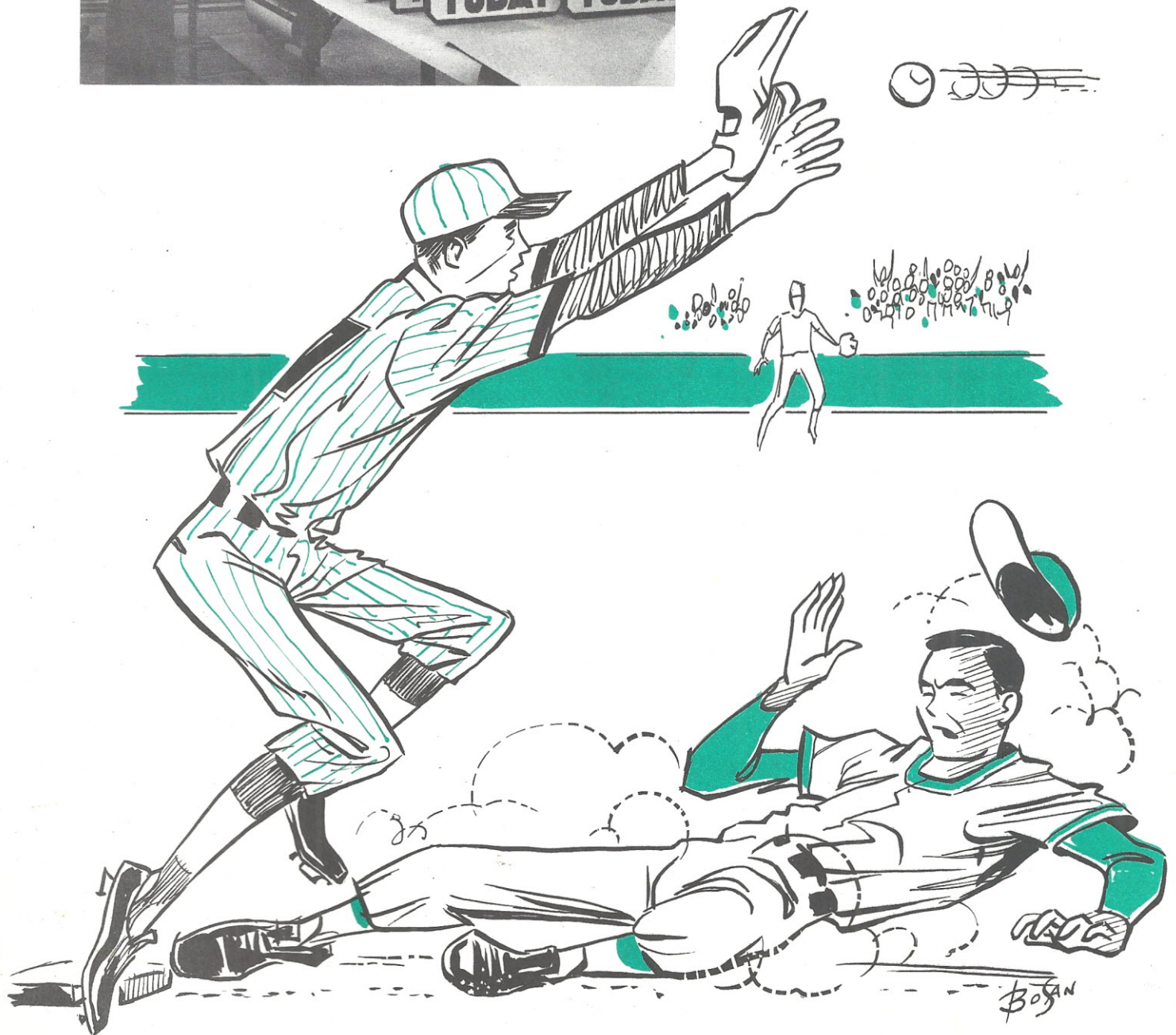


TRANSIT NEWS

MARCH, 1968





Forest Park, 52nd Street Win ISC and Special Awards

OPERATING EMPLOYEES at the Forest Park and 52nd Street Stations had reason to be doubly proud recently - - 1967 was their safest year in CTA history and they were also winners of the fourth quarter Interstation Safety Contest awards. With a

perfect score of 75.00, Forest Park on the rapid transit system won its seventh ISC award. Winning the surface competition with a rating of 56.50 was 52nd Street Station. Accepting the quarterly plaque from G. A. Riley, superintendent of operating stations, in the picture left, above is E. J. Heatter, Forest Park superintendent. At the right, D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, is presenting the ISC plaque to L. M. Keag, 52nd Street superintendent, as W. V. Coleman (right) and H. P. Braun (left), station assistant and relief superintendents, respectively, look on.



At the March 8 meeting of day superintendents, Operating Manager C. E. Keiser gave recognition to four operating stations which made outstanding safety achievements during the year 1967. Their feat, according to Mr. Keiser, was accomplished despite the hazardous weather conditions existing early in the year which resulted in an overall increase in accidents. Both 52nd Street and Forest Park beat 1966, their safest years. Kedzie and Logan stations tied their safest years. Pictured at the left displaying special awards are: E. K. Peterson, Kedzie; Mr. Keiser; E. J. Heatter, Forest Park and Logan; and L. M. Keag, 52nd Street.

Eight Named to New Posts at Operating Stations

TWO BULLETINS issued recently by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn and approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser named eight employees to supervisory appointments at Transportation Department operating stations.

Effective February 1, W. V. Coleman was named assistant station superintendent of 52nd Street Station.

Effective March 1, M. J. Veltri was named station superintendent of Douglas-Congress Stations. Named as assistant superintendents were T. D. Boyle, Kimball; W. J. Rooney, Kimball-Howard; J. P. Flynn, Douglas-Congress, and M. La Velle, Lake-Logan-Loop. Named as relief station superintendents were D. P. Lemm, Lake-Logan-Loop-Douglas-Congress, and S. Christ, Howard-Kimball-61st Street-Loomis.

NAME	DOE	INT.	JE	EMPLOYE NO.	6501	DEPT.	161	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	340 01 0620	EARNINGS CREDITED FOR YEAR	7,932.01	TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS TO DATE	101,995.12
P.C.		C.D.		396.59	3,855.85	185	69.19	439.44	3,700	12	67		
				CREDITED FOR YEAR	TOTAL ACCUMULATED TO DATE	INTEREST EARNED FOR YEAR	TOTAL ACCUMULATED INTEREST TO DATE	ANNUAL RATE	YEARS	PLAN YEAR			

THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES REPORT OF EARNINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR 1967

THE ABOVE REPORT SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF EARNINGS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND INTEREST CREDITED UNDER THE PLAN FOR THE YEAR INDICATED ABOVE TOGETHER WITH THE TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS, INTEREST, AND CONTRIBUTIONS (INCLUDING F.O.A.B. EQUIVALENT FROM

OCTOBER
ANNUAL
UNDER T
TOTAL A
SHOULD
EMPLOYEE
NUMBER
1 2 3 4 5 6

THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES

TO ESTIMATE YOUR PENSION AS OF END OF PLAN YEAR 1967 USE ITEMS MARKED 1, 2, AND 3 FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CARD.

PAST SERVICE:	3700	x	12	% =	444.00
	ANNUAL RATE (1)		YEARS (2)		ANNUAL PAST SERVICE CREDIT
FUTURE SERVICE:	101,995.12	x	11.2	% =	1,529.93
	TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS TO DATE OR TO AGE 65 (3)				ANNUAL FUTURE SERVICE CREDIT
					ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL PENSION CREDIT
					1,973.93

USE ITEMS MARKED 4 AND 5 FROM OTHER SIDE OF THE CARD.

YOUR CREDIT WITH THE PLAN:		
3,855.85	+	439.44 = 4,295.29
TOTAL ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE (4)		TOTAL ACCUMULATED INTEREST (5)

CHANGES IN FAMILY STATUS AFFECT BENEFICIARY

Have you listed the correct beneficiary? Changes in family status such as death, marriage, divorce, or other changes in family status make it necessary to change the beneficiary for the Group Life Insurance and Retirement Plan on record in the Insurance Department. Change of beneficiary forms for both are available through your department head. Failure to keep your beneficiary up to date adds unnecessary expense in settling your estate.

381 Pension Applications Approved in 1967

APPROVAL OF pension applications of 381 CTA employees was made by the Retirement Committee during 1967, according to a report for the year prepared by Secretary W. A. Ashley. Of that total, 204 applicants had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 113 were in the age group 58 through 64, and 64 were disability retirements.

The report also stated that during 1967 contributions to the Retirement Plan by employees were \$4,841,088, and CTA contributions amounted to \$8,711,412 for a total of \$13,552,500. Approved during the year were disbursements totaling \$8,998,552 covering payments to retired employees, refunds to employees who terminated their services and to deceased employees' beneficiaries, and expenses of administration.

During 1967 assets of the fund increased \$6,895,476, making a total of \$53,186,449 as of December 31 held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust company, trustee for the Plan.

Of these funds held by the trustee, \$52,745,064 are invested in U. S. government securities, Farm Home Administration loans, corporate bonds and notes, common stock, and CTA revenue bonds.

During March and April, report cards showing each employee's credits in the retirement fund as of December 31, 1967, will be distributed. A facsimile of the card is shown above. These cards are valuable for ready reference at all times and employees are advised to keep them for their records.

Volume XXI **CTA TRANSIT NEWS** Number 3

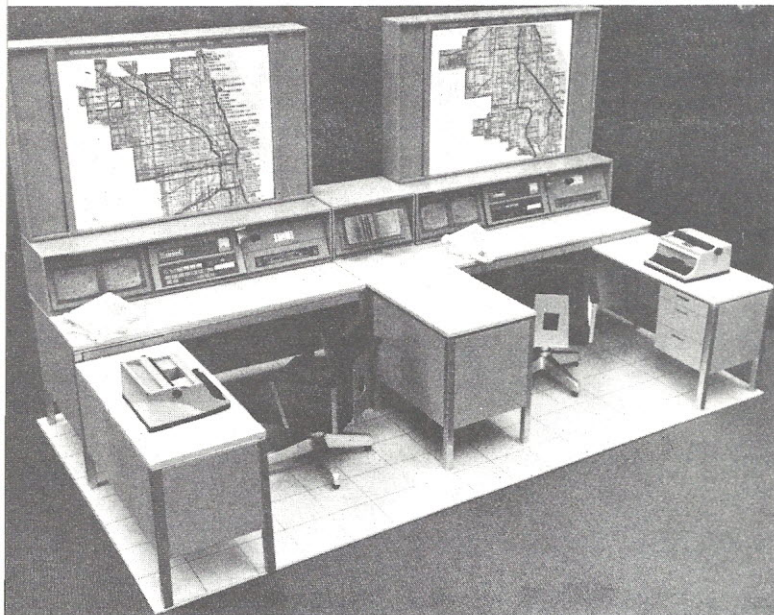
Published monthly by and for employees of the Chicago Transit Authority, under the direction of the Public Information Department.

Robert D. Heinlein, Editor
Mel Alexander, Editorial Assistant
F. C. Knautz, Superintendent of Public and Employee Relations

Annual subscription price: \$2.00. Distributed free of charge to all active and retired CTA employees. Address communications to CTA TRANSIT NEWS, Room 742, Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

OUR COVER: For each individual the month of March has a different significance. For many, it means a break in the weather and the official start of spring. It also means that thoughts turn to vacations-- when to take them and what to do on them. But for sports enthusiasts, it means the approach of the baseball season. March and the baseball season have a special significance for CTA too -- preparations must be made for carrying sports fans to and from Chicago's ball parks. The task of repainting train identification signs is that of John Kalinowski, Skokie Shops Paint Shop, who is shown using the silk screen process to apply lettering to the three-color signs. The signs, with Wrigley Field and Comiskey Park messages on opposite sides, are carried on the front of all North-South route "L"-subway trains stopping at the station serving each park on home game days.

CTA Bus Monitoring System Gets U.S. Approval



CENTRAL CONTROL monitoring station where all information on identification, location, and alarm status of buses will be received through the computerized monitoring system.

THE U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently announced its approval of CTA's application for a demonstration grant for an automatic bus monitoring system which applies computer technology and advanced radio communications techniques to provide centralized information and control.

With the system, basic information of identification, location, and alarm status of each bus will be automatically provided on a continuous basis at a centralized control point. This information will be used to provide schedule adherence data, operational status, and alarm conditions. The system also will provide direct two-way voice communications with any bus on an individual basis.

"A system of this type will absolutely revolutionize bus operation," said Chairman George L. DeMent. "With this system, we will know at all times the location and status of each bus. This will aid us in providing much better service for our riders. In addition, the alarm feature will enable us to dispatch assistance in seconds. Superintendent James Conlisk has added his enthusiastic endorsement to this project since this would speed-up the availability of police officers at any emergency. We have discussed this unique alarm system with the officers of Division 241 of the Amalgamated Transit Union and they have given their ardent approval since it will offer added protection, not only for our riders, but our bus operators as well. We are most enthusiastic about this

space-age development and are anxious to get it into operation as soon as possible."

The demonstration project provides the monitoring system for 500 buses. This will permit almost all buses on the early morning or "owl" shift to be fully equipped.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,000,000 with \$1,549,000 being provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the balance, \$451,000, by CTA.

A four-year time period has been set up for the project. Two years for manufacture and installation of equipment, and two years for testing.

The essential elements of the bus monitoring system are:

1. A control center, including the use of a computer and its peripheral equipment;
2. Electronic wayside equipment located throughout the city; and
3. Two-way radio and electronic data equipment aboard buses.

It has not been determined who will manufacture the equipment for the automatic bus monitoring system.

Basically, the operation of the system is that through the use of electronics, the bus and route numbers, and location will be transmitted to a computer. The information will be stored there until requested from the control center. At the control center the information is visually displayed on a cathode ray tube (TV tube). At the same time, a written record is printed on an associated teleprinter.

The second equally important feature of the proposed system is its alarm capability. When assistance is needed on a bus, the operator unobtrusively activates a switch which automatically transmits an alarm signal which includes the bus and run numbers and location to the control center. This is visually seen at the control center. The dispatcher can then send whatever assistance is needed.

In addition to location and alarm capability, the system includes normal two-way voice communication. The dispatcher may call and communicate with one or more buses on a selective basis and the operator may originate a call by simply picking up the handset.

"This will be the first computer-monitored system for bus operation in the world," commented Mr. DeMent.

Share in Freedom



To All Employees:

It has been my pleasure each year to launch our Bond Drive and announce that employees will once again have the opportunity to purchase U. S. Savings Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan at CTA. This year, however, I am especially pleased to announce the E Bond-Freedom Share savings plan available through payroll deductions, which will bring you an even greater return on your investment.

Freedom Shares earn interest at the rate of 4.74 per cent when held to maturity of 4-1/2 years. They can only be purchased in combination with regular E Bonds on approximately a one-for-one basis. The E Bonds can still be purchased separately, but the maximum benefit comes from the combination purchase -- it's like an added bonus.

CTA's system-wide employe Bond Drive will be conducted during April. I urge you to join the Payroll Savings Plan if you are not signed up now, to buy Freedom Shares if you are now purchasing E Bonds, and to take advantage of this easy-to-save method by increasing your allotment for the purchase of Bonds and Shares.

As a result of the 1967 Bond Drive CTA maintained its status as one of a select group of about 90 large companies in the country whose employees exceed 50 per cent participation in payroll deduction plans. For 1968, we can increase our percentage and at the same time, as individuals, insure our future.

Because of the greater interest rates and tax advantages, Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares are now an even more attractive way to finance college educations for your children, to save for a home or new car, or to establish a retirement program for yourself. If you are interested in learning how to save for such purposes, ask the fellow employe who contacts you to explain the Plan.

I urge you to give serious consideration to this savings program. Bonds and Shares mean security not only for you, but for your country, too.

T. B. O'Connor
General Manager

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin, CTA Medical Consultant

ARTHRITIS -

AMERICA'S NUMBER ONE CRIPPLER

OF ALL the disabling chronic diseases, the most serious and widespread is arthritis. Almost 11 million people over the age of 15 suffer from arthritis and other rheumatic disorders. Of this total, about 4.5 million are victims of rheumatoid arthritis. More than 25 per cent of these are so seriously affected that their ability to work and care for themselves is markedly limited. Each year about 147,000 victims temporarily or permanently become invalids. The problems thus created for the community, family, and individual become more serious. Naturally, the inability of the individual to work because of the pain is the most important loss. In addition, it is estimated that the economic loss to business is about 1 billion dollars. The above figures come from the American Medical Association.

The word arthritis is the medical term for inflammation of the joints. There are many different and associated forms of arthritis, but in general most of the cases fall into two large groups, namely, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis. In this article, the discussion will be limited to these main types.

What does a person suffer from when he says he has rheumatism? It may mean that he could have any one of a number of rheumatic diseases, which ailments are characterized by pain in the joints or muscles. Of every 100 patients complaining of rheumatism, about 40 per cent usually have rheumatoid arthritis, 30 per cent may have osteoarthritis and about 15 per cent have muscular rheumatism, neuritis, or sciatica. The rest, or balance of the 100, may have arthritis from injury, gout, rheumatic fever, or forms of the disease.

What is rheumatoid arthritis? As mentioned before, it is a generalized disease of the entire body which produces inflammation of the joints. Usually, the first symptoms are fatigue, weight loss, weakness, pain, and stiffness of the joints and muscles. As the disease develops, one or more of the joints become swollen and painful. The muscles around these joints knot up and go into spasms, stiffening the joints so they become increasingly difficult to move. In severe cases, the arthritic joints fuse, the muscles shrink, and deformity and crippling result. About 15 to 25 per cent of all rheumatoid arthritics become progressively disabled and invalid.

What is osteoarthritis? This is a form that comes to people at or past middle life. For the

sake of clarity it should be mentioned that the rheumatoid arthritis is more common in children, teenagers, and young adults. In many cases of osteoarthritis there are no serious symptoms. It is known as a degenerative joint disease because it attacks the bone and cartilage of the joints. This type is common in persons with overweight, curvature of the spine and flat feet or in any part of the body where there is wear and tear on the joints. The spine and knees are commonly involved.

The specific causes of rheumatoid and osteoarthritis are unfortunately not known. Suspect causes include allergic reactions and either a bacterial or virus infection. Contributing factors to the disease are prolonged emotional tension, infections from any source, fatigue, injury, shock, exposure and, as stated above, overweight -- plus any condition which produces an unusual amount of wear and tear of any joint.

The aim of treatment in all types of arthritis is to control pain and inflammation, to maintain the best range of motion possible, and to preserve the strength and use of muscles. There is no sure cure for arthritis, but early and modern treatment reduces the extent of suffering and disability. Therapy and care must be individualized.

From the preventative standpoint, it is well to have regular examinations by your doctor to discover and eliminate hidden sources of infection. Control of body weight, proper diet, exercise, and good hygiene are very important.

Physical therapy, including heat, massage, whirlpool baths, gait-training, etc., is helpful in reducing the stiffness of the joints. Most physical therapy treatments are usually given in the hospital but some of them can be carried out at home by the patient.

Warm climates help in a certain number of cases which are not too far advanced. Drugs are beneficial in selected cases. Aspirin is one of the old and helpful remedies. When it comes to the newer drugs such as cortisone and their derivatives, gold injections, hormones, etc., your personal physician should be consulted.

In conclusion, remember that arthritis tends to run a long drawn out course. There is no miracle cure. Select a physician in whom you have faith and follow with courage and persistence the recommendations he outlines for you.

THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -

On a recent visit to Florida your reporter stopped to visit Pensioner ART JOHNSON and his lovely wife, BESS, who now live in St. Petersburg. They send their regards and both look tan and healthy . . . Also stopped to see HEINE HAASE who, we are sorry to report, lost his wife, MARIE, and is moving back to Waukegan. So look for him to stop in and see us in the near future at the Mart . . . STANLEY MAILUCK is on his way with his wife to Mexico City and will keep us posted on his extensive travels by postal card.

- Eileen Neuraeter

(Revenue) -

Either a "lion or lamb", we watch the month of March come and go! But no matter what the weather brings, our hearts will remain warm for BETTY SUHR and HELEN FRANSON who on March 1 joined the ranks of the retired. An open house was held on February 27 in Room 718 where they were able to greet their many friends. The retired employes showed up enmasse for this open house. In alphabetical order they were as follows: Naomi Bohlin, Mae Bujnowski, Mae Kearns, Mable Magnuson, Mary McCauley, Ann O'Brien, Otto Stack, Betty Sullivan, Margaret Timmons, Irene Wenke, and the freshman of the group, Mable Potthast, who retired on February 1st. They all looked fine and in the pink of condition. Betty, having completed nearly 45 years of service, will reside in Arizona. Helen will enjoy her retirement in Chicago after 24 years of transit service. Farewell and best wishes to you both! . . . Congratulations are in order to PAULINE THIEL upon her engagement to ANTHONY MANGINO. Anthony is presently teaching history in the seventh and eighth grades at Belding school . . . A birthday tune was whistled for LOIS JAHNKE on February 21. We can bet that's not the only whistle! . . . The Transfer Room is booming again with its counters. A big hello to JOHN BILLIS and to VERNER SWANAGAIN. It's welcome back to OMAR HART who has returned after his brief illness of lacerated fingers. You'll never make a butcher that way, Omar, especially cutting a salami with the wrong edge of the knife!

Mrs. LILLIAN E. MEYER, the wife of CHARLES W. MEYER, passed away Monday, February 26, and was laid to rest in Forest Home Cemetery. Mr. Meyer was formerly comptroller of the Chicago Surface Lines and retired from the C. T. A. in August, 1954.

- Clotilde Mrzena

BEVERLY -

The "Big Retreat" at Notre Dame this year will start Friday evening, August 16, and end Sunday evening, August 18. Bring a friend along and introduce him to Father "Mike" Foran and you will enjoy a wonderful weekend . . . Operator FRANK BLACK chased a car thief in his pajamas and caught a cold. This was a tough way to do it, but he saved his car . . . We express our sympathies to the families of the following: Supervisor JOHN NICHOLSON, HENRY WORKMAN, and Operator WILLIAM DREGER in the loss of his father . . . We wish a speedy recovery to PETER FLAHERTY of Division 241, WAL-

TER TADJUS of the credit union, and WALTER CASSIDY of 95th street . . . Loader MARINUS DYKHUIZEN put his vehicle sticker on his car upside down. JOHN "Mighty Mite" MAHONEY came up with an idea on how to fix it, but I can't print it . . . Night Clerk JOHN COOKE is the new chairman of the Little Flower Society, and we wish him good luck.

- Tom Daniels

CLAIM -

Our best wishes to HERMAN WIRTH who retired on February 29. Herman started with the Chicago Surface Lines on April 25, 1923, as a conductor. With almost 45 years of service, he has been in the Claim Department for the past 10 years. Herman and his wife, ELEANOR, who were married on June 3, 1967, are presently living in Morton Grove and are planning on staying there just working around the house and taking life easy. We all hope you have a long and happy retirement, Herm . . . We had a recent visit from HARRY LAWRENCE who retired on December 31, 1966. Harry looks great and tells us he and his wife are planning on taking a trip to Hawaii in April . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to ROCCO ZAZZARA whose father passed away February 11 . . . Congratulations to MIKE McDERMOTT who is a grandpa again. Mike's son, AL, and his wife, PEGGY, were blessed with a baby girl, PEGGY ANN, on February 28 . . . Welcome to TERRY BOLE, the son of ED BOLE, Employee Relations, who joined us on February 26.

- Peggy Hallahan & Shari Papa

CONGRESS (Agents) -

If you've noticed Clerk RAYMOND GEHRKE all elated and puffing more and better cigars, it's because he and his wife, BERNICE, have become happy and proud grandparents. Their son, ALBERT, and his wife, LAUREL, presented them with a grandson, CRAIG GEHRKE, on January 28. Also, Raymond celebrated his birthday on February 19 . . . LAWRENCE FRICOT celebrated his birthday in February. Happy birthday and we wish you many more . . . Time really goes by fast. Clerk JAMES MIDDLETON and his wife helped their son celebrate his first birthday. The little guy was fascinated by the glow of the single candle on his cake . . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of Porter BUDDY HENDERSON who was laid to rest on February 15. His friends and co-workers were surprised and sorry to hear of his death . . . Our condolences to the family of Pensioner CHARLES ROMANO who passed away on February 22 . . . Agent BEATRICE CLARK spent some time in the hospital but is up and doing just great now . . . Porter CURTIN ROSBY was in Presbyterian-St. Luke hospital. What he liked best about his stay there was that every once in a while a pretty girl would come in and hold his hand--to take his pulse, that is . . . STANLEY BANALS and his wife, BERNICE, celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on February 26. Their three sons and their families helped them celebrate this grand occasion on Saturday, February 23. We'd like to have an invitation to your 50th . . . ORA MILLER is waiting anxiously for his new car to be delivered . . . We wish Agent THOMAS

INSIDE NEWS



FIFTY YEARS of wedded bliss is being celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM A. BUERGER Sr., at a golden wedding anniversary party given in their honor. Mr. Buerger is a former repairman at Kimball who retired on November 1, 1959.

DILLON many happy years of retirement . . . The CTA American Legion Post 1216 is now opening its membership and wishes to extend an invitation to the men and women of Division 241, and to their sons and daughters who have served their country to join. The women's auxiliary of the legion is also extending an invitation for new members . . . Dues for the Little Flower Society are now being taken and plans are being made for the semi-annual breakfast on March 31. You do not have to be a catholic or a member to attend. The cause is worthwhile as the money contributed is used for the education of young boys for the priesthood who otherwise could not afford it. See you March 31.

- Julia Brousek

ELECTRICAL -

Mark Friday, April 26, on your calendars. That is the day of the 22nd Annual Retirement Dinner at Harringtons. For tickets, contact one of the following committee members: H. COYNE, R. DORGAN, R. FERGUSON, C. MALOTTKE, or KEN MIKOTA . . . Welcome to the Electrical Department to LAWRENCE BEEMSTERBOER and JOSEPH DRNER . . . Best wishes to FRANK CASTRIE who will go on pension March 1 . . . Get well wishes to S. S. DANECKE, C. PARKS, and J. O'DONNELL . . . ALFRED BRONZELL and his wife, ESTELLE, took a wonderful trip to Hawaii. They traveled by train to Portland, Oregon, and down the coast to San Francisco, where they took a ship to the island paradise . . . LEROY KUTCHINS and his wife spent two weeks relaxing in the sun at Hollywood, Florida . . . Other vacationers were Miss C. McALISTER, Miss M. HAVLIK, and WILLIAM KOPKE . . . The big question of the month. Who forgot it was payday, picked up his check a week late, and it wasn't J.D.? . . . MURPHY sent over some venison. After tasting it, we are wondering if some farmer in the hunting area isn't missing a cow . . . Thanks to HARVEY HEIDE for writing the article for February.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

ENGINEERING -

A luncheon was held on February 9 at Henrici's in honor of ALICE WIENSKI who left the CTA to await a blessed event. She was thrilled to see such a large group present, and was presented with a savings bond . . . MARIO MUNOZ was congratulated after receiving his citizenship papers . . . ROY SMITH and his wife, MARY ANN, formerly of Executive, are the proud par-

ents of a baby boy, RICHARD FRANCIS, born February 16 at Christ Community hospital in Oak Lawn. Good luck and best wishes to the new parents.

(Research & Planning) -

Get well wishes are extended to LOIS POTTS. Hope she will be well and back on the job by the time this gets into print . . . We welcome ALAN SCHREIBMAN and DAVE HIETT, new employees to the department . . . Welcome back to HERMAN ANDERS. You are a good sight to see after your recent illness. Hope you are well now and on the road to complete recovery.

(West Shops) -

TOM WOLGEMUTH, superintendent of structures, and his wife spent two wonderful weeks in Hawaii. During their trip, they spent three days at Waikiki Beach and 11 days on the island of Kauai. Kauai is called the "Garden Island" and is considered one of the most beautiful in Hawaii. Many movies, such as South Pacific, have been filmed there. I'm sure the Wolgemuths found their trip both beautiful and exciting and want to visit this paradise again soon . . . JOHN RETZLER, superintendent of buildings, and his wife spent a memorable three weeks fishing, golfing, and sunning at Pompano Beach, Florida, and from the looks of their tan, it looks like a good time was had by all . . . We'll miss W. J. Mac FARLANE, supervisor of plant equipment and maintenance, who retired March 1. He put 44 wonderful years in the company and will be missed by everyone . . . We'll also miss AUGUST ILG, painter, who retired February 1. He started with the company in 1942 . . . We have a new employe at West Shops, Mrs. JENNY SCOTT, who started recently. West Shops welcomes you, Jenny . . . Our condolences to GEORGE SCHINDLER whose brother, FRANK, died recently. He was a retired carpenter from the CTA.

At a special meeting of the newly-elected board of directors of the Sun City, Arizona, Home Owners Association, Pensioner VERNER B. OLSON, former superintendent of Building and Structures, was elected president of this organization for the year 1968. Mr. Olson, upon his retirement from the CTA on November 1, 1963, with his wife, HILDUR, moved to Sun City where he became active in civic affairs of that community which led to his newly-elected position. Congratulations!

- Jeanne Fitzgerald & Mary Gallon

FOREST GLEN -

Hi men. On February 16, the second Forest Glen retirement party was held, attended by 109 operators to say their farewells to JOHN LANGE, BARNEY ANDREWS, J. MART, and J. KOSTELNEY. John Mart failed to show as he was already enjoying his retirement in sunny Florida. These four men had a total of 154 years between them. Guest speakers included RAY GRAY, TED GALUS, Chief Clerk FRED MEYERS, and a pleasant surprise from our boss and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. BAILEY. Of course, our yard man TONY YACOVACCI was on hand along with so many others, too many to mention at this time. I'd like to thank the men who worked so diligently to make this affair a success. First of all, GEORGE WICKMAN, E. L. BRZECZEK, and Operator NICK COSTANTINO. Nick was the one who arranged the meeting and eating place for this fine occasion, and they wish to thank all of you for coming out and making it a success. I'm sure everyone had a fine time . . . The annual Division 241 golf tournament will be held on Mon-

INSIDE NEWS

day, July 15, at St. Andrews golf course. Entry fee is \$12. Those who played and attended the affair last year will attest to the good time had by all. ANDY LEE, our top golfer at Forest Glen, issues a challenge to all the golfers in the station that he will be the man to beat . . . The Little Flower Society communion and breakfast will be on March 1. The bus will leave Forest Glen at 7 a. m. All are invited to attend. . . I suppose by now that all of you have noticed our fine looking young operator walking around the depot with the new uniform. He makes a fine looking model. A lot of us know him as "Rose Bush" JOHN . . . Back on the job and looking fine is our good friend LOU TIGNAC, who you will find at the clerks window with a smile on his face. Sorry to say that Lou had to spend a few weeks in the hospital, and along with the good care by Mrs. TIGNAC, he is feeling fine. . . PAUL WINKOWSKI had a vacation a short time ago and spent it in his back yard using old coffee grounds he had saved. I understand he uses them for his rose garden. Maybe that's why our coffee machine is always out of coffee. . . On vacation at this writing is Receiver L. MILLER who is in Florida taking in all that wonderful sunshine. Well, he needs it after being cooped up in that cage all day. . . Retired Operator LALA S. SMOOT and his wife, HAZEL, who has been living in McHenry, Illinois, for the past three years, sold their home and will be heading for sunny Arizona about March 20. They plan to settle in Sun City, which is about 15 miles from Phoenix. They will be living at the Kings Inn in Sun City until they decide on a permanent address. Please keep in touch with us and let us know how you like it out there. Good luck on the move. . . Operator GILBERT, along with our old friend COLLINS, EDDIE WHITE, and BUNDLEY, were also present at the retirement dinner. I would like to ask Gilbert, where was ALICE? Well, this is the only man that can get in an automobile in the back and then wonder where the steering wheel is. That's our boy, Gilbert. By the way, TED GALUS will replace JOHN LANGE in our credit union. Good luck, Ted.

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Training) -

MARTIN O'SULLIVAN, the son of JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN, has been selected for "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." Martin is a senior at St. Mary's college, Winona, Minnesota, and has been on the dean's honor list since his freshman year. He became a member of the union board in his freshman year, was elected secretary while a sophomore, and treasurer in his junior year. He is a member of the student conduct committee, the social committee of the student senate, Beta Beta Beta (National Biological Honor Society), and is presently secretary of the biology club. Marty takes an active part in the school's intra-mural program. A further indication of the respect felt for him, is the fact that he was appointed student hall counselor and has also held the office of vice-president of his class for the past four years. Marty has worked for CTA in the Construction and Transportation Departments during his summer vacation for the past three years. He has been accepted for the University of Illinois Medical school and will enter it this fall. . . MARGE CONWAY vacationed at Aspen, Colorado, where she enjoyed skiing. . . MARGARET McKENNA, the daughter of JOHN McKENNA, and the sister of MICHAEL McKENNA, Electrical Department, will have one of her paintings on exhibit at the 71st annual Chicago show in the Art Institute of Chicago. This annual exhibition is for Chicago area artists and will be held this year from

March 29 to May 12. Margaret teaches art at the Cooper Upper Grade Center, 18th Place and Paulina street.

(Insurance) -

MARION MICHAUD and THERESA KRAMER were welcomed to the department. Marion's husband, GEORGE MICHAUD, is employed at Limits station, and Theresa's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES ZINNINGER, are also CTA employees.

(Public Information) -

We welcome LYNN VUJNOVICH and LOUISE SANDSTROM to the Service Section. Good luck girls in your new jobs. . . DIANA BOYLE is a very happy young lady after receiving an engagement ring from her fiance, BARRY, and is counting the days until her planned wedding June 22.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEDZIE -

Superintendent E. PETERSON asks everyone to strive a little harder to lower our accidents. Now that the rainy season is about here, reduce your speed and allow more distance between cars. . . Your reporter's son, AUGUST LAZZARA, went into the U.S. Army February 21. We had an open house for him and he invited a few of his friends and we invited a few relatives. We ended up with 103 persons in our home. They were downstairs, upstairs, and in other words, they were all over the place. We had plenty of food and drinks and it was a night to remember. August is at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he is taking his basic training. So far, he is adjusting to army life. . . MARY LOU SABICH, the daughter of North Avenue Operator M. J. FIORITO, had a baby daughter named MICHELE. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Sabich. . . Operator WILLIAM LARSEN, our board member, has a new 1968 Pontiac and it is a sharp looking car. Loads of luck to you and happy motoring. . . Don't forget our credit union and save a little every pay day. . . Congratulations to WILLIAM COLLINS who was recently discharged from the U.S. Army. William is the son of Operator R. COLLINS. Also, ALAN JABLECKI, the son of Operator R. JABLECKI, was discharged from the U.S. Army. Their service careers are now behind them and they have to adjust to civilian life. I'm sure that won't be hard. I imagine they had some good times to remember and also some bad ones, but the experience they received will never be forgotten. Welcome home!

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Hi all you happy taxpayers. Doesn't it make your chest swell with pride to know that little old you are one of the world's greatest employers? Sure you are, because you have the U.S. government on your payroll. . . Seemingly unaffected by such mundane trivialities as taxes and the high cost of living were such Keeler visitors as Pensioner GLONKE, and my first CTA superintendent, Mr. SONNERS, who was here to check out his good buddy and our new superintendent, Mr. BITEL. . . As you read this issue, Keeler will have added to the retired list Operators JOHN GRYS and M. CURTIS. Fel-lows, you will be missed by all. You have our good wishes for many, many happy years of retirement. Don't forget us in all your travels, because we care about you. . . Operator ANDY GRABOWSKI is still proud of his

INSIDE NEWS

citizenship anniversary, March 28 . . . I just can't keep my records up to date, so forgive me for being late in extending good wishes to Operator CHARLES JONES and his wife, LUCILLE, on their anniversary February 21 . . . EVELYN, Operator J. SKOPEC forgot to tell me about your 17th anniversary March 27, so jack him up a little bit . . . Also had to search the records to remember anniversary salutations to Operator GARDENER and his wife, MARION, March 28 . . . I'm afraid I'll have to file a complaint against the Stork's public relation and information department. Just received the news that Operator DERRELL NORTON and his wife, CAROLE, had their third little bus operator in December. Sort of suspect they would like to have a little mini skirt wearer next time . . . That old long legged bird really had Garage Chief Clerk PAT MULCAHEY crossed up. By the time baby girl, LORI, arrived for mama, CAROL, January 30, Pat had to buy a fresh box of cigars . . . Operator FREDDIE HOLDEN and his wife, ELEANOR, were blessed with a baby boy, PAUL, February 2. It was number seven for these proud parents. Wonder if they will try for 12? . . . Better late than never greetings to Operator BOB O'NEAL who birthdayed February 26. There's a reason for Operator GORDON TAYLOR's greetings being late, February 27--he's my leader . . . February is such a short month, it almost ran out before I could wish Operator JARECKI happy birthday February 28 . . . Believing in being early were Operators G. HUBBARD and BARRON who share natal honors March 1. Barron even admits to 31 years. Don't be so cocky Barron, in nine more years you will be 40 . . . Operator WES HAYNES would have liked his birthday present before March 6, as he started his vacation March 3 . . . Couldn't possibly forget our good buddy Pensioner JULIUS TIEFENBACH, March 7 . . . If I don't want a wet drivers seat, I better wish birthday greetings to our favorite lady car interior beautifier WILLIE B. NAUDEN, March 20 . . . The grapevine revealed that Operator J. DUQUENE had to visit the credit union in order to throw that big party for his son, DENNIS, March 10. After all, you're only two years old once . . . Say, how about good old Keeler being put in the lime light by being the host for our latest system pick. When bigger things happen, look to Keeler to set the pace . . . A final bit of philosophy: "It is not what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart." . . . See you at the credit union special tax window.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

Don't forget the semi-annual communion breakfast of the Little Flower Society on March 31, after the 8 a.m. mass, at 64th and Woodlawn. Come out and meet all your friends . . . We received a card from JESSE CINCUS from St. Petersburg, Florida, who since then, has returned and is looking great. While down there he got to see CHARLIE STOLCPART who he said looks good. Charlie said he met the sister of CHARLIE KUCHERA in the super market . . . E. JONES found a live fish on the bus, and when no one claimed it, he took it home. Mrs. E. JONES went all out for it and bought a new large tank and the whole works. From what I hear, it's beautiful with its fan tail. Let's give it a name . . . We have a new Chief Clerk, HADDON PHILLIPS, and we give him a welcome hand . . . We see HARRY GENNETT and "Red" O'CONNOR, not to forget ED (Pat) O'WITEK, who celebrated his "umpteenth" birthday on March 17; A "foine" Irish lad . . . STANLEY HYERCZYK was selling electric hand drills, but they didn't work too long. The rea-

son, in place of a motor, they used rubber bands . . . JOE RIHA tells of his Polish barber who told him how to save his hair. The funny part is that the barber is as bald as a cue ball and saves his hair in a cigar box . . . We hope that CHARLIE FABIANO and JIM GOODE are on the road to recovery after their stay in the hospital. BILL MOSER is also ill and we wish him a speedy recovery . . . We also hear that the wife of WILBERT ALLEN was in serious condition and I hope at this writing she is feeling much better . . . GEORGE BRICHACEK paid us a visit and is using crutches. He hopes to discard them soon . . . MIKE BURKE came in to see us and is looking good. He said he saw LARRY SETTER who is looking as young as ever. Glad to hear it . . . Janitor EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI finished the last week of his vacation and said MARY put him to work this time . . . I happened to see J. DANIEL and J. FITCHPATRICK doing some push-ups, and Daniel claims Fitchpatrick uses his heel to boost himself up. I think they will have to try it again with a recount . . . Don't forget the Lawndale depot Federal Credit Union meeting and get-together in March. A good time will be had by all. See you there.

- Larry Keating

LIMITS -

Congratulations to former Instructor W. V. COLEMAN of the training school who was appointed Assistant Station Superintendent at the 52nd Street depot . . . The new office of the Limits Credit Union is now located at 2660 N. Clark Street, where ART MAAS, CLARENCE BUTHMAN, and CONRAD JOHNSON will be only too happy to help you in any financial problems that may arise . . . DONALD KUSCH, the son of Supervisor KUSCH, who is a guard at the Cook County jail, received a letter of commendation for his alertness in capturing an escaped prisoner . . . Instructor JESSE RODRIGUEZ wishes to remind all of the men at Limits to be sure and sign in your buses after completing your day's work. This is important . . . Operator RALPH MOORE received a commendation from the police department for his alertness in noting the license number of a hit and run motorist who had sideswiped several cars and struck a pedestrian . . . To all of the men who have left Limits station on the last system pick, we wish them "good luck." To all of the men who have come to Limits from other stations, we bid them "Welcome." . . . The new uniforms for operators went on sale March 1. Check the bulletin board as to where they may be purchased . . . To all of the men who are on the sick list we wish a speedy recovery . . . This is your column men, and without your help there will be no news. So please help your scribe and provide news and details. Thank you.

- R. S. Benson

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Agents E. J. DILLON, FAY CAPRIO, B. LINNE, and M. BOGGS are on the sick list at this time. Hope all of you will be back to work and feeling fine soon . . . Our deepest sympathy to Assignment Agent ROBERT MALONEY and Mrs. MALONEY on the death of her mother. Our condolences to Superintendent JOHN FLYNN and his family on the passing of his father, PATRICK, who was a member of 308 . . . Loop Agent THERESA JARVIS and Logan Square Switchman AL SCHNEIDER took their pensions on February 1. To these fine people we wish a long and happy retirement . . . Logan, Lake and Douglas Agent DOROTHY WAYNER tells us her son-in-law went

INSIDE NEWS

to fourth degree Knights of Columbus. She is very proud of him because he is so young to receive such an honor . . . I goofed last month in reporting that Pensioner ROBERT DOHERTY and his wife moved to Arizona. It is Arkansas, and they are feeling fine and love it down there . . . We wish TED ROPER, former West Side motorman, luck in his new job as clerk . . . Our condolences to the families of Porter HENDERSON and Agent THOMPSON who were taken suddenly in February.

- Helen Pallister

LOOP -

Janitor E. SCHULTZ had a nice quiet two-week vacation at home with his brother. They spent one night painting the town, but for the other nights, it was early to bed and early to rise . . . Agent W. STRASSER was one of the big winners on the Jewel "Lets go to the Races." Yes, he won -- one dollar . . . Sorry to hear that Agent FAY CAPRIO had been in the hospital. We all hope you are up and at it by this time . . . Also hope that Agent J. DILLON is back to work and feeling good . . . Agent B. KAIN and her husband, JIM, had a nice warm vacation in sunny Florida. It's to bad that one has to come back to these cold days and nights. How about the CTA moving down there? . . . This is hush, hush, but it's all around that Agent MARY GALLAGHER, tag 1075, is going to Ireland this summer. Her boyfriend is going to follow her there and then there will be wedding bells ringing out loud and strong. Mary, how about letting us know more about this? . . . Cannot help but mention how nice Retired Agent BEULAH FIELDS looked in the last issue of the Transit News. She didn't look like she spent 44 years with us. We hear that Beulah is going to take a nice trip to Europe, if so, we all hope you have a very nice time . . . Those who have taken their pensions as of March 1 are: Agent C. QUINLAN, Janitor H. EICHTEN, Motorman ED BOHER, Logan Square, Platform Man E. KURTZ, and Superintendent W. MURBACK, West Section. May you all enjoy many years of good health and happiness in retirement . . . The day after Valentines day Trainman JAMES McPHEE was seen looking over the flowers in the window of a florist shop a few doors away from Central and Lake station. Did you forget someone, Jimmy? . . . Just received a letter from Retired Trainman ANTON BIDUS and his wife. They are feeling fine and are very happy. They both send their best regards to all their friends here. If any of you find a little time, drop them a note and let them know how things are going around here. Anton would love to hear from you fellows. Their address is still Deerfield Beach, Florida . . . PEGGY SINSTRUM wishes to thank all of you for remembering her while she was in the hospital. Peggy is looking fine and feeling a little better now . . . Agent MARY WIXTED is out of the hospital and staying at her daughter's home where she is recuperating very well. Hurry back, Mary, we miss you . . . Great people have their birthdays in February, so, let's see who had one last month. Janitor I. CHRISTMAS, L. BYRNS, Agents C. QUINLAN, B. KAIN, and J. FILIPEK. Hope all of you had a perfect day . . . We must mention how nice Agent M. HAASE looked in her new gold coat and hat. She made them herself in just two weeks. If you want to know anything about dressmaking, just call Mora, she has all the answers. Also, congratulations to Mora and her husband who celebrated their wedding anniversary February 18 . . . Congratulations to Collector V. NAUSTROM and his wife who celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary February 22 . . . Towerman JOE VARGO stopped off between trains in St. Paul,

Minnesota, during their winter carnival recently while enroute to visit a sister in Mid-City. Joe was especially pleased with the mild temperature and sunny weather during his stay in the land of sky blue waters. Most of the 10,000 lakes were frozen this time of the year. He said it was very interesting to observe large groups of huts dotting the Mississippi river, which fishermen used for fishing through the frozen ice. This trip along the river at this time of the year was most interesting and scenic.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Operator CARLOS GARCIA and his wife became parents of a baby boy, CARLOS, born January 31 at St. Joseph hospital. Carlos says he's the first of many. Operator ARTHUR MATTHEWS and his wife, MARY, were presented with their first blessed event, baby JOHN, born February 7 at Swedish Covenant hospital. Instructor EDWARD JURCZAK and his wife, ANN, became grandparents when their daughter, BONITA HORKAVY, became the mother of a son, ERIC, on January 30. Congratulations to all . . . SP/4 STEVEN KRZAK, son of Operator JOSEPH KRZAK, has returned safely from a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. We thank God and pray for those who are still there . . . We welcome MARVIN KOCAR who has joined the instructors at North Avenue . . . At this writing JACK HESTER, our receiver, is in St. Joseph hospital. We hope all is well, and until he returns to work, he will be missed . . . Operator CLEM BART and his wife left for their annual winter vacation at St. Petersburg, Florida. They made stops at Vicksburg, Mississippi, New Orleans, Louisiana, Mobile, Alabama, and points south. They will stay at Treasure Island just outside of St. Petersburg, enjoying the warm breezes off the Gulf of Mexico. Bart plans to meet Operator LARRY CASEY and his wife who are already in Clearwater. Together they will visit Pensioner RALPH O'BRIEN who now makes his home in Clearwater. Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN and his wife, JOSEPHINE, are enjoying the Florida sunshine swimming at Rock Springs. They are visiting former North Avenue Foremen J. GAMEN, ED ANDERSON, and SCOTTY PETTIGREW from Cottage Grove. Barney says "hello" to all . . . We received a card from BILL BOCK, son of Pensioner ERNEST BOCK, and his wife, EMILY. Bill is on his way to overseas service with the navy and is stopping over in Hawaii. He says it is beautiful and he enjoyed some sightseeing . . . Repairman JOHN CARMODY took his pension February 1 after 42 years of service, all at North Avenue. His wife, CATHERINE, is

SHOWN CUTTING their 50th wedding anniversary cake at a dinner honoring this golden occasion are Mr. and Mrs. JOHN A. BLOMBERG. Mr. Blomberg, who retired on April 1, 1959, was a former draftsman in the Engineering Department.



INSIDE NEWS

urging him to take her on a second honeymoon to County Clare, Ireland. Clerk JOSEPH DILLON is taking his pension April 1. On that date Operator ARTHUR MOILANEN is also taking his pension. Operator THOMAS RADICKE will join the pensioner's ranks on March 1. Good luck to all of you and let us hear from you. Art intends to live in Lanse or Baraga, Michigan, so he can be near the fishing grounds. He says that he will send a telegram whenever the fish are anxious to be caught. He surely knows about teamwork after all the years on his Belmont run. . . Pensioner NATOLE LORENZETTI and his wife are enjoying life in their new home. He sends his best regards to all. His address is 135 W. Hawthorne, South Bend, Indiana 46617. We are happy to hear from him. . . Pensioner HAROLD ELDRIDGE passed away January 26. Pensioner JOHN COLEMAN departed this life February 9. Pensioner HERBERT MONSON passed away February 13. We send our sympathy to their families. . . Foreman ERNEST PEARSON of Lawndale and I went on our ice fishing trip. The weather was bad, with sleet and ice. The fishing was fair. We enjoyed the wonderful hospitality and delicious meals of Pensioner ARMIN KOEHN and his wife, GENEVIEVE.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH PARK -

A hearty welcome is extended to all the operators who have come to North Park station on the new seniority pick, and we wish the best of everything to all the operators who have left for other stations. . . The Little Flower Society spring communion mass and breakfast will be held Sunday, March 31, at St. Therese Shrine, 6401 S. Woodlawn avenue. A chartered bus will leave at 7 a.m., and members are urged to attend. . . To all the golfers, we are announcing the Division 241 golf day will be held Monday, July 15, at St. Andrews Golf club. Remember the date and make your plans accordingly as we are giving all concerned plenty of notice for this great event. . . Operator MARTIN BAKKA retired March 1 after 25 years of service. Marty's plans for the future include plenty of time for dancing, and keeping as young looking and fit as he is today. . . Operator VIC MICE-TIC is now on disability pension, but is showing great progress and hopes to be back with us soon. Vic, our prayers are with you and we know that you will soon be up and around again. . . Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBOG, of Highlandville, Iowa, were in Chicago for their annual visit with their children, TED, HELENE, and MARIE. Harvey looks and feels fine and invites his friends to stop and see him as they pass through Iowa. . . Operator EMIL KROSS had major surgery at Ravenswood hospital and at this writing is convalescing very well. . . Operator BILL KNIGHT was hospitalized at Swedish Covenant hospital with a severe attack of asthma and hopes to be back to work soon. . . HENRY EULBERG, the 97-year old father-in-law of Operator BILL SEIFERT, fell at his home in South Gate, California, and broke his leg. Mr. Eulberg vows to be up and around in a short while so that he may take care of his many flowers. . . Mrs. LEONA NEWMAN, the wife of Operator HENRY NEWMAN, presented Hank with a new Scott 7 1/2 horse-power outboard motor, and now expects Hank to bring enough fish home to fill the freezer. . . Operator ROY LEMKE finally received his Christmas present from his wife, MARION, when a new '68 Catalina Pontiac was delivered to his home. . . Operator GENE BRUDNEY purchased a '68 Ford LTD and is now looking for new fields to conquer. . . Operators PETE MARSHISOTTO and BOB MOSKOVITZ are also

owners of new '68 cars. . . Operator GARRETT FOY and his wife, JEAN, became the owners of a new home in Jasonville, Indiana. Garrett is going to live two blocks from Lake Peefry where the biggest blue gills in the world swim. . . Pensioner MATT ALLARE, who is in charge of the kitchen aids at the Big Pit barbeque on Howard and Clark streets, invites his many friends to visit this fine food spot where he will make your meals wholesome and enjoyable. . . Pensioner MARTIN DEVANEY is enjoying his work as a bus driver for the Northtown Bus company and can be seen rolling down Howard street daily. . . DANIEL BROWN, the son of Operator AUBREY BROWN, is attending Aviation Electronics school at Memphis, Tennessee, where he is a member of the United States Navy. . . S/5 LARRY ANDERSON, the brother of Operator CECIL ANDERSON, finished his tour in Viet Nam and is now stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, where he has five months of service remaining. . . S/5 ROBERT J. COSTLEY, the son of Supervisor LARRY COSTLEY, was released from the United States Army after serving two years in Frankfurt, Germany. Robert, who was a serviceman at Forest Glen depot, will be back to work soon. . . JOHN HIGGINS, the son of Instructor ART HIGGINS, who is a music major at Michigan university, did it again. John, who arranges the music for the bands of the Wheeling and Gurnee High schools, won state championships in the jazz festival held at Elgin where schools from all over the state competed. . . The grandson of Operator LOUIS SCHWARTZ, CHRISTOPHER SCHWARTZ, had the honor of posing for newspaper photos with Quarterback JOE NAMATH of the New York Jets at Jacksonville, Florida, where Namath was practicing with the Eastern All Stars for their game against the Western All Stars. . . Operator JUAN FUENTES and his wife, JOAN, are now residents of the north side of Chicago, and Juan is able to reach the depot in five minutes instead of traveling an hour. . . Operator BILL SEIFERT is looking for another American flag to attach to the antenna of his car, because some one had the gall to steal the one he had. . . Operator CECIL ANDERSON would like to place a bowling challenge to Operator FRANK VON SCHLEDER with the stakes to go to charity. . . Operator JOE MIKITA became a grandfather for the fifth time when his daughter, Mrs. MARY JEAN NELSON, gave birth to a daughter, DEBRA LOUISE, born January 3 at St. Joseph hospital. . . Operator HAROLD COOK and his wife, MARGE, became grandparents for the second time when a granddaughter named KIM MICHELLE was born January 22 at Resurrection hospital to Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT COOK.

Belated vacation news from Operator MIKE PARK and his wife, PHYLLIS, who spent their vacation visiting Expo 67 in Montreal, Canada. Also on the agenda were trips to Quebec City where they stayed at the famous Chateau Frontenac. They visited the Citadel and many other quaint places. . . DIANE SHAYER, the daughter of Operator VINCE SHAYER, was married Monday, January 15, to Mr. GUY TURTURICI. The young couple will take a delayed honeymoon to the Bahama Islands at a later date. . . Serviceman LEE BEROTT, the son of Street Collector AL BEROTT, was married January 13 to Miss SHARON MUIR, the granddaughter of Pensioner ART and RUTH MUIR. . . North Park was the leader again in the Courtesy Caravan Club with the most commendations for the fourth quarter of 1967. . . The 12th Annual Festival of Leadership Banquet will be held Saturday, May 18, at the Conrad Hilton hotel. To those interested in obtaining tickets for this fine event, contact Operators JOHN WEBER and RED LASKE. . . Operator EARNIE BUCHANAN and his wife, EDNA, celebrated

JOINING THE ranks of the retired March 1 were the 12 employes pictured here with 40 or more years of transit service each.



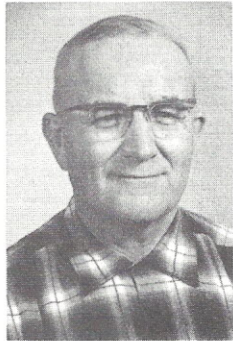
PHILIP KOCH
48 Years



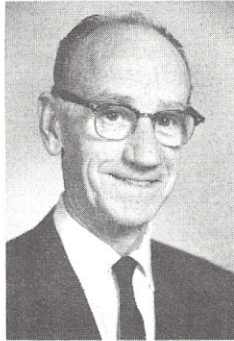
WILLARD MURBACH
47 Years



BETTY SUHR
44 Years



CLYDE EATON
43 Years



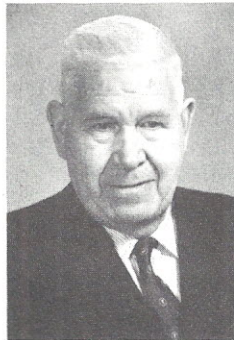
WILLIAM MC FARLANE
43 Years



HERMAN WIRTH
44 Years



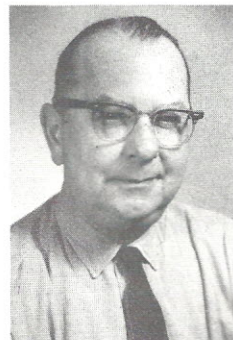
EDWARD KURTZ
41 Years



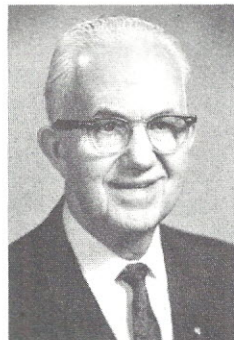
LUKE MORLEY
41 Years



EDWARD BAKER
44 Years



BERNARD KEIFER
40 Years



RICHARD CAWLEY
40 Years



JAMES MC GRATH
41 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

CARLO ADDALIA, Serviceman,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-26-47
EDWARD H. BAKER, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 12-8-23
MARTIN T. BAKKA, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-19-42
FRANK L. CASTRE, Operator,
Electrical, Emp. 7-10-25
RICHARD M. CAWLEY, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 10-18-27
FRANCIS W. CLEARY, Cleaner & Repairman,
Beverly, Emp. 1-17-41
MELVIN G. CURTIS, Operator,
Keeler, Emp. 9-28-43
ROBERT A. DARTSCH, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-10-36
MARY G. DRISCOLL, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 6-24-29
CLYDE L. EATON, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-5-25
HERBERT J. EICHTEN, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 11-13-29
HELEN I. FRANSON, Record Clerk,
Accounting, Emp. 11-8-43
ROBERT L. FUMBANKS, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-17-45
JOHN W. GRYS, Operator,
Keeler, Emp. 7-30-28
BERNARD KEIFER, Collector,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-22-27
PHILIP R. KOCH, Elec. Worker "A",
South Shops, Emp. 8-30-19
EDWARD G. KURTZ, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 9-21-26
WILLIAM J. MACFARLANE,
Supvr. of Plant Equip. Maint.,
Engineering, Emp. 10-16-24
JULIA A. MC CORMICK, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 6-22-42
JAMES J. MC GRATH, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 6-1-26
LUKE MORLEY, Serviceman,
69th Street, Emp. 3-16-26
WILLARD G. MURBACH, Superintendent,
West Section, Emp. 6-26-20
KATHERINE M. QUINLAN, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 9-7-26
THOMAS F. RADICKE, Janitor,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-26-34
FRANK L. SOMMER, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 1-31-34
BETTY L. SUHR, Clerk,
Accounting, Emp. 6-30-23
JOSEPH A. TAGLER, Mail Clerk,
Office Services, Emp. 11-20-29
HERMAN L. WIRTH, Sr. File Clerk,
Claim, Emp. 4-25-23

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

MICHAEL COSTELLO,
Truck Repairman & Motor Rebuilder,
South Shops, Emp. 3-9-43
THOMAS F. LEDDY, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 2-19-42
VICTOR A. MICETIC, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-2-36
CHARLES I. THOMAS, Trackman,
Track, Emp. 6-25-48

INSIDE NEWS

their 25th anniversary February 2 with a high mass at St. Viator's church in Arlington Heights, and then attended breakfast with 50 well wishers . . . Operator W. J. KLEPITCH and his wife, IRENE, celebrated their 39th anniversary February 14 with a dinner held at the Wishing Well restaurant attended by their children and grandchildren . . . Happy anniversaries are extended to the following couples: Operator ARTHUR OLSON and his wife, LEONORE, their 28th, February 14; Operator ED ZIENTARA and his wife, ROSE, their 32nd, February 25; Operator ROGER AYOTTE and his wife, HELEN, their 9th, February 28; Operator DON BENNETT and his wife, MARIE, their 20th, March 2; Operator TOM DE CANTILLION and his wife, MARY, their 21st, March 4; Operator JIM HOLMES and his wife, ELAINE, their 23rd, March 10, and Operator IRVING MOSKOVITZ and his wife, ANN, their 38th, March 21 . . . Happy Birthdays are extended to the following: NATALIE, NATHANIEL, and MARC CHAVIS, BONNIE NEWMAN, STEVEN and CYNTHIA BUDZISZ, DANNY KURCZEWSKI, Operator WALTER ZINKOVICH, SAL MUSCARELLO, CHESTER DAMIAN, EDWARD STENZEL, GARY NOONAN, HERB LINDEMANN, RAY MOZANOVICH, and ED NEWTON . . . Serviceman WILLIAM BICHKOFF Jr. was inducted into the U.S. Army and is receiving his basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky . . . Repairman MIKE JOYCE was a patient at Alexian Brothers hospital . . . Repairman JERRY PIETTE, who has been sick, would like to see or hear from his many friends at the garage . . . Repairman HERMAN AMBROS is serving on the federal grand jury at this writing, and the workbench is piling up with no Herman to take over . . . Repairman TONY GALLO is taking orders for Italian sausage for the Easter holidays . . . Day Foreman CHARLES DUNNE has a new Chevrolet and is now planning several trips to the Irish Colonies . . . Repairman JULIUS MERSCH and his wife, AGNES, vacationed at Miami Beach, Florida, with visits to Key West and several chartered fishing trips on the agenda . . . Assistant Foreman JOE COUGHLIN and his wife, DOROTHY, spent two weeks in Dubuque, Iowa, where Joe's parents reside . . . Serviceman LEE BEROTT is welcomed at North Park garage after transferring from Forest Glen . . . The Division Street Reunion and Old Tymers night was held Saturday, February 24, at the Eagles Hall on North Western avenue. The music and dancing was approved by all attending. Mrs. ANN COLUCCI, the wife of Operator PETE COLUCCI, did a fine job of preparing the food served at the affair.

- *Melvin Horning*

NORTH SECTION -

Congratulations to J. GORDON, former ticket agent, and A. CROUT, former trainman, who are the two new clerks at Howard street. Good luck to you both . . . Former Janitor M. CALDERON is now working as a ticket agent. R. ROSENBERG was transferred from the surface system and is now working as a ticket agent. Other new agents are: S. STARGES, C. TAMBORELLO, and B. MULKERRIN. Good luck to all of you on your new jobs . . . Condolences to Supervisor FLYNN and his family on the loss of his father. Condolences to the families of BILL FORD, TONY ANTONUCCI, and FRANK SCHINDLER. All were pensioners, and Mr. Schindler was the brother of GEORGE, a carpenter . . . MICHAEL, the son of MAE CRONIN, who use to work at the Wilson Shops, went into the marines in February and is now stationed in San Diego, California . . . North Side Ticket Agent K. PSYHOGIOS' brother, JOHN, was mar-

ried recently and had a very large wedding which was attended by several agents who enjoyed themselves very much. Good luck, John . . . At this writing DAVID ROSENBERG and C. STEBE are in the hospital. Conductor R. KILLIAN is in the hospital due to an auto accident. Your scribe had an accident on February 6 and lost two weeks work but was lucky enough not to be hospitalized . . . JENNIE McCLAIN is out of the hospital and recuperating at home. PAT ROSENGARTEN is out of the hospital and has been seen around but is not back to work . . . The son of GERDA MATHEWS is moving into his new home on March 1 . . . MYRTLE APITZ' husband had a surprise party for her on January 27, and she was really elated. She received many nice gifts . . . North Section Janitor H. BADE is the newest addition to the ranks. Welcome to the CTA and good luck on your new job . . . Mr. L. C. DELVIN is out of the hospital and is recuperating at home. We all wish him a speedy recovery . . . THOMAS LEDDY is going on disability pension March 1 . . . GEORGE VAN DER HAGEN was really missed by all while on his three-week vacation from Howard street . . . M. DORGE stopped in at Howard street to say hello to all . . . ROSE O'CONNELL was in the hospital for a few days but is back at the old routine now, and working as hard as ever . . . MINNA KING has a new fire engine red Oldsmobile convertible with a black top. Now, everyone can see her from far off. Good luck, Minna, and many miles of pleasure with it . . . BERNARD MATHEN has asked me to thank all of his friends who contributed to the collection for his retirement . . . FRANCIS JUSTICE flew to Leadville, Colorado, and Phoenix, Arizona, and called Mr. BECK and visited his children. He went to Tucson, Old Mexico, and then visited friends in Las Vegas, Nevada . . . Your scribe and her husband attended the North Section Credit Union annual dinner which turned out to be a big success.

- *Grace Mounts*

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

JOE DeGRAZIA is sporting a 1968 Buick LeSabre with air conditioning, and JOE VIOLA is sporting a 1968 Chevrolet Impala. Good luck with your new cars boys . . . Happy birthday to CLARK JOHNSON; a valentine baby . . . CAROLYN O'BRIEN spent her vacation in and around Chicago . . . It was a wonderful reunion recently when your scribe, KAY BATINA, and BERNIE KIZIOR met pensioner LAURA SCHRECKE and her sister, CLARA, and former Schedule Department employe MARGE VIDAL. We reminisced about our many enjoyable days together. Hope we meet again real soon . . . A happy St. Patrick's day and also a happy St. Joseph's day.

- *Kathryn Batina*

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES (Purchasing) -

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to DAGMAR McNAMARA who, at this writing, is recuperating at home after having recent surgery. We'll be mighty happy to have you back, Dag! . . . MARGARET HANSON, who has been on the sick list, wants to thank everyone for the lovely cards she received. She said she received so many that it would be impossible to thank each person individually.

(Specifications) -

Our new Steno in "Specs" is SANDRA DALESSANDRO who is replacing CECELIA OLIPHANT. Celia resigned to join the ranks of motherhood . . . Our sincere sym-

INSIDE NEWS

pathy goes to FRANK MAGUIRE on the recent death of his sister; and to LEE DeSUTTER whose mother-in-law recently passed away.

(North Division) -

It's a pleasure to welcome SAM INGRAFFIA after his long recuperation following surgery, along with HAROLD ENWRIGHT and TONY DiGIOVANNI's wife who were recently hospitalized undergoing treatment and tests . . . It's a happy anniversary to TONY GORZKIEWICZ and his wife, former CTA employe JEAN HESBOL, on their 16th year of wedded bliss . . . Mr. and Mrs. TOM MADIGAN are enjoying the Florida sunshine with friends in Ft. Lauderdale, leaving us to cope with the zero weather back home. We all had a taste of Florida when DOROTHY STEMBRIDGE, recently retired, shipped a crate of tree-ripened oranges from her home in St. Petersburg.

- D. Jane Bell

SKOKIE SHOPS -

A welcome visitor at Skokie was MITCH FACZEK, painter, who has been off sick since he was injured September 9. It was wonderful to see him walking. Mitch broke both his heels in a fall . . . Got a card from Pensioner AL SCHMITZ, upholster, who was visiting down in Hollywood, Florida . . . LESTER H. REICHARD, retired superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, stopped in at Skokie the other day. He is looking wonderful and was leaving the following week to spend some time in Florida . . . Another visitor was Pensioner GEORGE ROTH. George does not look one day older than when he retired six years ago, and his hair is just as beautiful and curly as ever . . . GRANT GREENE, shopman, was interviewed February 28 on FM radio station WRSV. Grant is president of the parents of the Blind, Inc. Hope a lot of the fellows listened in.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

Spring should be peeking her lovely head around the corner very soon and I know we'll welcome her with open arms . . . Congratulations to Switchman JOHN MITCHELL who was promoted to Yard Foreman February 4 . . . Good luck to Trainman MARTIN HUNTER who is on military leave with the army for two years . . . The 31st Annual South Side "L" Federal Credit Union meeting and get-together was held at the Am-Vets Hall on February 4, and was a huge success. About 135 people attended and had a ball. Mrs. FRED GRONEMEYER, Mrs. JOHN LEMKE, Retired Agent LULU HAMANN, and myself were the kitchen hostesses and served the food. My hubby, Clerk ROLAND, served up the refreshments. My special thanks to Lulu Hamann for all her help. We saw many new faces along with the old faces and it was good to see everyone. The pensioners were out in full force; Retired Shop Foreman MARTY SHANNON and his wife, Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT and his wife, Retired Yard Foreman ELMER STEVENS and his wife and children, Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY and his wife, Retired Conductor DENNIS BARRY, and Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS. How about everyone saving a little in the credit union thru payroll deductions. You know, what money you don't receive in your pay check you will never miss, and at the end of the year you will have a nice little nest-egg. Let's all get behind our credit union . . . Our hearts are saddened over the death of Motorman HAROLD RICHARDS,

who passed away recently. Mr. Richards had just taken a disability pension, and will be missed by everyone . . . Salutations to the newly transferred Trainmen from the North Section: George Walters, Larry Moore, Marvin Williams, Oliver Baylor, Clinton Lowe, and Leroy Arnold. Also, greetings to newly hired Agents Hedy Downing, Charles Nowlin, Ruby Williams, Dora Irvoy, Part-Time Agents Chester Jones and Vincent Ziolkowski, and to newly-hired Janitor Acie Cheairs . . . The O'CONNORS, Clerk JOE and Agent ANN, sure had themselves a nice winter vacation for a month. They took the train to California and went sight-seeing at Knotts Berry Farm, Disneyland, and Death Valley, and also visited some relatives and friends. Then they took the train to Tucson, Arizona, and stayed there a few days, and then to El Paso, Texas, for a few days, and then back home. They said the weather was nice and warm and they liked Tucson and El Paso very much . . . Agent JEAN JACKSON, whose sister passed away recently, wishes to thank everyone for the cards and flowers they sent in her time of bereavement.

Retired Conductor WILLIAM DOHERTY and his wife took a winter trip to Sun City, Florida, and enjoyed themselves in the sunny climate . . . It is good to see Collector PATRICK FLYNN, Motorman JOSEPH MITTLER, and Agents JOHN RYBAKOWSKI, MAXINE JEFFERSON, and SHIRELY ANDERSON back from the sick list . . . Regular Motorman WALTER JOGERST just came back from a Phoenix, Arizona, trip and said it was nice to get away to a warmer climate during the winter . . . Our sincere condolences to Agent DOROTHY BATES whose mother passed away recently, and to Janitor JOHN CURTIS on the loss of his mother in California . . . Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS wishes to thank everyone for all their kindnesses, cards, and calls during his recent illness . . . Received a nice card from Supervisor DON MURPHY and his wife, GEN, who are sunning themselves on the beach down in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on vacation . . . We sure hated to see some of our excellent employes resign recently: Motorman CHARLES CONLEY who is joining the police force, Motorman JAMES BRIDGES who is going to be a government meat inspector, Motorman WILLIAM GOODALL who is going back to school full-time, and Agent JEWEL ASHFORD who is going to be a teacher. We wish them good luck, and their co-workers and friends will miss them . . . Received cards from Loomis street Retired Assistant Station Superintendent ART ANDERSON and his wife, HELEN, who are spending a month in Clearwater and St. Petersburg, Florida. While down there they visited with many of our pensioners. They went deep-sea fishing one day with Retired Switchman WILLIAM (Babe) SAUNDERS and his wife. They also visited with Retired Switchman FELIX LIENAU, and Retired Towerman GEORGE RUEHL who lives in Sarasota. They talked to Retired Supervisor WALTER HILL, Retired Motorman COLEMAN JOYCE, and Retired Motorman CHARLEY SIMPSON. All the folks send their best regards to all their friends in Chicago . . . Two of our finest Agents who are going on pension March 1 are MAE DRISCOLL and JULIA McCORMICK. Racine and Wentworth stations won't seem the same without them. All their co-workers and friends wish them a long and happy life of retirement and good times . . . Our champion of passenger commendations, Conductor JOHN DANEK, did it again. He received another commendation for his clear and audible announcements. He also has been picked to model the new CTA uniform on the South Section. See John at Loomis street and you will see the new uniform, and it's real sharp looking. I bet all you men will be looking forward to

INSIDE NEWS



ED SCHILTZ, who retired as a motorman on December 1, 1967, is receiving a gift from his co-workers at a pension party given in his honor at Linden Avenue Terminal.

buying your new uniform . . . Also receiving a passenger commendation was my better half, ROLAND, for helping a passenger to recover a lost article . . . Retired Agent JERE VINZENS was back in Chicago from New Jersey for a few weeks and then she took off for California to visit with her daughter for the rest of the winter, then she'll be back to Chicago . . . On February 17, an article in the Chicago Daily Defender lauded Ticket Agent CHRISTINE EVANS for her graciousness towards CTA passengers who goes through the 63rd and South Park Station.

- Vera Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

TERRY MURTAUGH lost his wallet in the shop recently. Happily, the story ends well. WALTER COLEMAN found and returned the wallet. That's above and beyond, "Teamwork"! . . . ELAINE STEWART has transferred from the Law Department to the Shops and Equipment office . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to ED WENDT and his family on the death of his mother, and to HARRY POCIS and his family on the loss of his wife . . . We're glad to report that CLARENCE RILEY, BILL DONALDSON, BILL RAABER, and BILL HAWORTH have now returned to work . . . JOE and Mrs. BOL- ECH reaffirmed their membership in the Grandparent's Club when their son and daughter-in-law presented them with their second grandson . . . Good luck to DON (Augie) MISCHKE who returned to full time classes at Purdue university. Come back to stay next time, Augie . . . JOHN GRANVILLE has returned to work after being hospitalized at Little Company of Mary hospital after a serious fall.

- Kathleen O'Brien & Frank Spriueri

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Congratulations to RICHARD J. BRZECZEK, the son of RAYMOND M. BRZECZEK, Terminal Office, on his graduation from Illinois Institute of Technology. Richard was graduated with a master's degree in public administration . . . Our sympathy to the family of ANTHONY ANTONUCCI, retired foreman, who passed away on February 14. Our condolences to the family of WILLIAM FORD, retired foreman, who passed away on February 15 . . . Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to JAMES LOCKE, Wilson. All the boys sure do miss you, Jim . . . A special get well wish is sent to Pensioner LIBER-ATO SUERO who is in Mother Cabrini hospital. Libera- to is the father of NICK SUERO from Congress . . . A change of pace was afforded to DENNIS PAPALEO who transferred to Congress from Kimball, and to RICHARD FELDMANN who came to Wilson from Lake street. Hope everyone will be happy in their new homes . . . A hearty welcome to PATRICK FINNERY and HAROLD BIGGS,

Howard's new car servicemen . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. FRANK FAWCETT, Kimball, on their 24th wedding anniversary. Best wishes for another 24 years of health and happiness together . . . JOHN CANNELLA, Congress, got an old whale-bone corset to help his back pains, but now he developed new pains in the stomach. It seems the corset does not stretch enough to let him eat a big lunch . . . The boys at Congress received a surprise visit from Pensioner RALPH DANIELSON . . . Word has it that FRANK RIO, Congress, is giving free taxi service in his new Mercury . . . Winter vacations were enjoyed by: A. COSENTINO, F. RIO, S. SELVAG- GIO, A. GIBSON, J. WOULFE, J. DANIELS, C. HAS- LAM, Congress, and JOHN HENNELLEY, Wilson.

- Ray Brzeczek

TRANSPORTATION (Mart) -

THOMAS STIGLIC and his son, TOM, had a friendly battle in a game of basketball. Dad coached and played on the faculty team while his son coached the varsity team at St. Benedicts grammar school. It was a close game, but the varsity came out on top with a 46 to 44 victory . . . ANTHONY I. CALVERT who worked in the Transportation Department for a long time prior to his retirement passed away on February 11 . . . ALICE WIENSKI recently left the CTA for a more important job --to become a mother. We of the Transportation Department, where she started out, extend our congratulations and best wishes . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. RAYMOND DAGENAIS who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on February 28.

(Traffic Planning) -

ANNETTE HEFTER and her husband, HARRY, flew to Florida for a weekend. The main purpose of this short trip was to look at some property at Cape Coral. The weather was nice, the temperature comfortable, but a little cool for Florida.

(Utility & Emergency Service) -

We wish to extend our condolences to the families of J. JACOBS whose mother passed away, and to A. FRANK whose brother passed away . . . W. J. PORCELIUS and his wife recently returned from a wonderful vacation in Hawaii . . . After being off sick for quite some time, CORNELIUS DILLON has returned to work and is feeling fine . . . Congratulations to JIM ROCHE who became a grandfather when his daughter gave birth to a son, CHRISTOPHER J. VOGEL, on February 20. His grand- son was born in Stuttgart, Germany, where the Vogels



THIS IS the picture that FRED PETRINO, Engineering Department, sent to the Transit News so that every- one can see why he is so proud of his 3½ year old grandson, FRED ANTHONY PETRINO.

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ALBERT A. BERNDT, 85, North Section,
Emp. 2-18-14, Died 1-18-68

LEONARD J. BLANIARZ, 52, North Section,
Emp. 10-22-41, Died 1-27-68

SUSAN A. BURKE, 89, Loop,
Emp. 1-2-01, Died 1-19-68

STANLEY CASALINO, 70, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 8-19-26, Died 1-9-68

ROLAND F. CREGER, 73, West Shops,
Emp. 6-11-17, Died 1-14-68

STANLEY CRNICH, 66, Track & Struct.,
Emp. 5-7-27, Died 1-26-68

FRANK DOBRUSKE, 88, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-9-05, Died 1-18-68

MAX DOWMONDZ, 70, West Section,
Emp. 8-1-23, Died 2-6-68

LEONARD L. DUNN, 56, South Section,
Emp. 10-22-48, Died 1-28-68

HAROLD ELDRIDGE Sr., 78, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-24-24, Died 1-26-68

THOMAS J. ELPHICK, 74, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-9-20, Died 1-10-68

GERALD J. GARDINER, 78, Claim,
Emp. 12-29-15, Died 1-9-68

JAMES V. GEARY, 65, 69th Street,
Emp. 4-3-43, Died 1-10-68

CLARENCE M. GETTY, 74, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 5-21-31, Died 1-16-68

EDWARD GIBBONS, 67, Office Services,
Emp. 6-3-26, Died 2-4-68

FRED G. GILSON, 97, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 7-5-16, Died 1-7-68

JAMES J. GLEASON, 80, Devon,
Emp. 10-27-22, Died 1-20-68

ADA L. HOGAN, 75, West Section,
Emp. 2-17-44, Died 1-15-68

ROBERT A. LEGG, 76, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-28-13, Died 1-13-68

EDWARD H. MANN, 85, Devon,
Emp. 6-18-18, Died 1-28-68

EDWARD G. MANTHEI, 84, Armitage,
Emp. 3-15-07, Died 1-17-68

CORNELIUS P. MC HUGH, 74, North Section,
Emp. 12-1-27, Died 2-7-68

THOMAS MC SHANE, 77, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-25-20, Died 1-10-68

HAROLD S. MIDKIFF, 74, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-30-19, Died 1-13-68

EDWARD T. MOORE, 96, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 12-28-13, Died 1-25-68

FRED MUELLER, 78, South Shops,
Emp. 1-26-45, Died 1-4-68

FRED C. NAGEL, 81, Stores,
Emp. 11-4-01, Died 1-22-68

ANTHONY N. NECHI, 70, Kimball,
Emp. 7-7-42, Died 1-24-68

ANDREAS K. NISSEN, 83, West Section,
Emp. 10-12-42, Died 2-6-68

MARTIN O'SHEA, 66, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-3-26, Died 1-12-68

GEORGE PILKINGTON, 69, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 12-12-28, Died 1-31-68

NELLIE H. POTTER, 81, South Section,
Emp. 7-12-17, Died 2-10-68

NICOLA RAITANO, 88, Track,
Emp. 8-1-28, Died 2-11-68

JOHN SCHABOLD, 86, South Shops,
Emp. 5-12-20, Died 1-16-68

ROY SUNDBERG, 68, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 11-8-43, Died 1-23-68

ARTHUR F. TRUMM, 67, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-11-27, Died 1-12-68

FRED H. WEST, 64, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 12-11-24, Died 1-12-68

HENRY WORKMAN, 62, South Section,
Emp. 11-27-28, Died 1-27-68

are presently residing while his son-in-law is in the U.S. Army . . . On February 13, a group of pensioners had a little get together at Jacy's Restaurant. Those who attended were J. MULREE, E. FEHLHABER, B. PROSSER, B. WERMES, P. RECHS, J. BARRETT, C. BELASICH, A. ANDERSON, A. NOLAN, and C. MARTENS. Needless to say, they all enjoyed themselves very much talking of old times, the present, and also the future.

- Colette Szczepek

WEST SECTION -

The column for this month will consist of deeds that the children of our employes are doing. People are always complaining how bad the kids are, but here are some of the good. Here is something to make any father or mother proud . . . Switchman JERRY BOYLEN's two sons, ARTHUR, a freshman at St. Mary College, and WILLIAM, who is a senior at Loyola, both made the dean's list, which is quite an achievement . . . Miss OLLIE TRINETTE COMAN, the daughter of Motorman N. COMAN, was chosen by the Lyon and Healy music firm for their annual program. Her piano recital was held March 3. A great start for Ollie, and may she be a great success . . . BARBARA, the daughter of Switchman Z. KOPCZYNSKI, now a senior at Willowbrook High

school, was named as homemaker of the year. Not only can she cook and sew, but she is also beautiful . . . The son of C. J. JONES, who just returned from a tour of duty in Viet Nam, will spend 40 days visiting his parents, then will head for three years duty in Madrid, Spain . . . MARK, the son of Motorman M. FIORE, who attends Augustana college, is a first string guard on the varsity football team. Maybe we will see him play with the Bears . . . JIM ROBERTS, the son of Line Supervisor J. ROBERTS, and also a conductor in the summer, is truly a great basketball player at Elia College in Minnesota. This is one young man I have had the pleasure of seeing play, and he is good . . . The brother of E. DAVIS, who attends Northwestern university, is quite a basketball player also. His scholarship was for his scholastic feat, which makes him doubly great . . . Clerk EUGENE DUFFY took an early pension February 1. He enjoyed the pension party we had for him, and so did we. It takes a little bit out of our lives when a wonderful fellow worker leaves. A special thanks to LOU PAYNE for the artistic poster he made for our pension party . . . We all extend our condolences to Night Superintendent JOHN FLYNN on the death of his father . . . We heard that Pensioner MARTY BRODERICK has been sick. Let's hope that he regains his health soon . . . Good old Lake street has won its seventh safety award. Superintendent HEATTER knew we could do it and we didn't let him down. The

INSIDE NEWS

winners of the prizes will be told in the next issue . . . I didn't realize that the Transit News was read by so many. There were many comments on the pictures of JONES, WOODMORE, McPHEE, HUNTER, and LONGO, and I am glad that they are now celebrities. Now, all the CTA personnel will know what handsome men we have on our line.

- *Santo Siciliano*

69TH STREET -

BILL DONAHUE is filling in for ART BUESING while he is vacationing down in Florida. WILBUR JOLLY and his family, and MILLARD ENSWORTH and his family are also heading that way, so, we wish these lucky people a very pleasant vacation. . . Our best wishes go to FRANK VYZRAL who is now in the Law Department in the Mart . . . As of April 1, we will miss Operator WALTER KU-MOREK, Repairman LUKE MORLEY, and Repair Relief Clerk JOHN PAVELEC, who are all taking their pensions. I have no idea what Walter's plans are, other than laughing at his former followers. Luke plans to settle somewhere in Florida. He leaves a record of not missing a work day in 42 years . . . The welcome mat is out to J. LUCIUS, M. SAPIKAS, B. DAVIS, and J. LEWIS--all newcomers to the repair department. Happy landings to R. STEVENS who went to Beverly depot, and to JOHN BILLIS now at the Mart . . . Former Repairman DAVE CORDIN is now a member of the Chicago Police Department. We wish him well. . . JIMMY AHERN wants to see all his friends in the St. Patrick's Day parade . . . Our sympathies are extended to the families of Supervisor JOHN NICKOLSEN and Retired Supervisor FRANK BECKER who passed away in February; to Operator EARL JACKSON who lost his father; to Operator SEMMES on the death of his wife, and to Operator CAL CLAUSSEN on the death of his brother-in-law, MARTY BILECKI, who was killed in a truck accident . . . P.S. to Art: Total find in your news mail box consisted of two paper clips, 17 used transfers, two union buttons, one TV Guide, and a picture of the Monkees. Thanks a lot.

- *Arthur P. Buesing*

77TH STREET -

Well fellows, here it is March and I am trying to get this news in before the deadline. I just returned to work after being off for three weeks with an infected finger, and your co-reporter is in his second week of jury duty. All right, we know you want results not excuses. So, here goes for the March issue. . . We'd like to welcome new Instructor WILLIAM WHELEHAN to the Instruction Department. William came to us from "C" district. Welcome aboard! . . . Wedding bells tolled recently for Operator WILLIE THOMPSON and his new bride, JULIA. Congratulations from all of us, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson . . . Operator RAYMOND WILEY's son, RAYMOND Jr., celebrated his 17th birthday March 3. Ray Sr. really doesn't look that old. Happy birthday! . . . Operator THEO HIKE and his wife, VIRGINIA, celebrated their second anniversary February 6. A lollipop goes to their daughter, MARCIA LOUISE, for having her first birthday March 25 . . . HELEN SANDERS, the wife of TAYLOR SANDERS, will celebrate her birthday March 4. Albert plans an evening out for steaks in the Sirlain Room of the Stock Yard Inn. . . The son of Mr. and Mrs. HENRY L. BEATY went into the army in February. He is in training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Henry and his wife will celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary on March 15. . . Also stationed at Fort Leonard Wood is GERALD

GILTMIER, the son of Operator CHARLES R. GILTMIER, where he is also in training. While Gerald is taking his basic training, he will celebrate his 21st birthday March 10. Charles has been having a ball with his three grandchildren, BETH ANN, MARK ROBERT, and HARRY CHARLES . . . J. J. McGRATH will be retiring March 1, after 41 years of service. He probably will go to Wisconsin and get a lot of fishing in. We sure hope that he catches that big one (the one that got away) . . . THOMAS STEPP, former operator at 77th now working as a night clerk at Beverly, is back to work after a successful throat operation. We're happy to know that you're doing better, Thomas . . . LOUIS and SUSAN VILLARREAL recently moved into their new home. Congratulations! Louis is a new face on Cottage Grove and is getting to be pretty well known. Of course, those of us who work Halsted street will miss him this pick, but he'll be back on the 8 line again . . . CLAUDE and JOSEPHINE ROGERS spent a very quiet evening at home on their 13th wedding anniversary February 13. No, it wasn't on a Friday. . . It is with regret that we learned of the death of Supervisor JOE NICHOLSON of District "A" February 20. His sincerity for his job will be well remembered. He has been a supervisor since 1947, was a member of the Little Flower Society, plus a 4th degree Knights of Columbus . . . MARTY GLYNN of the Instruction Department will take his pension April 1, and it's not an "April Fool's" day joke. Marty feels that the best way to get along with the company is to learn your job and learn it well. The job must be done by the men alone. You've been a pretty good Joe, Marty, and you can be sure you'll be missed. Loads and loads of luck from all of us at 77th . . . JEFFERY SCOTT LIDDELL, the son of EMMETT LIDDELL was confined to the Osteopathic hospital just before this writing. We hope your son is out, Emmett, by the time you read this issue . . . Operator RUDOLPH CAMPBELL has been shopping for months for a new car, and now, after searching and searching he finally decided on a 1968 Oldsmobile . . . BATTERSON has been taking mean pills furnished by FRANK McGLYNN. The remarkable thing about it is it's working out very well. . . Supervisor Instructor WALTER PYPER and his wife, AGNES, are preparing for their trip to England and Ireland to visit relatives. It has been 21 years since they were there last. We wish you the most enjoyable trip possible . . . Operator JOHN STOKES looks much better now that his wife, EZELLA, has returned from her winter vacation in the south. He really did miss you, Ezella . . . Operator ROBERT MARTIN worked his regular run on his birthday, February 8. He didn't seem to mind since he had 37 previous ones . . . LONZY and THERESA HYDE celebrated their ninth anniversary on February 9. From us to you, congratulations . . . Last year's bowling champ SYLVESTER BENSON is getting ready for action again. Sylvester says he'll be about as sharp as he was earlier, and will soon be "laying in there" . . . The Wheelers Social and Charity Club is giving their spring affair at the Sherman House on April 21. As usual it will be a swinging affair. DIDDIE and BARCLAY are looking forward to having more present this year than last year . . . Receiver THOMAS RANDALL and his wife, WILLIE MAE, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary. They have four boys and one girl . . . WILLIAM and SARA JACKSON plan to have an enjoyable weekend for their 11th wedding anniversary on March 30. There's the possibility that they may fly to New York . . . HOWARD WALKER Jr., the son of Operator HOWARD WALKER, had his 4th birthday February 26. Happy birthday to you, Howard . . . Operator THOMAS E. PORTER got into this issue with a triple threat. His birthday found him a year older, March 6, his son, THOMAS C., was six

INSIDE NEWS

years old on February 23, and his other son, BRIAN, had his fifth birthday, March 21. Happy birthday to the men of the Porter family . . . MICHAEL JOHNSON, the son of Operator TYRONE JOHNSON, celebrated his fourth birthday on Washington's birthday, February 22. If you've noticed our last issue, there were many, many birthdays on February 22 . . . SHAN HEAD, the daughter of EDWARD HEAD, celebrated her fourth birthday on February 4. Happy birthday, Shan.

Proud and happy are Receiver RAY KOCMOUD and his wife, LUCILLE, who are grandparents for the sixth time . . . First their son, CARL, and his wife, CHERYL, who already have a son, TEDDY, presented the grandparents with a granddaughter, CARRIE LEE ANN, on December 11 of last year. Also, on December 20, their other son, EUGENE, who is in the army, and his wife, MARY ANN, had their first child and presented the grandparents with a grandson, DAVID JOHN. Their daughter, GERALDINE, presented them with another granddaughter, JAMIE LEE ANN, on February 21. Their son-in-law, JERRY, and his two daughters, JANICE and JOANNE, complete the family. Health and good luck to them all . . . March 11 and March 15 are the birthdays of Receiver RAY KOCMOUD's sisters, MILDRED and VLASTA. Happy birthday to them . . . TOM SHEEHAN, the treasurer of our credit union, is back on the job after being off three months. You look better now than before, Tom. Glad to have you back . . . Operator ISAAC MAGEE looked upon his birthday March 4 as having spent quite a few years with the company. He planned a very quiet day, being with his mother . . . JOHN O. and CLEOLA COOPER Sr. celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary March 11. John also makes this year his 17th with the company. Congratulations! . . . RUTH FOSTER, the wife of co-reporter AMOS FOSTER, will have her birthday March 21. He doesn't have the nerve to tell anyone how old she is, but he planned an evening out at the London House. Also, AMOS Jr. has informed him that he has won the title of lightweight boxing champ for the air force. He's now in Los Angeles, California. We'll have more details in the next issue . . . SIMON GIBSON wishes to thank all of the operators who purchased donuts on "Donut Day". He also regrets very much that there were so many orders which he could not fill. There may be some of you who are wondering about the "Donut Day". MARIELLEN, his daughter, is an honor student at St. Leo High school, and the school sponsors these very fine pastries. Simon also had a birthday February 19, which we forgot to put in our last issue. He plans to celebrate his birthday on his vacation with the family, possibly in Orlando, Florida.

ARTIS CRAWFORD, the daughter of Operator ROBERT CRAWFORD, will celebrate her 21st birthday on March 21 . . . JOHN HAWKINS' birthday came and went, just like that. When? January 9, but the 24 years he's been with the company has been a long time . . . HEZEKIAH KNOWLES tells us that there is nothing like having everything happen at almost the same time. His daughter, ROCHELLE, was 12 years old on March 12, his birthday fell on March 8, and his son, GREGORY, was 14 years old March 14. It might be fitting to say HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of you! . . . CLIFFORD, the son of JONNIE BIVINS, is in his second year at Fisk university and is doing very well. He is playing basketball also . . . HARRIETT, the wife of DAVE WILLIAMS, had a full day on her birthday, February 21. Dave planned a trip to the Art Institute, dinner at Jimmy Wong's, and then down to the Roosevelt Theater. Beautiful, very nicely done . . . Operator LAWRENCE's son has been in the Air

BERNARD MATHEN, left, who retired as a ticket agent on January 31, is seen shaking hands with North Section Superintendent J. ZUPKO at a retirement party given in his honor by his many friends and co-workers.



Force for two years. He is a sergeant and still has two years to serve his country. He's a drafting engineer and is also the artist for the air base in Laredo, Texas . . . EDWARD GREEN Jr., the son of Operator EDWARD GREEN, is going to Roosevelt college under a music scholarship. Edward Jr. is a concert violinist and is a member of the Chicago Civic Orchestra. He was a soloist in a concert on January 26 at Orchestra Hall . . . Congratulations to RAYMOND RENNHAK, the son of LESLIE RENNHAK, who was recently married on February 20 . . . JAMES PELZMAN, the son of Operator JOHN PELZMAN, is a freshman at University of Illinois circle campus. So far, so good, huh, James? . . . Operator MICHAEL ANDERSON didn't know what to do on his birthday, March 3 . . . A happy birthday to Operator MARTIN GROVES Jr. Oh yes, he says he is really 43 years old. The day, February 21 . . . There was a new addition to the SAM ANDERSON family. It was a daughter named RHONDA CHANELL, and she came into the world January 26. His other daughter enjoyed her 17th birthday on the 28th of February. Happy birthday REVA NELL . . . Operator ULYSSES JONES had his birthday February 16. Most of the fellows says he's getting older. He says "No Good", we say "don't let the salt and pepper mustach fool you" . . . Operator DONALD BRITT's birthday was February 10, and Don says he's 36, intelligent, and extremely good looking . . . The Chicago Umbrian Glee Club gave the evening concert for the annual men's day celebration at the Greater Institutional A. M. E. church February 18. This is the oldest glee club in the country. They have existed for 73 years. One of our very own has been chairman for 37 years. He's none other than OLIVER W. CHILES Sr. . . MELVIN SIMS, vice president of the Transit Gents, would like us to pass on to you that the Gents are at the Star Lounge every Wednesday. Where? You've guessed it--79th & Princeton . . . Operator ROBERT PHILLIPS has a very interesting hobby which may be of value to some of us. He builds model boats that are radio controlled. He has been doing this for a number of years. These are models scaled down to about 1/64 of actual size. He recently sent to England for a special radio controlled diesel engine to be used on a model he's working on. While he's waiting for this engine to come he plays the organ or he may even play the guitar. Yes, he plays the radio, too . . . We always look for one operator who displays some type of teamwork operation. We have noticed A.G. BUTLER who works 79th street regularly. He helps his followers by trying to pick up most of the kids on his run. Not only that, he had developed such an attitude that there are passengers who wait for his bus. Keep up the good work, Butler.

- Amos Foster & Julius Brazil

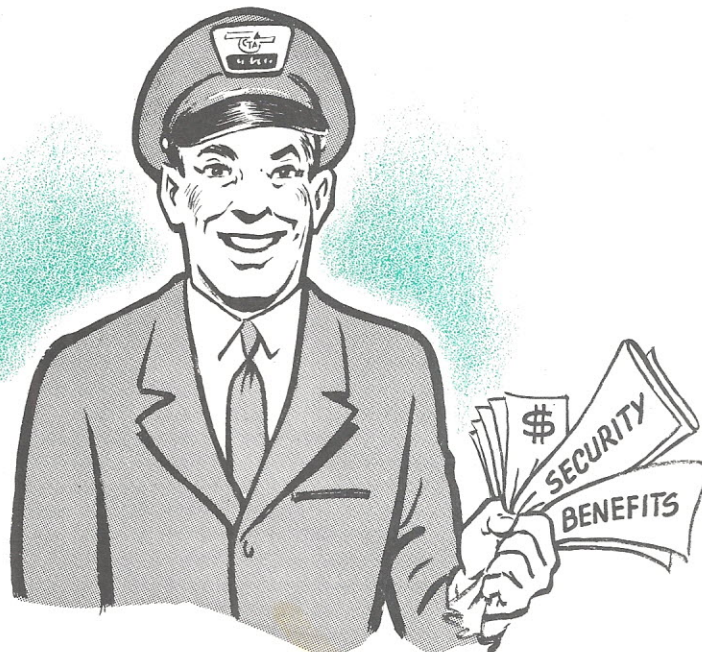
THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
P. O. Box 3555, Chicago, Illinois 60654

Form 3547 Requested

DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN ?



HE IS SEEKING A BETTER JOB.
HE IS OVER 21 - PHYSICALLY FIT - MENTALLY ALERT -
LIKES PEOPLE - LIKES TO DRIVE



SEND HIM OR HAVE HIM CALL OUR EMPLOYMENT OFFICE
ROOM 750, MERCHANDISE MART, 664-7200, -EXT. 2367.

HE WILL RECEIVE FULL PAY FOR TRAINING
AND AFTER QUALIFICATION WILL EARN A MINIMUM
OF \$144 PER WEEK !

BULK RATE
PAID
U. S. POSTAGE
PERMIT NO. 8021
CHICAGO, ILL.