion was accepted. Certificates may be used towards the purchase of items at any Jewel Food store, Osco Drug store, or Turn-Style Family center.

CASH AWARDS totaling \$3,049.00 were shared by 168 employees during 1967, according to the Employee Suggestion Plan annual report released recently.

Receiving a major share of the awards were Shops and Equipment personnel, who provided 57 adoptable suggestions totaling \$1,279.00. General Office employees submitted 39 adoptable suggestions winning \$510.00.

After evaluating the merits of the suggestions adopted during the year, it was estimated that savings to be expected during the first year would amount to a total of \$20,363.00.

The report also stated that during the year a total of 1,503 suggestions were submitted by 924 employees. Since the establishment of the present system-wide suggestion plan on October 1, 1952, 22,029 suggestions have been received. During the same period, to December 31, 1967, a total of 1,904 suggestions have been adopted and \$34,630.00 has been paid out to employees in awards. Total savings realized since the plan went into effect amounted to \$250,525.00.

Among the year's award winners were the following 11 employees who recently received checks for \$25.00 each plus a turkey certificate, the incentive award given to each employee whose suggestion was adopted in the last three months of the year: Shops and Equipment -- William Novotny, Casimir Strzynski, and Richard Zajac, all of South Shops; Steven Butler, 61st Street, and George Kuenstle, North Avenue. Transportation -- Morris Cohen, North Section, and Frank L. Powell, South Section. General Office -- Walter Hallford, Engineering, and Regina Daren, Medical. Engineering -- Henry Keave, West Shops. Utility -- William Moog, Blue Island.

Those named for honorable mention awards because they submitted their first suggestion which was adopted and were also recipients of free turkey certificates are: Shops and Equipment -- Thomas Cashin, John Kennedy, Max Kuchan Jr., Clarence Lattin, Henry Peterson, and Thomas Vijnovich, all of South Shops; Mario Cristofaro, Gerald Dal-



ton, and Edward Meskimen, all of 77th Street; Victor Kremer, Limits, and August Mischke, Kimball Avenue. General Office -- Jean Dayton, Employee Relations; Marge Hanson, Purchasing; Tim O'Mahony, CTA Police; Rita Piechnik, Medical; Herman Smith, Electrical; W. H. Vigus, Engineering, and Bill Winters, Executive. Transportation -- James Dolan, North Park; Willard Friebe, Kedzie, and Franklin Pettis, 61st Street. Stores -- Alfred Bonfiglio, 63rd Street, and John Marasovich, South Shops. Electrical -- Alfred Schuster, Blue Island. Engineering -- James Nagel, West Shops.

The Executive Decision Committee of the CTA Employee Suggestion Plan recently authorized the presentation of a new \$7.00 gift certificate to each employee who submits a suggestion that is accepted. The certificates may be used towards the purchase of items at any Jewel Food store, Osco Drug store, or Turn-Style family center. The committee consists of Chairman C. E. Keiser, operating manager; Executive Secretary F. C. Knautz, superintendent of public and employee relations; L. G. Anderson, superintendent of shops and equipment; D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, and P. J. Meinardi, manager of finance.



# Lake Route Cars Serviced at New Forest Park Shop

FROM ATOP CTA's 95-foot high water tower near Lake and Harlem the panoramic view of the Forest Park terminal complex includes the transportation-substation building, car storage yard, and terminal shop. And like the climb, the view from such an altitude is breathtaking.

The water tower is adjacent to the terminal shop, a rapid transit car inspection and service structure which was built at a cost of approximately \$1,264,000 and opened in June, 1967. The shop, with a floor area of about 25,000 square feet, provides complete facilities for the maintenance of the 140 "New Look" cars assigned to the Lake route.

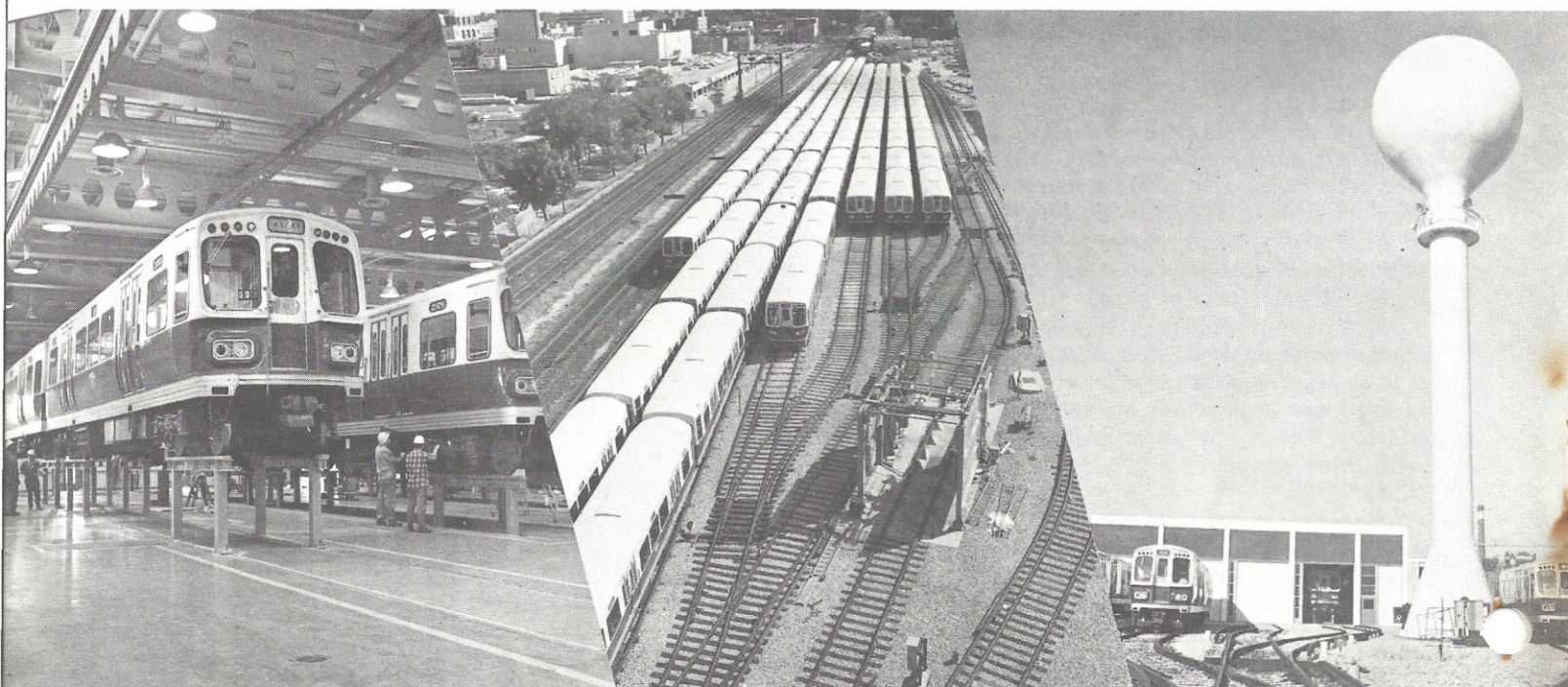
Forest Park shop replaced an out-dated terminal shop at Hamlin avenue which was constructed in 1893. It is the second modern rapid transit shop built by CTA in five years. The Congress terminal shop, servicing cars assigned to the Congress, Douglas, and Milwaukee routes, was opened in July, 1962.

The attractive external appearance of the two-story building was achieved through the harmonious combination of black face brick, white architecturally-treated concrete members, and glass panels. Repair activities are concentrated on the second floor, at track level, and as many as 12 rapid transit cars can be accommodated at a time. Three hoists, each capable of lifting a two-car train five feet off the track, permit ready access to undersides of cars. One of the devices is also equipped with stands that can support the train in an elevated position while any one or all trucks are lowered for removal. The replacement of trucks is facilitated by the use of an electric turntable and special tracks on the shop floor.

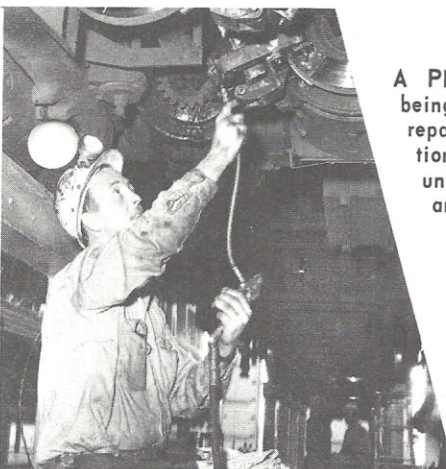
Regular inspection and servicing of cars is also performed on a two-car pit track. Another inspection pit track, long enough to hold a four-car train, is in an adjoining structure north of the major building. This track includes a high-pressure blow pit device for cleaning car underbodies that filters recirculated air and traps dirt particles. A wheel grinder being installed on the track will permit grinding of wheel treads on each car without necessitating the removal of trucks or wheels.

Also located on the second floor are the shop office and parts storeroom. Facilities on the first floor include the lunch and locker rooms, sanitary facilities, storage areas for major car components, and the boiler room. The heating plant is the first in a CTA structure which incorporates an electrically-heated hot water system.

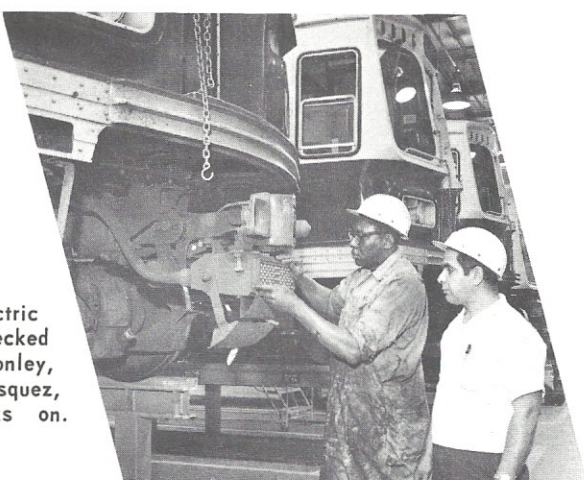
The Forest Park terminal yard extends east from the shop and has capacity for the storage of 142 cars. It includes a modern automatic car washer through which whole trains can be run.



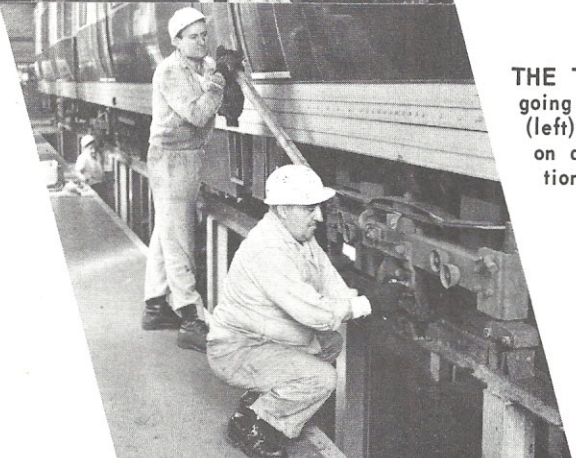




A PNEUMATIC grease gun is being used by George Munyer, repairman, to lubricate the friction brake mechanism on a car undergoing routine service and inspection.



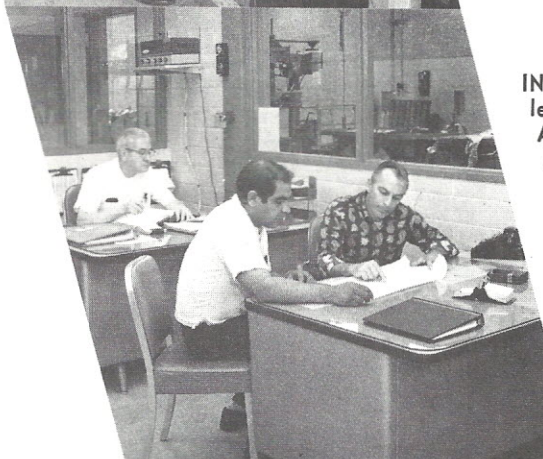
SPRING TENSION on electric coupler contacts is being checked manually by Clinton Donley, repairman, as Mike Vasquez, assistant foreman, looks on.



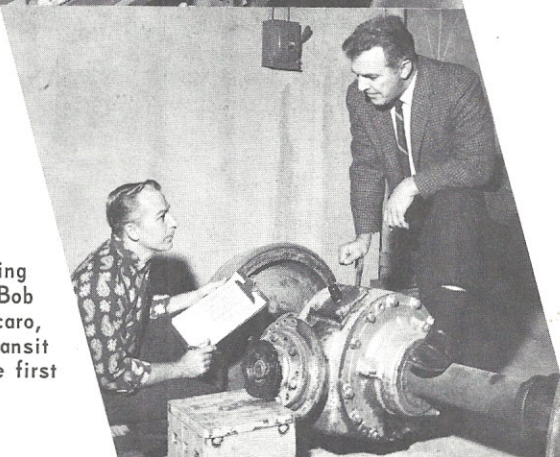
THE TROLLEY block is undergoing inspection by Joe Randazzo (left) and Guy Fagiolo, shopmen, on a car spotted on the inspection pit track.



PARTS FOR cars under repair are being drawn from the store-room by William Bright (left), car serviceman, and Chester Mazur, clerk.



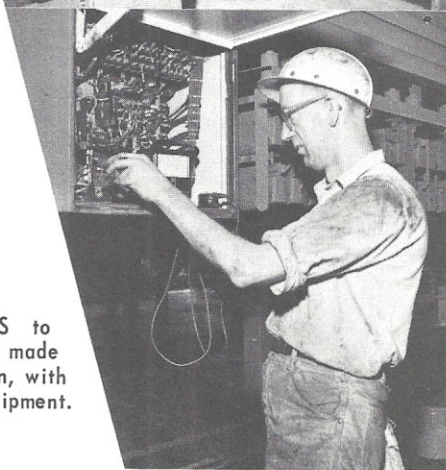
IN THE shops office are, from left, Chief Clerk James Durr, Assistant Foreman Mike Vasquez, and Foreman Bob Flowers.



CAR AXLES like this one being inspected by Foreman Bob Flowers (left) and Tony Porcaro, general foreman of rapid transit terminals, are stored on the first floor of the shop.



A 600 volt stinger is touched to a third rail shoe by Charles Myers, trouble shooter, permitting switchman John Cimmerer to pull train out of the shop.



DELICATE ADJUSTMENTS to braking circuits are being made by Tom Togher, electrician, with the use of electronic equipment.



# North Avenue Operators Share Street, Practice Teamwork



THE TRUE spirit of teamwork is being practiced here as Operator Joseph Christy (right), prepares to pass his leader, Joseph Cabay, holding his trolley ropes. Cabay and Christy are shown in the inset also.

Cabay, Badge No. 3906, had this to say about Operator Joseph Christy, Badge No. 2895:

"Prior to December 2, 1967, I worked Run #584 on Belmont avenue two days a week. This run, because of several existing conditions then, had regular difficulties on its first trip daily. However, on such occasions Operator Joseph Christy, the follower, would signal me to pull my poles and would go around to take the lead. Because of his alertness, initiative, and willingness to keep CTA service running smooth, the intervals between many of our buses in the group became equalized, almost like magic. Thus, serious delays to service were avoided.

"I feel that teamwork, as exemplified by Joe Christy, improves the quality of CTA service to our passengers. In addition, teamwork, like courtesy, makes our jobs easier.

"My appreciation of Joe's cooperation prompted me to bring his teamwork to your attention."

TEAMWORK CAN be utilized in many ways and means, as indicated in a commendation sent in by one bus operator lauding another for his helpful assistance while they both worked the same trolley bus route.

In the letter received by Superintendent F. J. Buetow, North Avenue Station, Operator Joseph

This, in every sense of the word is teamwork. It should be a daily practice of the more than 12,000 CTA employees who, with the spirit of helpfulness for the public and each other, must strive together and win riders for CTA.



RECENT GRADUATES of the Shops and Equipment Department instructor training program who have qualified for the instructors pool and subsequent assignment, as needed, include (from left) Jerome Rochette, James DiBiase, and James Austin. Pictured with the trainees are G. Maly, instructor; A. Fiorito, supervisor of garage instructors; J. W. Dain, superintendent of garages, and E. E. Olmstead, who at the time was S&E assistant superintendent, surface system.



## North Section Agent Wins Essay Contest, \$25 Savings Bond

"THE VALUE you place on that one word, teamwork, is shown by the essay you have submitted. Your words express so well the cooperative effort we all must make in order to assure the success of our teamwork program," said General Manager T. B. O'Connor to Ticket Agent Harold Walborn when he presented him with the \$25.00 savings bond.

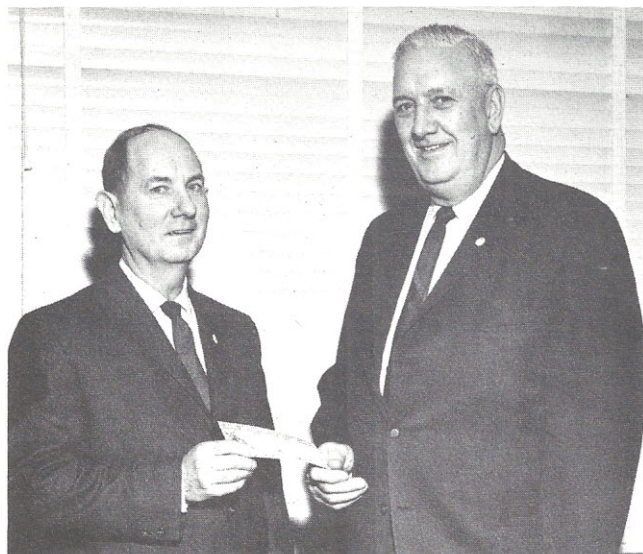
Agent Walborn, who has been on the North Section since February, 1954, and now is at the Southport station on the Ravenswood route, was the winner of the teamwork essay contest recently held by the Training Department. Here, is the winning essay:

"The essential difference between a ball team finishing in first division and clinching the pennant are the constant efforts by each player (whether he be a pitcher, fielder, baseman or catcher) working together as an enthusiastic team.

"CTA bus drivers and rapid transit motormen, tho not batters at the plate, do with their buses and trains deliver their passengers safely to work or shopping and bring them home.

"Our TASK, that of providing safe, efficient, reliable and economical transportation, is not always easy to accomplish. Regardless of assignment, pay grade, or job classification, each of us has a chance to be recognized and needed in the continued campaign toward an efficient and productive operation. Thru our united cooperation as a transportation team, we can make each other's tasks much easier and smoother to perform, and at the same time reward ourselves by giving our passengers the kind of service they seek and deserve. CTA can become the public's preference and our private pride.

"Two of the more important ways we can do this and help bus drivers and trainmen at all times are: (1) When you see anything unusual going on in our buses or "L" trains, tell the driver or conductor, or step off and call the dispatcher (MO 4-7200) and tell him what you observed, short and to the point.



Your call will quickly bring vital aid to the driver or trainman. (2) In case of an accident accept a courtesy card -- this will encourage others to follow your example. Even tho you are on the street and see an occurrence on a bus or train, your assistance will be immeasurably valuable.

"Each employe responsible for the safe upkeep and maintenance of operating equipment and CTA property renders important assistance to all operating trainmen and drivers. Properly inspected cars and buses -- repaired -- and in service on time permit safer and smoother operation. Smooth starts and stops by each operator give riders a pleasant and comfortable trip. Clean and well lighted stairs and platforms eliminate tripping hazards -- speed passengers quickly and safely on their way.

"On a winning ball team, the cooperation of ALL players observing and following the rules of the game changes 'Me' to 'We.' If WE also make sincere efforts to sell ourselves on the proposition that in the long run our own interests are best served by fully helping the interests of our fellow worker as well, it will be easier to say and do things that gain the lasting confidence of everyone. CONFIDENCE is the result of teamwork.

"In order to score increased use of our services and double CTA revenue, as a winning transportation team -- perhaps the New Year resolution for all CTA employes could easily be: Constant Teamwork Achieves Customer's Transit Acceptance."

### RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

DICKERSON, C. A., Serviceman, 69th Street  
NIELSEN, J. A., Operator, North Avenue  
WILKINS, J. C., Operator, Kedzie  
WILSON, J. E., Serviceman, Congress Term.

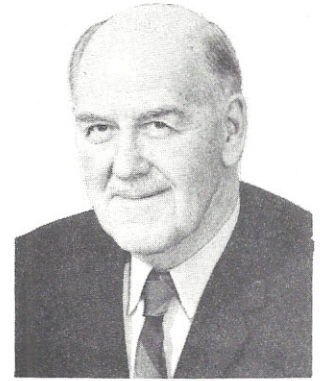
### RECENTLY RETURNED

CARTER, S., Operator, North Park  
KRASOWSKI, J. W., Serviceman, 69th Street  
LAMONT, R. C., General Office, Mdse. Mart  
QUARRELLS, J. T., Operator, 69th Street  
RENFRO, D. A., Serviceman, 77th Street  
STENZEL, R. P., Serviceman, Limits



# MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin, CTA Medical Consultant



## WINTER'S ILLNESSES AND ACCIDENTAL INJURIES

THE WINTER season is here! This concerns you because now there is plenty of evidence to show that many diseases are linked to the weather in one way or another.

Why do seasons affect illness? Many factors help to explain these facts. Basically, the effect of changing temperature and various atmospheric conditions upon the metabolism and physiology of our bodies are responsible for the development of disease.

Lowered resistance due to over-crowded schools, churches, movies, and lack of sunshine also play a part. Because of the changeable weather it is so easy to dress too warmly or not warm enough and thereby produce overheating or chilling of our body surfaces.

Another reason that the winter season predisposes to illness is because of overeating and underexercising. During the cold weather people are more apt to lounge around or stay inside the house, eat more goodies, and fail to exercise enough to burn up the extra calories. This can lower our resistance and favors the development of acute and chronic illnesses such as influenza, contagious diseases, pneumonia, and circulatory diseases such as coronary heart attacks and hypertension. A recent study shows that respiratory infections were four times more common in January than in July.

Speaking of heart attacks, the record shows that they occur in warm and cold weather, and as a matter of fact in all seasons. Much depends upon one's constitutional build, hereditary tendencies, and physiological efficiencies and deficiencies.

However, we do know that extremely cold weather and certain things we do in the winter season do trigger heart attacks.

For example, snow shoveling or pushing a stalled auto out of a snow bank require a lot of extra energy and muscle strain. Men of middle age and beyond, especially those who are overweight and lead ordinary sedentary lives, are re-

minded to take it easy in clearing away the snow from the walks and driveways.

On the other hand, if you are in reasonably good health, moderate snow shoveling may actually be good exercise -- if you take it easy. To summarize this problem the decision to shovel or not to shovel must be individualized and based on the factors mentioned above.

Frost-bites, frozen fingers and toes only occur in the real cold weather. These can be avoided by dressing properly and avoiding prolonged exposure to cold weather. If you are unfortunate enough to incur this condition the following management is suggested. Apply a soft dressing to the affected part and expose to ordinary room temperature.

Certain injuries, especially broken bones, contusions, bruises and sprains, are much more common in the winter time. For example, the icy sidewalks and streets increase the frequency of falls resulting in broken arms, hips, and legs. The same condition increases the number of automobile accidents and associated personal injuries. Shorter days increase the hazards of driving.

Ice skating, sledding, and skiing always account for an increased number of winter accidents.

The following suggestions for maintaining good health in the winter time are: If you can arrange a winter vacation to a warm climate it would be helpful. If you plan to stay in winter weather, however, dress properly and according to weather changes. Try to avoid staying in poorly ventilated or over-crowded places for prolonged periods. You can further help by getting additional rest, avoiding fatigue and eating properly.

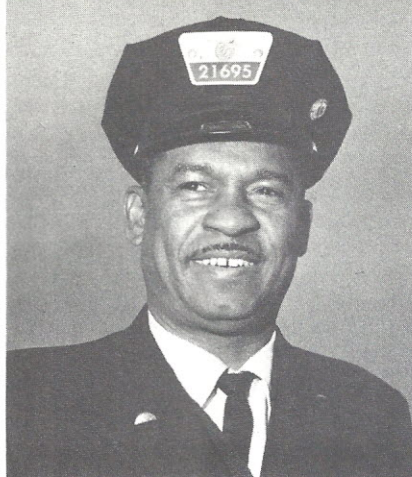
The above suggestions will, in part, compensate for the diminished amount of sunshine and fresh air. Walk and drive carefully and thereby reduce accidents. If you do these things defensively you may prevent many injuries.

If, in spite of these general rules, you do not feel up to par or if you are unfortunate enough to have an accident or injury, see your family doctor without delay.





*Bruno Mencarini*



*Dennis Gibson*



*David Jamison*

TESTIMONIALS HAVE long served as a gimmick of advertising agencies used to publicize products sold by their clients. They do, after all, add a personal touch to an advertisement which makes it appear more believable to the magazine reader or television viewer.

For many years, it was a well-known person whose picture and signature appeared with a statement that praised a particular product. Nowadays, endorsements of products are given by a nameless individual who looks and acts just like your next door neighbor. And whether they are for a pack of cigarettes or a household item, they seem especially convincing when taking place in a kitchen, family room, or what looks like the corner store.

Letters of commendation received by CTA's Public Information Department are, in effect, testimonials to the quality of transit service we offer and cite particular operating employees for their efficiency and courtesy. A sampling of these letters is published monthly on this page of Transit News along with a picture of each employee described.

The three letters which follow show how appreciative our riders are of the special type of service offered by the employees named. The one which most resembles an old fashioned testimonial, however, is that about North Park Operator Bruno Mencarini, Badge No. 3087, which was signed by not one, but six young ladies who

## OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

are regular riders on his bus. All we are lacking is their picture on his bus, but judging by their letter each one of them would be caught smiling:

"We would like to compliment Bus Operator No. 3087 on Western Avenue. We are telephone company employees and ride the Western line every evening. We get excellent service. The driver is always on time, he is polite and cheerful, and it's a pleasure to ride with him."

South Section Conductor Dennis Gibson, Badge No. 21695, was the subject of the following letter from a rapid transit rider who felt that he was performing his duties in a praiseworthy manner:

"I want to commend as well as condemn, as I feel so few people do bring good work to the proper attention. On the Howard "B" train going south this morning, the train pulling into the Grand Avenue station at 8:20 a.m., conductor in car #6153 was doing such a nice job of his work that I made note of the car and time. He was efficient, calling out all stations and giving the supplementary information, 'change for Ravenswood, etc. etc.', not banging the doors shut on the public, his language was clear-cut, and he was doing his job in a most efficient manner. In this day so many people, especially those dealing with the public, show their

distaste for their jobs. So, when someone is taking pride in his work, he should be commended for it."

Another bus operator who has left a favorable impression upon one of his regular riders is Limits Station Operator David R. Jamison, Badge No. 4879, whose unfailing friendliness has won him acclaim from more than one rider:

"I have thought many times that the man I am writing to tell you about should be given a medal of some kind. I do not know his name, but he drives Bus #394, run #355, on Route 153. I have heard many people (both Chicago people and those from out of town) make such nice complimentary remarks about him. I board his bus at Erie and Michigan going to the Loop around 5:15 every evening. He never passes people standing on corners, regardless of the weather, and I have never known him to cut around when two or three buses are at the same corner (like many drivers do, not taking into consideration that the people standing there are not all waiting for the same bus). He has a friendly greeting for people getting on the bus and nice remarks when they leave -- announces all stops and restaurants and places of interest (almost like a tour announcer) -- in other words, it seems that if people get on the bus in a bad mood, they always leave laughing or smiling."





#### QUESTION:

What was the most unusual item found on your train?

#### INQUIRING REPORTER:

Santo Siciliano

#### LOCATION:

West Section

C. J. JONES, motorman (with Reporter Santo Siciliano): "Just before Christmas of 1957 I found a box wrapped in beautiful Christmas paper. After returning to the station, the box was opened to examine the contents -- used coffee grounds."



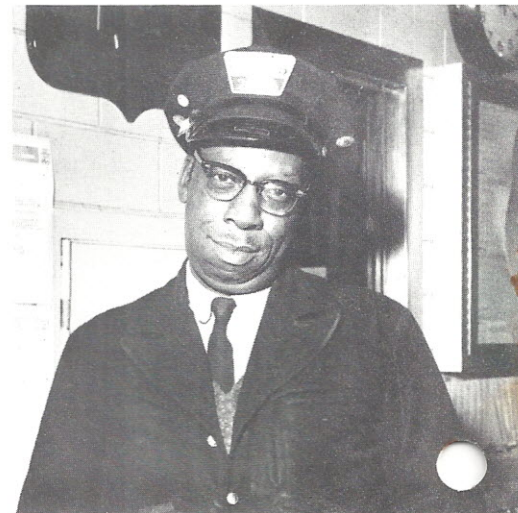
JAMES MCPHEE, conductor: "The most unusual thing I ever found was a woman's girdle. Before turning it in, I was modeling it with my motorman when a lady came into the train room and saw us and grabbed the girdle and said, 'Give me that, it's mine'."

W. HUNTER, motorman: "At the end of my run I found a man's overnight bag. When it was opened to check for identification, we found it contained a portable bar with a bottle of champagne, a bottle of brandy, and a lady's bikini bathing suit. The owner claimed it the next day and he left me a \$5.00 reward."



JOSEPH LONGO, motorman: "I found a bag which contained a bottle of vodka, seltzer water, peanuts, candy, and all the accessories; everything except the invitation to the party."

GEORGE WOODMORE, conductor: "I had gone about six months without my false teeth and then I found a set on the train. The next day I got my own false teeth and everyone thought I was wearing the ones I found."





# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (General) -

At this writing, there is an air of excitement in the office and every one is exceedingly busy with their jobs in anticipation of the year-end holidays . . . BARNEY KANE chose Christmas week for part of his vacation where he will assist Santa with his chores and enjoy the holiday with his family and friends . . . GENE WRIGHT also is vacationing in the latter part of December. She will go to Mauston, Wisconsin, to be with her mother and other relatives where they will enjoy the holiday season together . . . The "flu" bug has been busy, and several employees have been confined to their homes for a short time with this malady. Most of them are happy to be back on the job as of this writing . . . With the close of the Christmas holidays, it is time to dust off our old resolutions, or better still, make new ones. Wishing all of you a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

- Mable Potthast

## (Payroll) -

Here we go again--"Happy New Year" to one and all! Since MARY BLACKMORE received a cuddly brown teddy bear for her birthday last month, her outlook in life has improved greatly . . . BILL PARRILLO's daughter, PEGGY, performed in the musical sketch "Matchmaker" in her sophomore drama class . . . The Payroll Section held their holiday party at the Italian Villa -- then some of them went to see the shoe at the Athens on Rush street.

- Eileen Neurauter

## (Revenue) -

Happy New Year to all! And now is the time for making all those resolutions and hoping to keep at least some . . . As for LOU BIELSKI, it's keeping that young look after his December 22 birthday, and the same for ESTHER ERMANN who celebrated on December 21 . . . What better way to end the year than to vacation in sunny Florida! That is what ANN WEINSTOCK did recently. Ann visited her brother and sister-in-law while there and took in the many sights of Miami Beach . . . Another smiling face is that of proud grandmother MARIE FOLZ. The little gentleman in question is JOHN ALLAN HERMAN, born October 26 . . . In this season of good-will, it is always a pleasure to hear of a charitable act. At Dearborn and Washington a man trying to reach a bus fell and injured his leg. Little regard was given to the 85-year old gentleman. PATRICIA COLBURN, upon noticing the incident, offered assistance. After notifying the authorities and calling an ambulance, the gentleman was treated at a hospital. Having no relations to care for him, the man was kept in contact by Pat until his recovery. It's nice to know there is someone to help when needed . . . Best wishes are also extended to Patricia Colburn's son, RONALD, who is a recent graduate of the University of California. Ronald majored in political science, and is now continuing his education with the study of musical structure. He has already organized a 20-piece band. Keep up the good work, Ron! . . . The welcome mat is out to CURTIS BURRELL, transfer clerk, from the Transfer Room at 3900 Maypole. Curtis is replacing MARY GRACE BREMER who is now working in Reproduction Services Department. . . The Revenue Sec-

tion celebrated its Christmas in the M & M Club this year. It was more than a bargain having the musical talents of Mr. F.C. PALILUNAS, revenue accountant, at the piano, and Miss JUNE NOREN as hostess. After an enjoyable luncheon, the holiday spirit was lifted with a vocal solo by KATHY SLOYAN and Christmas carols sung by all . . . A thought to start the year may be: "Say well and do well end with one letter; Say well is good, Do well is better."

- Clotilde Wyzena

## BEVERLY -

Happy New Year, and thanks for all your wonderful Christmas cards. Don't forget the boys in the U.S. Armed Forces, write to them or send them a package now . . . Received a mass card and letter from our pal, BERNIE SESCH, whose address is: 2621 3rd Avenue, N., St. Petersburg, Florida. Drop him a line . . . Hats off to La Rabida Council #980, Knights of Columbus, for the cigarettes they donated to Manteno State hospital in "Operation Snowball." We also salute the wonderful men of Beverly whose help we couldn't do without when we need it for someone who is helpless. Clerk JOHN KIRBY heads the list of "Big Brothers", followed by Ozzie Grigalunas, Bill Murphy, Harold Coffey, Harry Berry, Ernie Tocci, John Maloney, Harry Lerner, Ray Hammer-schmidt, Joe Dennesiates, Ed Bogal, Tom Wisinski, Bill Marsh, Roy Engwold, Joe Hennessy, Al Kessler, Dan Darcy, George Lipinski, Larry Zahringer, Bill Higgins, and Mae Hulthen. Sorry if we omitted anyone, but we have to go to press. God bless all of you . . . Received a wonderful inspiring letter from Father MICHAEL FORAN of the Notre Dame Retreat League, which we shall always treasure. Father "Mike" wishes all of you a Merry Christmas, and looks forward to seeing you at the "Big Retreat" in August . . . We express our sympathy to the following: Clerk HENRY LUPLOW in the loss of his wife, Operator TOM CHORAK whose brother died, and H. WADE whose brother also passed away.

- Tom Daniels

## CONGRESS (Agents) -

It was the day before Christmas and Agent STANLEY SLOWIAK had a wallet of bills large enough to choke Santa and a smile to match. He was thinking how happy his grandchildren were going to be. Then all of a sudden he was jostled by three smiling men. It was Christmas and our Stanley smiled back. The bus came to a stop and the three men got off, taking Stanley's well-filled wallet with them. Stanley's smile turned into a loud laugh when he thought of the three men and all that green play money . . . We were sorry to hear that pensioner KATHRYN CONROY and Conductor M. FABBRI passed away during the holiday season. Our deepest sympathy to their beloved families . . . Agent JOE VANEK said he got the same Christmas box. He's too old for toys and can't get the dolls he'd want . . . Mr. HALLAHAN and Mr. DEWINE have just completed a session of target practice and are now whistling, "A hunting we will go." Good luck, but it's always good to stop at the local meat market and stock up . . . About the time Christmas costume jewelry will be turning green, Mother Nature will



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be adding green touches to Mother Earth and we'll be thinking of vacations again . . . Many of our pensioners live far away or are not able to get out of doors, they look forward to each issue of this magazine because it is one way they can hear of their old friends. Let us not disappoint them. Send us some news and share your happy times with them.

- Julia Brousek

### ELECTRICAL -

The line gang of the Electrical Department is happy to welcome four new members: S. GLOVER, C. PARHAM, S. SMITH, and V. ROSDAHL . . . Our sympathy is extended to the family of ART SCHMAEHL, retired CTA lineman, who passed away in December. Art was a quarterback for the Green Bay Packers in 1919 before joining the Chicago Surface Lines . . . Get well wishes to NORMAN WALLACE, F. CASTRE, J. O'DONNELL, and S. DANECKE . . . Winter vacations are in full swing. Out at this time are R. PRIESBE, DENNY GRIFFIN, CHARLES DUGO, JAMES CONNELLY, WILLIAM TIMMERMAN, and N. ROLNICKI . . . Pensioners who visited us during the holiday season were: JOHN MICHNICH, GILBERT ANDERSON, and CLYDE PETERSON . . . Our congratulations to WILLIAM SCHMEIER who begins his new job January 2 . . . Sixty guests were present at a retirement breakfast on November 29 at Blue Island. ADAM GABLIN and JACOB BERNSTEIN who retired on December 1 were guests of honor. The speakers at the breakfast were A. R. SANDBERG, S. S. DANECKE, and C. MALOTTKE. Best of luck to both of you, and may your retirement bring fulfillment of all your dreams . . . Miss MARY LOU DORGAN and STANLEY KOSGREN were married in a beautiful church ceremony on November 11. Mary Lou is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD DORGAN . . . BILL REHDER and his wife spent a week's vacation in Missouri. They took along their two grandsons, ages three and four. The boys really enjoyed the taste of farm life and the excitement of hunting. The catch was pretty good this year; 12 rabbits, one red squirrel, two racoons and one quail.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

### ENGINEERING -

CTA Engineering Department has suffered a great loss with the death of General Superintendent HAROLD S. ANTHON on December 6. Mr. Anthon's death came as a shock to his staff and staff members, who will feel his loss for some time. Many CTA officers and person-



ANYBODY FOR duck? That's what General Foreman LEE ANDERSON (left), Building Department carpenter, seems to be saying as he displays a day's shoot with his daughter and a friend in Cairo, Illinois. The largest one weighed 12 pounds.

nel paid their respect at the Stirlen Pieper Funeral Home in Barrington, Illinois, and attended the funeral services on December 8. The pallbearers at his funeral were: GEORGE KRAMBLES, superintendent of Research and Planning, RUSS SHANKLIN, superintendent of Construction and Maintenance, GEORGE MILLONAS, engineer of Building and Structures, EMANUEL SIEGEL, bridge engineer, JOHN RETZLER, superintendent of Buildings, and ARTHUR MALMQUIST, superintendent of Track. Interment was at Acacia Cemetery, Chicago. We are all going to miss Harold S. Anthon very much . . . A luncheon was held at the M & M Club in honor of JEAN ROCHE, who is departing from CTA to await a blessed event. Twenty persons attended the luncheon. The food was very good and the Christmas atmosphere made it a very festive occasion . . . A sweepstakes winner, folks! Would you believe that JOE URBASZEWSKI has his choice of a Fleetwood Cadillac, an Imperial LeBaron or a Lincoln Continental?

### (West Shops) -

We welcome back to work Carpenter Foreman LEO FLECKOWSKI who has been ill and in the hospital . . . Ironworker Inspector JIM BRESLIN has gained a fifth addition to his family, a little boy. Congratulations, father! . . . Our condolences to TONY SPAK whose father-in-law recently passed away in St. Louis, Missouri.

- Jeanne Fitzgerald

### FOREST GLEN -

Hi men. The very best to each of you and your families in the New Year . . . Operator WALTER J. MIELA left us December 29 after 42 years of service. Good luck, Walter, and do drop in to see us once in awhile . . . Mr. and Mrs. EARL McLAUGHLIN will celebrate 30 wonderful years together on December 21. Earl is one of our finest receivers and says, "I should have met and married her sooner." We all wish you the very best and many more happy years together . . . Mrs. SANDRA MYERS, I'd like to let you know that your husband, DAVE, is a member of our club (Parkside). So you see, he is very well looked after . . . Operator and Mrs. GEORGE OATIS are now the proud parents of a baby girl, ALBERTINE, born December 5. Enjoy each and every minute with the child as they grow up fast . . . Operator and Mrs. LESTER DANDER had a lovely Christmas. Their son, DENNIS, who teaches music at the Wichita, Kansas, Junior High school was married on December 23. The happy couple came to Chicago to spend the holidays with his parents and have a large wedding party. . . Sorry about the news being short, but next month let's all roll. Give me plenty to write about.

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

### GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

Best wishes were extended to JACKIE HUIZENGA who recently left CTA to enter Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. Jackie intends to major in mathematics . . . JOSEPHINE FELDMAN transferred to Research and Planning . . . DIANA TUNZI has again joined CTA and was welcomed in Insurance.

### (Equipment Research & Development) -

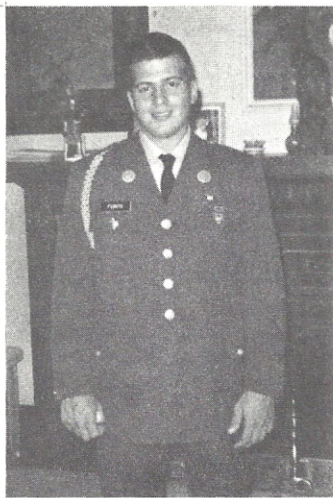
Christmas greetings were received from CARMELLA GARGANO who is presently working in Viet Nam. She enjoys being with the people and is even learning the language. Needless to say, she misses everyone and sends



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### KEELER -

Hi, all you wonderful people. I sincerely hope that your Christmas exceeded all your wildest dreams, and may the New Year bring you joys unimaginable . . . To be commended for a remarkable job of creating a holiday mood in our station room are those famous interior decorators, Janitors SY GOLDMAN and GLONKE, aided and abetted by Operator TIETZ. I'll bet you fellows didn't realize all the effort and ingenuity required to put up a Christmas tree, did you? A very special thanks to Glonke as this is his last year as tree arranger as he retired on January 1. So, Glonke, may your years of retirement be long and colorful. Good luck from us all . . . Operator ROSENBERG dropped in recently and looked as though he had been on a Florida vacation. Rosy should be back in the saddle now, following a rather lengthy illness . . . Operator GEORGE DEARMAN looks much better now that his wife, LORNA, is home recuperating from surgery. He really missed you, Lorna. Oh yes, George, happy birthday to you too. I know it may have been slightly overlooked since it fell on December 25. While the birthday bells are resounding, a loud peal is for RORY SHORES, the son of Operator RORY SHORES. A bit late, Rory, but blame the old scribe for a mental lapse. Greetings also to ROSE KAMIEN, wife of Garage Foreman JACK KAMIEN, who discreetly can't remember Rose's age this past December 12. A lollipop goes to Operator DON SEGAR who birth-dated December 20. Garageman ROGER GABINSKI can turn all his worries over to his big son, JAMES, now that he has reached the ripe old age of one on January 19. The best gift suggested for Operator EARL LATIMER on January 23 was a good night's sleep. A special birthday wish to Operator EZEL LINZY, January 27. Why special? Well, Linzy brought honor and publicity to Keeler by being the recipient of a cash award from the Chicago Tribune newspaper for his courteous and efficient operation . . . Pardon the cheapness, but we may as well use the same bells to wish TOMIE and CEOLA PHILLIPS a happy 16th wedding anniversary on December 10 . . . Operator (I Spy) MOSELY was proud as punch to have his son, GRANT, home for the holidays. Grant is in the Coast Guard . . . It is with regret that we received word of the death of one of our early Keeler retiree's, JOHN EWALD, who was called to his eternal reward on December 11. John has been living in Largo, Florida, since his retirement and never failed to pay us a visit whenever he returned to Chicago to see his son, JOHN Jr . . . We received a king sized card from Pensioner HAROLD CLIFFORD. The card was so large, Harold could have used it for a raft and sailed to Chicago from St. Petersburg, Florida . . . Retired Operator AL KURTH paid a visit to the station. Al looked so good, he could be a living ad for Alka-Seltzer. He's just that effervescent . . . It is with mixed emotions that I start this next bit of news. We have lost our boss, Superintendent LOUGHRAN, to the rank of the pensioners. For once, I find words inadequate to express the sincerity of our loss, and even more so, I regret the inability to find words that could relate the feelings of all the persons whose lives have been enriched by the association with Mr. Loughran, and convey the earnest wishes to him and his wife for many, many happy years of retirement. However, I think Mr. Loughran will long remember the surprise testimonial dinner given in his honor. There was standing room only. No one needed notes to remember the flowery tributes to this fine person because every word spoken seemed to come from the heart. Your scribe was so touched by this affair that I goofed and missed quite a few important names in attendance. However, I couldn't forget our capable toastmaster, Super-



PICTURED HERE is JAMES FIORITA, who is now on active duty with the army in Viet Nam. Jim, who formerly worked in the Law Department, is the son of ADAM FIORITA, supervisor of garage instructors, and the nephew of Kedzie Station Reporter and Operator RAYMOND GRAHAM.

a big hello . . . MARLENE DAY and her husband, JOE, drove to Albin, Iowa, to be with her family for Christmas. This was the first Christmas she spent with her brother in 20 years, which helped to make this holiday extra special.

### (Medical) -

Cupid Strikes Again! This time it was Dr. GEORGE HOWARD IRWIN, CTA's Medical Consultant. With the help of Santa Claus and his reindeers, Dr. Irwin was taken to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he and Mrs. PINNEY LEONARD were married on December 30. They plan to live in Chicago. DAVE FLYNN, Superintendent of Transportation and a recent victim of Dan Cupid, has a few words for "Doc" when he returns.

- Mary E. Clarke

### KEDZIE -

Now that the holiday season is over and everything is going back to normal, I hope everyone had a splendid Christmas and a Happy New year. I'm sure most of us made some New Year resolutions. I wonder how long they will last. If we stick to them just a little bit maybe they'll last the year out . . . Your reporter and his family had a wonderful Christmas. Our son, AUGUST, became engaged to Miss CAROL ANDREWS. The happy couple has all our blessings. Our son hasn't set the date for the wedding as he'll be going into the service soon. Maybe he'll wait until he gets his army career over with . . . Congratulations to Operator R. ESSIG and Operator E. GULLY who went on pension December 1. May your retirement bring you nothing but health and happiness. Now you can do all those things that you never had time to do before . . . Operator HESS has always worked P.M. runs, now he's working early runs. Hess, you have everyone talking about you . . . Operator T. MURPHY took retired Operator R. ESSIG's run. Now Murphy has all day to bum or work hard around the house. This is an inside trip . . . Congratulations to Operator C. FRAS-SICO. His lovely wife, RENA, had a baby girl, born November 25, at St. Joseph hospital in Elgin, Illinois. They named their daughter RENEE . . . While making up this month's issue Operator R. COLLINS is home on sick leave. Hope to see you back on the job soon . . . Don't forget our Credit Union. Save a little every pay day and you'll be surprised how big your savings will grow.

- Raymond Graham



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visor (George Jessel) LECK. Mr. Leck gave a brief but interesting version of, "This is Your Life." Brought out in his speech, spanning 40 years of acquaintance, was the nostalgic reminder that Mr. Loughran was the last of the old Motor Coach superintendents; hence the end of an era was also commemorated. Toastmaster Leck introduced the Master of Ceremonies of the night, Operator (Bob Hope) KARRAS. Among the many notables introduced by emcee Karras were: Superintendent of Transportation D. M. FLYNN, Superintendent of Operations GEORGE RILEY, Union president HILL, and many others. The spokesman for the rank and file was Operator LUCIOUS BANKS who really voiced the sentiments of all the fellows. A special word of thanks seems in order to board member ART SCHNEE and Station Instructor JIM HENDERSON and all the fellows on the arrangement committee. But most of all, the success of the affair must be attributed to the splendid attendance of all you fellows. As the fond adieus to Mr. Loughran slowly fade into the distance, how about a loud resounding welcome to Superintendent BITEL. We know that we will feel as strongly for you as we have for Mr. Loughran because you are both "white hat" good guys. . . . Recent pensioner JULIUS TIEFENBACH dropped by to wish the boys the season's greetings. Julius brought such cheer to the station, it seemed he was everyone's lost brother. . . . The social season was officially opened by the GOLDMANS. Sy and his lovely wife, NELLIE, recently entertained a few of their many friends. Your scribe and his wife were elated to be included in this lovely occasion. . . . Happy New Year.

- Ernest C. Carter

### LIMITS -

Superintendent MILES DE WITT and his dear wife celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on November 23. Congratulations and may you both have many years together filled with health, happiness and prosperity. . . . Operator T. MORRISON finally hit the jackpot when he won \$100 at the Eagles lodge. Congratulations, it couldn't have happened to a nicer fellow. . . . Operators WENZEL and HANDY are the men responsible for the beautiful Christmas tree and all the trimmings that graced Limits station during the Christmas holidays. A lot of work went into this project and we want you men to know it was greatly appreciated. Thank you. . . . Supervisor SAM SPITTALLI has been off for some time due to illness and surgery. We all hope that you are well on the road to recovery and will be back on the active list in short order. . . . The Limits Credit Union will hold their annual business meeting and party on January 21 at the Eagles Hall at Byron and Western Avenues. The time is 3 p.m. The officers of the credit union would like to see a big turnout, so all that can attend, we would like to see you there. There will be plenty of refreshments and door prizes.

- R. S. Benson

### LAWNDALE -

Mrs. "Wild Bill" LISIECKI is back home after her serious operation and we hope at present she is doing well. . . . "Stash" HYERCZYK was seen sporting a Russian hat to match his suit with the red lining, so not to be outdone, JESSE CINCUS put on his beany with the tiny peak which he purchased at the tulip festival. He said, "it came all the way from Holland. Holland, Michigan, that is." . . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of KEN-

NETH HARRIS on the loss of his brother, JOHN HARRIS, buried November 30; to the family of FRED KURTZMAN, buried November 30, and to HERB SHOMER in the loss of his sister, Mrs. LOUISE M. LOTTS. Herb is formerly from our repair department. . . . The stork has been hovering around our repair department and left a bouncing baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. FRANK MICETICH, and another bouncing baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LLOYD BROWN. The stork didn't forget our department as he left a bouncing baby boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES MOSER. This makes Mr. and Mrs. BILL MOSER grandparents for the ninth time. . . . The bureau of sanitation and keepers of the brooms department, ED KAWCZYNSKI and NATE ODOM, are in the process of putting up the Christmas tree and all the trimmings. They miss the able assistance of former Janitor CHARLIE STOLCPART who is down in Florida sitting under the yum-yum tree. . . . I happened to see PAT O'TOOLE at the newstand at Randolph and State. Pat looks great. I think he is helping the newsman sell papers.

- Larry Keating

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

Agents EMILY DILLON and LEONE NELSON enjoyed a week's vacation just before Christmas. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Agent BERT LINNE who is on the sick list at this time. . . . Agent VI MOEHRING's 14 year old grandson was injured by a car coming home from school. We hope by now he is on the road to recovery. . . . Pensioner KITTY KEEGAN CONROY, who has so many friends, is very sick in the hospital at this time. . . . Agent R. ROHRUBER and his wife will celebrate 31 years of marriage on February 13. Congratulations! . . . Congratulations to MARGURITE McMAHON and STEVE SASDIEK who took their pensions on December 1. Also, Agent THERESA JARVIS and boardmember AL SCHNEIDER are joining the pensioner's ranks on February 1. . . . The friends of Agent RAY WALZ offer their sympathy to him and his family on the passing of Ray's brother. . . . Pensioner MARTIN BEGLEY was hospitalized for eight weeks with an attack of hepatitis. We are happy to report that he is looking and feeling fine again. Also glad to see Agent HERB SAFFRAHN back on the job after surgery. . . . Agents MARY BURROWS and HELEN GUTH celebrated their birthdays on January 13. Agent DOROTHY FORD is looking forward to her natal day February 18. . . . I enjoyed a visit from former Porter JOE PARTIPILO and his wife, FLORENCE. Of course, the topic of conversation was grandchildren. They have eight now, and I have seven. . . . My granddaughter, LIZ BRANDT, celebrated her seventh birthday on December 12, and promptly broke out with chicken pox a few days later. My daughter, HELEN BRANDT, had a birthday on December 22, but I'm not telling how many. All in all, we had a nice but quite hectic holiday. . . . The blood bank is now open, so if you want to join see either HELEN PALLISTER or DOROTHY PARKER for applications. . . . We are into the swing of a new year, and let's hope it will be a good one for all.

- Helen Pallister

### LOOP -

May I introduce you to the sweetest little student agent on the West Side, Miss BARBRA PAUSCH, better known as "Poopsie." . . . Here is a story about a young Irish colleen who has just about everything. Oh yes, it's



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PICTURED HERE is Repairman **GEORGE A. MIGDAT** who, upon his retirement November 1, was the recipient of a gift from his fellow employees in the garage at Lawndale Station.

Agent **MARY GALLAGHER**. As she was walking along State street one lovely day not long ago, a tall, dark, handsome man came up to her and said, "Miss, you've been found by CBS TV." So, now we have a big TV star who will be seen on television one evening very soon. Mary said she will have to find a very nice male friend to escort her to all the dinners that will be given in her honor. She hates to write the lonely hearts club, so could someone put a bug in the ear of a fine looking Irishman, don't know his name, that works on the Lake street line west of Cicero. Good luck, Mary, hope you get way up there, but look out so you don't fall down . . . Little **DEBRA HOFFMAN** just had her third birthday party December 7. Oh, what fun she and her friends had. Her best and dearest boy friend was there. He is retired Agent **E. CORRIGAN**. Debra says, "Oh boy, do I love him. I do, do, do." . . . Agent **JERRY McCANN** and his bride had a lot of fun planning their first Christmas as man and wife . . . May I take this opportunity to wish former CTA's **R.N. ROSEMARY BECKER** good luck and happiness . . . I do hope someone made Student Agent **THADIOUS ZDEB** Christmas a happy one. He wanted to be Santa so bad. He would make a good one. Keep the weight up and we'll look for you next year . . . Now that Christmas is over, I wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year.

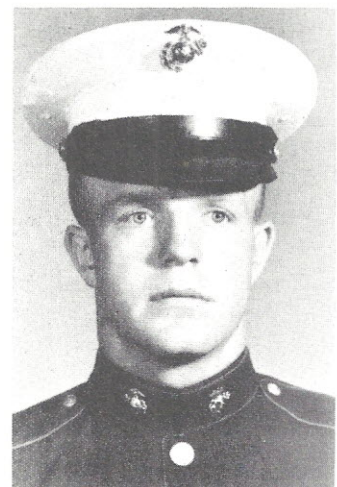
- Mildred Doyle

### NORTH PARK -

Operators: When arriving at terminals and leaving buses, be sure to take your changer, punch, and satchel with you. There have been acts of vandalism reported, and you are reminded that you will be held responsible for the losses, as it is considered negligence on your part . . . Operator **LESTER SWANSON** retired January 1 after 34 years of service. Les and his wife, **INEZ**, plan on traveling throughout the south and west with their new Bee Line trailer. Lester's hobby of rock hunting or hounding will now receive his full attention . . . Operator **MAURICE MARTENS** retired December 1 with 26 years of service. Maurice took everyone by surprise by taking his pension, and says that he will find many ways to keep busy in the future . . . Operator **RUSSELL BEHL** resigned from CTA and has taken a position with the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic control specialist . . . Operator **HAROLD ROBBINS** has returned to work at North Park after a six-year absence. Harold, who was working and living in Franklin, Indiana, decided that driving Chicago's buses was the life for him . . . Operator **MORT LIBERT**, who is one of North Park's leading overtime workers, has a new '68 Chevrolet Impala hardtop, of which Mort is very proud . . .

Operator **CASEY JOHNSON** and his wife, **EUNICE**, held their annual Christmas party for the children of their block with Casey being the genial Santa. This is a fine gesture on Casey's part . . . Operator **DON BENNETT** awoke one fine morning to find a sneak thief had cut down his 10 foot evergreen tree . . . Operator **BERNIE KONARSKI** sold his home in Skokie and purchased a new home at 8430 Clara street in Niles, Illinois. Bernie and his family moved into their new home January 15, and have invited their many friends to visit them . . . Operators **BRENDON GREGG** and **PETER DOLAN** gave a fine account of their abilities when they appeared in the O'Casey play, "The Plough and the Stars," held at the Athenaeum Theatre in November . . . North Park was well represented at the Little Flower Communion breakfast held Sunday, November 22. Father Paul Hoban and the committee members wish to thank everyone for helping North Park reach their quota again. Pensioners **MIKE PHILBIN**, **DAN MALONEY**, **NICK MUENCHEN**, **JOE KARASEK**, and **JOE "One Pint" GRASSL** again led the charge. Operator **JACK RUSS** won a basket of liquor, and Operator **ARTURO VALDEZ** won a \$50 prize in the raffle drawings . . . Operator **PAUL CEROTZKE** is now working at Skokie Shops and is happy in his new surroundings . . . **GREGORY SANSONE**, son of Operator **TONY SANSONE**, was home on a furlough for the holidays. Gregory is a crew member on the Destroyer USS T.E. Chandler . . . Operator **CHARLEY KEMP** shot a 6 point Illinois white tail deer which dressed out at 150 pounds. Charley shot the deer while hunting in DeKalb County. It was his first deer and a real thrill . . . The Southern Club of Chicago, which is headed by Operators **ROY BOWLIN** and **SHIRLEY MILLER**, held their annual Christmas party December 16. The Club entertained 20 sailors from the Great Lakes Naval hospital, and this makes the second year they have had the sailors as their guests. All proceeds of this fine event are turned over to the Naval hospital . . . **TERRY CONKLIN**, son of Operator **LE ROY CONKLIN**, enlisted in the United States Air Force and is receiving his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas . . . Sergeant **RICHARD STENCEL**, son of Receiver **EDWARD STENCEL**, served his stretch with the U.S. Army and was released as a civilian December 1. Richard, who served 18 months in Viet Nam, has returned to work as a bus serviceman at Forest Glen depot where he was employed previously . . . Operator **LOUIS WALKER** received a commendation in the form of a personal card from Mr. **ROBERT THOMPSON**, President of the South Suburban Safeway Lines Incorporated. Mr. Thompson, who was a

WITH HIS shoulders straight and eyes forward is PFC **TERRY MCGOVERN**, the son of Rapid Transit District Superintendent **THOMAS MCGOVERN** and his wife, **MARGARET**. Terry, who was home on furlough, returned to Camp Pendleton, California, on January 4, and was assigned to Force Recognition until he was shipped overseas for further training in the latter part of January.





# NEW PENSIONERS

RAY F. BRAINARD, Line Foreman,  
Electrical, Emp. 10-16-35  
MARY J. BROWN, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 10-20-43  
JOHN T. BURKE, Safety Coordinator,  
South Shops, Emp. 9-9-27  
ANNIE M. COLEMAN, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 10-22-35  
MARIE A. CREEDON, Stenographer,  
General Office, Emp. 5-6-41  
MARTIN DONOHUE, Repairman,  
North Avenue, Emp. 5-8-42  
HAROLD F. EBELING, Asst. Prop. Accountant,  
Property Accounting, Emp. 9-8-18  
THOMAS A. ELERY, Collector,  
Keeler, Emp. 10-1-42  
BEULAH L. FIELDS, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 6-25-23  
EDWARD E. GLONKE, Janitor,  
Keeler, Emp. 5-26-47  
RICHARD R. GOODWIN, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 3-4-24  
FRED J. HAGEN, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 11-24-25  
PAUL K. HANSEN, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 9-9-42  
BYRON B. HAWLEY, Supervisor,  
West Section, Emp. 6-16-25  
JOHN HUIZENGA, Line Supervisor,  
Transportation, Emp. 11-24-41  
FRANK W. KRAUSE, Asst. Superintendent,  
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WILLIAM A. LION, Operator,  
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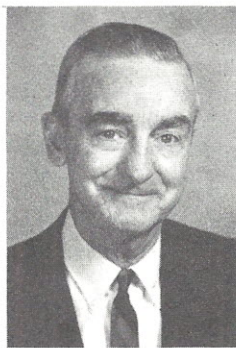
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Keeler, Emp. 4-20-26  
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North Avenue, Emp. 11-11-36  
WALTER J. MIELA, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-19-25  
BARTOLOMEO MIRABELLA, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 9-3-42  
PATRICK J. MULLANEY, Repairman,  
Beverly, Emp. 7-2-36  
PETER J. NAUGHTON, Porter,  
West Section, Emp. 12-23-42  
HARRY B. NEUMANN, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 7-19-44  
CHESTER M. NICHOLS, Inspector,  
Special Investigation, Emp. 8-1-46  
LESTER G. SWANSON, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 1-15-34  
RESTE VIOLA, Trackman,  
Track, Emp. 6-26-39  
FRED W. WALPOLE, Turnstile Collector,  
Treasury, Emp. 3-20-28

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

WALTER C. AUGUSTYN, Motorman,  
South Shops, Emp. 3-13-43  
VERNON W. KEENE, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 7-7-37  
CLIFTON E. MONEY, Porter,  
North Section, Emp. 10-12-43  
THOMAS M. WALSH, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 1-25-34



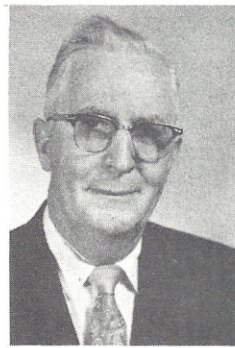
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44 Years



JOHN BURKE  
40 Years

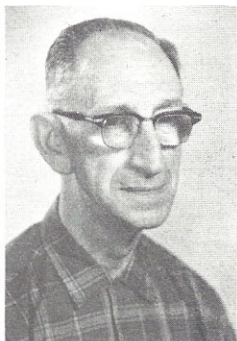


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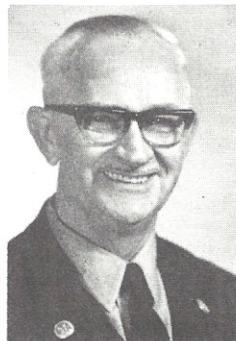


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41 Years

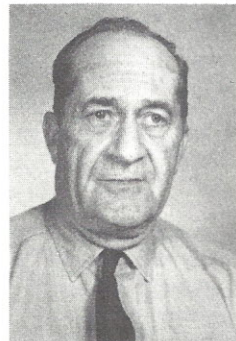
JOINING THE ranks of the retired January 1 were the nine employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each.



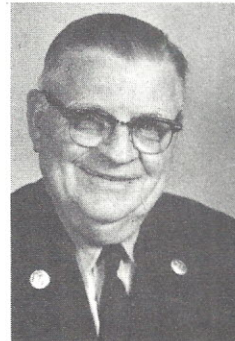
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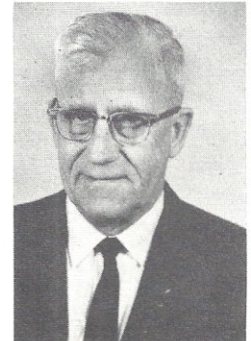
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WILLIAM LION  
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FRED HAGEN  
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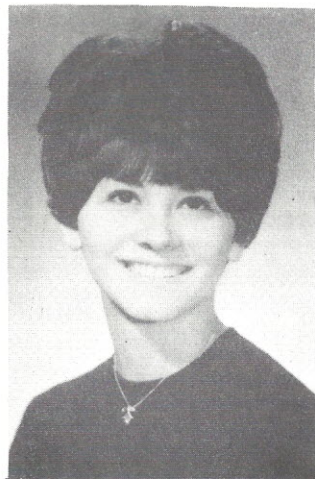
## INSIDE NEWS

passenger on Louis's bus, commended Louis as an excellent operator and thanked him for a fine ride . . . Operator ALBERT MEISTER has been placed on disability pension and hopes to be able to recover soon and return to work . . . STEVE SIMKO, son of Receiver JOHN SIMKO, was selected as a member of the Chicago area All Star Football team. Steve, who attends Schurz High school and was captain of the Schurz team, will now be playing on the basketball team, where he is also very proficient . . . KATHY ZAHN, daughter of Operator NICK ZAHN, was selected as a cheer leader at St. Benedict High school where she is a sophomore . . . RICHARD RAMBO, son of Operator HARON RAMBO, served his time in the U.S. Army and is a civilian again. Richard served 18 months in the 7th Infantry at Frankfurt, Germany, and will now resume his studies at the University of Illinois . . . JOHN SYNERSON, stepson of Operator RONALD and MARIE HODGES, was inducted into the air force and is receiving his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The Hodges also have two other sons serving. EDWARD, who is in the army in Germany, and CHARLES, in the air force at Reese, Texas . . . Operator DAVID BENSON and his family vacationed at Springdale, Utah, where Mrs. Benson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. WESLEY PORTER, own and operate the Terrace Brook motel. David reports that the scenery at Zion National Park is breathtaking . . . JO HALLIGAN, wife of Operator RICHARD HALLIGAN, was hospitalized at Resurrection hospital with a blood clot on her left leg, and at this writing is recuperating satisfactorily . . . Operator VICTOR MICETIC, who has been hospitalized since August, is now at Wesley Memorial hospital where he is receiving therapy treatment for his back. Good luck, Vic, and everyone hopes to see you back soon . . . Operator ED BOWLER was a \$10 winner at a recent union meeting, where North Park members are attending in large force, keeping our depot in first place in the attendance contest.

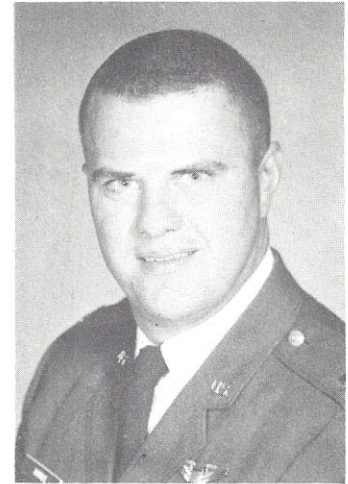
Operator CHARLES McCALPIN was married on Saturday, October 28, to Miss SHELBY FARRELL at the Shiloh Baptist church. The reception was held at the church attended by 200 guests. The young couple honeymooned at the Wisconsin Dells, and are now at home on the West Side . . . MIKE THELIN, son of Operator HENRY THELIN, was married on November 5 to Miss SUE



LOVELY CONSTANCE FEDEROWICZ, daughter of Janitor EDWARD FEDEROWICZ, Limits Station, is pictured here at the age of three months and as she appears today at the age of 19 years, when her engagement to ALEXANDER SEDIN was announced.



CAPTAIN ROBERT C. HANUS, son of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE E. HANUS, Schedule-Traffic Department, was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for flying extremely hazardous missions under heavy enemy fire and in adverse weather conditions on March 14, 1967, in Viet Nam. The presentation was made in a ceremony at Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Virginia.



SUPER at St. Peters Catholic church. The young couple honeymooned at the Wilmont Ski Lodge . . . Operator JOHN MARCINIAK spent his vacation in New York City, Springfield, Massachusetts, and Norwich, Connecticut. John, who hails from the east, had a grand time visiting his many relatives . . . Operator GARRETT FOY spent a week in Jasonville, Indiana, where his brother-in-law, WILLIAM BOHNERT, resides. Garrett reports the quail were plentiful and his special friends are all awaiting the dinner celebration . . . Receiver AL REMACK and his wife, DOROTHY, relaxed for a few days at the Singapore motel in Miami Beach, Florida. Leaving Miami, the Remacks embarked on a Caribbean cruise via the Steamship Federico "C", stopping off at San Juan, St. Thomas, Martinique, and then Caracas, South America. Also on the agenda was a visit with ED MUCHA of Fort Lauderdale, Florida . . . Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUE, motored to Naples, Florida, for a few days, and then headquartered at the Singapore Motel in Miami Beach. While in Florida, Sidney went deep sea fishing and caught a 6 foot, 11 inch sailfish weighing 52 pounds. Sidney is having the sailfish mounted and it will be a permanent fixture in his home . . . Operator LEO HARA and his wife, ANN, flew Eastern Air Lines to Miami Beach, Florida, where they stayed at the Saxony hotel. Leo reports the greatest time of his life, with attendance at many shows, plays, and visits to the race and dog tracks . . . Operator HAROLD SEDIN and his wife, SOPHIE, became grandparents for the 30th time when Harold's stepson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. JIM DEGELMANN, became parents of their fifth child, a daughter named CATHERINE LOUISE born November 14 at the Naval hospital in San Diego, California . . . Operator ROBERT KESSLER and his wife, CATHERINE, became grandparents for the second time when a grandson named EDWARD RALPH was born November 28, at the Coleman hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. The mother, Mrs. BARBARA GARVIN, is the daughter of Robert . . . Operator FRED LORENZ and his wife, JOSEPHINE, became parents of their fourth child, when a daughter named MILESSA LEE was born November 30 at St. Joseph's hospital . . . Operator ROY RIPKA and his wife, IRIS, became parents of their fourth child when a son named STEPHEN DANIEL was born December 1 at the Edgewater hospital. Our congratulations are extended to the parents and grandparents . . . Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, their 29th, January 1; Operator WALTER LINDEMANN and his wife, ELEANOR, their 40th, January 19; Operator BOB WALTERS and his wife, DORCAS, their 31st, January 1; Operator JOHN



## INSIDE NEWS



DISPLAYING THEIR fine catch of Spanish mackerel caught at Fort Myers, Florida, are North Park Operator and Mrs. TEX ABERNATHY, who were visiting at the home of Superintendent CHARLES KERR in Bonita Springs, Florida.

EISELT and his wife, LOUISE, January 9; Operator DAVE ARREGUIN and his wife, THERESA, their 11th, January 26, and Supervisor LARRY BENNETT and his wife, JULIA, their 27th, January 11 . . . Happy Birthdays are extended to: Mrs. IDA WEINER, December 25; Mrs. EULALIE DOWEY, January 10; Mrs. MARY HOLZMAN, January 19, and Mr. DAVE WHYTE, his 86th, December 13 . . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator CASEY JOHNSON on the loss of his father, THOMAS JOHNSON; Operator EUGENE BRUDNEY on the loss of his beloved wife, SUSAN; the family of Pensioner PAUL S. BUTCHER, and to Chief Clerk RAYMOND SIMON on the loss of his sister, Mrs. MARGARETE EDSTROM, of Noblesville, Indiana . . . Operator BILL SEIFERT was the recent victim of a gang of young toughs on Homan avenue, and suffered a mild brain concussion. Bill, who is one of Homan avenue's favorite operators, is expected back to work soon . . . The welcome mat is extended to Repairman WALLY HALLFORD who has returned to North Park. Also, to ROBERT NELSON, SAMUEL WILLIAMS, ABRAHAM TAYLOR, and PAUL BARNETT who have started at North Park as servicemen . . . Repairman PAT HARTNETT has transferred to Skokie Shops where he will become an electrician . . . Repairman BUCKY BAKANOVICZ rates a salute for his help in painting and decorating the American legion hall in Wauconda, Illinois, while on his vacation . . . Pensioner ED "Big Feet" CORDA sends Christmas greetings to all his teammates at the garage . . . Repairman FRANK CAHILL reports his New Years pledge will be to cease smoking and the use of liquid refreshments . . . Our sympathy is extended to Serviceman EDWARD OLEANDER on the loss of his father.

- Melvin Horning

### NORTH AVENUE -

Operator JOHN HOFF Jr. and his wife are the proud parents of a baby boy, MICHAEL FREDERICK. The child is active, healthy, and very happy with his adopted parents. Operator EDWARD GUNDLACH and his wife became grandparents again when their daughter, MARSHA GRILLO, gave birth to NICHOLAS KEVIN GRILLO at Weiss Memorial hospital on October 6. Operator EDWARD KENDZIERSKI and his wife are the grandparents of a baby boy, RONALD KENDZIERSKI Jr. Operator ANTHONY KEMP and his wife, ANN, became proud parents when JOHN FITZGERALD was born November 26 at Oak Park hospital. Now there is a brother for his two little girls. Our congratulations to all the parents and grandparents . . . Operator NORMAN GNADT and his wife, LORRAINE, announced the engagement of their daughter, EILEEN DENISE, to ROBERT GODUTO . . .

Operator ENIX MASON is very proud of the camping record of the group of Scouts sponsored by the Emerson School PTA in Maywood, of which he is committee chairman. The group has worthwhile projects and has been invited to swim free each Saturday morning by the YMCA, until every scout has finished his swim test. Enix was chosen to accompany the troop to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, in August . . . Former Operator RAY EBEL of North Avenue, now with Division 241, is at home recovering from an operation at present. He would appreciate hearing from his friends. His address is 5217 West Augusta, Chicago. We hope he will be well soon . . . Some of the cash winners at the Union meeting were Pensioners PHILLIP SMITH, LEO STEP-HANOWSKI, JOHN NAUGHTON and Operator LARRY CASEY, Foreman PATRICK CLANCY, and Operator ADAM WASCZ . . . Operator RAYMOND GUNTHER visited Los Angeles, California. He toured Disneyland, the Wax Museum, Universal Studios, and Knott's Berry Farm . . . Pensioner ERNEST BOCK and I did some hunting for rabbits, quail, and pheasant, at Effingham, Illinois. We met ROBERT BUETOW, son of Operator WILLIAM BUETOW, and enjoyed hunting with him and his hunting dog. Ernie was overloaded with rabbits, and said that the next time he goes hunting he will take a shopping cart with him to carry the game . . . Pensioner HAROLD LEMIEUX paid us a visit when he was in Chicago for the holidays. He is looking good . . . Operator NICHOLAS LORENZETTI and Operator WILLIAM MAIRE took their pensions on January 1. Best of luck to both and we hope to hear from them . . . SP 4 RONALD BEDOE enjoyed Christmas at home with his family, then left for Fort Eustice, Virginia, where he expects to be until March 16 when he again becomes a civilian . . . We welcome new Operators SHERIDAN SAILS, OWEN GARRETT, HUBERT WELCH, NAPOLEON JACKSON, IRVING PERRY, MANUAL DIAZ, and TOMMY OWENS . . . We received a note from Pensioner BILL ECHOLS. He is out of the hospital, but not entirely well yet. We wish him a speedy recovery . . . Operator JOSEPH PERNICE lost his brother-in-law, RUSSELL McDONALD. Pensioner WALTER FISCHER passed away December 2. Pensioner ELMER R. MOGGE departed this life December 14. Our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families . . . I want to thank all of my fellow workers and pensioners for the many lovely Christmas cards . . . I hope you will all send me any news items for this column that you may have. We depend on you for it.

- Bill Miedema

TWO CTAers at South Shops who have been proudly displaying the picture of their two-year old grandson, LARRY JUGIN, are Shop Clerk MARTHA and Stock Clerk WALTER JUGIN.





**NORTH SECTION -**

Now that Christmas is over, I guess we will all get back to our normal routines. I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and will have a prosperous New Year . . . Congratulations are in order for Clerk L. RACKER who became a supervisor on January 1. You are starting the year out right, Les . . . Mr. DOLAN, retired yard foreman, called Howard street to wish all a merry Christmas. Pensioner and former Conductor CHARLIE ELLIOTT stopped in to say hello also . . . MARIE TOWNSEND took a trip to Wisconsin to spend the holidays with her niece and family . . . To the many employees that are on the sick list, we hope they have a speedy recovery . . . Recent retirements on the North Side are: J. COURSEY, E. SCHILTZ, J. DONNELLY, A. COLEMAN, and H. B. NEUMANN . . . Congratulations to E. CALDWELL, P. O'MALLEY, J. RODRIQUEZ, and R. THOMAS who were selected to attend the supervisors training program . . . I hear that pensioner TOM O'NEIL is still coming through Montrose station. He is still active and working part time. Keep up the good work, Tom . . . To all the friends of ex-ticket agent TED BRENNEN who are wondering what happened to him, he is now serving in the U.S. Army . . . Condolences to JENNIE LAURINE, C. M. O'CONNER, and F. GRANCOLA on the loss of their brothers; to the family of retired towerman EMIL J. LINDENBERG who passed away December 3, and to MARIAN SPARKS who lost her mother December 5. Marian wishes to thank all who contributed to the mass card and sent sympathy cards . . . GERDA MATHEWS is still on the sick list and has asked me to thank all who sent her cards, flowers, and made calls to her . . . Mr. and Mrs. JACK NELSON became the proud parents of a baby girl on December 1, who answers to the name of DEBRA LYNN. Louise got her Christmas present a little early as she was expecting the baby in January. We all wish her the best . . . MYRTLE APITZ became a grandma again on November 27, when her son and his wife had a baby girl named NATALIE MARIE . . . Who is the clerk at Howard street that just attained his 30th birthday and feels like an old man already. A.T.? . . . PAT EGAN resigned from the CTA recently . . . Welcome to new ticket agent W. MURPHY who came to us from North Park station where he was a bus driver . . . ART and LESTER SILINS was seen at Princess Electra recently for a family dinner . . . Your scribe had her sister and husband in from Michigan over the Thanksgiving weekend to see their new home, and had daughters, husband, and boy friend for Christmas day.



PANDEMONIUM REIGNED when this group of North Section Agents gathered recently for a surprise baby shower at the home of PAUL and EVELYN LANZ. LOUISE NELSON was the honored guest for this happy occasion.



THIS LOVELY young lady is DOLORES LARSON, daughter of Supervisor and Mrs. A. W. PFEIFFER. This year, as in years previous, she has been the featured vocalist for the opening of the State street X-ray survey. Even though Dolores has a busy schedule as a soloist, she still manages to donate much of her time and talent to such benefits.

All had a wonderful time . . . Anyone wishing to write GERALDINE VINZENS, here is her address: 21 Lynn Court, Woodcliff, New Jersey 76075. I'm sure she would enjoy hearing from some of her old friends.

The North side "L" CTA Credit Union will hold its annual business meeting and dinner Sunday, February 11, at 2 p.m. at Johnny Weigel's Queen Ann ballroom, 3910 N. Damen avenue. Parking facilities are available in the bank parking lot. All members are urged to attend this meeting. For further information, contact the credit union.

- Grace Mounts

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

Congratulations to RAY NOAKES on his promotion to outside supervisor . . . JOSEPH T. LYNCH became the proud father of a baby girl, KELLI ANNE, born on November 22 . . . Mr. and Mrs. WALTER SCHWEINFURTH celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on December 23. Wally spent his vacation recuperating after the holidays . . . JIM BRENNAN and his family motored to Florida to spend the holidays with his parents . . . Pensioner J. HENDRICKS visited the office to wish all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year . . . W. P. DEVEREUX flew to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to spend Christmas with his daughter, Sister M. Williamette . . . Your scribe's birthday was celebrated with her co-workers lunching in the Sample Room. EILEEN ARDELL took time off from her honeymoon to be part of the celebration. KAY shares a mutual birthday with JOE SABOL . . . JOHN FITZGERALD and his wife celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary in Florida. As an anniversary gift, John's wife let him play golf everyday he was down there.

- Kathryn Batina

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

We recently welcomed RICHARD TESCH, our new stores coordinator, and GEORGE CHRISTOFIDIS, a new specifications engineer, into our department.

**(South Division) -**

All of our get-well wishes are going to JOHN ZIGANTO who, at this writing, is on the sick list . . . A warm welcome is extended to ALFRED J. CUNNINGHAM who recently joined our department.



## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

HAROLD S. ANTHON, 49, Engineering,  
Emp. 9-7-48, Died 12-6-67  
JOSEPH N. BUKANTIS, 81, 77th Street,  
Emp. 12-18-17, Died 11-17-67  
PAUL S. BUTCHER, 58, North Park,  
Emp. 11-28-42, Died 11-30-67  
WILLIAM A. DOLL, 79, Kedzie,  
Emp. 8-25-08, Died 11-28-67  
WALTER W. FISCHER, 74, North Avenue,  
Emp. 8-31-18, Died 12-2-67  
ANTONY FRICANO, 63, Track,  
Emp. 5-25-29, Died 11-24-67  
HARRY H. GAUER, 80, West Section,  
Emp. 10-1-11, Died 11-24-67  
JOSEPH E. KENNEDY, 80, Kedzie,  
Emp. 5-18-07, Died 11-26-67  
STEPHEN KETCHMARK, 83, Track,  
Emp. 4-22-29, Died 12-6-67  
FRED H. KURTZMAN, 84, Lawndale,  
Emp. 1-5-25, Died 11-27-67  
EMIL J. LINDENBERG, 65, North Section,  
Emp. 8-2-18, Died 12-3-67  
JOSEPH McGUINNESS, 77, Kimball,  
Emp. 11-1-29, Died 11-12-67  
JOSEPH M. MIDERSKI, 73, Blue Island,  
Emp. 6-21-13, Died 12-2-67

JAMES MONJORAS, 89, South Shops,  
Emp. 11-16-17, Died 11-9-67  
CHARLES H. NICHOLS, 59, West Section,  
Emp. 7-26-51, Died 11-15-67  
TIMOTHY O'LEARY, 77, Devon,  
Emp. 10-9-19, Died 11-19-67  
CHARLES PACELLI, 86, Auditing,  
Emp. 11-22-18, Died 11-30-67  
EDWIN M. PARKER, 67, Beverly,  
Emp. 11-15-27, Died 11-9-67  
JOHN PECHER, 38, Electrical,  
Emp. 7-6-48, Died 12-14-67  
GUST PLAMAS, 79, Track,  
Emp. 11-20-23, Died 11-28-67  
CARMEN SANTO RIZZO, 80, Grand Avenue,  
Emp. 4-15-30, Died 11-23-67  
EDMUND SKIERKIEWICZ, 58, South Shops,  
Emp. 6-30-47, Died 11-30-67  
FRANK SOUKUP, 86, Metropolitan,  
Emp. 6-12-11, Died 11-24-67  
JOSEPH VERDERBER, 77, West Shops,  
Emp. 8-5-27, Died 11-25-67  
DENNIS WARFIELD, 68, Lake Street,  
Emp. 11-23-20, Died 11-10-67  
JOHN ZONDLO, 34, Electrical,  
Emp. 8-3-59, Died 12-14-67

### (North Division) -

Our deepest sympathy to CARMINE CARDAMONE and his family who journeyed to California after receiving the sad news of his brother's hospitalization with a heart attack, and the death of his young niece . . . On the brighter side, we extend congratulations to the NICK LACORCIAS who became grandparents for the second time when NICHOLAS DANIEL arrived on Thanksgiving day . . . DOROTHY STEMBRIDGE, retired clerk, stopped by while making final preparations for moving to St. Petersburg, Florida. We wish her the best of luck in her new home and hope to hear from her often . . . Caught a glimpse of ART CARLSON and DAVE STETCHER when they dropped in for a short visit and it seems as though retirement is agreeing with them favorably. . . Christmas greetings arrived from AL MIX, retired stock clerk, Storeroom 43, who is spending the winter basking in the Florida sunshine.

- D. Jane Bell

### SKOKIE SHOPS -

Received Christmas cards from pensioners PAUL (Pete) EHMKE, machinist, JIM EGAN, carpenter, FRED FEINENDEGEN, electrical foreman, DAVE GURWICH, material clerk, RALPH DANIELSON, foreman Congress Terminal, and was visited by LESTER H. REICHARD, superintendent rapid transit shops and terminals, and CHARLES CEFFALIO, electrical worker . . . Our sympathy is extended to DAVID GUERECA, shopman, on the loss of his mother . . . We're hoping that the fellows who are off sick get well soon and will be back to start the new year. HARRY MINGEE, painter, MITCHELL FACZEK, painter, GEORGE PUTZ, machinist, and MARTIN GRIFFIN, shopman . . . ANNETTE CICHOSZ,

typist, and her husband, JERRY, electrical worker, are visiting with relatives in Cleveland, Ohio, during the holidays . . . JAN BRODA, painter, recently purchased a home in Wheeling. Best of luck to you in your new house.

- Everett E. England

### SOUTH SECTION -

A happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year to all! . . . Both 61st and Loomis Street coffee clubs had sandwiches, coffee, and rolls for Christmas and it put everyone in the holiday frame of mind. Besides, the food sure was good . . . Congratulations to Supervisor VERN BURGESS who became a grandpa for the second time when a little grandson, DONALD EDWARD, was born December 17 . . . December was another month for pension parties. The Agent's Pension Club held their Christmas and pension dinner December 3 at the Beverly Wood restaurant, and about 100 people attended. The new retirees honored were Motorman LOUIS GRYGIEL and Towerman PATRICK HICKEY and their families. A gift of remembrance was presented to each of them by the club. Also present was Yard Foreman ELMER STEVENS who is going on pension soon and his wife. Elmer was honored at the September agent's dinner because they thought he would be off to Australia by now with his family to live. However, they haven't been able to leave yet, but hope to take off after the holidays. We all wish Louis, Pat, and Elmer a happy retirement. It was a lovely dinner, and all the pensioners looked so young and gay. It was a pleasure to see everyone . . . We are proud of our south siders who were accepted for Supervisor Training School: Motormen CHARLES CONLEY, DARDEN FULLER and DAVID MARTIN, and Yard Foreman ARDIS MORRIS. . .



## INSIDE NEWS



**THE BEAUTIFUL** bride, KAREN ANDERSON, is being escorted down the aisle of St. Pascal church by her father, Supervisor JOHN ANDERSON. She was united in holy matrimony to BRUCE SEIBEN on September 19.

Welcome back off the sick list to Clerk JOHN MORAN, Motorman LAWRENCE MAY, Switchman EDDIE STEPHENSON, and Agent WILLIAM SHEEHAN. . . Over the Thanksgiving holiday Assignment Agent LILL CULLINAN, Agent TONI STIPATI, and Retired Agent ESTHER McDERMOTT drove out to see retired Assignment Agent JERI VINZENS in New Jersey and had a nice visit with her. While there they went up to West Point to see the sights. . . Retired Supervisor CHARLES SPIELMAN was in the hospital recently but is home now recuperating and coming along nicely. . . Loomis Street had a little pension get-together for Yard Foreman ELMER STEVENS who is going on pension soon. His lovely wife, CHARLOTTE, attended too. A remembrance gift was presented to him by his co-workers. On their way to Australia, they are going to make stop-overs for a few days in Hawaii and the Fiji Islands. . . Yard Foreman JAMES SIMMONS had a late fall vacation and went hunting in Kosciusko, Mississippi. . . We were saddened to hear that two of our wonderful pensioners passed away recently; Towerman WILLIAM TERMUNDE and Conductor THOMAS BEGGAN. Our sincere condolences to their families. . . "Hello" to newly hired part-time Agent MICHAEL ROCHOWIAK, and good luck to part-time Agent JOYCELYN AYERS who became a full-time Agent on the West Section. . . Retired Division 308 board member CHARLES BURN was in the hospital recently, but he is out and around again and looks as good as ever. He said he feels pretty good too. . . The Shop Department had a pension luncheon for Shopman FRANK CLARK who went on pension December 1. It was a very good luncheon and Mr. Clark sure doesn't look of pension age. All of Frank's co-workers wish him much happiness.

Congratulations to Agent RUTH LOVELL who is a champion grandmother. She became a grandmother for the 12th time when a little girl, CAROL ANN, was born recently. . . Sincere sympathy is extended to Conductor LEONARD SUCECH whose father passed away recently; to Motorman PAUL DUCAR on the loss of his brother, and to Motorman DALE SLEDGE on the loss of his father. . . We sure are proud of Motorman FRANK POWELL who received \$25.00 recently for a safety suggestion. . . Received some news about our pensioners thru Retired Motorman EDWARD HENNESSY. Retired Motorman DANIEL KIDNEY is now living in Stockton, California, and wishes to be remembered to all his friends back in Chicago. Retired Motorman JOE HILL who lives in Boyington Beach, Florida, was in the hospital recently, but is now home recuperating. Retired North Section Conductor FRED BECK, who lives in Phoenix, Arizona,

wishes to be remembered to everyone. . . Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER was so happy because his daughter, son-in-law, and grandson came up from Texas to spend the holidays with Fred and his wife. . . Good luck to part-time WILLIAM SUNDIN who resigned. . . Retired Motorman LOUIS GRYGIEL wishes to thank all the members of the Agent's Pension Club for his wonderful party and gift. He shall always remember the party. . . Was talking to Superintendent of Agents and Janitors LEO BIEN and he said to tell everyone that his wife, ANN, who was gravely ill, is improving. We all send her our prayers for a quick recovery. . . Some of our retirees were around recently visiting the boys at 61st Street and Loomis Street. Retired Motorman JOHN BURKE, and Retired Janitors HEZEKIAH MILLIGAN and JOHN WILSON. They all looked in tip-top shape. . . The passenger commendations keep coming in. Agent CHRISTINE EVANS was commended for her pleasant attitude and courteous treatment of her customers, Motorman ROBERT BUTLER, Conductor JAMES GALLAGHER and Motorman GERALD CAREY were commended for their helpful assistance in aiding a woman who was separated from her child and reunited them. . . On the sick list at this writing is Agent JOHN RYBAKOWSKI. Our best wishes for a quick recovery. . . Retired Conductor EDWARD HOPKINS is really traveling around. He is now in California visiting with his sister whom he hasn't seen in a long time. . . Motorman HAROLD RICHARDS, who has been on the sick list for several months, is home from the hospital and wishes to thank everyone for all their nice cards and calls. . . A Reminder: February 4--South Side "L" Credit Union annual meeting and get-together, 2:00 p.m., AM-Vets Hall, 88th and Vincennes. See you then.

- Verna Hartney

### TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Mrs. PATRICIA ANTONUCCI presented her husband, JOHN, instructor, with an early Christmas present. A baby boy named ANTHONY JOHN was born to the couple on December 4. Congratulations and best wishes to all. . . Our deepest sympathy to Pensioner TONY ANTONUCCI and his family on the passing of his wife. . . Condolences to the family of Pensioner JAMES PERILLO who passed away on December 19. . . A fond farewell to STANLEY BARNAS, car serviceman, who transferred from Wilson to Congress. Hope Stan likes his new location. . . Congratulations to MIKE KEATING, Congress, on his promotion to combination clerk. . . Uncle Sam greetings were received by J. WILSON, Congress, who has embarked upon a short hitch in the army. . . A pre-Christmas party was given by the CTA American Legion Post for the member's children. With NICK SUERO in command and HERMAN IZZO playing Santa, a good time was had by all. . . Congress must have a secret attraction as they succeeded in getting another transferee.

**PISTOL PACKIN'** mama in full regalia is KATHY JO KALASA, riding herd on her third birthday, September 28. She is the granddaughter of Operator HARRY OSOWSKI of North Park depot.





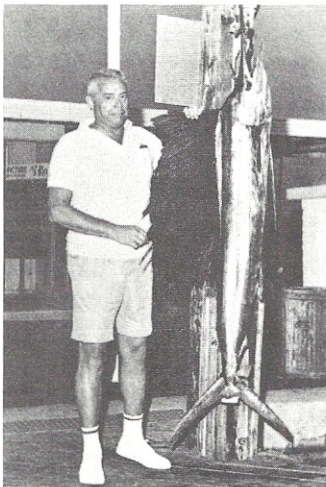
## INSIDE NEWS

This time it was DANIEL WITTENBERG who transferred from Kimball. A hearty welcome from all the boys at Congress . . . The law finally caught up with E. SHIELDS, Congress, with a sentence to two weeks jury duty . . . A welcome back to work is extended to GUY COLOMBO from his son, PETE, and all the boys at Congress, and from co-workers at Wilson . . . December brought a special treat of holiday vacations to W. HOVALD, H. MURRY, R. CATANESE, A. GIBSON, and A. VIRGILIO.

- Ray Brzezczek

### WEST SECTION -

Dear Forest Parkers: I am writing this letter to thank everyone for their wonderful participation at our Christmas party. A special thanks to ART NEWMAN, CLARENCE JONES, and Superintendent ED HEATTER for all their help. A big thanks to our fine Agent, DOROTHY FORD, for the delicious cookies she brought. They disappeared in five minutes. To brighten our Christmas party, here are all the pensioners that showed up: CARL FRANK, JAMES VITO, JAMES PEDERSON, PATSY LONGO, JOHN NOLETHY, FREDELL, LARSEN, CHARLEY DAVIS, BOB CAREY, PAT BRODERICK, DANNY LANE, and Supervisor HOGAN. They all looked so good that you would think that they were going to a bankers convention. Now if only our pretty ladies on pension had come, it would have been a ball . . . On January 1 one of the finest supervisors at the CTA went on pension. To be kind and considerate is one of BYRON HAWLEY's lesser traits. So, let's all wish him the best of everything . . . Received a card from ROLAND (Duke) LAWSHE and his wife, KATE, now living in Tuscon, Arizona. The scenery picture he sent was beautiful . . . Now a sad note to report. HENRY GAUER and LEROY ANDERSON both passed away. It was a pleasure to work with these two fine gentlemen . . . Our sick list consists of AL SCHARF, HARRY SAFRANEK, SAL DI TOMASO, and BILL HAWKINS. Just "Bad Toe" Hawkins could make our party and we were glad to see him. So the rest hurry and get well for we are going to have another party next month . . . JIM LANE told this on himself. He took his lovely young wife to get her drivers license and the clerk asked him if she was his daughter. Now he won't go anywhere with her . . . Oh wait until I see Mrs. C. J. JONES. She made C.J. promise not to eat anything as long as I was the cook. A little mistake; I mean the chef . . . Did you know that DAN SCHULTZ bought eight dozen hard rolls just for a snack? Oh yes, he did invite his two brothers to help him eat them . . . If anyone was



A FISHERMAN'S dream is this 6 foot 11 inch sailfish weighing 52 pounds caught by North Park Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK while fishing off the coast of Naples, Florida. Sidney is having the fish mounted and it will be a permanent fixture in his home.



GATHERED AROUND Assistant Station Superintendent FRANK W. KRAUSE, 77th Street, who retired on January 1, are a group of his fellow employees. Pictured left to right are: W. MURPHY, M. GRADY, R. SHORT, Mr. Krause, W. LEWIS, and R. ALBRECHT.

displeased with the food I am sorry, but, I couldn't have italian sausage, polish sausage, corn beef and cabbage, and corn bread just to make everyone happy . . . To end this column with one last thank you, it is for the editor of the Transit News, BOB HEINLEIN, for the kind words he said about me in a recent letter to reporters.

- Santo Siciliano

### TRANSPORTATION (Mart) -

GEORGE RILEY became a grandfather for the third time when his daughter, PATRICE ROMAN, gave birth to a baby boy, DOUGLAS WILLIAM, on December 17. Congratulations to both parents and grandparents . . . WALLY OQUIST and his wife, BETTY, vacationed in New Orleans, visiting the French Quarter. They also went to Biloxi, Mississippi, for a few days. Wally took advantage of the nice weather to play a game of golf, but wouldn't tell anyone what his score was . . . JOHN HUIZENGA, line supervisor, took an early retirement beginning January 1. He and his wife, HENRIETTA, are going to fly to Hawaii and spend a few weeks there just relaxing and enjoying themselves. We all wish you a very happy and healthy retirement . . . LILLIAN, the daughter of KEN WILLIAMS, became Mrs. EDWARD BRADLEY at a nuptial mass at St. Cleta church on December 16. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to all.

### (Utility and Emergency Service) -

Some new faces and names in the Utility Department belong to THOMAS MCKEAN, LEROY BUSH, and DANIEL BOWEN. Welcome and good luck in your new jobs . . . Wedding bells were ringing for PATRICIA, the daughter of RICHARD MURPHY, who was married on November 4 . . . NORBERT GEWELKE drove to Arizona where he stayed for three weeks. After having a very good time he concluded his trip with a plane flight home . . . Mr. and Mrs. JAMES J. ROCHE recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. Congratulations are extended to the happy couple.

- Colette Szejepanek

### 69TH STREET -

Hello! This is ART BUESING reporting the news as he sees and hears it, with only a little help from some of you fellows. Some call me Walter Winchell and others call me Hedda Hopper or Ann Landers. Call me what you may, but just don't forget to call me for news when



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you have it . . . Do you fellows know that LARRY LARSON bowled a 711 series? He hit games of 265 - 230 - 216, and didn't win a pot. Swede's luck I call it . . . Talking about Swedes, SWANSON has made believers of some of the fellows on the 69th street runs. Or maybe it was the Christmas spirit. It had to be something because I saw COYLE, MICKEY YOUNG, and DAVIDSON sitting together in the Union restaurant and Coyle and Young shook hands . . . I had a bad scare the other day. The HOWE brothers were walking ahead of me -- not leading me on the street. It is good to hear that GENE HOWE's wife is doing well after her recent serious operation . . . Mr. SCREEN, Mr. GIBES, and the receivers would like to thank everyone for not using the 25¢ card when the 30¢ fare took effect. Everyone that is except FRANK BROZKIEWICZ who couldn't see through the cigar smoke and ended up on the shortage for over three days. May I suggest snuff, old pal? . . . BILL DONAHUE and his lovely wife, LILLIAN, their daughter, PATRICIA, and her husband, JOHN WEAVER, celebrated their 30th and sixth wedding anniversary on November 25 . . . Is it true that CARL RYDELL is running a hearse instead of a bus on Ashland? . . . JIM O'DONNELL, who formerly owned the eat shop on the southeast corner of 69th and Western passed away December 2. J. H. WEDEL lost his mother-in-law. Pensioner W. A. HEDIN died, and M. CASPER lost his wife. May we all extend our deepest sympathy to those they left behind. . . JIMMY AHERN of the repair department says that CHARLES WILLIAMS who assigns the buses in the a.m., has not missed a day's work for any reason for the last 10 years, nor has he been late once. How about that you guys? . . . Those helping the population boom at this time are: Mr. and Mrs. TEDDIE NIEZABITOWSKI a girl, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES JENNINGS a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. GOEMER a boy, and Mr. and Mrs. DENIS a boy. We wish them much health and happiness, and to the rest of you, just keep trying . . . RAY SCHEID is now home from the hospital and BOB RUSSELL, who hurt his hand, is getting along fine. Both should be back to work soon . . . L. BERNARD and BILL LORENZEN took their vacations so as to help Santa make his rounds . . . JIM (Bad Eye) KELLY has a new dog which he bought from BENNY PIERCE of the repair department. Benny says in Ireland it is a bird dog of the grouse dog breed. What kind of a dog is it in the good old U.S.A., Bad Eye? . . . JOHN BILLIS completed his reserve training and is back to work, while STEVE ZEISELHOFFER has just started his stretch in the armed forces . . . FRANK HIGGINS was back on leave and said hello before he returned to West Virginia for another stretch . . . Has anyone noticed the mail box in the train room? Let's put some news in it fellows, or I will run out of gas.

- Arthur P. Buesing

### 77TH STREET -

Happy New Year everyone . . . Boy, I get back from vacation and what do I find? Pen notes all over the place. So, here goes nothing . . . First of all, I understand there was a retirement party for a good friend of mine, Superintendent EDDIE LOUGHRAN of Keeler station. My co-reporter, JULIUS BRAZIL, was there taking pictures. Sorry we can't print any of them as they are in color and we can't handle color. From all of us at 77th street who know you Mr. Loughran, good luck and smooth sailing . . . Another story you fellows may be interested in is about the son of Operator JOSEPH PHILLIPS, Marine Sergeant J. P. PHILLIPS Jr. He recently returned from Viet Nam where he served as combat news correspondent

and was awarded Viet Nam's third highest decoration for valor, the Cross of Gallantry with a silver star, and a certificate of commendation. The certificate was signed by the Commanding General, Third Marine Division, Major General B. A. Hochmuth . . . Operator PEYTON HIGHTOWER will be a father again shortly, and this time Peyton, all of us hope you will get your first son. Oh, Operator CLIFFORD C. AYERS is slowly trying to take Peyton's title of, "the friendliest operator of 77th." Hang in there, Peyton . . . Say, has anyone found the courage to tell RAY WILLIAMS that water does not go into gas tanks? . . . Operator ROGER R. HUDSON has returned to work after being off for three weeks and boy, does he look better after the rest . . . Bowlers wanted --200 average to 110 average, even 98, for the 77th Street operators league. Come on fellows, let's get out to the Pla-More Bowl. See Operator H. L. BEATY, league president, or WILSON WASHINGTON, league secretary . . . Operator M. ANDERSON was shopping for a 1967 Riviera. Did you get it for Christmas old buddy? . . . HOBART KNIGHT's son, JERRY, is still serving with the Peace Corps. He'll be in the Marshall Islands for about two years. Lot's of luck, Jerry . . . Now for a few belated birthday greetings. ZENOBIA WILLIAMS, wife of Operator HARRY B. WILLIAMS, December 5, SAM ANDERSON Jr., son of Operator SAM ANDERSON Sr., December 24, and MATTIE WEATHINGTON, wife of Operator DAVID WEATHINGTON, December 19 . . . Operator ALONZO WILSON and his wife, MATTIE, celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary December 22, and hope to have a hundred more . . . And then there was one Operator EUGENE BARBER, and now there are two, when he married lovely SHIRLEY recently . . . DAVE WILLIAMS became a grandpop at last. His little grandson's name is LAWRENCE WALDEN Jr . . . Congratulations to KING CASEY, who after 17 years got off the extra board . . . Perhaps you fellows haven't noticed, but we have a new mascot at 77th. A very pretty parakeet whose name is MIKE . . . My daughter, BRENDA, got a swinger camera for Christmas, and she takes pictures of everything. Stoves, refrigerators, and TV sets. Pretty soon she'll have pictures of everything in the house. My son, AMOS FOSTER Jr., was home for Christmas and we had a ball . . . Say, did I almost get it today. Here we are running around with this story of the Keeler station superintendent and one of our own is retiring. I'm speaking of none other than Mr. FRANK KRAUSE, our assistant station superintendent. Mr. Krause was hired January 10, 1936, and issued badge #1499. He was promoted to junior supervisor on February 16, 1943, and assistant station superintendent October 10, 1947. We understand that he is going to live in Florida, where he has purchased a home. He has his bags packed and retired on December 31. So long Mr. Krause, you will be missed around here, and if you get bored, maybe you can be re-hired . . . Well, this will do it, but, here is one other thing. Operator WILLIAM JOHNSON's wife gave him a beautiful Christmas present December 23. Guess what it was? Twins! A boy and a girl whose names are unknown at this writing . . . See you next month and watch those icy spots.

- Amos Foster & Julius Brazil

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FORMER DIVISION depot trainmen are invited to attend a reunion at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, at the Eagles meeting hall, 3857 N. Western avenue.

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