

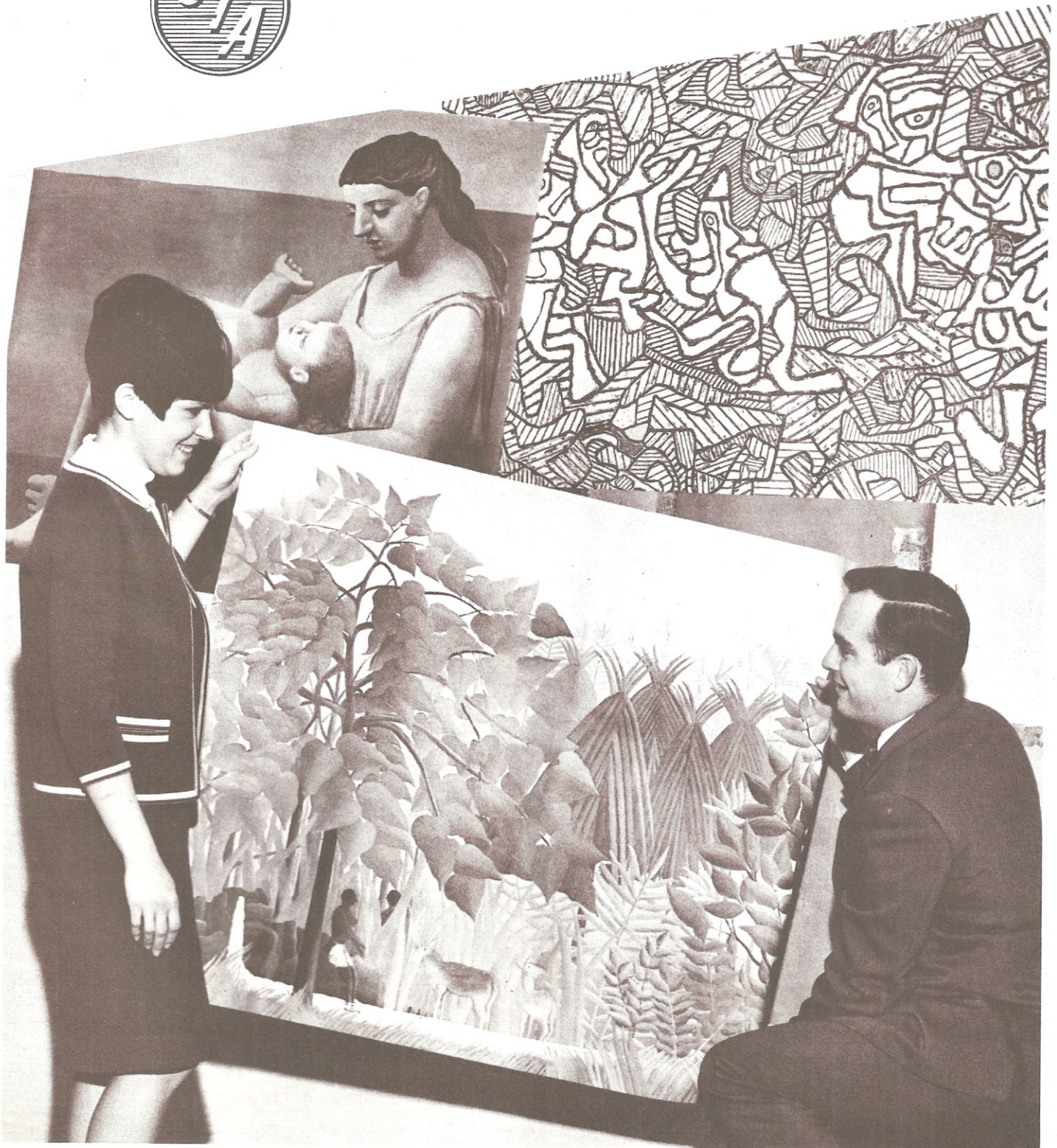
TRANSIT NEWS

METROPOLITAN



TRANSIT

FEBRUARY, 1968



1967

in Review

TWENTY YEARS of serving the mass transit needs of Chicago were chalked up by Chicago Transit Authority in 1967. CTA became an operating company on October 1, 1947, when it purchased the former Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Rapid Transit company.

In reflecting upon the 20 years of operation George L. DeMent, Chairman of Chicago Transit Board, said, "Amazing strides have been made in mass transit in these two decades. Chicago has witnessed the greatest era of transit modernization in its history--a modernization and improvement program that ranks as one of the most extensive ever undertaken in Chicago or, for that matter, anywhere in the nation.

"In 20 years, more than \$220,000,000 has been spent by CTA for new operating equipment and modernization and improvements of CTA facilities. And this is in addition to more than \$110,000,000 spent by the City of Chicago and other public agencies for construction of the State and Dearborn subways, the open-cut subway in the median of the Eisenhower expressway, and for elevation of the street-level section of the Lake rapid transit route."

He pointed out, too, that these major accomplishments were made despite increasing competition from the private automobile and the severe handicaps of progressive inflation.

"Chicago is a vigorous and dynamic city setting the pace for progressive cities of the nation in the field of transportation, as well as that of commerce, industry, and finance," concluded Mr. DeMent.

A review of the year 1967 would be incomplete for CTA without some mention of the "Great Blizzard of '67." CTA's rapid transit system proved to be the salvation of an almost paralyzed city. It operated throughout the storm with few problems.

During the course of the storm, January 26 and 27, some 700 buses were stranded in mountain-like snow drifts. By Sunday, January 29, all but a few of the buses had been recovered. In the wake of the storm, many bus lines could not be operated because of impassable streets. On some routes, service was not restored for two or three days until streets could be plowed and abandoned vehicles

moved. Service was slow due to stalled and parked cars, resulting in main arteries being reduced to single lanes for both directions.

Riding throughout the storm was extremely heavy on "L"-subway trains; however, surface riding was below normal due to the slow travel time on the snow- and auto-clogged streets.

Passenger revenue of \$556,479 on Tuesday, January 31, was the highest in CTA history for a single day. It was also the heaviest riding day of the storm period. Rapid transit routes carried 735,253 revenue passengers and bus lines carried 1,274,384 for a total of 2,009,637. For the rapid transit system, this was a 78.5 per cent increase over a comparable day in 1966.

Early in 1967 CTA opened its second escalator between street level and the Loop "L." It is located on the northwest corner of State and Van Buren streets. Late in 1966 CTA opened an escalator on the southwest corner of State and Lake streets. Both escalator enclosures are of plexiglass and aluminum construction and have fluorescent lighting and infra-red heaters.

In November, 1967, CTA revised its fare structure as a result of spiraling labor and operating costs. The basic adult fare was increased 5 cents with an additional 10-cent premium long-ride charge for persons originating or terminating their trips at the three westernmost stations on the Lake, Douglas, and Congress rapid transit routes. Child and student rates were not changed and the 5-cent transfer charge remained in effect.

Increased labor and material costs and the rising hourly cost-of-living allowance compelled CTA to raise fares. In making the announcement, Mr. DeMent said, "The rising costs of everything we buy to maintain service--labor, material, and supplies--are caused by factors beyond the control of CTA. Under the law, Chicago Transit Authority must charge rates of fare sufficient in the aggregate to pay all of its operating expenses and other charges, such as depreciation. A fare increase is never pleasant for CTA or its riders, and if it were at all possible, Chicago Transit Board would prefer to forego the rate revision."

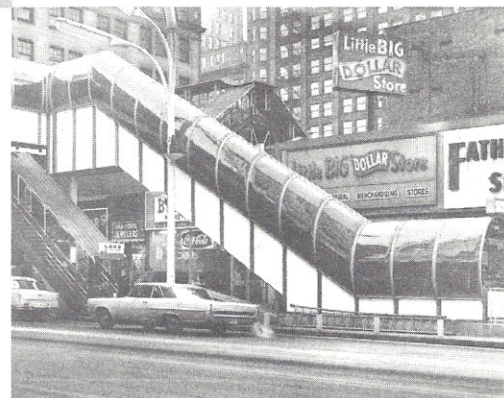
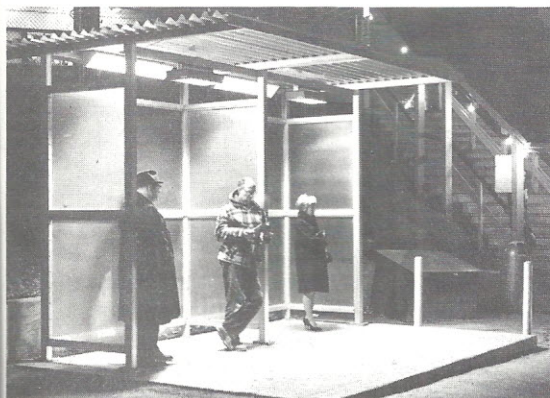
Modernization of CTA's operating facilities continued in 1967 with the opening of a new rapid transit terminal shop at Harlem avenue and Lake street in Forest Park. The terminal shop for rapid transit car inspection and service was built at a cost of about \$1,250,000. With a floor area of about 25,000 square feet, it provides complete facilities for the maintenance of the 140 new air-conditioned cars on the Lake route.

The new 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



1967 PICTORIALIZED

- "Great Blizzard" stuns city
- New bus shelter in Congress Terminal
- Forest Park inspection shop opened
- State-Van Buren escalator completed



shop, servicing cars assigned to the West-Northwest route, was opened in July, 1962.

Forest Park Shop is a modern two-story building which can accommodate as many as 12 rapid transit cars at a time. Inspection and servicing of cars is facilitated by three hoists, each capable of lifting a two-car train 5 feet off the track, and two inspection pit tracks--permitting ready access to undersides of cars.

In time for winter weather, CTA installed a heated shelter at the Congress terminal of the West-Northwest rapid transit route in Forest Park for the convenience of persons waiting for connecting transportation during off-peak hours. The terminal is served by CTA's Westchester bus route (No. 17), and West Towns, West Suburban, and private buses.

The shelter, located in the bus loading area west of the main stairway leading to the train platform, is constructed of aluminum and reinforced fiberglass. Equipped with fluorescent lights and infra-red heaters, it provides 126 square feet of protected waiting area. The heaters, set at 10-minute cycles, are push-button controlled.

Revenue passengers carried by CTA during 1967 totaled 510,508,396. Buses carried 389,770,830 revenue passengers and the rapid transit carried 120,737,566 revenue passengers.

A forecast for the year 1968 estimates that revenue passengers will total 493,379,000 -- 382,877,000 on buses and 110,502,000 on the rapid transit system. Passenger revenues are estimated to be up \$14,410,350 for 1968. The anticipated decrease in riding and increase in passenger revenues arise from the new adult fares placed in effect in November, 1967.

A total of \$15,617,000 is budgeted for the purchase of passenger equipment and plant improvement in 1968. Major expenditures under this category include the purchase of 176 new buses and the air conditioning of 114 Series-6000 rapid transit cars for use in the Kennedy rapid transit service, which are budgeted at \$6,903,830.

Other items included in the capital budget are new transportation offices and extension of the inspection shop at Congress terminal, construction of an inspection shop at 63rd and Racine, installation of escalators and modernizing of Bryn Mawr "L" station, remodeling of four stations, and engineering for the Howard and Kimball terminals. These items are budgeted at \$1,417,000. For surface system buildings, \$919,000 is budgeted for remodeling the West Shops building for use by Utility, Stores, and Electrical Departments, start of construction of new fueling facilities at 77th and Vincennes, installation and remodeling the heating, ventilating, and other facilities at various garages and construction of off-street bus terminals.

Rider's Letter Cites Patience of Bus Operators

OFT TIMES the Service Section of the Public Information Department receives letters from the public commending specific CTA employees for outstanding services rendered. On the Public Speaks page of the Transit News some of these letters are printed.

In one letter, the writer had the highest esteem for all bus drivers for their temperate stability, and stated some of the trials and tribulations they confront daily. Here in context is what she said:

"I would like to say something about the errant CTA bus drivers. I wouldn't have their jobs if they paid me \$25 an hour and gave me three days off a week with pay. These men deserve medals for the abuse and name calling they receive from the public. Here is an incident I witnessed in the Loop. Once you pass Wacker drive eastbound on Washington street, there are platforms where the buses stop. Signs are posted which give the name and number of the bus route and where it should stop. There was an elderly lady waiting in the wrong place, and because the bus driver didn't stop where she wanted him to, although he did wait for her, she got on the bus and called him a savage. The driver sat there and didn't say a word. She, and

people like her, never stop to think that their lives are in his hands while they are passengers on his bus.

"Others get on and smoke their cigarettes, cigars, and spit on the floor; they ride and read their newspapers, then get off at their stop and the latest news is all over the floor along with dirty kleenex and anything else they want to dispose of. These people are not all teen-agers, the majority are people who call themselves adults. These same adults go out and get drunk, get on the bus, pass out, ride back and forth all night, and wake up sober in the morning. They stand and wait for a bus, get on, hand the driver a 5 or 10 dollar bill and demand the driver to make change to pay a 30-cent fare, then curse him if he can't.

"My hat is off to your drivers. They do a tremendous job when you sit down and think of what they have to contend with. They deserve a vote of praise and thanks."

Our hats are off to you, too. Your perception of the problems our operating employees must face daily is appreciated, and we wish that all our passengers would show such consideration.

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John E. Blare, Retired Consultant, Dies at 76

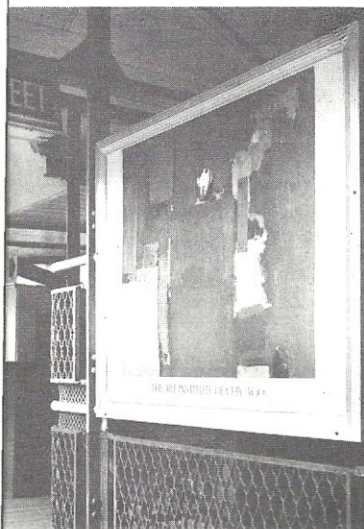
FUNERAL SERVICES for John E. Blare, 76, retired special consultant to CTA, were held Wednesday, February 14, at John Carroll and Sons funeral chapel, 25 E. Erie street. Mr. Blare died Sunday, February 11, in Wesley Memorial hospital. He retired December 31, 1965, after 44 years of service with Chicago transit companies.

Mr. Blare began his transit career in April, 1921, as an employee of the Chicago Rapid Transit company. In 1923, he left the elevated organization and joined the Chicago Surface Lines as a schedule clerk. He was later transferred to the Public Relations Department as assistant to the director.

After the takeover by the Chicago Transit Authority, he became the executive assistant to General Manager Walter J. McCarter, now retired, and was later appointed to the consulting post.

He is survived by a wife, Evelyn, a son, James A., and five grandchildren, Lindy, Nancy, Holly, Katherine, and James P.

OUR COVER: "L"-subway riders are now being given the opportunity to view a series of art masterpieces on CTA train platforms. The displays are being sponsored by the Art Institute of Chicago. Eileen Ardell, Schedule-Traffic Department, and Joseph O'Sullivan, Methods and Procedures, are eyeing "The Waterfall" by Henri Rousseau. Other displays, shown in the background, include "The Golden Wall" by Hans Hofmann, "The Genuflection of the Bishop" by Jan Dubusset, and "Mother and Child" by Pablo Picasso. In the accompanying picture, "The Golden Wall" is posted in a frame at the State-Van Buren station.



Suggestion Plan Awards Received by 13 Employees

TWENTY-FIVE dollar checks were recently presented by the Suggestion Committee to each of three CTA employees for their participation in the Employee Suggestion Plan.

Charles T. Jurkus, Stores - South Shops, received his check as a supplemental award for a suggestion adopted one year ago which has accrued savings to CTA. The other two award winners, both of Engineering Department - West Shops, were Edward D. Gertz who submitted his second Honorable Mention idea and Wayne A. Hansen who received a cash award for his adoptable suggestion.

Suggestions submitted by Gertz and Hansen were adopted after the Committee authorized the presentation of a \$7.00 Jewel gift certificate to each employee whose suggestion is accepted and they, in addition to the 10 others named below, became eligible to receive the special award: Transportation

ACCEPTING A gift and best wishes from her fellow employees is Mable Potthast, General Accounting, who is pictured here with Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi at a dinner on the eve of her retirement February 1. Mable has served as an Inside News reporter to Transit News since April, 1957, and ranks fourth on the "seniority list" of reporters. It is with much happiness, therefore, that the Transit News staff expresses its appreciation for a job well done and extends its wishes for an enjoyable retirement which will bring the fulfillment of all her plans.



-- Tony Abbinanti, North Section; Martin F. Glynn, 77th Street; George Hirschfield, North Avenue, and Frank Powell, 61st Street. General Office -- Bernie Kizior, Electrical, James McCoy, Real Estate, and Eugene Sullivan, Engineering. Shops and Equipment -- Edward Fortuna, Beverly, and Paul Psik, South Shops. Electrical -- William Glassner, Blue Island.

Reservations Still Available for 15-Day Hawaiian Tour

TIME IS growing short for making your reservation for the Hawaiian tour offered to CTA employees (active or retired). The special CTA price per person, including tax, is \$585.75 for superior accommodations, and \$566.45 for standard accommodations.

The tour includes round trip jet transportation between Chicago and Honolulu, air travel between neighboring islands, reserved hotel accommodations throughout, a complete sightseeing program by private motorcoach, cruise on a luxury yacht, and baggage transfer.



Leaving August 31 from Chicago's O'Hare Airport, the 15-day itinerary includes visits to the four major islands, Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai. Among the many sights to be seen on the tour are the Pearl Harbor war memorial, Sea Life park, sugar and pineapple fields, and Lahaina, the historic old whaling port. The group will return Saturday, September 14, to O'Hare Airport.

Full information may be obtained by filling in the coupon and forwarding it to Jane Mitchell, Chicago Transit Authority, Room 734, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

PLEASE SEND me details on the Hawaiian tour for CTA employees as described in CTA TRANSIT NEWS:

Name

Address

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Work Location



Clarence Cowan



Lawrence Hart

OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

BUS OPERATORS who consistently pick the same route at their operating station are like neighborhood businessmen in that they eventually come to recognize many of their regular customers. The operator also gains the respect of those in the community he serves, because of the manner in which he performs his duties.

Riders have many ways of showing how appreciative they are of the service rendered by their regular bus driver. One of the most unusual, however, may well have been a petition with the signatures of more than 300 riders asking the return of their favorite operator to the Vincennes-111th route. The petition and letter which follows were received after the winter pick went into effect and Operator Clarence Cowan, Badge No. 3372, Beverly Station, changed routes:

"We, the girls of Longwood, would like to commend you on your wonderful bus drivers going along Vincennes; one bus driver in particular, Clarence Cowan, has been really nice. He knows almost everybody by name and always waits if he sees you coming (he always looks). Clarence recently got his routes changed. We got a petition going to keep him on our route and brought it to Mr. O'Connor. He explained to us about seniority, and we understand that Clarence can't come back until February, but we're

sending this petition down anyway to let you know that he is really a great guy. When we brought the petition down to the bus depot at 103rd and Vincennes, all the people there were real nice to us. They could have thrown us out, but they stopped for us to see if there was anything that could be done. In conclusion, we would like to say that we appreciate the hospitality of all your drivers, Thank You."

Bus Operator Lawrence Hart, Badge No. 8106, North Avenue station, was the recipient of the following commendation which resulted from his continually picking on the Chicago Avenue route in recent years:

"There is a bus driver employed in your service whom I think should be given a great deal of credit for his outstanding conduct; not only as a driver, but as a person of unusual character. His badge number is 8106 and he has a run on Chicago avenue. I've been fortunate the past eight years to be a passenger on his bus on different occasions. During this time I have closely observed the sincere kindness he has extended to his passengers. It's difficult to please everyone no matter how hard we try but I honestly believe that if you took a survey you'd find him to be well liked and appreciated by many. I wish there were more people in the world who could treat others, even those

less deserving, the way he does. I have always felt safe with his driving and knew he was a good operator. This man takes time to help people on and off the bus who are unable due to the number of packages or ailments afflicting them. In short, he is polite to everyone. I haven't met a nicer or friendlier person yet working for the CTA. He is an inspiration to everyone - just knowing there



Peter Nicopoulos

are still some swell folks around. He deserves a pat on the back and a big thank you for the service he is giving others. You're mighty lucky to have him and so are we."

Forest Glen Operator Peter Nicopoulos, Badge No. 8047, received the letter which follows from a rider who often boarded his Peterson Avenue bus:

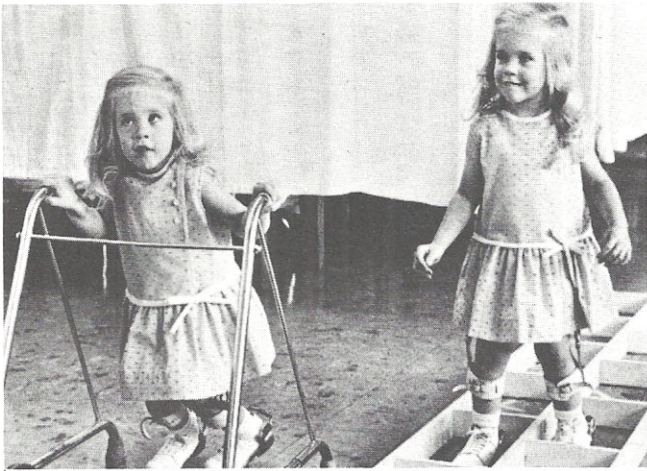
"This is to inform you that bus driver No. 8047 on the Peterson Avenue bus is one of the finest, most courteous, and gentlemanly drivers I have come across. I ride on his bus in the morning on the way to work and he never fails to say 'good morning' with a very warm smile to most everyone. There have been times when he would see me running for the bus and, Peterson Avenue being the busy street that it is, he would wait until I was able to cross when the traffic subsided. I have seen him do it for anyone he sees running to make the bus. I highly commend bus driver 8047, we need more drivers like him."

People Have Got to Help People

THE OFFER of help to one human being by another is one of the most ancient traditions. It is just as true today as it was in the Biblical time of the "good Samaritan."

Today, each of us is even more conscious of the debt we owe our brothers. This awareness, many believe, has played an important part in making our nation and our world a better place to live.

The Easter Seal Society puts it this way: "People have got to help people."



IDENTICAL TWINS with identical handicaps -- Lori and Lisa Yauch have been chosen as 1968 National Easter Seal children.

TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND Chicagoans can put a Lily on their Easter bonnets this spring for their work on behalf of the Easter Seal Society.

Taking part in the largest Easter Parade in the city, the twenty-six thousand will parade door-to-door, March 19-23, raising funds to help thousands of crippled children and adults in Chicago.

Without duplicating the services of any other public or private agency, the Chicago Easter Seal Society provides therapy and equipment so that crippled children can learn to walk and talk. Giving help to handicapped adults in the form of equipment, therapy and employment, the Society is directly beneficial in guiding these people toward productive lives.

The Chicago unit has been extending its services since 1936. Last year alone, over 7,900 children and adults in our immediate area received Easter Seal services. They were treated regardless of the cause of their affliction.

This year, under the direction of Howard L. Willett, 1968 Chicago Easter Seal Campaign Chairman, the Easter Seal Parade will be routed to cover all of greater Chicago. Each Parade volunteer will give his neighbor a sheet of Easter Seals and ask for a generous con-

tribution to help the crippled and handicapped of Chicago.

That's the theme of the 1968 Easter Seal campaign to raise funds for crippled children and adults, to help them walk, talk, and do all the other things most of us take for granted.

Last year, the Society provided rehabilitation services to almost a quarter million Americans through its nationwide network of centers.

The real credit belongs to the many millions who contribute each year to enable the Easter Seal Society to help people. For in the world of today, it takes a lot more than one or two "good Samaritans."

Without the dollars we give, the Society could not maintain its nationwide staff of more than 4,000 employees at the specially designed and equipped rehabilitation facilities which offer modern therapy and other services. And thousands of crippled persons could not hope to get the help they need to overcome their handicaps.

Even if you haven't given to Easter Seals in the past, please do this year. Despite the march of progress, the ranks of the handicapped are growing, and more money than ever before is needed to continue helping them.

Be a person who helps people. You'll feel good if you are.



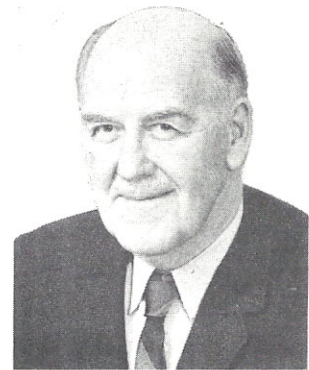
tribution to help the crippled and handicapped of Chicago.

The 1968 campaign goal is \$460,000. Attainment of this financial goal will enable the Society to reach its service goal of helping more of the crippled and handicapped, while at the same time expanding the number of services available to them.

So that Easter Seals may bring their many beneficial services to the thousands who need them, welcome your Parade volunteer when she calls on you; then cheer on the Easter Seal Parade with a generous contribution and know that you are also cheering on the crippled and handicapped in their effort to lead independent lives.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin, CTA Medical Consultant



WE ARE in the midst of the Flu season; therefore, a few general remarks about the flu seem appropriate. The case this year seems to be a bit more severe and longer in duration than in the past few years.

Flu is much more severe than the common cold, which Charles Dickens said "made him deaf in the ears, hoarse in the throat, red in the nose, green in the gills, damp in the eyes, irresistible coughing, chills and fever, twitchy in the joints, and fractious in temper." On the other hand, the ordinary cold is not much more than a stuffy nose and scratchy throat.

With the flu you feel so sick you want to go to bed. Also flu keeps you down longer.

The Cause of Influenza -- The viruses that cause the flu are so small that they can be seen only with a powerful electron microscope. The disease is acquired when these viruses get into the noses and mouths of people. They are most commonly passed to others, too, by direct contact or by sneezing or coughing.

What Is Influenza -- Flu is a fairly brief, severe sickness that is very catching. It is spread from one person to another by one of a family of viruses.

When flu strikes, it may damage the lining membrane of the breathing or bronchial tubes. Then it may spread to the air cells of the lungs. Tissues become swollen and inflamed. They may also crack into little sores causing the discharge from your nose or throat to become streaked with blood. But these tissues are not damaged permanently. They heal in 9 to 15 days--providing no other germ takes over.

Who Gets The Flu -- Anyone can get the flu, especially when it is widespread in a community. However, children around 8 to 12 years of age are most vulnerable. But many adults do come down with the flu. It is likely to be serious for those persons who have some pre-existing chronic chest disease, or in pregnant women.

How Does The Flu Attack -- Influenza seems to come on suddenly. Actually it takes one to three days to develop. When it does come out in the open, the patient usually has chills, fever, headache, backache, muscular pains, lack of appetite, and generalized tiredness or weakness.

The other common discomforts or symptoms include a cold in the head, sore throat, dry cough, a burning sensation in the eyes, and nausea.

INFLUENZA

Temperature goes up quickly the first day, usually to 101 or 103 degrees. Your temperature then may go down gradually over the next few days; or in some cases it may go down quickly only to rise again on the third or fourth day. Fever usually lasts three or four days but it might go on for seven to ten days.

As your temperature goes down you are apt to notice more stuffiness in the nose. The cough usually gets worse and there may be drainage from the sinuses. From then on you are getting better rapidly unless there is some complication. However, don't be surprised if you feel overly tired for a few weeks. A cough is a common hangover for several weeks.

What Are The Effects Of The Flu -- In most cases, flu leaves no permanent after effects. In a few cases, complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus trouble, and ear infection develop.

Management or Treatment of Influenza -- The only possible way to prevent the flu is by flu vaccine. This is not a sure preventative, but according to the Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service the vaccine is about 60 per cent effective. The vaccine contains egg albumin so people who are allergic to eggs should not take it.

Keeping your resistance up with rest and avoiding crowds is also helpful.

Treatment of the flu, once you have already contracted it, starts with calling your doctor. He will probably advise bed rest, plenty of fluids orally, and aspirin, especially if you have a fever or body pains.

If the sickness you have is uncomplicated flu, penicillin and other wonder drugs will not help because they are not effective against the flu viruses. However, your doctor may give you one of these drugs if he thinks you are getting another kind of infection as well.

In summary, I suggest you contact your doctor at the onset of the flu and follow his advice until you have recovered.



J. C. BORGMAN, operator (with Reporter Julius Brazil): "I have had so much cooperation from other drivers that it made me feel elated when an operator told me he had a cold bus and I could do him a favor by trading with the bus I was pulling into the depot."



ANDREW G. BUTLER, operator (with Reporter Amos Foster): "I was working 79th street and my motor stopped while I was on an incline. The hand brake wouldn't hold the bus even though it was out of gear. A gentleman saw my plight and directed another bus to push me to a safe place. Before this happened, he identified himself as a District Superintendent."

QUESTION: Have you had any personal experiences
where CTA teamwork has paid off?

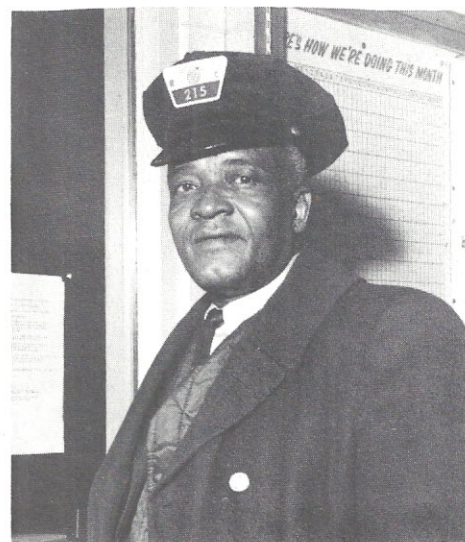
INQUIRING REPORTERS: Amos Foster & Julius Brazil

LOCATION: 77th Street station



R. L. EDWARDS, operator (left): "One morning as I was pulling out, my bus pulled to the right as I was braking. A repairman saw the difficulty I was having in steering and asked me what was wrong. After telling him, he had me pull over an open pit and adjusted the brakes."

THOMAS G. LE NOIR, operator (right): "It was a very cold day and I was southbound on the Dan Ryan Expressway when my defrosters went out; the windows got caked with ice. There was another bus behind me, and when I told the operator of my trouble, he got in front of me and slowly led me off."



THE INSIDE NEWS

-AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

PAT LEGENZA, Voucher, spent nine wonderful days in Hawaii over the New Year's holidays where she was united with her husband who was on rest and recuperation leave from Vietnam. They sojourned at the Waikikian Hotel on Waikiki Beach which portrayed an authentic Hawaiian Isle atmosphere with the traditional lamplighting ceremonies and the music and song of the natives who serenaded the guests each night. Pat and her husband toured the Island of Oahu by car and enjoyed the most magnificent sights of Diamond Head, Pearl Harbor, the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial, fields of sugar cane and pineapple, and miles and miles of beautiful beaches. Pat says she cannot say enough about this Island paradise. The climate is perfect, the food delicious, and the native drinks potent. It is the ideal place for a honeymoon as the tropical and natural beauties set the scene for romance. . . . MARGARET WALKER, Material & Supplies, flew to Miami, Florida, December 16 to attend the wedding of her niece, NISA WALKER, who was married December 27. The climax of the trip was a dinner cooked by the bride for her aunts, MARGARET and MABLE, and uncle, NORMAN, from Oak Lawn. . . . PHYLLIS WHITE is welcomed back after a stay in the hospital and recuperation at home. . . . The 17th annual CTA Credit Union meeting was held in the CTA cafeteria on Friday, January 26. There was a large turnout of members and a great deal of interest was shown. The treasurer's report revealed a striking increase in members, shares, and loans, which was gratifying to all. Some new officers were elected in lieu of two retiring members of the board of directors. Refreshments were served and the meeting was climaxed with the drawing of many door prizes. . . . Your scribe is now joining the "Retirement Club", which includes time to do the things one wishes to do and never had time before. So this will be my final news item, but, I will be anticipating the Transit News each month.

- Mable Potthast

(Revenue) -

The holiday rush has come to an end and now we can really get down to business! Of course, this year should prove to be interesting to all of us single girls. After all, it is leap year. . . . So, KATHY SLOYAN and TINA KIRK what do you have planned for SADIE HAWKIN's day? . . . As for JOSEPHINE COLEMAN, on January 25, birthday greetings were wished, and for PATRICIA COLBURN on January 26. Let's see now, how many candles were lit? . . . Those new faces we see are CHARLES BELL from the transfer room who is now file clerk, and RICHARD WIELGOSIAK, a new member of the CTA family who is now a transfer counter. A hearty welcome to you both! . . . A speedy recovery is hoped for ART VAN GUILDER, janitor, at the transfer room. . . . "Hello" to LORRAINE McEVILLY. Lorraine has returned after a recent illness. Nice to have you back. . . . The Revenue Section had the pleasure of a visit from CRAIG CAMPBELL during the holidays. Craig, who is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, will be finishing boot camp shortly. . . . There is a new and daring sports-woman around, and after PAULINE THIEL's first attempt at ice skating, we hope she hasn't given up. . . . What is it we hear about F. C. PALILUNAS, revenue

accountant, starting a hobby of coin collecting? Well, Mr. P., maybe we can put a good word in for you and by the next issue of the Transit News you will be swamped with all you can handle. How about a few old CTA tokens?

- Clotilde Mrzena

(Payroll) -

We are happy to report that retiree MABEL MAGNUSON is recuperating nicely after undergoing surgery. We wish her good health in the future. . . . WILLIAM PARRILLO drove to California to visit his relatives. He had a nice trip and kept us informed through picture postcards.

- Eileen Neurauter

BEVERLY -

Sometimes we forget or haven't the time to bestow honor and glory on a man who really deserved or earned it. This is a story of such a man who did not seek titles or need a pat on the back everytime he did a job. This man was Mr. JAMES GEARY, a CTA employee for 25 years. Jim was one of the best charity workers to raise funds and every organization was asking for his help. His health was very poor the last few years but he worked until his death on January 10. He was a member of La-Rabida Council #980, Knights of Columbus, for 30 years. He worked in the background, but we knew he would not let his brother knights down. MARGARET, his wonderful wife, knew the meaning of a K.C. widow, and Jim was a man who didn't say those words we all hear, "I haven't the time to help you." He was chairman for the Little Flower Society and raised thousands of dollars, and enrolled hundreds of members. Many a young man would not be a Carmelite Seminarian today if it was not for him, and he will always be remembered in their daily prayers and mass. We cannot match the eloquence of Father Quentin Duncan or Father Paul Hoban of the Little Flower Society who delivered the eulogy at St. Ethelreda church. Jim was past president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was a very happy man when he could sing an Irish tune with his friends. Each year he would attend the big retreat and was captain of the Notre Dame Retreat League. This is a tribute to one of our finest men in blue who lived the life of our brothers keeper regardless of race, creed, or color. God performed the last act of charity when Jim was told his visit on earth would be cut short. Everyone will miss you James Geary, may your soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

- Tom Daniels

CLAIMS -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of ED SULLIVAN, locator, who passed away January 21. . . . Congratulations to BING and TONI APITZ on their new arrival, NATALIE MARIE, born November 25. . . . Good luck to BOB STAWISKI who left the company January 12 to return to school. . . . JOHN DALY, who we've been teasing about all his vacations, took an unexpected vacation in the hospital. John went in just before Christmas suffering from a heart attack. We're very happy to re-

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port that John is doing fine and will be going home soon . . . Welcome back to CASEY PAWLINSKI who has been on the sick list; he returned to work January 8. Glad to see you back, Casey . . . BOB LA MONT has returned from the service and came to the Claim Department on December 18 . . . The welcome mat is rolled out to quite a few new members of the Claim Department. To LAWANA REDDING who joined us on January 8. Lawana is a former ticket agent from Monroe and Adams; to ALBERT PORTER, former station clerk at 77th Street Station, now a locator; to CHARLES MARBLE, night accident clerk, former station clerk at Kedzie Avenue, and to SAMUEL VAUGHAN, locator, former station clerk at Lawndale. Also added to the department is KAREN JOHNSON, a new employee . . . ED COMAN and his wife are flying to California to a place known as Top of Toppa, a suburb of Los Angeles. There they will visit Dr. and Mrs. JERRY QUINLAN, Ed's sister and brother-in-law. They also plan on taking in the sights such as Disneyland and Las Vegas, Nevada. They expect to stay about three weeks and then fly from Los Angeles to Jackson, Mississippi, where they'll spend a week with Mrs. Coman's daughter, NANCY, and her husband, GEOFREY, and their children . . . Former Court Assistant JOHN DAVIS who retired in January, 1967, was down in North Fort Myers, Florida, for a month's stay. We understand that John has always been a fisherman. While down there, John decided he liked the good fishing, people, and nice location so much that he bought a lot and trailer. We all hope he has many, many enjoyable days of good fishing and warm sun . . . Congratulations to GAIL PETERSON, age 11, daughter of BILL PETERSON. Gail was the lucky winner of a 1968 Camaro. She won the car in a Heavy Weight Computer contest on the radio . . . A former switchboard operator of the Claim Department, JOSEPHINE KELLY, who retired in 1951, has been convalescing at the Evanston hospital since December. Josephine is doing well . . . JOHN WILLIAMS spent three days of his Christmas vacation in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin . . . We're happy to see that JOHN CONLON is back after a stay in the hospital. John returned on January 9.

- Peggy Wallahan & Shari Pupa

ELECTRICAL -

Welcome to LARRY BEEMSTERBOER, a new Electrical Department employee . . . We have two vacationers basking in the Florida sunshine, TOM JOHNSON and ART HANSEL. Art's after fish, and it's a good bet he got them . . . BILL REHDER, your co-reporter, is in San Diego visiting his daughter and her family. Then, it's back by plane and a quick trip to Missouri . . . Welcome back from the sick list to ART McDERMOTT, and a speedy recovery to BILL HOOVER, one of our chief operators. January happy birthdays to: J. PIENTO, L. DONOFRIO, J. DARCY (He's 39), J. RUSNAK, A. HANSEL, C. MATUSZEWSKI, L. BEEMSTERBOER, and HARVEY HEIDE's bitty wife, VELNA (Boo). Incidentally, our thanks to Harvey for collecting the news at Blue Island while Bill Rehder was out West.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

ENGINEERING -

We all welcome EVAN E. OLMSTEAD, Superintendent of Engineering. He is not a stranger in the Mart-General Office. His many friends wish him a lot of good luck



FRANK PRESTIGIA, carpenter, South Shops, and the founder of the Society of Italian-American Musicians, is pictured here with some of its members playing at their annual dance. Left to right are: Mr. Prestigia, saxophone, TOM RINALD, drums, CARMEN DELLO, clarinet, and FRANK PANIECO, trumpet.

with his new duties . . . Our best wishes are extended to MARIE CREEDON on her retirement January 1. A luncheon was held on December 27 at Henrici's and 52 CTA employees were present to wish her much luck and happiness. Among those present were retired friends of Marie, NELL ROCHE, ESTHER LASSEN, and LORETTA SULLIVAN. Everyone was still in the holiday mood, especially Marie who stole the show with her gay and happy spirit. She received a beautiful corsage and \$100 . . . A welcome is also extended to PEGGY FAHEY and LINDA GIERLASINSKI who are new in the department. Peggy replaces Marie Creedon, and Linda, who worked previously in Real Estate, a division of Engineering, will replace ALICE WIENSKI. Alice will retire in a few weeks to await a new arrival . . . Better luck to our engineers on their next annual basketball game with the lawyers. This is the second straight win for the lawyers. Just wait 'till next year! . . . Get well wishes are being sent to DAN BRUNOD. Hope you are getting along.

(West Shops) -

Sad news in our column this month. Our condolences to WILLIAM GILLIGAN and his family. His wife passed away in December. Also, condolences to the family of ROBERT BOURGEOIS, ironworker, who died as a result of injuries from an automobile accident in December . . . We do have good news, however. CHARLIE PAVESIC is back to work after a five-week vacation. He redecorated his house while he was off. Welcome back, Charlie . . . Also, West Shops would like to extend a welcome to our new Superintendent of Engineering, E. E. OLMSTEAD, who was appointed to the post recently.

- Jeanne Fitzgerald & Mary Gallon

FOREST GLEN -

Dr. ALBERT BECKER, chairman of the Athletic Board of Control, and Dr. LEO VANDERBEEK, also of the board, presented the top Bronco players with awards at the Fall Sports banquet. Senior split end MARTY BARSKI of Norridge, Illinois, the son of Operator BARSKI, Forest Glen, was named the winner of three awards at the annual dinner in the student center. The affair drew members of the football and cross country squads along with the press and friends. Barski was chosen by his teammates as the team's most valuable player, and was also the winner of the "Go" team award which goes to the outstanding offensive player. He was also announced the winner of the Michigan College Scholar Ath-

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lete award as selected by the Detroit Chapter of the National Football Players and Hall of Fame . . . On January 30 we lost another one of our young men to the armed forces. Operator T. J. ROAN states the loss of his son, EDDIE ROAN, to the army will leave his home very unhappy until his return. Eddie, we here at Forest Glen will keep you in our prayers. The best to you . . . ANTHONY and MARY PALLADINO were blessed with a new baby girl, ANDREA ROSE, on December 4. Tony says the baby looks as pretty as the mother. Operator BILL BARRON has four grandsons, but what happens, his daughter ups and presents him with a granddaughter. Boy, there goes the baseball team . . . Operator ARLEN and ETHEL RUBEN had their first child, a little baby girl, MELISSA RUTH, born January 4. Too bad Arlen you will have to wait a year to start to lower your taxes, but it's worth it the way you were waiting and wanting the child. At least yours truly will not have to keep asking you if it's time. I am happy for both of you . . . I understand HOWARD BOWERS is trying to score brownie points, but who with? The story goes that he went over to the garage, started one of the buses, got it warmed up, fixed the signs, and then delivered the bus to the front door. Who got the bus--none other than our friend, Credit Union JIM . . . To our friend ANDY LEE a Happy Chinese New Year in February. This is the year when his golf game improves, at least Andy says so. Go to it Lee, let's show TED G. what you've got . . . Another new father who was passing out cigars was none other than ORVIN MATTESON. Well, Orvin, why don't you tell us what it was? I want you to know I try to listen, but sometimes I miss out on some of the news around the barn, so please fill us in on the details . . . FRANK CARPINO and his wife sent us a card from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Frank says this is for him, of course he means an early pension if he ever hits the jackpot on the Irish fast runners. Have a ball Frank, and come back ready for work . . . Don't forget the Little Flower Society communion and breakfast in March. A charter bus will leave the station at 7 a.m. I believe the date is Sunday, March 31 . . . Joining the pension ranks February 1 are JOHN LANGE, BARNEY ANDREWS, JOHN MART, and JOHN KOSTELNY. These men will be honored at a dinner to be held in Niles on February 16 . . . On the sick list at this time are LOU KIRSCHBLUM, HANK SLOMINSKI, JOE MURPHY, and HERB OPFERGELT . . . Remember the union meeting men, let's get out and bring our depot up as everyone is needed. So, come on out and do your part . . . A happy birthday to GEORGE WICKMAN, February 26. 39? Never again, George . . . To Mrs. WILLIAM WHITE, I understand BILL really gave you a fine birthday surprise. To bad White couldn't sing or else he would have tried his

voice over the phone. Anyway, Mrs. White, a happy birthday and may you have another 16 years of happiness . . . Operator SWANSON says he is tired of everyone else being a father so, he reports his french poodle had four pups on Christmas eve. Now what other dog could do that? . . . On February 26 our general pick begins, so good luck men; may you all end up happy and not pushed too far back . . . Your credit union is standing by for all those Christmas blues. Invest and save at Forest Glen . . . Retired Operator COX sends us a card from Florida. Of course, he is thinking about all of us here in the cold and snow. There, he is fishing every day . . . Please men do turn in some news. Just drop it in the box or give me a note. After all, I need your help.

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

KEDZIE -

Superintendent E. PETERSON told me we aren't doing too bad in our inter-station competition, and that many accidents resulting from slippery streets have occurred because the operators waited too long to adjust their driving. The moment it begins to snow or rain, each operator must begin to drive as though the streets are already slippery . . . The credit union held their annual meeting January 13 and had a good turn-out. Everyone that attended had a good time. J. MURPHY sang some songs, and I also heard that E. SCOTTY has a good voice too. Our retired board member, CHARLES SEEBOCK, wasn't there because of illness. This was the first meeting that Charlie missed. I'll have more on the credit union meeting in our next issue. Your reporter couldn't be at the meeting because he had another affair to attend on the same day . . . Loaders ED BREAST and GEORGE BUTLER at the Union Station are doing a great job helping you to load and get out on time. They have about six lines to take care of, plus answering questions from our passengers. Keep up the good work men . . . Operator A. DOMINICK told me that his wife, Mrs. A. DOMINICK, is doing fine after her operation and getting around the house good . . . Back off the sick list is JOHN LOCACIUS. Still on the sick list while making up this month's issue are Operators W. SERAFIN and P. McQUAID. Hope to see you both back on the job soon . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following Operators: H. HESS on the loss of his son, who was only 26 years old; T. MURPHY in the loss of his mother, Mrs. LORETTA C. MURPHY, and PETE MIASO on the loss of his mother, Mrs. ANNA MIASO.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Hi all you wonderful people. Recently, I read the best explanation concerning the youth problem. To wit - "The trouble with the younger generation is that so many of us don't belong to it anymore." Having another birthday sneak up on me February 1, really emphasized the terrible truth of this bit of trivia. It seems that some of the fellows really fear those birthdays and very discreetly forget to mention them to your scribe, but a file is being prepared so that everyone can advance along with me. So, belated birthday greetings to Operator J. FLOWERS, January 22, Maverick KUMBERA eased closer to forty January 21. He was 31. Car interior beautifier WILLIE B. NAUDEN's daughter, MARGARET, admitted to another birthday January 18. Operator HUGO VARGAS wants the birthday bells to ring loudly for his wife, EL-



ATTENTIVELY WATCHING the "birdie" as the cameraman snaps his picture is little ANTHONY CORONAIS, godson of Instructor J. TAGLER, West Section.

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A PENSION party was held recently at the Beverly Woods restaurant honoring two new rapid transit pensioners, Motorman LOUIS GRYGIEL (left) and Towerman PATRICK HICKEY (right). In the center is the master of ceremonies, Division 308 President JOHN BURNS.

VIA F., February 3. Say, GEORGE, you forgot to tell me but happy birthday anyway to little SCOTT GROFER, February 4. Operator EGLECHES BROWN proudly submits daughter, SO-WANA ANN, birthday reminder February 8. Another proud papa is Operator KOHLER whose daughter, JENNIFER, reached the ripe old age of 1, February 9. Operator ALLEN JACKSON's wife, ELIZABETH, celebrated February 16. A big ding dong to Operator STEHLIK, February 27. Operator JOHN JARECKI just made it February 28. Say, I almost goofed, so an extra special happy birthday to CYNTHIA CARRIDINE, February 6. Operator and Mrs. BILL CARRIDINE would never forgive me. Here's hoping for many, many happy returns to A. D. MERRICK. Poor fellow only has a birthday every four years. So live it up every February 29, A. D. . . Operator HIGHSMITH's wife, MARY, was given an early birthday gift when a baby girl was born January 9. Mary's birthday is January 10. . . Operator KALATA and his wife, ROSALIE, had a new tax exemption January 8, when their son, DAVID, was born. Operators NORTON and WENZEL also provided future Keeler operators. I'm sure we will hear more concerning these fellows later. . . Operator R. SHAW didn't remind me of his 4th anniversary January 12. So VERA, give him the devil. Operator ALLEN JACKSON with tears in his eyes begged for a belated mention of he and his wife, ELIZABETH's, anniversary January 21. The old pros are too smart to forget, so happy anniversary to Operator ANDY SEGAR and his wife, MARY, February 15. Operator KUMBERA and his wife, SHERRY, celebrated 12 years of togetherness, February 17. . . Real togetherness is exemplified plus in Operator WISHNER who postponed his retirement until July 1, so that he wouldn't be loafing around home while his wife, ROSE, has to continue working until May before she retires. . . Our condolences are extended to LUCILLE, the wife of Operator CHUCK JONES, who lost her mother and grandmother within a week. . . Operator JARECKI is a grateful fellow who is elated that his brother, LAWRENCE, has been discharged from the Marine Corps and is recovering nicely from wounds received in the service of his country. . . Wishes for many, many happy years of retirement to Operator M. CURTIS. Curt joins the proud rank of the retirees March 1. . . Wonder why we didn't receive a card from vacationing Car Cleaner DAVE WOODS? Heard that he spent his vacation on the Islands. That is, Stony Island and Blue Island. . . Mechanic JIMMY SYLVESTER extolled the many merits of his little Chevy so much, the news really got around what a great car he owned. What puzzles me is why he bought a new Buick after someone borrowed the Chevy without his knowledge and failed to return it. Car Cleaner WILLIE B. NAUDEN had heard Jimmy talk about his old car so much she almost bought one of the same make, but finally decided to move into the Oldsmobile field. Another convert was Operator L. BANKS who replaced his old buggy with a luxurious deuce and a quarter--to you squares, that's a Buick Electra 225. . . While on the subject of cars, it brings to mind all the publicity being

given to the safety programs of the car manufacturers who have been prodded by our government. However, it still remains an indisputable fact that, "The part of the automobile that causes the most accidents is the nut that holds the steering wheel." . . So, guys and gals, get that news to me.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

In the first part of January our Assistant Station Superintendent STANLEY J. BITEL was transferred from us. We hated to see him go as he will be greatly missed. He became the new Station Superintendent at Keeler Station, and we wish him loads of good luck. . . The welcome mat is out for our new Assistant Station Superintendent G. W. DAUBS, and as time goes on we will get to know you better. . . Mrs. GEORGE MILLER was hospitalized with a heart condition, but is home now and feeling better. Mrs. STANLEY HYERCZYK is in the hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery. JIM GOODE is also in the hospital at present and I hope we will find him much better. . . Supervisor BOB ANDERSON is stationed at State and Lake and wishes to say hello to his many friends at Lawndale. . . Our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. FEARS whose mother passed away in Alabama recently; also to the family of MAT HALLIGAN who was buried January 10. . . CHESTER FILIPEK was seen in the depot the other day passing out cigars and busting the buttons on his vest. The stork paid a visit to the home of his son on January 10 and left him a grandson named MARK THOMAS. Both grandparents are doing well. . . ERNIE BROWN tells us he is on a diet and wants to keep a shape like Twiggy, but we saw him having a double order of roast duck, sweet potatoes, and rice the other day. . . HARRY COX sent me a card from the Bahama's, and said he and his wife would like to spend the rest of their lives there. . . From the repair department, they say sign up the buses. . . GALLACHER is now smoking an English briar and has taken on the appearance of Sherlock Holmes. . . Don't forget to renew your membership in the Little Flower Society by giving a dollar to your committeeman.

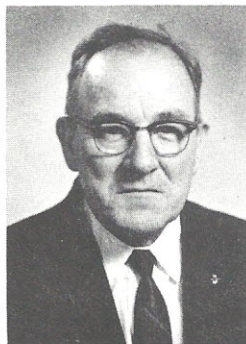
- Larry Keating

LIMITS -

CONRAD JOHNSON has been on the inactive list since October 24 due to an ear infection. He has improved and is waiting for his doctor to release him. . . CLARENCE BUTHMAN has been off for some time due to illness, but is now on the road to recovery. . . S. BEVELLE has been in St. Joseph hospital and should be back to work soon. . . JOHN BRENNAN became ill while operating his bus and was taken to Alexian Brothers hospital. He too should be on the active list soon. . . ERNIE JOHNSON returned from his vacation after touring through the state of California where the temperature was always in the middle 70's. He did quite a bit of sightseeing and enjoyed every bit of it. . . Supervisor FANSTILL is looking forward to his vacation when he will visit Australia and the far east. . . The Limits Credit Union business meeting and party was held January 21 at the Eagles Hall, Byron and Western avenue. Many members were there with their families and enjoyed a wonderful meal, and a goodly number of them won beautiful door prizes. A 4 per cent interest was declared by the committee on the shares. All of the officers were elected again to a two or three year term. . . Our sincerest sympathy to EDWARD MURRAY, night foreman in the

JOINING THE ranks of the retired February 1 were the 13 employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each.

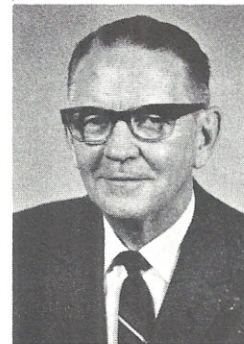
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44 Years



WALTER LUBBEN
45 Years



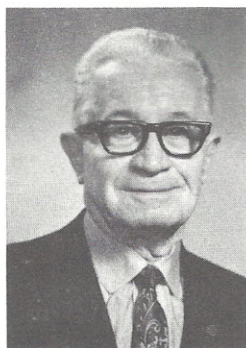
THOMAS O'BRIEN
44 Years

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ROY W. ANDERSON, Operator,
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BERNARD C. ANDREWS, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-7-25
LOUIS BASILE, Trackman,
Track, Emp. 6-12-25
HENRY J. CAMPBELL, Janitor,
Kedzie, Emp. 11-22-26
JOHN CARMODY, Cleaner & Repairman,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-10-26
SANTO CINQUEGRANI, Trackman,
Track, Emp. 11-22-30
ANTON V. DAHL, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 11-10-36
THOMAS J. DILLON, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 10-22-29
EUGENE DUFFY, Clerk,
West Section, Emp. 8-26-36
GIUSEPPE GIAMPIETRO, Ironworker Hlpr.,
Track, Emp. 5-4-45
NIELS M. HANSEN, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 2-6-45
AUGUST J. ILG, Painter,
Building, Emp. 2-12-42
THERESA M. JARVIS, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-20-46
GEORGE A. JOHNSON, Collector,
North Avenue, Emp. 2-8-28
THOMAS W. KALATO, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-1-28
JOHN KOSTELNY, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-17-28
JOHN S. LANGE, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-24-29
WALTER H. LUBBEN, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 11-22-22
SAM LUCCHESI, Trackman,
Track, Emp. 3-11-25
SIGMUND J. LUKAS, Elec. Worker,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 10-23-47
JOHN J. MART, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-16-34
BERNARD J. MATHEN, Agent,
North Section, Emp. 5-9-44
VAUGHN M. McALLISTER, Agent,
West Section, Emp. 1-19-56
THOMAS F. O'BRIEN, Auditor,
Intern. Audit., Emp. 10-18-23
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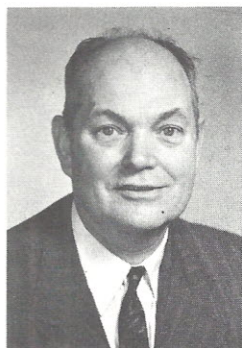
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MABLE I. POTTHAST, Bookkeeper,
Accounting, Emp. 12-16-42
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South Shops, Emp. 5-19-37
ALEX H. SCHNEIDER, Switchman,
West Section, Emp. 11-30-43
ARTHUR E. SCHWAPPACH, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 5-29-29
PATRICK SMITH, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-17-36
ELMER J. STEVENS, Reg. Yard Foreman,
61st Street, Emp. 11-26-24
EDWARD A. STRUWE, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 7-22-29
DAVID P. TOBIN, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 12-19-23
EDWARD J. TROST, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 9-8-23
ALBERT W. VINCEK, Conductor,
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EDWARD C. WEBER, Operator,
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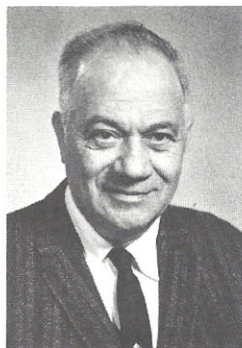
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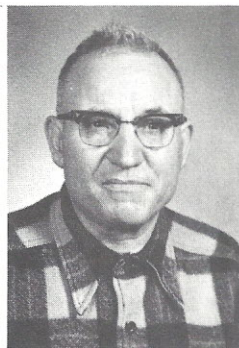
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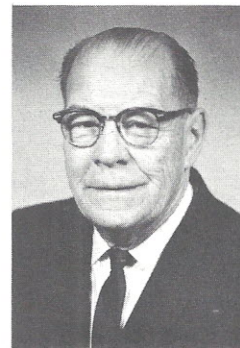
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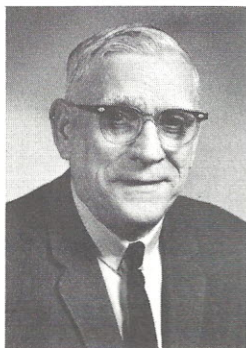
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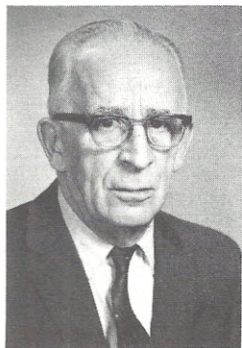
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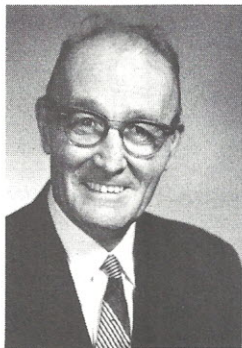
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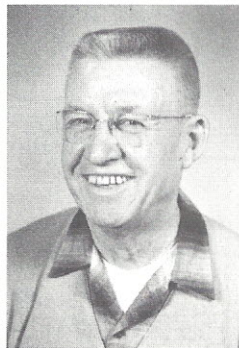
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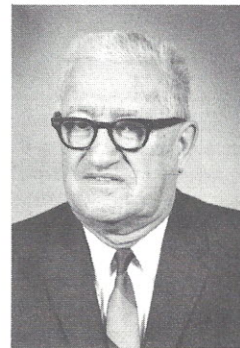
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ALBERT VINCEK
40 Years

repair department, on the death of his 10 year old daughter . . . We were all saddened by the sudden death of L. RINGO. He will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

- R. S. Benson

LOOP -

Agent M. GALLAGHER is quite the gal. First, she almost broke her neck running up the stairs to get her bag for Austin station the other Saturday, then she spends her 20-minute relief period looking for lost birds in her station and drinking real hot tea with lemon and ice cubes in it. And talk, well you should hear her when she rides the train alone. She says she is talking to her friends, the little green leprechauns. Mary, would you like to visit the funny farm? . . . On the sick list at this writing are: Agents W. HANSON, V. McALLISTER, A. DUNLEAVY, M. BOGGS, M. WIXTED, B. LINN, J. McNAMARA, M. WINSTROM, J. MATUSZEWSKI, E. HASBROUCK, P. BOLAND, J. EDEN, K. LEAHY, T. JARVIS, J. McDONALD, J. KAIN, J. KINARD, and Janitors J. JORDAN, C. DREW, and P. HUBAN. Hope you all return soon . . . Agent MARY WIXTED is still in the hospital. We do hope you hurry home. Mary wants to thank everyone for the cheerful visits, cards, phone calls and the welcome gifts. They all help to make a fast recovery . . . Agent H. PALLISTER went to Congress line this pick. Helen, aren't you lost? . . . Can you imagine T. ZDEB going steady. Oh yes, and thinking about marriage. Poor girl. Confused boy . . . Janitor CHRISTMAS said if he doesn't have his broom with him he is out of uniform. You are so right, Christmas . . . Congratulations to Trainman BOB PATTERSON and his wife who celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary

January 17 . . . Sorry to hear Agent B. McNALLY had an accident. Hope everything goes all right for you . . . If you happen to see Janitor L. BYRNE, ask him how he likes an oven-ready turkey. By the way, many thanks to Byrne for keeping Parkside station so clean. The windows are always shining and the booth floor is in excellent condition. Central is nice too. Thanks, again, Byrne. Johnson should be proud of your work. . . Have you seen Agent FAY CAPRIO's new hair style? Very pretty Fay, very pretty . . . On Monday, January 15, a stork left a bundle of love at the hospital for Trainman DAVE JOSETTI and his wife. It was a little girl named TINA MARIE. Mother and baby are fine and father, Dave, is so proud he is on cloud nine . . . Our deepest sympathy to the families of Agent DOROTHY MADIGAN who passed away January 24 after a long illness; Agent CATHERINE QUINLAN who lost her dear brother so suddenly in January, and Trainman WEBB who lost his dear mother in January also . . . Good luck and good health to Agent MARY BROWN who retired January 1; also Agents TOM DILLON, E. STRUWE, T. JARVIS, Conductor DAVE TOBIN, Motorman W. LUBBEN, Switchman A. SCHNEIDER, Clerk E. DUFFY, and Janitor N. HANSEN who all retired February 1 . . . So Trainman R. McGOVERN is on another vacation. This time to St. Louis. My, it's nice to have time and money . . . Agent A. CINCETTI is on a two-week vacation. Hope you are enjoying it, Ann . . . Agent M. HENRY has been heard saying he would love to fly to Boston for a few days. Wonder who is there? He says his brother, but we wonder . . . Trainman E. MARCANTONIO got his 40 winks in while riding home on the West Towns bus. He was sleeping so sound, the bus driver took him to Argo and woke him at Archer and Harlem on the way back . . . Who goes around saying a cottage for sale? Who makes very, very good home made bread? Who is the Irish gal

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that tells tall, tall stories? What janitor says his broom is part of his uniform? What agent wakes up all her passengers by saying, "Good morning, nice day in Chicago today?"

- Mildred Doyle

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

First off, we want to spike the rumor that Loop Agent DOROTHY PARKER is getting married. She says if it ever happens she will announce it with a bull horn . . . Pensioner HENRIETTA BROWN had two heart attacks. She is making a satisfactory recovery, but will have to curtail her activities from now on. Anyone who knows Miss Brown knows what a bundle of energy she always was . . . Agent MARGO BOGGS is home after a long hospital stay. She would like to hear from her CTA friends . . . Janitor CASEY is doing fine after an appendectomy . . . West Side Agent MARY DOYLE enjoyed a week's vacation in January . . . Loop Platform-man ANTHONY McHUGH wishes to thank everyone who remembered him in his recent illness. Their many kindnesses made him very happy . . . Board member GERALD WEBB really has had a run of bad luck. His wife was in the hospital and then he went in. While he was hospitalized his aged mother passed away. We deeply sympathize with him . . . We are saddened to report the passing of Pensioner CATHERINE CONROY on Christmas eve, and the death of Agent DOROTHY MADIGAN in January. Our heartfelt condolences to their families . . . We want to welcome new Part Time Agents JOHN MAHONEY, VIVIAN NEURMBERG, and the others who have joined our CTA family . . . ARLENE SWANSON's newest granddaughter was baptized on January 28. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. BARRY GLASGOW and sister of 2 1/2 year old CASSIE . . . 'Til next time.

- Helen Pallister

NORTH PARK -

North Park's Credit Union meeting was held January 5 at River Park fieldhouse where a fine report was delivered by President JOHN O'BRIEN. The officers declared a dividend of 4 per cent on savings and 5 per cent on rebate of loans. All members are urged to bring their books in so that they may be brought up to date. Refreshments were served and the following members were winners of door prizes: Mrs. ANN WISNIESKI, PETER DOLAN, JAMES DOLAN, PAUL COOK, HOWARD LOWING, BRUNO MENCARINI, DAN PRISBLE, PETER MERSCH, JOE COUGHLIN, HAROLD JULITZ, JOHN COSGROVE, CHARLES DUNNE, VERNON WENNERBERG, SAL MUSCARELLO, GENE DRZEWICKI, ROBERT MOSKOVITZ, ALLEN LICHTER, MORT LIBERT, RICHARD GUSTAFSON, NICK ZAHN, and TEX ABERNATHY. Operator JOHN SEQUEIRA and his wife entertained the crowd with a fine puppet show to climax a wonderful evening . . . Operator RICHARD FOERSTEL and his wife, JOAN, became parents of their fourth child when a son, named MATTHEW THOMAS was born December 19. Little Matthew becomes the 26th grandchild of Pensioner THOMAS MORAN, formerly of Devon Depot . . . Operator TED KINDERMAN and his wife, MARGE, spent the Christmas holidays visiting their daughter, Mrs. PATRICIA GABBETT, who resides in Silver Springs, Maryland. Returning home, the Kindermans flew to San Jose, California, to visit another daughter, Mrs. THEODORA NEWCOMB, and their grandchildren . . . Operator JOHN HALL and his wife, MARIE, vacationed in Miami, Florida, for two weeks. John and

WE WOULD like to introduce JAMES MICHAEL KOFSHUR, 17 month old grandson of JAMES JOEFFREY, Engineering Department. Jim's daughter, BARBARA, the mother of James Michael, formerly worked in the Insurance Department.



Marie enjoyed fishing aboard a charter boat and relaxing on the beaches with a few visits to Hialeah race track. . . Operator MARTY MYERS rolled a 633 scratch series at Drake Bowl in the Beat the Champ contest and with his 60 pin handicap he compiled a 693 total. If this total holds up, Marty will move into the sectionals where he will get a chance to win some big prizes . . . Operator HAROLD JULITZ has purchased a new '68 Buick LeSabre. The color is gold ivory mist and Harold wishes it would quit snowing so he can take it out of the garage . . . Operator TOM GRIGGS motored to Dyersburg, Tennessee, to visit his father, Mr. ULUS GRIGGS, who underwent major surgery and at this writing is convalescing satisfactorily . . . S/5 FRANK JUNIOR, son of Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER, began a 40-day furlough and was home for the holidays. Frank finished 18 months of duty in Viet Nam and will be assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas . . . Operator FRED HABERSTICK had major surgery at Fairfield Memorial hospital in Fairfield, Illinois, and hopes to be back to work sometime in February after being off since September . . . Operator ALBERT NAGELE was North Park's leading Christmas gift receiver this time. Al received boxes of cigars, cans of tobacco, and many envelopes of cash from his gracious customers on Sheridan road . . . Mrs. JENA PARKER, sister-in-law of Operator MARTIN BAKKA, was assaulted and robbed of her handbag at Wilson and Seeley avenues, suffering a dislocated shoulder in the process . . . JOSEPH, son of Operator and Mrs. IRVING SHER, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on February 17. A reception was held at Irving's home with 80 guests celebrating the event . . . Miss JUDITH ANN MILLER, daughter of Operator FRANCIS MILLER, was married January 20 to Mr. ROBERT CHIMAK at St. Andrews Catholic church. The reception was held at the Como Inn attended by the immediate families. The young couple honeymooned at Miami Beach, Florida, and the Bahama Islands . . . Congratulations are extended to Instructor VICTOR JOHNSON who was promoted to Senior Instructor and is now assigned to Limits and Keeler Depots. Also to Senior Instructor EDWARD BRODD who was assigned as Relief Superintendent of Kedzie and North avenue Depots . . . Pensioner JOE VAN DEN EEDEN and his wife, CLARA, were the subjects, along with their son, DONALD, and his wife, SHARON, who reside in Mijas, Spain, in an article which appeared in the magazine section of the Sunday American Magazine published on December 24. The article and pictures were very interesting and Joe reports that his visit to Spain was grand . . . Pensioner JOHN KARASEK reports that his son, Dr. MARVIN KARASEK, a Stanford university biochemist, after considerable research announced before the 13th International Congress of Dermatology in Munich, West Germany, that he was

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able to reconstruct outer layers of skin from cells grown in a test tube. This will be a major step in future skin grafting operations . . . Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator ALLEN LICHTER and his wife, JUDY, their 8th, December 27; Operator JOE SCALETTA and his wife, DOREEN, their 9th, February 1; Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, their 30th, February 5th; Operator HENRY NEWMAN and his wife, LEONA, their 36th, February 4; Operator JOHN MILLER and his wife, ROZIA, their 34th, January 26, and Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN and his wife, ERMA, their 40th, January 26 . . . Happy Birthdays are extended to the following: Operators SEYMOUR STEINBERG, NICK GASPER, ED NEWTON, CHARLEY KEMP, JOHN MILLER, GORDON ACKERBERG, GARY NOONAN, CHARLES KNIGHT, WALTER LINDEMANN, GARY KEMP, FRANCES NEWTON, JOSEPH GUZZARDO, SHIRLEY PAOLI, JULIA ZAHN, LINDA DIEDER, MIKE SCHRAMM, and MIN SEIFERT . . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator HARLON RAMBO on the loss of his father, Mr. RICE RAMBO, Operator JOHN HUDSON on the loss of his mother, Mrs. HUDSON, to the family of Pensioner MARTIN H. JOHNSON, and to the family of Repairman MIKE HOARY . . . Pfc MICHAEL O'MALLEY, son of Serviceman MIKE O'MALLEY, was home for the holidays on furlough from Westover Field, Massachusetts, where Mike is stationed with the air force . . . Repairman JIM MARTIN has returned to work after being off sick with pneumonia . . . Repairman PAUL SCHREVES held a number of recitals at his home where his Wurlitzer organ is much appreciated . . . Pensioner TONY SKARZINSKI had a busy holiday season at Miska's Liquors where he is a popular figure . . . Repairman JOHN MOUNT has left the garage and moved to Austin, Texas, where he will become a police officer . . . Congratulations are extended to J. LIEBERMAN, R. BOND, and D. ORR who have been promoted to bus repairmen . . . Welcome is extended to C. OTTEN who has transferred to North Park from Forest Glen . . . The salt workers would like to take this opportunity to thank night Foreman JOHN JOYCE and his crew for the splendid job they have been doing to keep the equipment rolling when the snow is falling . . . A seniority pick will begin February 26 and end March 8, so remember to fill out your choice of depots on the forms that will be available.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH AVENUE -

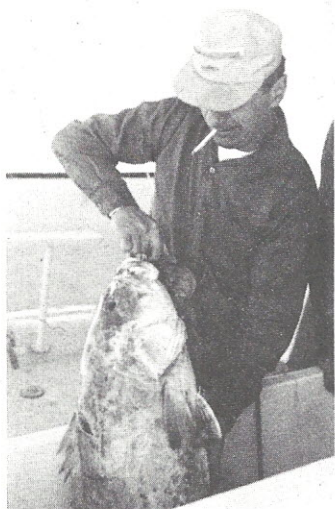
Our Credit Union held its thirtieth annual membership meeting on January 12 at La Follette Park. It was an enjoyable evening where we met many friends, including Superintendent GEORGE MAY of Limits, JAMES HILL and RAY GRAY of Division 241, ANDY KOHLER, ED STOBART and JOHN LANGE of Forest Glen, JOE NOLAN of Lawndale, EDMOND LOUGHRAN, retired Superintendent of Keeler, STANLEY BITEL, Superintendent of Keeler, and ART SCHNEE of Keeler. We also met Pensioners JOHN NAUGHTON, MICHAEL PAWLICKI, WALTER SCHMIDT, FRANK BRAMAN, ARTHUR HALEY, GEORGE STELLER, CHARLES JOHNSON, EDWARD FISCHER, PHILLIP NEUGEBAUER and GEORGE BAEHR . . . Superintendent FRANK BUETOW finally has his real birthday on February 29, which he plans on celebrating, as usual, with Superintendent GEORGE MAY whose birthday is February 28. I'm sure a gift they'd appreciate is a no-accident day. Many happy returns to both . . . Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN dropped in at the station, looking well and happy, to say "Hello" to his friends before a visit to Florida . . . Pensioner ERNEST

BOCK and his wife, EMILY, became grandparents when their daughter and son-in-law, THOMAS and JOAN FRANCIS of Bellville, Illinois, became the parents of SCOTT THOMAS on December 22. Our best wishes to all. The Bock's son, BILL, was home on a two-week furlough starting December 30. He had to report back to San Diego Naval Base on January 15. Our prayers go with him and with JAMES PARSON, son of Operator EINAR PARSON, who was called into service January 3. Einar's other son, WILLIAM, wed JUANITA GRAWE of Wheaton, Illinois, on November 26. Our congratulations to the newlyweds . . . Operator CHARLES BOWEN and his wife, SHEILA, are the happy parents of a baby girl, SONYA, born December 17. Operator HERBERT SALTZ and his wife, LENA, are the proud parents of a baby boy, MICHAEL, born January 6. All good wishes to the happy parents . . . Pensioner FRED HANSON and his wife, MARIE, celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss. They participated in the Golden Jubilee mass at the Auditorium on January 14, which was for all couples celebrating their fiftieth anniversaries this year. Cardinal Cody presided. On January 23, their anniversary, they renewed their marriage vows at 6 o'clock mass at St. Peter Canisius church and from there went to Petusca's restaurant, at Belmont and Harlem, for a festive evening of dining and dancing. Even though they've reached the 50 year mark, they are still raring to go. Congratulations, may you have many more happy years together . . . On February 1, four of our friends joined the list of pensioners. They are: Operators PATRICK SMITH and FRED ANDERS, Collector GEORGE JOHNSON, and EUGENE DUFFY, formerly of North Avenue, now on the Hi-Line. Good luck men, and let us hear from you . . . Welcome to new Operators RUFUS HEARD, JOHN RICHTER, and VERNON PAYNE . . . Operator JOSEPH HENNELLY is seen daily hurrying to his new home in Niles. He loves it and can't wait to get home and do his chores . . . Pensioner PATRICK CURRAN passed away December 25. Operator GREENLEE POTTS lost his father. Pensioner FRANK COZZA passed away December 26. Pensioner JOHN CRIAG departed this life December 28. Pensioner ARTHUR MJOEN passed away January 8. Pensioner GEORGE E. SHERMAN departed this life January 15. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families . . . Operator WALTER WENTZEL and his wife, DOROTHY, flew to Florida on Northwest airlines. They visited many pensioners on their trip. Operator FRANK BJORNSON spent his vacation touring the city watching that the men took good care of his run. Plans for his Florida trip were detoured so he says he'll save his money for next year. Operator AL SWANSON of Laramie avenue fame is also spending his vacation touring

SMILING RADIANTLY, is ELOISE COOK, lovely daughter of SUSAN and MELVIN COOK, Electrical Department, who became the bride of EVERETT W. FOSS, of Plainfield, Illinois, on August 12 at St. Edmond's church in Oak Park.



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SOMETHING FISHY? You bet! Pictured here is JOHN DUNDOVICH, of the Skokie Shops electrical motor line, with a 39 pound grouper (sea bass) caught while he was vacationing in Clearwater, Florida.

the city. Operator ED SZAREK did not go away on his vacation. He says he's saving his money for more and more apartment buildings. Operator LARRY CASEY is waiting for his vacation. He plans to tour Florida with the money he wins on all the raffles. He wins them all. Foreman ERNEST PEARSON, of Lawndale, and I are headed north to do some ice fishing . . . I wish to thank Receiver BILL PINASCO and all the rest of you who give me the news items for this column. Keep it coming.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH SECTION -

Somewhere along the way the month of January has slipped by and most of us are thinking about filing our income tax . . . I hear Agent MARIAN SPARKS has a 1968 Corvair. Congratulations, Marian! She also has a full grown French poodle to help her pass the time away . . . JIM O'MALLEY and his family returned from a visit in Ireland. To make all our Irish friends happy and homesick, he reports that it rained every day the three weeks they were there. They also spent two weeks in England . . . We wish to welcome the agents that transferred to the North Section on the last system pick. They are: N. M. BROWN, A. F. RYKACZEWSKI, J. GUSTAFSON, J. SCHUMPP, A. TOMLINSON, and M. LANE . . . R. PEARSON and B. MATHEN are retiring February 1 . . . Condolences to the families of CHARLES AGNEW, ANTHONY NECHI, and JIMMY LONGSTREET, and to NANCY COLEMAN on the loss of her mother . . . Evanston Rapid Transit Operator CHARLES WILLIAMS and Clerk TOM GRANAHAAN, Howard, have resigned after eight years of service to take other jobs . . . ANNABELLE DREW's daughter, KATHY, a former ticket agent, had another baby girl on January 6 and answers to the name of ANN MARIE. Annabelle left on February 3 to get acquainted with the new granddaughter and visit with her daughter and family in Los Angeles. Afterwards she will visit her sister in San Francisco. Congratulations, Annabelle . . . DESMOND O'GRADY's wife presented him with a baby girl whose name is JOAN MARIE. They now have two boys and one girl . . . North Side board member HUGH HEGARTY has asked me to report that he has the seniority list for the North Side agents ready now . . . JOE GOLDBERG and his wife are going to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras . . . To all of those still on the sick list we wish them a speedy recovery. They are: District Superintendent TERRY MCGOVERN,

W. MURPHY, W. WOELKE, G. DONNELLY, HELEN MACKASKI, PAT ROSENGARTEN, L. C. DELVAN, CARL FAUST, and M. HILBOLD. G. STEIGELMAN is home with a broken toe . . . The pictures of the reporters were in the December issue so that everyone would know who writes the news. So, let me have the news each month. You can contact me at Berwyn, extension 551, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., and from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Kimball on Saturday; or the news can be left at Howard street for the collectors, or left with Kimball receivers. Just put it in an envelope with my name on it and I'll print it. Incidentally, Blue Cross and Blue Shield will be open for new subscribers in March . . . Get well wishes are sent to JEANIE MCCLAIN who is hospitalized at this time . . . JERI VINZENS, former assignment agent, who was in town for a few days left to visit her daughter in California . . . Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to retiree LEONARD J. BLONIARZ.

- Grace Mounts

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

A speedy recovery to TONY VELCICH who at this writing is in the Illinois Masonic hospital . . . Congratulations to TOM SKVARLA who became a grandfather, for the first time, when a baby girl, DEBRA ANNE, was born to his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. EGAN . . . Welcome to ANDREW CUNNINGHAM who recently joined the Stores Department . . . Mr. and Mrs. MIKE LACLOCHE are planning a trip to New York to visit their son . . . GEORGE CROFOOT and his wife spent three weeks in Florida basking in the sun . . . JOHN WILLIAMS is spending his vacation visiting his father in California . . . A big welcome goes out to Mr. E. DEVINE who just returned to work after a serious illness.

- D. Jane Bell

SKOKIE SHOPS -

ROBERT BINNIE, electrical worker, and his wife recently vacationed in Florida where they visited WILLIAM MICHALIK, retired axle foreman, Skokie Shops. While there they attended the monthly meeting of the CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg and saw numerous retirees . . . MATTHEW MASCARI, carpenter, became a grandfather on January 4. The proud parents of little JOSEPH ANTHONY are Matt's son, VINCENT MASCARI, and his wife . . . Get well wishes to JOSEPH BRZOSKA and JOHN MAYER, electrical workers, who are off sick at this writing. HARRY MINGEE is still off sick and looking forward to hearing from the boys . . . PATRICIA (Pat) DUNEK, Technical Services, welcomed a little scotch terrier into the family at Christmas. Pat named him "Scottie." Pat's father is sporting a 1968 Mercury. Nice riding, Pat . . . Get the news in boys, let's see your names in print.

- Everett E. England

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD GOLDSTEIN celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss on January 8. You have our congratulations and wishes for many more happy years together . . . JIM MCBRIDE and BILL WORCESTER became grandfathers for the first time. ERIC JOHN was born to McBride's son, who is a member of the New Colony Six. DAWN KRISTINE MUELLER was born to Worcester's daughter. Congratulations to the grandfathers

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and parents . . . We extend our sympathy to STEVE JOSEPHSEN on the death of his wife, VIOLET, and to LAURA SCHRECKE upon the death of her brother, HENRY . . . JOHN URBAN's daughter gave birth to a baby girl. This makes three girls. Better luck next time, John; maybe she'll surprise you with a grandson . . . PATRICK LENIHAN is now out of the hospital and is recuperating at home . . . We welcome WILLIAM J. PENDLETON, traffic checker, to the Schedule Department . . . Happy birthday to JOE BILLIS on January 29, and also to our ground hog birthday man, JOE VIOLA . . . MICHAEL KINCANNON, the son of BERNIE KINCANNON, schedule maker, was married to MARGARET PURCELL on January 27 at St. Angela's church. An evening reception was held at the Conrad Hilton hotel and the newly married couple honeymooned in Florida.

- Kathryn Batina

SOUTH SECTION -

Winter and after the holidays is really the dullest time of the year, but so far so good, the snow hasn't been too heavy. Let's hope we have an early spring . . . On the new agent pick that recently became effective we lost quite a few of our agents to the West and North Sections and we wish them all good luck. JOHNNIE McDONALD, KATHLEEN FORBIS, HAYWOOD OWENS, JACQUELINE HOMES, JUNE KINARD, WILLIAM ANDERSON, MARILYN LYLE, ERNESTINE BELL, MARIANNA HUNT, JIMMIE SEYMOUR, and PHILIP ROBINSON to the West Section, and JEAN GUSTAFSON, JAMES SCHUMPP, ANNE TOMLINSON, and MICHAEL LANE to the North Section. We also welcome to the South Section from the West: B. WILLIAMSON, CHARLOTTE BRENT, M. MOORE, M. CROTHERS, G. RAYMOND, EUGENE GRAHAM, ALBERT POWERS, and V. SWANAGAIN . . . Conductor FRANK PONZIANO and his wife are really happy. They celebrated 26 years of wedded bliss on January 10, and became grandparents for the fourth time when a little girl, ANNETTE MARIE, was born recently . . . Good news - Agent ANN O'CONNOR just returned to work from the sick list . . . Switchman RAYMOND LA FAIRE was telling us about his father, Retired Switchman GEORGE LA FAIRE, and mother who are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on February 11. Isn't that wonderful! . . . Our sincere condolences to Agent JULIA MCCORMICK whose brother passed away recently . . . Going on pension February 1 is Yard Foreman ELMER STEVENS. He and his wife and family are going to live in Australia as soon as they get their affairs settled here. We wish the Stevens family much happiness. Also going on a disability pension is Motorman HAROLD RICHARDS. We wish Harold a return to good health real soon . . . We also welcome newly-hired Agents MICHAEL STULGATE, TEREZITA CURRY, ELSIE GOODSON, BETTY LEWIS, LEALIE WHITE, and transferee from the surface division, CHESTER GAVIN, and from West Section, MARION LOVE. Also a hearty welcome back to part-time Agent JOHN VITTOE who had been in military service . . . A good flash of news, Retired Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations GEORGE ROESING, who lives in Clearwater, Florida, and who had been ill, sends word that he is recuperating nicely . . . We were sorry to hear that Conductor RAYMOND JONES' son, who is in the service, was wounded in action in Viet Nam, but he is now getting along good . . . Good luck to Motorman THOMAS McCRAY who resigned recently to join the police department. Also resigning were Agents FRANCELIA LEE, EARL BOYD, and part-time Agents BEVERLY ARCHIE, EUNICE BURTS, MAE McEWEN, and JAMES

GADDIS . . . Stopping in recently to see the boys at 61st street and Loomis street were Retired Conductor ZIG OSTRO and Retired Supervisor BOB BROWN. They both looked hale and hearty . . . The South Section has really been receiving the passenger commendations the last few months. Conductor PHAROAH CAIN received a passenger commendation for his clean announcements, and Conductor CLARENCE LEE received his second commendation in recent months for the efficient manner he handles the public.

- Verna Hartney

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery are sent to the son of F. R. BENANTI who underwent open heart surgery at Childrens Memorial hospital. Also, the parents wish to thank everyone for their help and kindness during this trying time . . . Sorry to hear that J. CANNELLA and A. BOLING are on the sick list. Hurry and get well boys, you sure are missed . . . Condolences to the family of H. WHITEHEAD, Congress, whose mother passed away, and to the family of L. DAVENPORT, Congress, whose father passed away . . . You can't keep a man like L. C. JONES, Congress, down. L. C. was off with the flu but is now back at work . . . Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Mrs. C. WIECHOWSKI who had to spend a little time in the hospital . . . Our sympathy to the family of T. BRANDON, Forest Park, on the passing of his father . . . Wishes to hurry and get well are sent from all the boys at Forest Park to J. BRIGHT and L. ROBINSON . . . A double treat of a holiday vacation was enjoyed by F. CHIAPPETTA and T. TAGHER, Forest Park . . . Welcome to new car servicemen H. BIGGS and P. FINNERTY who are now at Howard . . . The new year brought a change for T. MITCHELL who transferred from 61st Street to Wilson, and for C. GHOSTON who came from 61st Street to Wilson with a promotion to repairman . . . A winter wonderland vacation was enjoyed by W. NOWOSIELSKI, Wilson.

- Ray Brzezicki

TRANSPORTATION (Mart) -

Our congratulations are extended to BOB and JUNE QUETSCHKE who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on January 16. A dinner was held for their immediate family at Plentywood Farm in honor of this special

THE PRIDE and joy of Retired Agent EDWARD CORRIGAN is his little granddaughter, DEBRA HOFFMAN, whose mother, EDWINA HOFFMAN, is also a former ticket agent.



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occasion. We hope that the next 25 years will be as happy as the first 25 . . . JAMES ROBERTS and his family drove to Muscatine, Iowa, to see JAMES Jr. play basketball. He is 6 feet 5 inches tall and a sophomore at Lea college. He dunked the ball through the nets scoring a total of 27 points to lead his team to victory. They now have a record of 16 wins and 2 losses. Continued good luck, Jim, in both school and basket ball . . . Best wishes are extended to EDWARD JURCZEK and his wife, ANN, who celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on January 23.

(Equipment Research & Development) -

The campers were out again. This time, TOM LYONS and his wife and two sons drove to Florida where they camped in the Everglades. They went on boat rides through the swamps and also along the gulf coast. From there they went to a state park in the Keys and then on to Fort Meyers. During the entire trip they had beautiful weather with the temperatures in the 80's . . . One Monday morning RALPH MARTZ showed up at work sporting a cast on his arm. We hope that it won't be too long before your feeling better and can discard the cast.

(Research & Planning) -

We welcome JOSEPHINE FELDMANN who came to us from the Insurance Department as a replacement for JEAN ROCHE who retired from CTA to await a blessed event . . . Get well wishes are sent to HERMAN ANDERS who underwent surgery on January 10. He returned to his home from the hospital on January 24, and is doing as well as can be expected, but must convalesce.

- Colette Szezepanek

WEST SECTION -

As I look out the window and see snow on the ground I think what a lucky guy CHARLES McDERMOTT is, spending seven weeks in Florida. And think about all the pensioners down in St. Petersburg who are enjoying some beautiful weather. Getting back to reality, let's see who's on the sick list. The growing list consists of DAVE ARNOLD, AL SCHARF, MIKE BELLEZZO, SAL DETOMASO, BILL HAWKINS, and HARRY SAFRANEK. We saw Harry recently and he is coming along fine . . . Board member of the Met, GERALD WEBB, was in the hospital when his dear mother passed away. We all extend our condolences to Webb and his family . . . A dear lady that I met a few times, the wife of Motorman ERNIE HOWARD, passed away. She fought all the way and you know that this kind of person will be sitting close to the man above. To Ernie, we all extend our condolences . . . RUDY PTACIN found a pigeon on the train and I am wondering what kind it was. He seems to know what is going on all the time . . . You won't believe this, but TOM KING said he was walking with his grandson at



THIS LITTLE fellow comes from a CTA family. He is TIMOTHY J. McMAHON, the son of JOHN (Industrial Safety) and MARY McMAHON, the grandson of JOHN McMAHON, Schedule-Traffic, and the nephew of TONY LOMBARDO, Reproduction Services.

Brookfield Zoo when a swan attacked him and took a bite out of his southern exposure . . . If you would like a hilarious time, just listen to JOHN CIMMER and JAMES HOOD play checkers . . . The Lake Street Credit Union had their annual meeting and everyone had a great time. President STEVE KOSMA made the announcement of 4 1/2 per cent on savings, plus 1/2 per cent as a bonus, with a total of 5 per cent, and it made everyone happy. So, if any of you young CTA men want to start a great savings plan, see friendly JERRY BOYLAN . . . We finally got the radio fixed by our own C. J. JONES, who is a jack of all trades . . . NANCE and his raiders, who worked Austin when the 10 cent increase went into effect, and took all the abuse are now relinquishing their posts to the old timers. I can't believe that LUDWICK, KING, McCARTHY, RAFA, and FORD need an oxygen tent at Austin . . . Now that I have Saturday off I feel like an old timer. I sure will miss all the young men who kept me on my toes. Please, LOU PAYNE, take care of MORRIE ADAMS for me as he needs help getting on and off the trains . . . And last, a big thank you to Mrs. JAMES HOOD for the very tasty corn bread she sent to me by her husband. Now, if he will only bring some sow belly the next time, I would like to try it. Ugh! See you all next month.

- Santo Siciliano

77TH STREET -

Here we go again, and do we have the news! Boy, this new reporter, BRAZIL, must think he's working for the Tribune. He's trying to scoop Walter Winchell on everything . . . The son of Operator FAMOUS HOOKS won first prize on the American Bandstand show dancing. He and his dance partner were each presented with a 1968 Volkswagen. He is also a student at U.C.L.A., and the whole show was on TV. Proud papa had all the operators at 77th watching. Good show and nice dancing. Congratulations to FAMOUS Jr. from all of us . . . Operator FRANK JOHNSON gave his wife a new house for Christmas on the far South Side, and on January 23 he went out and got himself a car. An Electra 225. Some ride, huh, Cleo? . . . SAMUEL BONOMA, better known as Babe, left for a two-week vacation in Florida January 13 . . . Belated birthday greetings to OLIVIA SHELBY, wife of Operator LARRY SHELBY, January 5 . . . Oops, we goofed trying to beat the deadline, we neglected to mention a few items which should have been in the last issue . . . CLARENCE BARTZ was blessed with his first grandson, ROBERT BARTZ, December 3. This, plus the fact that his lovely daughter, PATRICIA, celebrated her sweet 16 birthday on December 21, was the reason for his good mood . . . Operator WELLINGTON HENDERSON enjoyed his birthday December 29, by working . . . WILLIAM BAILEY and his wife, SARA, went for the double in December. First, by moving into their new home, and second by having his mother-in-law visiting the family for Christmas . . . Operator O'BRIEN recalled on his birthday, January 27, having been in seven stations in 25 years. He's considering looking into station number eight . . . ESTELLE HARRIS, the wife of BILL HARRIS, enjoyed her birthday January 9 indoors with the family . . . ANDERSON, better known as "South Park Andy", informs us that his son, DWAYNE, has been around 11 years December 10 . . . ARTHUR R., son of Operator RAY WILLIAMS, made his 12th birthday January 30. Let him use your camera now, Ray . . . WILLIAM and ELNORA DAVIS celebrated their seventh anniversary on January 20. Their daughter, CASSANDRA, also had her third birthday January 27.

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

CLARENCE W. AGNEW, 79, North Section,
Emp. 4-23-20, Died 12-15-67
THOMAS J. BEGGAN, 66, South Section,
Emp. 2-24-42, Died 12-23-67
GEORGE F. BROWN, 80, West Section,
Emp. 2-24-28, Died 12-7-67
EDWARD P. BURNETT, 66, Forest Glen,
Emp. 11-28-24, Died 12-13-67
JOHN J. CAVANAUGH, 94, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-4-95, Died 12-12-67
KATHRYN M. CONROY, 66, West Section,
Emp. 4-29-20, Died 12-24-67
GEORGE COSTELLO, 57, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-16-36, Died 1-15-68
FRANK COZZA, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-5-19, Died 12-27-67
JOHN CRAIG, 76, West Section,
Emp. 1-26-15, Died 12-28-67
JERRY J. CRAMER, 80, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-13-17, Died 12-20-67
PATRICK CURRAN, 75, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-12-13, Died 12-24-67
JAMES A. DALEY, 73, West Section,
Emp. 10-2-19, Died 12-21-67
FRANK V. DE LONG, 66, District "C",
Emp. 3-19-24, Died 12-29-67
MAGNUS EDGAR, 84, North Section,
Emp. 12-29-05, Died 11-13-67
JOHN J. EWALD, 71, Transportation,
Emp. 3-30-25, Died 12-11-67
MARIO FABBRI, 53, West Section,
Emp. 6-13-46, Died 12-23-67
PAUL FAVA, 74, North Division,
Emp. 11-6-40, Died 12-13-67
EDWARD FEINBERG, 59, Schedule-Traffic,
Emp. 11-16-48, Died 12-25-67
KARL FRICHSTICK, 92, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-2-18, Died 12-12-67
MIKE GASIC, 84, Track,
Emp. 5-19-43, Died 12-66
WILLIAM A. HEDEN, 69, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-4-24, Died 12-2-67
MICHAEL HOARY, 63, North Park,
Emp. 1-16-29, Died 1-7-68

CHARLES F. HOLTZ, 87, Armitage,
Emp. 8-12-14, Died 12-27-67
JOSEPH H. HOULE, 73, Transportation,
Emp. 12-14-25, Died 1-1-68
MARTIN A. JOHNSON, 71, Devon,
Emp. 9-29-20, Died 1-5-68
JIMMIE LONGSTREET, 51, Howard Street,
Emp. 7-20-53, Died 12-31-67
BIAGIO MESSINA, 57, Engineering,
Emp. 10-3-41, Died 12-30-67
JOHN MISCIKAITIS, 87, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 11-16-27, Died 12-30-67
ELMER R. MOGGE, 66, West Section,
Emp. 7-18-23, Died 12-13-67
MARGARET NORKETT, 54, West Section,
Emp. 8-15-64, Died 12-18-67
JOHN F. NOWAK, 80, West Shops,
Emp. 9-25-19, Died 1-1-68
JAMES J. O'NEILL, 76, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 10-16-29, Died 12-20-67
JAMES F. PERILLO, 66, West Section,
Emp. 9-20-18, Died 12-18-67
ADOLPH J. PFLUG, 80, West Shops,
Emp. 11-12-13, Died 12-18-67
IRVIN W. PORTER, 67, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-9-23, Died 12-29-67
PAUL W. PRADELT, 61, Forest Glen,
Emp. 3-11-29, Died 12-18-67
ARTHUR REINBERGER, 79, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-11-20, Died 12-11-67
ANTHONY SCHLENKERT, 79, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 7-23-20, Died 12-17-67
ARTHUR SCHMAEHL, 73, Electrical,
Emp. 9-18-24, Died 12-20-67
WILLIAM F. TERMUNDE, 72, South Section,
Emp. 2-24-14, Died 12-13-67
ANTONIO TERRITO, 78, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 1-20-25, Died 12-28-67
WILLIAM R. TOCK, 70, Kedzie,
Emp. 12-19-28, Died 12-31-67
ALBERT WYSOPAL, 76, South Shops,
Emp. 10-27-19, Died 12-27-67

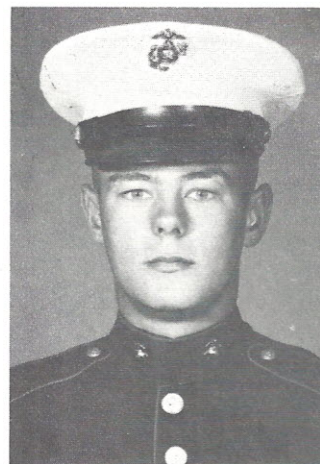
CLIFFORD BIVINS, the son of "Mr. South Park", celebrated his 20th birthday on January 14. Happy birthday, Cliff. Operator CHARLES DAVIS enjoyed his birthday January 25. He also asked us to relay to you drivers that he'll continue to accept all gratuities for the rest of the year . . . Happy birthday to PAUL MORRIS which was December 16. ARTHUR SCHWEITZER, son of WILLIAM SCHWEITZER, was home on leave from the service during the Christmas holidays . . . JAMES HICKS of Halsted street has finally gone to State street. We don't know how we are getting along without him on the No. 8 line, nor what to do with him on State street. Anyway, he's having a ball with his grandson, MARC LENNELL, who celebrated his third birthday January 26. His petite wife, ELIZABETH, plans a big day for his birthday on February 16. Something like dinner and a show . . . ANGELA and CARLA SMITH, daughters of Operator CARL SMITH, celebrated birthdays this month. Angela was two on February 2, and Carla was 4 on February 24 . . . Your co-reporter, JULIUS BRAZIL, and his wife, ALMETA, also celebrated their 11th anniversary

on February 10. Yes, you guessed it, he took a picture of her . . . BRENDA and SPURAG FOSTER also look forward to the same day each year. This important day has been January 24 . . . The Wheelers S.C.C. is making plans for their spring affair in 1968. DIDDIE JAMES and BOB BARCLAY will be looking for a 100 per cent representation from all of us at 77th street depot . . . LESTER GOOLEY and his wife, BARBARA, celebrated their seventh anniversary on February 16. Gosh, Lester, we almost forgot you had a birthday February 21. How old? . . . Operator SAM BASILE, the "Grey Fox", has quite a lot to be thankful for in the return of his son, Sgt. RICHARD BASILE. Richard is home safe after six years in the service. He has been stationed in Germany and Viet Nam. It was the first family reunion in 8 1/2 years, for his other two sons, VINCENT and PETER, have been in the service too. Sam and his wife, DELLA, thank God that their boys returned home safe. We hope that your sons won't be separated from you again, Mrs. Basile, because of war. Sam also had a birthday February 12 and guess what, he says he's 39

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years old. (Ha, Ha, Ha) . . . WILLIE McGEE and his wife, EMMA, had their 13th anniversary on February 26. Congratulations! Their daughter, SYNTHIA, had her birthday on February 27 . . . Operator NOLAN HARDY had a birthday February 15. Happy birthday, Nolan . . . AUGUST MERCURIO was born on February 12, but he won't say what year, but you can bet he's been around for a long time . . . WILLIAM GARVIN and his wife, JUDY, celebrated their 2nd anniversary January 8 . . . RICHARD and TINA ANTONOVICH had their seventh anniversary on February 25. Richard also had a birthday on February 2. Those of you who may have forgotten what February 2 is, well, it's ground-hog day. We asked Richard if he had any predictions and his answer was, "It will be a 1-o-n-g winter." . . . SHERLYN YVONNE, the daughter of Operator RICHARD McDONALD, was 13 years old February 16. Also, Rudolph's better half, ANNETTE, had a birthday February 13 . . . INEZ A. RUSSELL, the wife of Operator CURLEY B. RUSSELL, enjoyed her birthday January 5. Curley says Inez is a proud 47, and what he planned worked out very well. We wish you many, many more, Mrs. Russell . . . The brother of Operator ARTHUR HART, the Reverend S. M. HART, Pastor of First Mount Calvary Baptist church will be 63 years old on February 12. The family is planning a big dinner . . . JOSEPH BAILEY Jr., the son of JOSEPH BAILEY Sr., was 12 years old January 5 . . . Operator DON WELTON celebrated his 32nd birthday January 15. His wife, GWENDOLYN, was born on February 29. This will be her seventh birthday. Let's hope the next four years won't be as long . . . JOHN STOKES' wife, EZELLA, has returned from her trip only to be greeted by the "Great Hawk". She recently went south again to get away from the northern winter weather. You'd better do something about the weather, John . . . Clerk JOHN D. HALL and his wife, CAROL, celebrated their eighth anniversary February 9. John also had a birthday February 24. Looks like there were two parties for the Halls . . . In case you're wondering about the new faces at the clerk's window, they are DON CARTER, R. SMITH, and W. FISHER . . . ROBERT DARTSCH thought of his birthday on January 13 as having spent 31 years with the company . . . LILLIAN M. DIELE, the wife of ANTHONY DIELE, celebrated her birthday February 23. Anthony plans an evening at the Millionaires Club in Ford City . . . Station Clerk A. PORTER left for the Claim Department as a locator . . . Supervisor JOE ROSSBACH of District "A" who has been off ill, is back to work. Glad to have you back, Joe . . . AUGIE BARTELHEIM, the "director", has returned from vacation . . . Assistant Superintendent, JOHN FERRIS, who fell and broke his shoulder, is still off sick . . . CHARLES WATSON, who is still in Billings hospital, is doing well as can be expected. His new room number is 0306. He still enjoys visitors . . . Operator RANDOLPH STEWART had his birthday February 17, while his son, MICHAEL D., was most anxiously awaiting his on February 22 . . . CHARLES E. JOHNSON was a year older February 14 . . . JERRY HOUSTON, who is now engaged, enjoyed his birthday January 21 . . . WILLIAM LOFTIN added another year to his life on January 16 . . . DOROTHY TIBBS, the wife of FREDDY TIBBS, celebrated her birthday February 22. Freddy is thinking about taking her to a show . . . EZRA WATSON, who was operated on in Billings hospital, is now home recuperating . . . Operator ROBERT PHILLIPS has been without his teeth for six months. Consequently, he hasn't been calling too many stops, nor has he talked too much. Now, he is sporting a new set. The word is, "Never fear, Phillips is here." He has been calling all stops and wears a beautiful smile (and he's not on candid camera) . . .

PICTURED HERE is Corporal JOSEPH PIPOWSKI, the son of Mr. and Mrs. CLARENCE PIPOWSKI, upholsterer, South Shops. Joe recently returned from a 20-month tour of duty in Viet Nam, where he served with the 3rd Marine Division and was awarded the Vietnamese service medal.



RICHARD WATSON, who has been off with a broken finger, is now back to work. Welcome back! . . . JACQULYN, the daughter of GEORGE SEYMOUR, had her fourth birthday January 19. His twins, CARL and CRAIG, celebrated their birthday February 22 . . . Operator TED RANDALL, brother of veteran receiver TOM RANDALL, finally got his wish. After eight daughters his wife, CRISTEEN, presented him with a baby boy, TED Jr . . . GEORGE W. NELSON marked his birthday on February 22 by having spent 38 years with the company. He has 25 years on the streetcars and 13 years on the buses . . . CHARLENE WILLIAMS, the daughter of Operator TONY WILLIAMS, had her 20th birthday February 17 . . . JOHN and SUSIE STATEN celebrated their 10th anniversary on January 2 . . . FRANK McGLYNN and his wife, CATHERINE, celebrated their 29th anniversary January 28. Happy anniversary to you both . . . Operator WENDELL EDWARDS' daughter, EARNIA, made her 21st birthday January 20 . . . Operator ROBERT HAWKINS wasn't too enthused about having a birthday on January 14, but felt quite different about his 12th wedding anniversary this month (February). One problem he had--the date? . . . HUBERT BURKETH's daughter, DARLENE, became 17 years old February 17. Darlene has entered into a \$500 music scholarship this month. She would like to become a concert pianist . . . KARON KENERSON, daughter of Operator WALTER KENERSON, was on Channel 11's Concert Hall January 7. She sings with Englewood High school's Acapella Choir . . . CLARA DUCKWORTH, the wife of EDWARD DUCKWORTH, celebrated her birthday February 3. Edward hopes to take her out . . . PAT-

PENSIONERS MEET

THE DIVISION 308 Pensioners Club of Chicago will hold its next regular meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 21, on the 13th floor at 32 W. Randolph street. All retired members of Division 308 are invited to attend these meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at the above address.

The CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the new Odd Fellows Hall, 4140 16th street, north, St. Petersburg. All CTA pensioners living in that vicinity are invited to attend these meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month at the above time and address.

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RICK J. BYRNE, formerly of 77th, recently celebrated his 50th anniversary. He is the father-in-law of H. KOHLER, instructor at 77th . . . JOAN MOORE, the wife of NATHANIEL MOORE, will have her birthday February 27. Nathaniel will take her out at a later date . . . PEARL ROSSBACH, the wife of Supervisor JOE ROSSBACH, was a year older February 8. Joe said he would take her out and buy her a hamburger . . . TOM SHEAHAN has been recuperating from his illness. We hope to see him back soon . . . MARVIN ADAMS, who has been stationed in Guam the past two years, has returned to the states. He is now working out of 77th Street. He spent a total of four years in the service . . . SHARON and CHARLES WILLIAMSON will celebrate their seventh anniversary February 28 . . . Instructor RAY PRYOR recently returned from the balmy temperature of Florida, and after losing a golf game with recently retired Superintendent FRANK KRAUSE, was greeted at O'Hare Field by sub-zero temperature. It was 75 above when he left Florida--it was five below here . . . PAUL HANSEN, who recently retired, left the company with flying colors his last day of work. As he was preparing to make his last trip, there waiting for him was his family--his wife, ANNA, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, waving flags and carrying signs congratulating "grandpa". He was quite surprised. He left after 25 years of service . . . SHERMAN HAWKINS has been having a special passenger riding with him on the Halsted street line. What makes her different is that she is a very nice old lady who knows the following operators: JACK G. LASKEY, SAM A. BASILE, and W. H. OGLESBY. The most remarkable thing is that she has saved every transfer she ever received. Some are dated back to 1919. She also collected data since 1911. We're going to follow this through and have more news in our next issue . . . We would like to welcome all of the new



STANDING BESIDE one of the first radio cars bought by the old Chicago Surface Lines is Supervisor ALFRED W. PFIEFFER, who retired February 1. In 1942, when this photo was taken, there were only 18 of these cars on the system and they were assigned to North Avenue station.

operators who recently became qualified drivers to a "boss station", 77th street . . . We missed RAY WILLIAMS for a few days due to illness, but now he is back with us.

- Amos Foster & Julius Brazil

69TH STREET -

The Transit News mailbox got quite a workout this month. Two fellows used it. One is Operator BYRON HOZZ who is the proud dad of T/Sgt. ELMER HOZZ, a non-commissioned officer in charge of combat readiness training. He is training men to confront the difficult and adverse conditions found in southeast Asia. They will become a part of the "Black Hats", who deploy teams of men ranging from 2 to a 100 for missions throughout Viet Nam and Thailand . . . I sure wish he could have trained JESSE DANIELS, the 69th street flash. It seems that Jesse and a poor little doggy went rabbit hunting, and this little rabbit hunting dog stuck his head up from behind a snow bank to see where Jesse was and Jesse's gun went boom. Later at the veterinarians where the poor dog was patched up, Jesse still swore he looked like a rabbit . . . It has been a sad month at the depot. ED TIERNEY reported that the wife of retired Motorman CHARLEY GRADT died recently; JIM GEARY, the collector, passed away; MARTY O'SHEA (the bailiff) passed on; ELMER MICKLEY's mother-in-law died; retired conductor and father of the late TOM ELPHICK died; GEORGE COSTELLO, the nice quiet driver of Damen avenue, passed on; the father of Operator JACKSON died, and RALPH FRALE lost his wife. From all of us at 69th, we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to those they have left behind . . . By the time this goes to press, we will have had our general pick and possibly the system pick. Also, my vacation will be over. Four weeks down in Florida will have gone, but if you fellows don't give me any news, I'll write about it and rub it in . . . JIMMY AHERN of the repair department says thanks to all you men who cooperated as a team after the bad fire and rough weather we just had . . . A big welcome to RAY SCHEID who is working again after being off sick . . . VINCE ONDRIAS is on vacation in Florida, boating, swimming and girl watching . . . I hope everyone had a good time at the Credit Union meeting. All the officers were re-elected. To those who were defeated, may I wish them better luck next time . . . Old Hedda needs news, so let's fill up that mailbox.

- Arthur P. Buesing

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