

# TRANSIT NEWS



APRIL, 1968



# Kennedy Route

## Subway Work Starts

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES on Tuesday, April 2, marked the official start of subway construction for the Kennedy rapid transit extension.

Mayor Richard J. Daley and Transit Board Chairman George L. DeMent participated in the groundbreaking, which took place in the Logan Square area near Kimball avenue and Woodard street. The subway will connect present West-Northwest route tracks with those being constructed in the median of the Kennedy expressway and extends a distance of about 1.2 miles under Milwaukee and Kimball avenues.

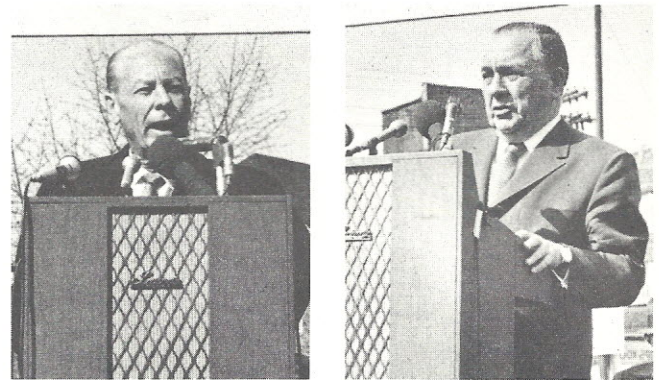
Ceremonies took place in an unusual manner, in that they involved the lowering of an "H" beam which will play an important part in the actual subway construction. The beams are lowered into holes alongside streets where tunneling will be performed. They form the framework to retain the sides of the excavation and support the temporary timber roadway used to carry street traffic over the construction site. Upon completion of the subway structure, the temporary roadway will be removed and the excavation backfilled and compacted for restoration of pavement and surface facilities.

Rapid transit facilities for the Dan Ryan and Kennedy Expressways are being constructed at a cost of about 84 million dollars, including 150 modern air-conditioned cars to serve the new lines. Two-thirds of the total cost is being financed by Federal grants and the City's share will be paid from transit bond funds approved by voters in 1966.

Street traffic in the area will be rerouted during various stages of construction and service on four CTA bus routes will be affected, including the Milwaukee (No. 56), Kedzie (No. 82), Kedzie-Homan (No. 82A), and Diversey (No. 76) routes.



IN ATTENDANCE at the groundbreaking were Chicago Transit Board Members (from left) James R. Quinn, Chairman George L. DeMent, Mrs. Bernice T. Van der Vries, and James E. Rutherford.



SPEAKING BEFORE several hundred residents of the Logan Square community were Board Chairman DeMent (left) and Mayor Richard J. Daley.

THE FIRST "H" beam for subway construction was lowered into place (below left) during the groundbreaking. Preparatory to lowering beams, holes were cut in pavement for boring (center and right).



# Transit Board Approves 176-Bus Order

THE PURCHASE of 176 buses from The Flxible company of Loudonville, Ohio, for \$5,343,738 was approved by Chicago Transit Board at its April 4 meeting.

Delivery is to start in September and be completed by the end of the year. The 50-passenger, diesel-fueled units will replace a like number of vehicles that are 18 to 20 years old.

One hundred and forty-six of the buses will be of the standard 102-inch width and 21 of these buses will have fiberglass seats. The remaining 30 buses will be 96 inches wide to replace units on the Lake street route, where narrower buses are required because of the limited passing clearance between rapid transit columns.

The bid from The Flxible company was about \$200 lower per bus than that of the only other bidder, the General Motors Truck and Coach division. The prices from The Flxible company are: \$30,399.18 each for the 102-inch wide buses, \$30,369.90 each for the buses with fiberglass seats, and \$30,202.42 each for the 96-inch wide buses.

The purchase of some buses with fiberglass seats is part of CTA's continuing program to test the public's reaction to this type of seat. They have contoured bucket seats and backs and are designed for comfort as well as durability. It is hoped that the use of fiberglass will help to alleviate the costs for repairing upholstered seats due to vandalism. Seat repairs amount to over \$100,000 annually for CTA.

## CTAer Cited for Fifty Years in Scouting



WILLIS HELFRICH (left) is shown with Board Chairman George L. DeMent displaying the flag he received in honor of his 50-year association with the Boy Scouts of America.

has been a troop leader in Oakland, California; Champaign, Illinois; and in Chicago at Brainard Community church, 88th and Throop. Since 1955 he has been associated with the North Park Covenant church troop at 5250 N. Christiana avenue. Mr. Helfrich has earned three highly coveted scout awards: Eagle Scout, Wood Badge, and Silver Beaver -- the highest recognition a local boy scout council can bestow upon an individual.

Present with Mr. Helfrich on the occasion were his wife and three children. Mrs. Helfrich, who is vice president of the Girl Scouts of Chicago, was also given recognition and presented with a corsage. The Helfrich children include Carl, a freshman at DePauw university, who is an eagle scout with a God and Country award; Susan, a junior at the University of Wisconsin, and Mary, a college textbook editorial worker for Scott, Foresman and company. Both daughters have reached Curved Bar rank, the highest Girl Scout award.

IN RECOGNITION of his 50 years in the Boy Scout movement Willis Helfrich, assistant secretary of Chicago Transit Board, was honored March 29 at North Park Covenant church, which sponsors Troop 915.

Mr. Helfrich received numerous congratulatory messages on the occasion, including testimonials from the White House with an autographed photo of President Lyndon B. Johnson; from U. S. Senators Everett Dirksen and Charles Percy; from Congressman Roman Pucinski who also sent a U. S. flag which had been flown over the Capitol; from Governor Otto Kerner, and a certificate of merit from Mayor Richard J. Daley. At the age of 12 Mr. Helfrich joined the Boy Scouts in 1918. He

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OUR COVER: Wearing the new blue-gray uniforms are Rapid Transit Conductor John Danek and Bus Operator Bill Reynolds. The new ensemble became the regulation CTA uniform effective March 13, and a period of two years from that date was granted for wear out of the present blue uniform.

# Six CTA Suggesters Share \$150 in Cash Awards

"BEST SUGGESTER" is the title bestowed yearly upon the CTA employee who had the largest number of adopted ideas, the largest cash award, or who has done much to improve CTA's image.

The employee selected this year will be honored by the National Association of Suggestion Systems

at their meeting May 16 in the Executive House. As this issue of Transit News went to press, the field had been narrowed down to six employees. Time still remained, however, before any one employee could be singled out and others may well become eligible for the honor as additional suggestions are processed.

In a recent announcement by the Suggestion Committee, six employees were named as winners of cash awards and 18 were named as winners of honorable mention awards. Each award winner also received a \$7.00 Jewel gift certificate.

Five of the cash award winners were cited for their second honorable mentions, which entitles each of them to a \$25.00 award. They include, in the General Offices, Don Clancy of Employee Relations, Joe Sabol of Schedule-Traffic, and Mary Traxler of Claim; in the Engineering Department, Henry Keane of West Shops, and in the Transportation Department, George Singer of Limits station. Anthony Raimondi of Engineering-West Shops received \$25.00 plus a gift certificate as an award for his adoptable suggestion.

Employees named as winners of their first honorable mention awards and gift certificates included: General Office -- Harold Rowbottom, Research and Planning; Regina Daren, Medical; Sidney Jacobson, Mail Room; John McMahon, Insurance, and Frank Tamburrino, Stores. Transportation -- Fred Frieb and John Kawa, West Section; Ronald Bliss, Beverly, and George Singer, Limits. Shops and Equipment -- James Brogan and William Rafferty, South Shops, and Ernest Guedel, Kedzie. Electrical -- Robert Booth, Blue Island, and Bernhard Nielsen, Institute Place. Stores -- Marvin Castle, Skokie Shops, and Edward Grzena, South Shops. Utility -- Frank Mendyk, Blue Island. Pensioner -- Herman Wirth, formerly of Claim.

IN ATTENDANCE at a recent luncheon-meeting of the National Association of Suggestion Systems at the M & M Club in the Merchandise Mart were CTA General Manager T. B. O'Connor and Operating Manager C. E. Keiser. Pictured at the speakers' table are (from left) R. T. Warnstedt, CTA suggestion coordinator and Chicago Chapter president of the Association, Mr. Keiser, Mr. O'Connor, and Herb Shain, second vice-president of the Association and senior staff assistant of General Motors corporation. Following the meeting a group which toured CTA General Office facilities included delegates from such companies as Sears, United Air Lines, Ryerson Steel, Illinois Central railroad, Swift and Company, Union Tank Car, Stewart-Warner, Chicago Post Office, and Aldens.



## Morgan-Racine Rush Hour Buses Extended

TO SERVE the new industrial area of the Central Manufacturing District in the Stock Yards area, Morgan-Racine (No. 23) bus route has been extended during weekday rush hours from 38th and Morgan streets to Exchange avenue (4300 S.) effective April 15.

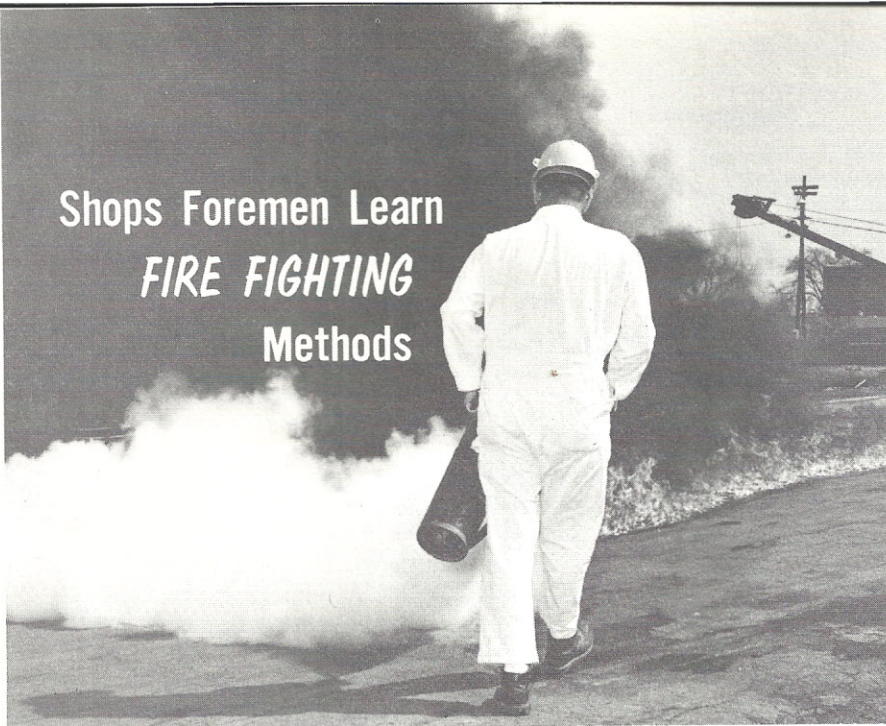
The new routing from the present terminal at 38th and Morgan is south in Morgan to Exchange avenue, east in Exchange to Peoria street, north

in Peoria to 40th street, west in 40th to Morgan street, and then north in Morgan over the regular route.

With this extension, transfers may be made to CTA's 43rd-Root (No. 43) and Pershing (No. 39) bus routes.

Service is being provided in the new operating area from 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., and from 3:45 p.m. until 6:25 p.m.

## Shops Foremen Learn *FIRE FIGHTING* Methods



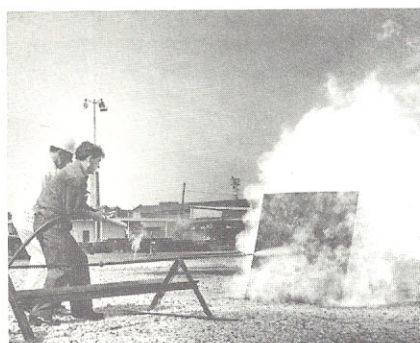
PROPER UTILIZATION of fire extinguishers was the subject of training sessions for garage and shop foremen held recently at South Shops. And to really learn how to combat fires, each of 117 CTA employees attended classroom sessions first, then with extinguishers in hand they attacked the problem one by one.

The three-hour course was developed by the CTA Insurance and Shops and Equipment Departments with the assistance of Ansul Fire Extinguisher company and Charles Teas and company, fire fighting equipment suppliers. In attendance at each of four separate classes were representatives of the Chicago Fire Department, who from their professional standpoint looked on with interest.

The course exposed trainees to four basically different types of fires: flammable liquid spill, flange leak, propane gas, and bus torque converter fires. Instructors displayed the proper method of extinguishing each type, then the identical fires were re-lit for each of the trainees.

Shops personnel were also familiarized with the various types of extinguishers on CTA properties and learned the uses of each, their capabilities, and proper care of the equipment.

The accompanying pictures show the various types of fires staged and fire-fighting methods used.



**HAND PORTABLE** extinguishers of a dry chemical type were used in fighting most of the staged fires. The flammable liquid spill fire is being tackled by a demonstrator (above) walking alongside the burning area while extinguishing it.

**PROPANE GAS** discharging under pressure from a nozzle against a metal plate was ignited to produce a fire which was extinguished with the use of a 350-pound wheeled dry chemical extinguisher. Trainees learned such fires should only be extinguished if the propane can be immediately shut off.



**A TORQUE** converter (transmission) fire under a propane bus was simulated with the use of a large pan filled with torque oil and gasoline. The pan was mounted in the same position as a converter under the floor and was ignited so each man in turn could be shown the most effective method of fighting the fire.

**GASOLINE PUMPED** through a pipe was lit to produce the flange leak fire which trainees fought at the leak first, then on the surface.



**IN ADDITION** to learning the proper use of extinguishers, shops personnel were shown how to recharge them using dry chemicals and carbon dioxide pressurized cartridges.

# OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

"JUST A short note to inform you how to start a most pleasant day. Get on the Montrose avenue bus with driver No. 3505. He will greet you with a pleasant 'Good Morning' and when you leave, the wish for a good day ahead. I ride with him often and wouldn't hesitate to state he is a credit to your company. You find few in this busy world that get the job done as well as he does. I thought you might like to know this, as I feel he deserves an 'A' for effort."

The letter printed above names Forest Glen Operator Chester Bachara, Badge No. 3505, as one of the CTA operating employees providing "Welcome Aboard" service. Such employees are praised in countless commendations because their pleasing demeanor brightens the day for everyone with whom they come in contact. Our passengers appreciate a cheerful disposition and acts of courtesy -- their letters show it. And you notice that when you are courteous to others, you are treated courteously by them, too.

The exceptional manner in which North Section Conductor William Davidson performs his duties brought the following letter from a regular rider:

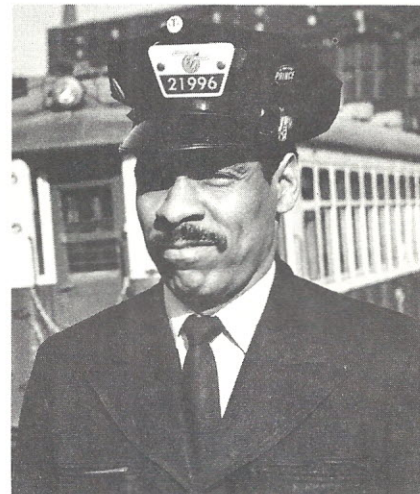
"I boarded a southbound train at Howard street terminal. The conductor, No. 21996, performed an outstanding job announcing the stations in a manner that I have never heard before, and I have traveled on these trains for many years. He announced every station approach in a clear, distinct, and understandable manner. He also informed the passengers of the various transfer points to the surface lines. He was so perfect in his job, that when we were approaching the Chicago avenue station, he announced the Wesley and

Passavant hospitals. There were numerous other items that no conductor that I have traveled with has done. Some of your other employees should take a few lessons from this man, instead of being grumpy and insolent and acting as if they were doing the passenger a favor by allowing him to ride on their trains."

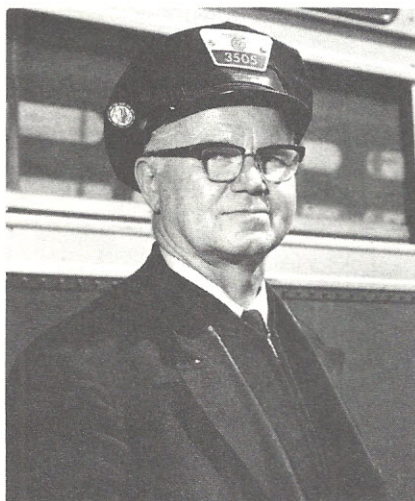
A rider who still recalls the days of the old red streetcars recently commended Operator Ray Jankowski, Badge No. 1760, Archer station, in the letter which follows:

"You have an outstanding bus operator on the 31st street route. His number is 1760. No matter how bad driving conditions are he seemingly drives with the greatest of ease, always in control of his bus, always on time. One could almost set a timepiece by his arrival. But his greatest asset is his courtesy to passengers. He pulls right up to the curb, allows ample time for boarding, avoids stopping at a snow pile or puddle, and looks out for regular early morning riders if they hap-

pen to be absent or late. Altogether, he is a pleasant fellow to ride with. You do have many, many fine operators. Not all are as good as they could be, or should be, but that I'm not writing about. I've been using public transportation since the days of the red streetcars and 7¢ fares and the CTA is a far cry from those times, for which I'm most grateful."



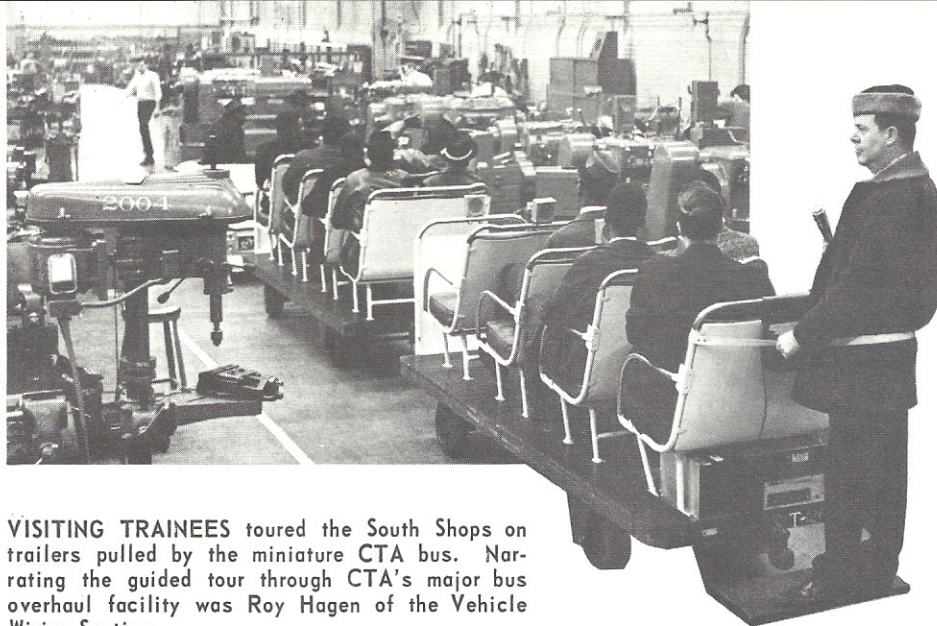
*William Davidson*



*Chester Bachara*



*Ray Jankowski*



**VISITING TRAINEES** toured the South Shops on trailers pulled by the miniature CTA bus. Narrating the guided tour through CTA's major bus overhaul facility was Roy Hagen of the Vehicle Wiring Section.

TWENTY TWO trainees and three instructors from the Newberry Automotive Training Center, 1300 S. Newberry street, toured the CTA South Shops as guests of the Employment and Training and Shops and Equipment Departments on Thursday, February 29. The purpose of the tour was to show the job opportunities available in the area for which they are training.

Upon completion of the Shop tour J. J. O'Connor, coordinator of employment procedures, explained CTA hiring requirements and informed the

group of the on-the-job training programs they must complete for advancement within the Shops Department.

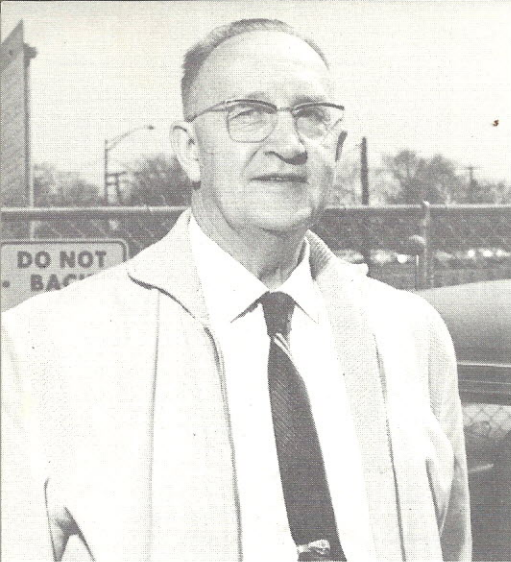
The Newberry training program is sponsored by the YMCA and Chicago Boys Club. The program operates with State and Federal funds under the Manpower Development Training Act. Approximately 40 young men are attending the course in the automobile mechanic field under a program approved by the State Board of Vocational Education. The training program, a 24-week course, commenced on January 15 and will end June 28.



**THIRTEEN TRANSPORTATION** Department employees recently completed the rapid transit traffic supervisor's training program and were assigned to the supervisory pool where they will be available to fill vacancies as they occur in this category. They are also available to fill temporary assignments, as needed, to familiarize them with actual working conditions.

Members of the class pictured here are, from left to right:

First row--Ardis Morris; Patrick O'Malley; Roman Doubek; Darden Fuller; William Jones, and Robert Thomas. Second row--Edward Colwell; Vincent Vadeisa; J. Brucker, rapid transit supervising instructor; Willie Woodson; William Healy; J. R. Blaa, superintendent of rapid transit operations; D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation; R. W. Tracy, superintendent of operations; Richard Smith; Jose Rodriguez, and David Martin.



**FRED RIECKE**, ticket agent:  
"Spring makes me think of flowers, birds, and bees. But all I want to do is go fishing."



**LOUISE DREWS**, ticket agent:  
"Since moving to Des Plaines, I appreciate spring all the more. A pair of beautiful cardinals are nesting in a nearby tree and all around everything is getting so green."



**MARY BURROWS**, ticket agent:  
"The season of spring is like the dark clouds fading away and the bright sunshine pouring in. And you're anxious to get at your spring house cleaning."

**QUESTION:** How does the season of spring affect you?

**LOCATION:** Logan, Lake & Douglas (Agents)

**INQUIRING REPORTER:** Helen Pallister



**ARLENE SWANSON**, ticket agent (with Reporter Helen Pallister): "Oh, what a glorious feeling to know that spring is here and all the work that goes with it. Ho, hum! I'm tired already. This is how spring affects me."



**JOHN SMITH**, janitor: "Now that spring is here, I would love to take off and go fishing."

# MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin,  
CTA Medical Consultant

## SPRING FEVER CALLS FOR SPRINGTIME MEDICAL CHECK-UP

SPRING FEVER is not an illness but it is a psychological state when an individual becomes somewhat lazy and dreamy. The ending of the cold winter and the arrival of warm, sunny, spring days puts one in a non-aggressive mood.

Spring, as we all know, is the transitional season between winter and summer. Many strange beliefs about our health at this time of the year originated from our ancestors. For example, some people really believed that with the coming of spring it was good practice to take sulphur and molasses for a spring tonic. This would rid the body of all the toxins which had accumulated during the winter. Many other traditional folk-medicine ideas were carried out religiously.

There are certain trends in medicine, however, which do seem to occur in seasons. For example, it is a well known fact that there is a prevalence of measles, scarlet fever, rheumatism, and arthritis in the spring. There are cycles in medicine just as there are in other professions and businesses.

At the same time, there is some logic for the ideas and beliefs about general health conditions which are present at this time of the year. Moderate medicine has learned much through research and correlation of facts obtained from the study of plant and animal life. The discovery of penicillin is a good example.

There is also good reason to believe that climate and weather changes can and do influence our general health. To support this theory we need only to mention the long winter days and lack of sunshine bringing a marked increase in a number of ailments, such as the flu and pneumonia. Add to this situation the increased number of days of indoor contacts in schools, churches and theaters. Then there is the unfavorable factor of repeated body chilling caused by sudden temperature changes going in and out of doors. Moreover, many people are in poor health because they have not yet recovered from the prolonged recurrent winter illnesses.

All of the above factors certainly can be a contributing factor in lowering our resistance. This makes us more vulnerable to illness. It is common for people to think that pleasant weather is here to stay when the first sunshiny days with temperatures of 60 to 70 come. This tempts us to put

away our winter clothing and get out our summer apparel. Then we are suddenly and thoroughly chilled by the cold penetrating winds of March and April. As a result there is a marked increase in patients with sore throats and fever.

In Springtime there seems to be an inborn desire to get outdoors and correct the destructive effects of Winter. Everyone wants to do some spring cleaning and beautify their properties. Landscaping and gardening begins. Also people are anxious to have their automobiles tuned up so they can enjoy rides through the countryside.

In order to make our Springtime clean-up program complete we should include a medical check-up. This is most important. Do not fail to make an appointment with your family doctor for a health survey.

While you are having the medical tune-up be sure to inspect your medicine cabinets for unnecessary drugs and dangerous cleaning fluids. These should be discarded in order to prevent unpleasant experiences especially where there are children in the family.

## RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

BICHKOFF, W. Jr., Serviceman, North Park  
BROWN, S. H. Jr., Repairer, 77th Street  
COLLIER, T. G. Jr., Serviceman, 69th Street  
COSTLEY, D. F., Repairer, Forest Glen  
CRONIN, M. J., Repairman, Wilson Shops  
DAIN, R. J., PM Foreman, 77th Street  
D'ASTO, J. T., Serviceman, 77th Street  
HOUSE, E. R., Serviceman, 69th Street  
KENNEDY, A. T., Carpenter, Building  
LOMBARDO, A. L., Mult. Oper., Repro. Serv.  
MORGANFIELD, W., Serviceman, 61st Street  
PACULT, J. M., Serviceman, Archer  
ROWELL, J., Serviceman, Kedzie  
SCHMANSKI, R. A., Serviceman, Forest Glen  
TOOKS, D. S., Repairer, 69th Street  
WILLS, B. A., Repairer, 69th Street

## RECENTLY RETURNED

BEDOE, R. G., Cleaner, North Avenue  
HUNTER, M., Extra Guard, South Section  
MAZARKA, J. J. Jr., Cleaner, 69th Street  
RUGLIO, D. G., Trans. Counter, Revenue Acctg.  
SAMMON, J. T., Cleaner, Archer

# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -

STANLEY MAILUCK and his wife recently entrained for Mexico City and points thereabouts. They visited many of the famous sights south of the border and for Stanley it was a typical busman's holiday because they rode local buses and streetcars to the points of interest. The Mailucks had both an enjoyable and educational vacation. Unfortunately, the space we have here does not allow us to do justice to the splendor and beauty of the many sights they saw . . . One of our latest retirees, MABLE POTTHAST, with her daughter is now spending her delayed vacation at her son's home in Long Beach, California. She assures us the weather is ideal. Among her "side trips" were San Diego, La Jolla, Laguna Beach, and Los Angeles. We have missed her cheery way and all wish her a long and happy retirement . . . Very sad to hear of the death of LARRY COLLINS. He was one man who made the most of his retirement years. Our condolences to his family.

- Eileen Neurauter

## (Revenue) -

Spring is not only in the air but also in our spirits with the sun shining and good weather rolling in . . . But not to jump the gun, we see that JOANNE PARIS didn't miss her winter tan this year. After boarding a United Airline plane for Park City, Utah, Joanne and 127 other ski enthusiasts snow glazed for nine days. What a way to "cool it!" . . . Those buds we see blooming in the Revenue Department are LOUIS R. MROZ, an operator from 69th Street, who is now janitor. Also, DANIEL G. RUGLIO has returned from the military service at Fort Hood, Texas, as a transfer counter. Daniel served overseas in Korea. Welcome back, Dan! . . . Best wishes to the birthday girl, ESTELLE KALECKAS, who celebrated March 11 . . . Wishes for a speedy recovery are also extended to STELLA CIEZADLO upon her recent injury . . . It's a young man's fancy with wedding bells forthcoming for JOHN BILLIS, transfer counter, on May 18 . . . From our girls in the retirement club, BETTY SUHR and HELEN FRANSON, we have received wishes to express a thought of "thank you" to their many friends. Best always, Betty and Helen. We'll be thinking of you!

- Clotilde Mrzena

## BEVERLY -

Welcome to all the operators who came to Beverly on the system pick. We have two of the best instructors, CLARENCE HEILBRONNER and FRANCIS ZEIGER, to help you at any time. Watch the railroad crossings and hills when its raining so we can maintain our good safety record . . . Received a wonderful letter from Pensioner BERNARD ZESCH who is confined at Bay Pines V.A. Center, Bay Pines, Florida, Room 334 22-4 So. Drop him a line as I know Bernie would like to hear from his pals at Beverly . . . Father Michael Foran of Notre Dame has made plans for three Canadian Shrine Pilgrimages this year from June 22-30, July 13-21, and August 24 - September 1. These tours will cover St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, Our Lady of the Cape at Three Rivers, and Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal, via Air Canada, all expenses paid, \$249.00. This is a wonderful trip

if you don't know where to go on vacation, ask any one who made the trip last year. See your scribe if interested. . . . Received a letter from Pensioner JOSEPH BRADY whose address is 313 NE 5th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301. Joe was one of the best instructors we had at Beverly . . . Received a card from Operator TOM COULTER who took the time to visit with BERNIE SESCH at the vets hospital in Florida while he was on vacation. Thanks, Tom, and we take our hat off to you as it makes your scribe think his efforts do help a little and are not in vain . . . Operator JOE JAROS and his beautiful wife, ANN, are awaiting the blessed event in September. Rumor is it will be twins, so don't forget two Dutch Masters please . . . We express our sympathy to Operator ROBERT HOLTAM in the loss of his mother.

- Tom Daniels

## CLAIMS -

Congratulations to ED WEINGARTNER who became a Grandpa again. Ed's son, ED Jr., and his wife, PAT, are the proud parents of JEFFREY, who was born on March 6. Ed and Pat have another son at home, MARK, who is 3 years of age and a daughter, WENDY, who is 2 . . . We have recently been visited by a former employee, DEAN GRAVER, and his wife, DEBBIE. Dean came to bid all his former co-workers farewell, as he left for Viet Nam on March 7. We're all very proud of you Dean. Hope to see you soon . . . A retiree of the Claim Department, BEA CONDON, paid us a visit on March 21. Bea is looking very well. Come and see us again, Bea.

- Peggy Hallahan & Shari Pupa

## ELECTRICAL -

The welcome mat is extended to "B" Helpers RUDY SCHOEN and SANDOR BOCZKO who recently transferred to the Electrical Department . . . The best of luck to Lineman Helper WILLIAM CORSO who recently transferred to the Signal Department . . . Superintendent of Electrical Construction and Maintenance SYLVESTER DANECKE is still on the sick list. We all wish him the very best for a speedy recovery and returning to work . . . Many happy returns of the day to General Maintenance Foreman WILLIAM SHEAHAN who celebrated a birthday on February 26; and to Linemen ROBERT HORMEL, JOHN FRIEDMAN, and JOHN ULANSKI who celebrated theirs in March . . . The following men are on vacation at this time: JIM KELLY, ROBERT PAOLICCHI, and GERALD PEPPARD. Hope they're having a wonderful time.

Congratulations to JOHN WEGL. The arrival of JULIE MUENZE on March 7 promoted him to Grandpa. The proud parents are WILLIAM and MARILYN MUENZE . . . The birth of DIANA LEE to BRIAN and NANCY HORSFALL on March 5 brought the number of grandchildren to three for ARVIN WILMONT. Best wishes to grandpa and the happy parents . . . Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to S. DANECKE, CHARLES PARK, JOSEPH O'DONNELL, HENRY GAVAUER, and BARNY JAUMAN . . . We know JOHN MICHNICK still has CTA at heart. In the last month he called to our attention seven different lines that needed repair. Thanks a lot, John, we need

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your interest . . . Spring fever is taking its toll. FLO-RIAN CZANSTKOWSKI, ALBERT GODBOLD, and TONY BOSCO are all on vacation enjoying some of our good weather . . . A hearty welcome to JOSEPH DRNEC, who joined the Electrical Department this month . . . Best wishes and a see you soon to MIKE RICKSON who was transferred to the Mart. By the way, Mike, we know you took your prize possession, Lena, with you, but how come you neglected to take Teddy?

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

### ENGINEERING -

JOSEPH FRANCIS URBASZEWSKI was married on March 16 to CHRISTINE ANN GRYBOS in St. Mary of Angels church. It was a large bridal party. The choir sang beautifully. The cars were decorated with pom poms made by members of the bridal party. The reception was held at the Lion Hall Grand Ballroom where an enormous crowd gathered for cocktails and dinner. Movies of the wedding were taken by EUGENE SULLIVAN who attended with his wife, ERNESTA. On display at the bridal table was an altar made by Joe Urbaszewski with a line up of the bridal party made with barbie dolls. It was an exact replica of the wedding. The Chicago theme song, "I saw a man dancing with his wife in Chicago", can very well be sounded off in this paragraph. I saw Mr. and Mrs. J. B. O'REILLY, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN RETZLER, Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MILLONAS, Mr. and Mrs. ED HESS, Mr. and Mrs. G. CHRISTENSEN, Electrical Department, and Mr. and Mrs. R. WARNSTEDT, Suggestion Department, dancing beautifully. JAMES JOHNSON and his fiancée, JEAN, Mr. and Mrs. ART MALMQUIST, MARY ISBRANDT, and your reporter were having a lovely time. RUSS SHANKLIN was seen at the church viewing the ceremony . . . PAUL MINOGUE very recently completed two weeks of jury service . . . JOE DUGO was able to get away for a vacation. Hope he is enjoying himself . . . Congratulations to PEGGY FAHEY. She received an engagement ring from MIKE LEONARD on March 17, St. Patrick's day . . . We are sorry to hear that Mrs. P. O. MCCARTHY, the wife of structural designer of the Bridge Division, has taken ill. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery . . . HELEN LOFTUS, Real Estate Division, and her husband, BILL, spent a week's vacation in Scottsdale, Arizona . . . We were sorry to hear that KATHY MAY RYAN left CTA to live in California. Her husband was transferred to that location.

### (West Shops) -

TONY KENNEDY, carpenter, better known as "The Bloke", was given the call to duty in the U.S. Army. Before he departed, friends and well-wishers presented him with a beautiful portable radio. Good luck, Tony, it's rough out there . . . Talk about "lucky stiffs"! JIM SINCLAIR, bricklayer foreman, Building Department, was the winner of a Motorola 12" portable TV in a golf tournament drawing recently . . . Not so lucky JIM HURST, steamfitter helper, is home suffering with a badly injured finger he got on the job recently. Hope to see you back real soon, Jim . . . West Shops would like to extend a welcome to our new Superintendent of Plant Equipment and Maintenance JIM LeMOND and his able assistant WAYNE HANSON . . . We also would like to extend hearty congratulations to TOM QUALTER who was recently appointed general foreman, Track Division.

### (Research & Planning) -

Welcome back LOIS POTTS. She is looking strong and well again after her recent illness . . . From this

department I saw Mr. and Mrs. BUD WOOL, Mr. and Mrs. MIKE DALEY, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN COOK, and Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD ROWBOTTOM dancing beautifully at JOE URBASZEWSKI's wedding reception . . . JOSEPHINE FELDMANN is very proud of her 15-month-old grandson RICHARD FELDMANN Jr. Josephine's son, RICHARD FELDMANN Sr. father of the young tot is a car repairman at Wilson Avenue.

- Jeanne Fitzgerald & Mary Gallon

### FOREST GLEN -

First off, I hope you all had a very happy Easter. Attend the church of your choice often and pray for peace in the world and with our fellow man. Live and let live, and do unto others as you would have them do unto you . . . Well, the general pick is over and I hope everyone is happy with the change they made. All of us here at Forest Glen wish to welcome the new men that came to our station. We want you to feel at home, after all, this is a very friendly depot. To the men that went away, the best to you . . . Our fine friend BERT HUKILL will be greatly missed around the old depot, but the move will be better for you and your family. At least you will be nearer home. Maybe someday you will return. Good luck! . . . Operator WORKS is also leaving us and going to the far South Side . . . BOB MILLER likes the finer things of life. I wonder what they could be? I suppose we will never know unless Mr. Miller would be willing to tell us. It would be worth the time to inquire . . . Wild JOE RODERICH is leaving for Europe on the 29th of this month. Have a good vacation, Joe, and come back refreshed as you will need it. I do believe you will be following your old friend, WILBUR . . . Now, let's get to the nose of ART WHITEFIELD. If you can name it, of course you can have it. We hope his Mrs. can put up with the growth . . . I understand that Supervisor LE-ROY ARROWSMITH had the wrong hat and badge for at least four days . . . Leaving us in April is KARL SOR-ENSEN. For the men who don't know him, let's put the record right. He is, should I say, the finest supervisor the CTA has. This is a gentleman who always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. A man who was willing to help you at all times besides being very understanding. Carl, when you leave the company and take your well earned pension, remember you left behind some friends. I hope you throw away your watch so you

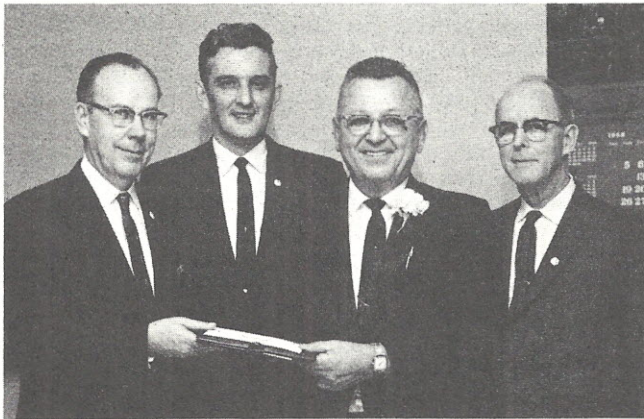


TWO IS company and three is a crowd seems to be what PAUL (left) and TIM ZACHER are saying to their sister, LIANNE, who is in the middle. They are the grandchildren of Lawndale Repairman MARTIN NEE.

# NEW PENSIONERS

LESTER S. BERNARD, Repairer,  
69th Street, Emp. 4-1-41  
HOLLIS BOGGUS, Janitor,  
West Section, Emp. 10-5-51  
ANCLE G. BURTON, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 4-17-42  
ANTHONY J. DE BLASI, Repairer,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-14-41  
SAM DURSO, Serviceman,  
Wilson, Emp. 5-23-41  
MARTIN F. GLYNN, Supvr. Instr.,  
77th Street, Emp. 3-25-29  
JOSEPH KARIJOLICH, Track Foreman,  
Track, Emp. 10-1-29  
WALTER KUMOREK, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 6-7-26  
FRANK P. LA VIERI, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 10-13-27  
FRED A. LESLIE, Yard Foreman,  
South Section, Emp. 2-20-42  
JOHN LUKAC, Machinist,  
South Shops, Emp. 3-6-23  
JAMES LYNCH, Repairer,  
North Avenue, Emp. 5-21-36  
JAMES J. MALLEY, Conductor,  
West Section, Emp. 6-2-44

MARKING THE end of his 38-year transit career was a party held February 29 for Joseph A. Tagler, who retired as a mail clerk. Extending best wishes are (from left) J. H. Finch, assistant comptroller, L. R. Skrine, mailroom supervisor, Mr. Tagler, and A. J. Fitzsimons, general accountant.

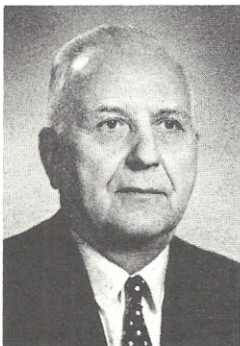


MICHAEL MC CARTHY, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 11-9-25  
PATRICK MC DONNELL, Repairer,  
Beverly, Emp. 7-25-42  
JOHN F. MC NAMARA, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 3-12-34  
ARTHUR H. MOILANEN, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 10-8-29  
ARTHUR J. MURPHY, Supervisor,  
District "A", Emp. 3-5-45  
LEO F. RATKOWSKI, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 7-15-29  
MATT T. STIGLIC, Chauffeur,  
Util. & Emerg. Service., Emp. 8-1-25  
ARNOLD C. SWANSON, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 4-11-29  
MARGARET S. WENSTROM, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 2-5-44

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

LOYAL O. BILLSTEN, Serviceman,  
Limits, Emp. 9-20-27  
GEORGE F. BRICHACEK, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 1-13-36  
HENRY R. CORY, Mail Clerk,  
Office Services, Emp. 11-7-40  
MITCHELL P. FACZEK, Painter,  
Skokie Shops, Emp. 6-25-51  
WALTER J. HANSON, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 10-5-40  
LOUIS J. KIRSCHBLUM, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-24-57  
EMIL C. KROSS, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 12-7-36  
GEORGE KUENSTLE, Serviceman,  
North Avenue, Emp. 12-28-45  
JOSEPH F. LELAKES, Instrument Technician,  
Shops & Equipment, Emp. 5-29-29  
RALPH W. LINDLEY, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 1-4-36  
ALBERT MEISTER, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 6-1-45  
CHARLES A. WATSON, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 2-18-54

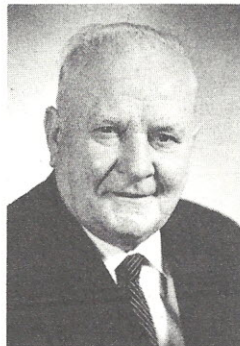
JOINING THE ranks of the retired April 1 were the five employees pictured below with 40 or more years of transit service each.



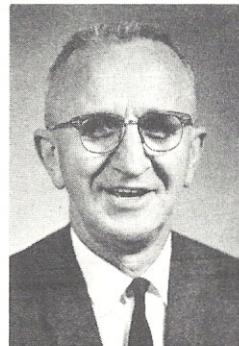
JOHN LUKAC  
45 Years



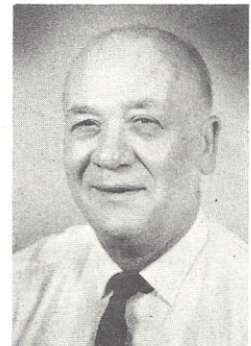
MICHAEL McCarthy  
42 Years



WALTER KUMOREK  
41 Years



MATT STIGLIC  
42 Years



FRANK LaVIERI  
40 Years

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can stop checking the second hand. You will be greatly missed, so do come around and see us whenever you can. God bless you in whatever you do . . . The CHURCH family announced the birth of their sixth child, a baby named MARY BETH born on February 6. I understand that this is to be the last one. Good luck! . . . Just back from the sick list and feeling fine is none other than TOM MEAGHER. A broken finger can give you a rest. Tom had just returned to work when his son went into the hospital. Here's hoping the young man is well on the road to recovery and will be able to return to school soon . . . February 16 was the 21st anniversary of JOSEPH and LAURETTA MOYTNA. Joe said these were the happiest years he ever had. Congratulations and many, many more.

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

### KEDZIE -

To all the men who left Kedzie on the system pick, so long and good luck . . . To all the men who came to Kedzie from other stations we welcome you. If any of you new men have anything of interest to put in our news column just drop it in the Transit News box on the south wall of the trainroom . . . Congratulations to Operator W. REYNOLDS who was appointed board member. Operator Reynolds took over Operator D. KISSANE's job when he took another job with the company . . . Operator FRANK LA VIERI went on pension April 1. Many happy years to you in your retirement. LaVieri and I worked the streetcars together, he was my conductor on Kedzie avenue before CTA converted Kedzie to buses. Frank's home station was good old Division Street Depot. The best to you, Frank, let's hear from you now and then . . . Congratulations to Operator J. RICHARDSON and his lovely wife. They celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on March 2. Your reporter and his wife were at a dinner and dance with the Richardsons, and someone told the band leader it was their anniversary. The band played the "Anniversary Waltz". As the Richardsons started to dance, everyone made a big circle around them, then the band played "I Love you Truly" and everyone joined in singing. I'm sure they'll remember that evening for a long time. Good luck to you both, and many more . . . Operator FRED ANHALT and his lovely wife, ANN, had an open house for their son, ROBERT, and his wife, LUCY, after taking their wedding vows over at St. Pauls Lutheran church. Bob was married in the Philippine Islands. They have a son named ROBERT Jr. Fred belonged to a German glee club for years and members of the glee club were there and sang some songs. They had plenty of food and drinks and everyone had a good time.

- Raymond Graham

### KEELER -

Now that St. Patrick's day has opened the portals to spring, I guess it's only natural that your scribe has become a wee bit lazy in news gathering. I also find it a bit difficult to keep my thoughts very long away from the anticipation of the big ones I shall catch on my first outing. So, all you fishermen take your cameras along with you and let's have proof of those fantastic catches you brag about . . . Say, how about those fancy new uniforms, sharp aren't they. I'm buying mine strictly on an instant cash basis. I'm getting the first part next pay day. How much is the tie? . . . Now that the new system pick is over, good luck to all the fellows who left our fine station to seek their fortunes elsewhere, and a big welcome

to their replacements. All you newcomers to Keeler, don't forget to let us share those birthdays and anniversaries with you . . . The next item may seem a might commercial but it is strictly a small tribute to a real nice guy. The Keeler repairmen are throwing a big farewell dinner for Garage Foreman HANK RICHTER who will be retiring after 34 years of service. The affair will be held June 28 at the Wonderland ballroom, 2940 Milwaukee avenue. The boys are very enthused about this party and extend an invitation to all of Hank's friends. There will be family style dinner at 7:15 p.m., preceded by a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. Ladies, I'm sorry, but the affair is stag. All those who are interested in attending this gala affair can call the Keeler repair department for reservations . . . Another garage foreman in the news is Foreman BRUNO who is reliving his youth through his son, MICHAEL. Mike was 18 years old April 16 . . . Late but fervent birthday wishes to Garageman C. FOLKAN, March 29 . . . Operator WALTER E. WILSON always has a pre-birthday gift each year because he was fortunate enough to wed his wife, ANNA, April 3, four days before his birthday April 7 . . . Garageman EDWARD McDONNELL and his wife, AGNES, celebrated 15 years of togetherness April 19 . . . Operator FRANK NEUMANN's daughter, DONNA, also reached that magical age of 18 years, April 4 . . . Operator "Little Joe" VALTIERRA remembered his 25th milestone April 4, but goofed on his daughter, CAROL's, third year of bringing he and the missus so much sunshine March 12 . . . "Big Bill" KNUDSEN dared not forget those greetings to his GAIL, April 29 . . . Car interior beautifier WILLIE B. NAUDEN also was a shower of blessing to her mom and dad a few years back. Thirty-nine, Willie? . . . Boy is my wife, VIRGIL, the lucky one. Just think, on April 27 she's had me for 30 years. "I love you, Vir." . . . It came as quite a shock to all to bid adieu to Operator FRANK WAGNER. Frank has left the motor pool and joined the custodial corps at Limits. Good luck, Frank . . . Not so good was the news from Operator AL JANITO. Al's son had one month to go on his Vietnam tour of duty, when unfortunately, fate cruelly intervened and the boy was hit by artillery shrapnel. A speedy recovery is wished for him . . . Say, did you know that Clerk RONNIE MILLER almost blew his entire bankroll on one big deal. Yeah, he bought a new house. Ronnie says he even has wall to wall carpeting in the kitchen. Oh come now, Ron, no carpet can be so plush 'til you can't see your feet while walking on it . . . Back to my fishing friends. A little story tells of an asylum inmate very busy fishing over a flower bed. A visiting doctor wishing to be friendly asked, "How many have you caught?" Answered the not-so-dumb fisherman, "You're the ninth." . . . Seriously though, fellows, if it doesn't hurry and warm up, I'll have to continue fishing through the ice. Fishing for "Oliver", that is . . . Bye.

- Ernest C. Carter

### LAWDALE -

Saturday, March 23, was the day of our 30th annual Lawndale Depot Federal Credit Union meeting and get-together and it was the greatest. Many thanks to JOE NOLAN, BILL KLECKA and the boys for a good time. There were so many old timers there that I won't mention names as I might forget someone. CLINTON SONDERS, our former superintendent, was there and we were glad to see him looking so well. Also glad to see STANLEY BITELE come back to pay us a visit. He is superintendent of Keeler Station. There was a three-piece band that was great to dance to . . . On this new

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**LOOKING LIKE** an Easter bunny, so cuddly and warm, is little **RICHARD FRANCIS SMITH**, the son of **ROY** and **MARY ANN SMITH**. Dad, Roy, is in Engineering Department while mother, Mary Ann, formerly worked in Executive.

system pick we lost some of our men who transferred to stations closer to home. We wish them a fond farewell and drop in to see us once in awhile. And to the new men coming in, we extend a welcome hand and hope your stay will be a long one . . . The men are sporting their new uniforms and they look classy. **W. WALKER** was the first to appear in his uniform with **O. HIGH** running a close second. When **BOB LUCAS** appeared in his new uniform he received a standing ovation . . . Our deepest sympathy to the families of **WILLIAM HENEGHAN**, buried Monday, March 18; **Mrs. JOSEPHINE HLAVKA**, the mother-in-law of **E. J. HOJNACKI**, buried Saturday, March 23; **RAYMOND PRUSEK**, buried March 5, and **Mrs. ANNIE W. ALLEN**, the mother of **WILLIAM H. ALLEN**, who passed away March 17 . . . **TOM BURNS** left our ranks to become a janitor at Kedzie. Good luck, Tom . . . Our former janitor, **CHARLIE STOLCPART**, paid us a visit from St. Petersburg, Florida. He looks great with his sun tan . . . We had a surprise visit from some of our pensioners the other day. They were: **FRANK MATRE**, **EDDIE WISS**, **ART VAN MOFFAERT**, **ADOLPH ZACK**, and **LARRY JOHNSON**. They're all looking in the pink . . . See you later.

- Larry Keating

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

Extra Agent **LOUISE BANKS** will wed Mr. **MARVIN GREENE** on April 27. The reception will be held at Roberts motel. Congratulations to this young couple . . . Agent **LOUISE DREWS** is back after a late winter vacation. After spending a fine vacation, Louise and her husband were saddened by the news of her brother-in-law's death. They traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, for the funeral . . . Agent **ARLENE SWANSON**'s granddaughter, **CASSIE**, celebrated her third birthday in April as did her daddy, **BARRY GLASGOW** . . . West Side Porter **JOHN SAROLAS** celebrated his birthday on March 25. That gave him a three-day holiday. How lucky can you get . . . My son and daughter-in-law, **BILL** and **MICKEY PALLISTER**, celebrated their birthdays April 1 and March 22, respectively . . . We are glad to see Agent **BERT LINNE** back on the job after having leg surgery. He says he is feeling just fine . . . At this time Agent **FAY CAPRIO** is in St. Annes hospital convalescing after surgery. Good luck, Fay . . . Agent **E. J. DILLON** is back to work and doing nicely, we are glad to report . . . Welcome back to Agent **REED** who left us for a while to work on the surface lines . . . We are happy to see Superintendent **JOHN FLYNN** at Desplaines Terminal tho sorry, too, that we lost Superintendent **BILL ROONEY** to the North Side . . . The best of luck to former Superintendent **WILLIAM MURBACH** who took his pension March 1 . . . Board member **GERALD WEBB** is back to work after a long illness and wants to thank his many friends

for being so kind during his trouble . . . The Met "L" Credit Union held its annual dinner on March 23 at Neilson's on North avenue. It is always nice to see friends at least once a year. The smorgasbord was delicious and we hope we will enjoy it again next March . . . Keep that news coming.

- Helen Pallister

### LIMITS -

Supervisor **HENRY GOETZ** and his wife welcomed their new grandson, **THOMAS HENRY GOETZ**, born on March 5 to Mr. and Mrs. **PAUL GOETZ**. Congratulations, and may the little fellow be a real credit to the family . . . **NICK KOEHNKE**, retired, and his wife returned from another Caribbean cruise where they enjoyed themselves to the utmost. Their son, **DALE KOEHNKE**, who is an operator at Limits, reports that his dad is in the best of health and wishes to send his best regards to all of the men . . . Operator **STEVE HANDY** is still on the inactive list but is improving daily and should be back on the job very soon . . . Board member **CHARLES HEROLD** is still confined to his home due to illness. We at Limits miss you, and hope that you will be with us soon in good health . . . Our sincerest sympathy to the family of **HAROLD SWEITZER** who passed away last month; also to superintendent **TOM STIGLIC** in the loss of his dear mother . . . **CLARENCE BUTHMAN**, treasurer of the Limits credit union, was laid to rest on March 22 after a long and lingering illness. He will be greatly missed by all. Our sincerest sympathy to his family . . . On March 6, my dad, **HERMAN BENSON**, passed away after a short illness. Dad was 88 years of age, and some of you old timers will remember my dad as a motorman for the old City Railways and the Chicago Surface Lines during the years 1907-1910.

- R. S. Benson

### LOOP -

Janitor **C. DREWS** is very busy after work getting his little league together for spring baseball training . . . As of April 1, Agents **M. WINSTROM**, **J. McNAMARA**, **W. HANSON**, and Trainman **J. MALLEY** took their pensions. Good luck to all of you and many years of happy retirement . . . On March 29, Janitor **HOLLES BOGGUS** said goodbye to many of his friends, not only on the Lake line, but the whole West Section. Holles was a very kind and helpful janitor. He always had a big smile for all of his co-workers. Never once did he talk against anyone, and he always kept his stations clean and neat. He will be missed by many of the agents. We all wish you the best of everything and many years of happy retirement. Come around and say hello once in a while . . . Last but

**HOW GOOD** is your memory? Can you recognize the faces in this picture taken at a Chicago Surface Lines picnic at Dellwood Park in 1928. Two of the young men in the photo are still employees of CTA. Give up? Well, they are (from left) **R. GAVERT**, South Divisional storekeeper; **CHARLES BATTERSON**, coordinator, Operations Control, and **EDWARD SPAIN**, a former CTA employee.



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not least comes "The Preacher", Trainman GEORGE CLARK. On Sunday he preaches, on weekdays he is a trainman and coffee maker, and on Saturdays he sells coffee and rolls and winks at all the cuties getting off and on the train. What next, George? . . . Now that spring is here and vacations are almost here, how about telling us where you are going . . . Speaking about the weather changing, our Student Agent T. ZDEB sure has changed. He keeps off the phone and talks about no one but himself. What has come over him? . . . Some good news for Agent A. DUNLEVY at LaSalle and Van Buren. A passenger who goes through Parkside station every a.m. stopped one morning and said, "My, but it is nice going through LaSalle and Van Buren since that regular agent is back. She is one of the nicest agents around. And fast too. There is never a line when she is there." So, three cheers for you, Ann. See, someone missed you while you were off sick . . . Seven weeks vacation just isn't enough, says Trainman CHARLIE McDERMOT. When he came back from Miami he needed rest of about four more weeks . . . I would like to take this time to let Agent MARGO BOGGS know that we are all thinking about her. We would like to know how to contact her. Every one knows she is ill and wishes she was back to work . . . Agent MARY WIXTED is coming along nicely. She is at home now and would like to hear from all of you . . . So sorry to hear that Agent F. CAPRIO had an operation a few weeks ago. We all hope that you are up and about at this time. We know you want an excuse to go to Hawaii to see your new little grandchild. . . Agent CECILE THOMAS wishes to thank everyone who remembered her during her recent illness. Your phone calls, cards, flowers, and gift were really appreciated. It made the time go flying by . . . Agent G. BURGE and her husband and children left March 27 for a nice vacation in Kentucky, Arizona, Texas, and Mexico. During this vacation they will stop off and visit their families . . . Agent W. STRASSER and his wife left March 10 for a two-week vacation in Hot Springs, Arkansas. They arrived there and had a heck of a good time the first day and night. Then Wilbur took sick and was rushed to a hospital close by. Their next step was to get him home in a hurry which they did. The remaining days of his vacation were spent in Illinois Masonic hospital. Now, Wilbur, that is no way to spend the last of last year's vacation. Better luck next time . . . What do you know,

we just heard that Agent T. BARRETT wants to go back to Ireland this summer, get married, and be a class "A" farmer. Oh, No! . . . All girl student agents relax and stay in line, your name will come up soon. Yes, to have a date with Student Agent VETO SKORUPSKI. Take a little change with you as Veto sometimes runs out of that green stuff. By the way, he is "Lover Boy" of 1968. . . Agent M. HASSE was very happy to hear that she would get paid for going to court. Always, Hasse, always. . . Ireland will be a very happy land this summer. We hear that Agents M. GALLAGHER, A. NOONE, S. MURPHY, K. FORBES, and T. BARRETT will all go to the old sod and kick up their heels and have a good old Irish time. Some little bird told us that M. Gallagher may get married while there. Her boyfriend will follow her over there. If so, good luck to you both . . . It has been said many times when Chief Clerk AL BROWN vacationed in Florida, he was getting married. Well this year he did it. He went to Florida in March and he said "I do." Good luck to both of you . . . If you have an ice cream bar stay away from Agent JIMMY GEORGE. So help me he will eat it and tell you how good it was. It is said that he takes candy from little children. But one thing he is very nice about is if someone loses something he will do all he can to help them find it. Even if it is a melted ice cream bar he'll give you the stick back . . . Good luck and a safe return to Platform Man P. McGOWN's son and Janitor J. COUSINS' son who are in Vietnam.

- Mildred Doyle

## NORTH AVENUE -

Operator WILLIAM NEHLS and his wife, ETHEL, became grandparents for the first time when their daughter, LOIS, gave birth to a son, FRANK WILLIAM MERTZ. Pensioner PETER MESSIN reports that he has 13 grandchildren and is waiting for the 14th. Pete plans to fly to California to visit his daughters . . . Operator ROGER NOBLE, along with his wife and their daughter, ELSIE, went to Cleveland, Ohio, to visit Mrs. Noble's aunt. They spent three wonderful days there and enjoyed an outdoor barbecue and attended a few evening shows. Operator HERBERT JONES and his wife, MARY, spent their vacation at Las Vegas, Nevada. They took a tour with the Greyhound company and enjoyed every minute of it. They covered 6,000 miles, visiting Grand Canyon, Salt Lake City, and Oklahoma City . . . VIRGINIA ANN SCHOLTENS, 17, daughter of Operator RICHARD L. SCHOLTENS and his wife, received a \$1,900 monetary scholarship to Northern Illinois university in DeKalb. At present, she is a senior at St. Mary's High school. She plans to become a teacher of nurses upon graduation from the university. Mother and dad are very proud and happy . . . BILL BOCK, son of Pensioner ERNEST BOCK and his wife, EMILY, is in Vietnam with the U.S. Navy and is involved in the action there. Our prayers are with him and with all of our boys over there . . . Pensioner TONY CARDIFF visited the station. After being on pension for eight years, he was looking for a run to take out. Receiver TED HOELLEN visited North Depot to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with all his friends. This is the first we knew of Ted's Irish ancestry . . . CARLO ADDALIA, Repair Department, took his pension on March 1. On April 1, Operator ARNOLD SWANSON, Operator ARTHUR MOILANEN, and Repairman JAMES LYNCH plan to take their pensions. Operator JOHN JENDRZEJEK will take his pension on May 1 after 40 years of service. Our best wishes to all, and let us hear from you . . . Pensioner HUGH GARRY was in Hines hospital for surgery. He is recuperating, and we wish him a



ALICE WIENSKI is shown receiving a savings bond from GEORGE MILLONAS, engineer of buildings and structures, at a farewell party in her honor held recently at Henrici's restaurant. Alice left CTA to await a blessed event.

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speedy recovery . . . Foreman PATRICK CLANCY spent his vacation doing his spring cleaning . . . We welcome new Operators JAMES MERRITT, ANTHONY FOX, JOSEPH SALVATO, GERARDO DE JESUS, WILLIE STEWART, HENRY HOWARD, WALTER THOMAS, CLARENCE TURNER, ARCHIE MAXCY, GEORGE JONES, JAMES JARVIS, LEROY WALKER, STERLING MARTIN, PATRICK PIERCE, ROBERT WARD, and CLARENCE WILSON . . . Board Member WALTER STRAUBING lost his wife, HELEN, on March 16. Receiver ARTHUR ECKER lost his father February 24. Former North Avenue Operator HAROLD SCHWEIZER, later a janitor, passed away March 7. Harold was one of our best golfers. Our deepest sympathy to these families . . . RONALD BEOE was discharged from the army March 15, and is back with the boys in the Repair Department . . . Foreman ERNEST PEARSON, formerly of North, was on jury duty, and did not do the ice-fishing he had planned.

- Bill Miedema

### NORTH PARK -

Remember the date--Monday, JULY 15. The event, the annual Division 241 golf day at St. Andrews Golf Club. Golf, dinner, and prizes for all are on the agenda, so make your reservations for this big day . . . The Schiller Liedertafel Male Singers held their annual dance Saturday, March 9, at St. Demetrios Fellowship hall. Operator FRED ANHALT, who is treasurer of this group, invited Pensioner ED FISHER and his wife, MILDRED, Operator HARRY COX and his wife, ESTELLE, and Operator HAROLD HANSEN and his wife, KATHERINE, as his guests for the evening . . . Operator HENRY SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, motored to Miami, Florida. Highlights of the trip were visits to the Baltimore Orioles training camp, Gulfstream Race Track, the dog tracks, and a chartered boat trip for a try at deep sea fishing . . . Operator JIM DOLAN flew to Sacramento, California, to visit his boyhood friend, Mr. CLAIR BUCHNER. Also on the agenda was a visit to Lake Tahoe and a day spent riding the cable cars in San Francisco . . . Operator EVERETT BURT and his wife, LILLIAN, spent their vacation visiting Everett's mother, Mrs. MAGGIE BURT, who lives in Auxvasse, Missouri. They also went ice fishing at Fox Lake, Illinois, where the results were excellent . . . Operator WALTER ZINKOVICH has purchased an Apache trailer and is now planning to take several trips to various parts of the country . . . Operator TED DIDIER is remodeling his bathroom, but is having problems keeping the ceiling from falling upon him . . . Operator EMERY HAYDEN motored to Daleville, Indiana, to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. V. S. HAYDEN, who are celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary . . . Mrs. SHIRLEY PAOLI, the wife of Operator GINO PAOLI, was reelected Sunday school superintendent of the Kimball avenue Evangelical church. Gino will have his usual Sunday morning job, running to the bank with the day's receipts . . . Operator HAROLD COOK had two weeks of jury duty with one week of it while Harold was on his vacation . . . Mrs. EVA STAHL, the wife of Pensioner EDWARD STAHL, was hospitalized at Bethesda hospital for surgery and at this writing is convalescing satisfactorily . . . Pensioner AL O'SHAUGHNESSY, who is at home at 5319 N. Newland avenue, would like to hear from or see his many friends . . . Supervisor HERBERT UDERHOFEL is hospitalized at Edgewater hospital at this writing and our prayers are with Herb for a speedy recovery . . . Operator AL MEISTER is now on disability pension. He has visited the depot and hopes to be back to work in some capacity soon

IGNORING THE cameraman and looking very sedate is pretty DONALYNN KRISTINE BUDOFF. Born on March 11, Donalynn is the daughter of DON and KAREN BUDOFF. Don is in Stores, South Division.



. . . Sgt. TOM NEWTON, the son of Operator EDGAR NEWTON, returned home for a month's furlough after a year of service in Viet Nam. Tom has five months of duty left and will be stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, until his discharge . . . Operator ARTURO VADEZ would like to take this time to thank everyone who has purchased their Mason shoes from him this past year. Arturo says that with the new uniforms, he will be able to take care of all who will need shoes to go with the outfit . . . Operator JOHN WEBER, who transferred to Limits Depot, will be sorely missed at North Park. John was chairman of the Little Flower Society committee at North Park and one of our most personable operators . . . Operator LARRY FARLEY has returned to work for CTA and is now at North Park. Larry had left us to drive buses in Washington, D.C., but is glad to be back in Chicago again . . . TED MILLER, the son of Operator and Mrs. SHIRLEY MILLER, was married on Saturday, March 23, at Bowmanville Baptist church to Miss CAROL MUELLER. The reception was held at Shirley's home. Ted, is presently working at North Avenue Depot where he is a serviceman . . . Miss KATHY LITTAU, the daughter of Operator and Mrs. FRANK LITTAU, was married Saturday, April 20, to Mr. LARRY BELL of Royal Oaks, Michigan. The wedding took place at St. Gertrudes church with the reception being held at Grassfield's restaurant, attended by 125 people. The young couple will be at home in Royal Oaks, Michigan . . . Miss PAT DOLAN, the daughter of Operator JIM DOLAN, became engaged to RICHARD CEZIELSKI, and the wedding will take place in June. Jim's son, JAMES Jr., became engaged to Miss KAY DONAHUE and this wedding will take place in July.

Operator FRED HABERSTICK became a great grandfather February 16 when his grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. LARRY HABERSTICK, became parents of a son born in Yardville, New Jersey . . . Operator DAVE JOHNSON became a father for the second time when his wife, INGRID, gave birth to a daughter, MARLA LYNN, born February 18 at Edgewater hospital . . . Operator CONNIE SCHMIT became a grandfather for the fifth time, when his daughter, Mrs. TONY TREVITHICK, gave birth to a son, RICHARD WILLIAM, born March 6 at Lake Forest hospital . . . Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG, and his wife, DOROTHY, became grandparents for the second time when a grandson, BRADLEY MARK, was born March 12 at Skokie Valley hospital to Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD STEINBERG . . . Operator LOUIS "Bubbles" SCHWARTZ and his wife, HELEN, celebrated Louis' 61st birthday March 9 with dinner at the Martinique restaurant and the show at Drury Lane. Happy birthdays are extended to: AGNES ERICKSON April 7, MARY KIRKWOOD April 12, TOM KURCZEWSKI April 5, Operator JOHN MEDINA April 12, Operator LE ROY CONKLIN April 5, and ADOLPH JENDRYCZKI April 28 . . . Happy anniversaries are extended to Operator ADOLPH

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JENDRYCZKI and his wife, JEAN, their 30th, April 10; Operator AL PARADISE and his wife, FAYE, their 5th, March 2; Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG and his wife, DOROTHY, their 31st, March 14; Operator DON McKINNEY and his wife, BARBARA, their 14th, February 27; Operator MARVIN SALMANOFF and his wife, ETHELYN, their 3rd, April 11; Supervisor LARRY COSTLEY and his wife, MARY, their 22nd, March 9; Operator CLARENCE VAN MIDDLESWORTH and his wife, SHAREN, their 3rd, April 6; Operator THOMAS WILSON and his wife, BONNIE, their 10th, April 16; Operator ALBERT NAGELE and his wife, ANNA, their 32nd, April 12, and Operator P. J. SMITH and his wife, MADELYN, their 15th, April 30. Congratulations are extended to the above couples . . . Our sympathy and condolences to Operator CLARENCE KURTH on the loss of his beloved wife, KATHLEEN, who passed away while Clarence was hospitalized at St. Joseph's hospital; to the family of Superintendent of Instruction TOM STIGLIC on the loss of his mother, Mrs. MARIA STIGLIC, and to the family of Operator CLARENCE BUTHMAN . . . Operator TOM JOYCE and his wife, MARGE, flew to Las Vegas, Nevada, for a week's stay at Caesar's Palace. Also on the agenda was a stop at Denver, Colorado, for a visit with Marge's brother, Mr. BILL VON ZALEWSKI, and his family . . . Board members LASKE and SCHOLL would like to thank the gang from North Park for their help in winning first place in Division 241 union attendance contest. Let's all try and attend each meeting and repeat as first place winners in '68 and '69 . . . The medical bus headed by Doctor RICHARD E. SCHUTH and Examiner ALBERT GLUECKERT are doing their usual fine job of examining the personnel at North Park. Our thanks are extended to the gentlemen for their courtesy and patience . . . A hearty welcome is extended to Servicemen F. FULTON, R. FREEMAN, and R. BEAL . . . Servicemen A. TAYLOR, S. WILLIAMS, and W. MORRIS are breaking in as repairmen and are expecting to be working in their new jobs soon . . . Assistant Foreman HARRY DETTERY is hospitalized at Bethesda hospital at this writing and hopes to be back to work soon. P.M. Foreman ANDY KARIOLICK has replaced Harry, and finds working days is hard to get use to . . . Serviceman DENNIS CRONIN spent his vacation relaxing and sleeping late mornings . . . Serviceman BILL STAUNTON had a week's vacation at Aspen, Colorado, where he sharpened his skiing technique. Bill claims he will be ready for the 1972 Olympics . . . With a heavy heart we report the sudden death of Repairman PETER MERSCH. Pete was president of the North Park credit union and a wonderful person. To Mrs. MERSCH and her children we offer our sincere sympathy and condolences.

- Melvin Horning

### NORTH SECTION -

First of all I want to mention that we lost two good men and gained two more in the recent shuffle as Mr. VELTRI went to the West Side as station superintendent. It was nice to have him with us even for the short time. Good luck, Mike. Mr. LA VELLE is assistant superintendent on the West Side, THOMAS BOYLE is superintendent at Kimball, WILLIAM ROONEY is the p.m. superintendent at Howard, and STANLEY CHRIST is the relief superintendent at Howard. Good luck to all of you . . . TED BRENNAN was in town recently and is now stationed in Maryland. . . JOE GOLDBERG is in St. Joseph hospital at this writing. EMMA REINHACK is in Edgewater hospital. HARRY WALDEN is in the Cuneo hospital. Hope all of you have a speedy recovery. EARL

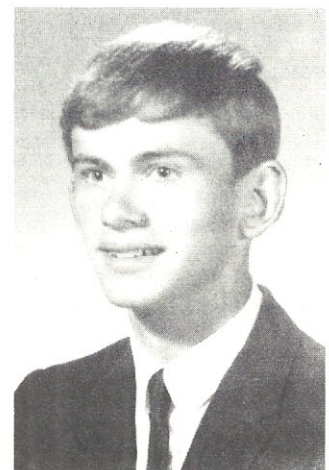
STEVENS is recuperating at home . . . MINNA KING flew to St. Petersburg, Florida, to visit her parents for a few days . . . BERNARD MATHEN was in Tucson, Arizona, for about two weeks to visit his brother and a sick sister, but is now back here and visiting around . . . Mr. CLESEN and his wife made a trip to Palatine, Illinois, and were joined there with a brother-in-law and continued on to Algoma, Wisconsin, to visit Mrs. Clesen's aunt . . . ROSE O'CONNELL's son, JERRY, made the National Honor Society from St. George High school in Evanston . . . ED PLATH went into the hospital March 10 for surgery and is now home recuperating . . . PAT ROSENGARTEN is back to work after a lengthy illness . . . Condolences to ELSIE REIMER on the loss of her mother who passed away March 23 . . . MARIE TOWNSEND is vacationing in California. She is visiting her nephew, Dr. DAVID LANE SMITH, who is stationed at the Naval Base hospital in San Diego, then she plans to go to Alhambra, California, to visit her in-laws and plans to spend a couple of days in Las Vegas before returning home . . . Congratulations to North Section Towerman DENNY CLOSS and his wife on the birth of a son, ROBERT JOHN, February 24 . . . Congratulations to HARRY HORN, collector, and DOREEN, former ticket agent, on the birth of a baby girl, ELIZABETH DAWN, on March 7 . . . MIKE CRONIN is vacationing in Los Angeles where he is the baby sitter for his new granddaughter and getting acquainted with her. Don't spoil her grandpa. He plans to visit his sister in Santa Barbara, California, before returning home . . . Our apologies to the LEONARD BLONIAZ family which should have read, condolences to the Bloniarz family on the death of Leonard Bloniarz . . . Our apologies to ROGER YOUNG who was married to KAREN OZEKI on January 13, and not to SUZIE ITO . . . Conductor SHERMAN FRIEDMAN was transferred from Howard street to West Section as a ticket agent. Good luck, Sherman . . . After 23 years service on the "L" GUS GUSTAFSON, North Section conductor, is taking an early retirement April 30 . . . And speaking of pensioners, ED ISAACSON, our retired superintendent of agents and porters, recently stopped by the office and looked in the best of health.

- Grace Mounts

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

A warm welcome back goes to DAGMAR McNAMARA who is back to work after having had recent surgery . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to MARGARET HANSON who is at home recuperating from recent surgery.

A VERITABLE genius is RONALD JARRELL, the son of West Shops Carpenter GEORGE JARRELL. Ron was one of the seniors chosen to deliver the commencement address this spring at Crystal Lake High school for his high scholastic average. Congratulations, George, you really have a reason to be proud.



## INSIDE NEWS



SWEET AND demure is one year old PAMMY SUE KILLMAN, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. JERRY KILLMAN. Her dad, Jerry, is a stock clerk in Storeroom 60, South Division.

### (North Division) -

TOM MADIGAN returned to work looking well rested and sporting a beautiful suntan after relaxing four weeks in the Fort Lauderdale, Florida, area. While there, he took a thrilling ride across the lush tropical Everglades in a swamp boat, did a little fishing and managed to see the New York Yankees play a game during spring training . . . DAVE STETCHER, retired stock clerk, was in the neighborhood and dropped in to say hello . . . Our thoughts and prayers go out to SAM INGRAFFIA who is entering the hospital again for further surgery. Here's wishing him a speedy recovery.

### (South Division) -

Congratulations to Mr. DON BUDOFF and his wife, KAREN, on the birth of their new baby girl, DONALYNN KRISTEN, born March 11.

- D. Jane Bell

### SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Mr. and Mrs. PATRICK LENIHAN chartered a CTA bus for the Ice Capades for a group of 50 people. A most wonderful time was had by all . . . JOE RITROVATO, traffic checker, is sporting a new Buick Electra equipped with air conditioning. Good luck, Joe . . . JOHN BENNIS celebrated his birthday on St. Patrick's day. Many more happy birthdays, John . . . JAY KELLY vacationed in and around Chicago . . . JAKE SUMNER visited his son, STEVEN, down at Champaign, Illinois. Steven is a junior in the school of engineering . . . DAVID G. JACOBS, the son of David Sr., was admitted to the University of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois. David will be starting there in September . . . JOE BILLIS and his wife, JOYCE, celebrated one year of wedded bliss on St. Patrick's day. Congratulations and many more happy years together . . . We welcome STEVE LEGLER, graduate trainee, to the department . . . A Happy Easter to all.

- Kathryn Batina

### SKOKIE SHOPS -

HOMER DOUGLASS, machinist, is on the sick list and is in Illinois Masonic hospital. He is feeling much better after a few tests and some medication . . . ALPHONSE SCHMITZ, retired upholsterer, reports a nice seven-week vacation in Florida. JOHN BEHOF, laborer, is also enjoying a vacation in the sunny state of Florida . . .

JOHN DUNDOVICH, electrical worker, is back in the hospital for a check up . . . IVO DiPIERO, carpenter, is in the hospital at Waukegan, Illinois, with pleurisy in the rib area . . . MARTIN GRIFFIN, shopman, reports he is improving with new medication and may be back to work soon . . . PAUL CEROTZKE, laborer, is home from the hospital and recovering nicely after a double hernia operation . . . JOSEPH BRZOSKA, electrical worker, reports he will soon be back to work after the removal of an eye cataract.

- Everett E. England

### SOUTH SHOPS -

HELEN DOHERTY is all smiles over the birth of a new nephew, WILLIAM GERALD SULLIVAN. He just missed St. Patrick's day, arriving on March 21 . . . Three very smiling faces, supporters of the golf tournament, are JIM SINCLAIR, ED O'NEIL, and JOE ZAHUMENSKY . . . Our sympathy is extended to DONALD MCCARTHY and his family on the death of his sister in Ireland . . . We're happy to hear that Mrs. EMIL BUELOW is well on the road to recovery after an operation . . . The JOE CAROLINES, JERRY PAVELS, HOWARD WARDS, Master of Mystic Star Lodge JIM HAWORTHS, TOM DOMIKAITIS, and BILL HAWORTHS attended a dinner-dance held by the lodge on March 9. The party was a great success, but when most people were home asleep, Joe was still trying to start his car. In typical CTA teamwork fashion, Howard left his warm house to assist with the car. Since the headlights had been on all evening, it proved to be an insurmountable problem, so the Caroline's spent the weekend with the Wards. Remember teamwork, Howard, when you present Joe with the bill! . . . It's good to see CHARLIE BUZA back after a stay in the hospital; and best of all, good wishes to CHUCK DAVIS who has been hospitalized for some time and suffered a harrowing experience. Maybe you should take up plumbing, Chuck . . . Belated congratulations to RON and LARRY JARECKAS, WILLIAM LYKE, and RILEY JANUARY on the completion of their apprenticeships . . . TED WOSS and his wife spent their vacation traveling from Texas to Florida, visiting and enjoying the sights . . . Congratulations to JOE BOLECH who has been elected vice chairman of the Mechanical Division of the Illinois Bus Association for a one-year term . . . Welcome to BOB DOMIKAITIS who has transferred to the South Shops from 77th . . . The officers of the South Shops Credit Union wish to thank each and every one of you who attended the 28th annual dinner-dance held at Glen Eagles Country club on March 23. It was a gala affair according to all reports. ED EVANS was officially welcomed to his position of assistant treasurer.

- Kathleen O'Brien & Frank Sprouieri

### SOUTH SECTION -

Oh, the sights and sounds of spring: The first robin, the sun coming up earlier, the evenings getting longer, the radio broadcasts of the Cubs and Sox exhibition games, the kites flying in the air, and the music from the first Tastee Freeze truck. Isn't it wonderful! . . . Our congratulations to Relief Station Superintendent MICHAEL LAVELLE who was promoted to assistant station superintendent of Lake-Logan-Loop on March 1. We shall miss him on the South Section, but we're happy about his promotion. Also, congratulations and welcome to STANLEY CHRIST who was promoted from line supervisor to relief station superintendent . . . Greetings

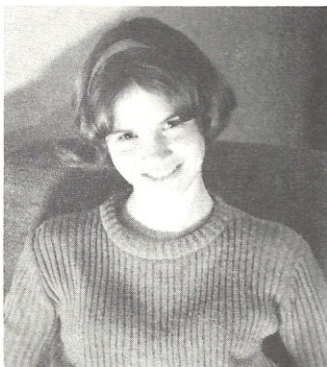
## INSIDE NEWS

to our newly-transferred trainmen from the North and West Sections: EARLE CUMBO, LAWRENCE DAVIS, EDWARD KING, JEFFREY THOMAS, LENNELL HOWARD, WILLIAM BLOUND, and LAWRENCE TAYLOR... Retired Assistant Station Superintendent ART ANDERSON was so elated and happy when telling us about his new grandchild, KAREN LEE, born February 29 to his son, ART, and his wife, DIXIE. Best wishes to the new grandchild... Conductor PHAROAH (Private) CAIN just returned from a winter vacation trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas, which he said was very enjoyable... Good luck to Agent VERNER SWANAGAIN who was transferred to transfer counter, Accounting Department, on February 16... Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY was in town for a week from his home in Florida to have a reunion with some of his relatives. He said that he enjoys living in Florida very much... Our heartiest congratulations to Yard Foreman ARDIS MORRIS, Motorman DAVID MARTIN, and Motorman DARDEN FULLER who graduated from supervisor school with flying colors... "Hello" to newly-hired Agents LETITIA BRISCOE, HELENE MALONE, and Part Time Agents JACQUELINE COLEMAN and DONNA WARD... Our 61st Street Shop Clerk JIM DALEY is enjoying a winter vacation down in sunny Miami Beach, Florida, visiting some friends... Back from the sick list are Conductor JAMES GALLAGHER and Agent VINCENT CHAMBERS... Retired Motorman PAUL SCHILLE and Retired Conductor DENNIS BARRY stopped in at 61st Street recently to see the boys and they both looked hale and hearty... Our condolences to Conductor LEONARD SUCECH whose mother passed away recently... We were sorry to see some of our employes resign recently for other positions: Motorman JOHN SIMS, and Conductors CLARENCE TURNER and STANLEY JACKSON... Retired Motorman STEVE KOTRIS called one day to say "hello" to all his old friends and to say he's doing fine... The passenger commendations for our South Siders keep pouring in: Conductor HAROLD THEDENS was commended for the patient and courteous manner with which he handles passengers and his clear station announcements. Conductor JUNIOUS EDLER was commended for the fine way he conducts himself and his good manners, and Conductor JAMES GREEN was commended for his neat appearance and courtesy toward his passengers. Keep up the good work everyone.

- Verna Hartney

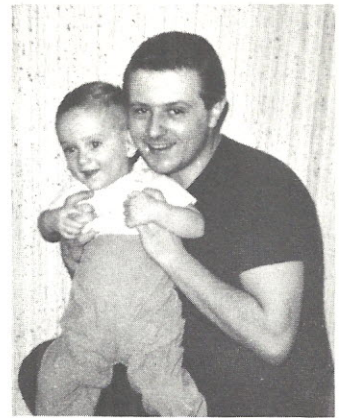
### TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Condolences to the family of NICK SUERO, Congress, on the passing of their father who was also a CTA pensioner... Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to the mother of J. LaBELLARTE, Congress, who is pre-



THIS LOVELY young lady so comfortably relaxed, probably in dad's easy chair, is TOMI JEAN BLIX, the daughter of Operator WALTER BLIX of Forest Glen Station.

TRYING TO wriggle free of his dad's grasp is RICHARD FELDMAN Jr., the 15-month old grandson of JOSEPHINE FELDMAN of Research and Planning. Richard's proud dad, RICHARD FELDMAN Sr., is a car repairman at Wilson Shops.



sently confined in St. Anne hospital... To improve his eye for work, E. SHIELD, Congress, will soon undergo eye surgery. Hope the operation will be a very big success... After undergoing some minor surgery, D. WITTENBERG, Congress, is back at work... Off to bigger and better things at an easier pace is what WILLIE BRIDGES, Congress, had in mind when he bid farewell to all his co-workers... MATT COYLE and his family are planning their big vacation to Denver... JOHN DANIELS took some advice and went west to see the sights and stopped off in Las Vegas for his vacation. Hope John remembers all of his needy friends he left in the east... Welcome back to JAMES LOCKE and CLIFFORD VANDERVEST who were off on the sick list... A hearty welcome to DAVID PEPLINSKI, ALFRED WITHERSPOON, and WILLIAM RONAYNE, new car servicemen at Congress... Two of the latest 1968 automobiles can be found at Congress parking lot. The proud owners are W. THORNTON of a Ford XL, and F. RIO of a Mercury hardtop... Congress street pro-bowlers M. KEATING, R. SCHEIBE, N. HUNT and G. GRILLHERT are practicing to compete in next year's beat the champs. The total score for the four is 281 pins with the top bowler carrying 76 pins.

- Ray Bryczek

### WEST SECTION -

After 46 years of service, Superintendent WILLARD MURBACH is now on pension. We all wish him the best of luck. The men on the Met gave him a great farewell party. Congratulations to MIKE VELTRI who is replacing Superintendent Murbach on the Met. We are sure he will continue doing a fine job... Switchman AL SHARP is back to work after being off for an eye operation. Glad to see you back, Al. Now let's hope the rest of the men off sick return soon... Condolences to Pensioner JOHN CLARK, now living in Florida, on the death of his wife. To EMMETT and JAMES KAIN we extend our sympathy on the death of their brother, JERRY... GEORGE NEW and RUDY PTACIN bought the first new uniforms and they sure look good. They look about ten years younger and they can sure use that... We sure have talented men at Lake Street. LEON MOORE composes music on his off time, and I heard he does a great job. LOU PAYNE did a lot of entertaining when he was in the service. He hopes to be a comedian and do club dates on the week ends. Now, if he only could make us laugh. If he needs some old material he can see JIM LANE for he has the oldest jokes around... I remember the day that "Billy Boy" WILLIAMS used to come in to the car house doing the soft shoe, but now he even sits going around the Loop... And what's this about JOHN

# recent deaths

ANTHONY ANTONUCCI, 77, Wilson Shop,  
Emp. 7-12-09, Died 2-14-68  
HAROLD BAUERLE, 56, 77th Street,  
Emp. 6-26-43, Died 2-8-68  
FRANK C. BECKER, 82, 69th Street,  
Emp. 6-25-23, Died 2-8-68  
JOHN E. BLARE, 70, Inspection,  
Emp. 4-15-26, Died 2-11-68  
FRANK C. BRUECK, 82, 69th Street,  
Emp. 8-13-14, Died 2-22-68  
RUDOLPH E. BRUELHEIDE, 91, Skokie Shops,  
Emp. 9-15-05, Died 1-7-68  
PHILIP BRUNO, 89, South Division,  
Emp. 10-15-22, Died 2-8-68  
CLARENCE BUTHMAN, 63, Limits,  
Emp. 3-30-25, Died 3-19-68  
ANTHONY CALVERT, 73, Executive,  
Emp. 3-12-24, Died 2-11-68  
GEORGE P. CHRISTOF, 62, Skokie Shops,  
Emp. 1-14-46, Died 2-28-68  
JOHN COLEMAN, 65, North Avenue,  
Emp. 11-1-43, Died 2-8-68  
MICHAEL DUFFY, 79, 77th Street,  
Emp. 5-13-20, Died 3-5-68  
JOHN P. EGAN, 72, Lake Street,  
Emp. 6-2-34, Died 2-26-68  
PATRICK FLYNN, 87, Way & Struct.,  
Emp. 5-29-05, Died 2-20-68

WILLIAM FORD, 74, Kimball,  
Emp. 11-23-22, Died 2-15-68  
VICTOR FORSLUND, 80, Armitage,  
Emp. 10-23-17, Died 2-9-68  
STANLEY GOLEMBSKI, 77, Limits,  
Emp. 3-17-24, Died 3-2-68  
LEO S. GORSKI, 66, North Avenue,  
Emp. 7-8-26, Died 2-29-68  
BUDDY HENDERSON, 51, West Section,  
Emp. 2-3-55, Died 2-10-68  
EDGAR M. HOLT, 65, North Park,  
Emp. 3-31-26, Died 2-6-68  
FRED A. HOPPINGER, 68, 77th Street,  
Emp. 12-15-24, Died 2-28-68  
LEE JOHNSON, 70, 52nd Street,  
Emp. 1-4-38, Died 2-20-68  
JOSEPH A. KASPRZYK, 80, Halsted Yard,  
Emp. 7-13-20, Died 2-17-68  
WALTER H. KORTMANN, 78, Kedzie,  
Emp. 5-1-16, Died 2-25-68  
ALBERT KRAFT, 62, Shops & Equipment,  
Emp. 7-1-37, Died 2-2-68  
LUDWIG C. LEWERENZ, 88, Devon,  
Emp. 5-2-03, Died 2-20-68  
JOSEPH LUCICH, 88, Way & Struct.,  
Emp. 1-16-21, Died 3-1-68  
DOROTHY MADIGAN, 54, West Section,  
Emp. 6-28-44, Died 1-18-68

CIMMERER having a lump removed from his head. One of his buddy switchmen said they found a nut back there. I am glad I didn't say it . . . There is usually a lot of laughter in the car house but not as loud as when the p.m. clerk locked himself out of the office. I won't give his name, but it is similar to a great general's . . . Big GEORGE CLARK is now selling the rolls in the morning since BOB BLYTH has stopped. He is selling twice as many and I wonder if the fellows are afraid to say no to him, or maybe its the sermon he gives with each roll . . . I better quit now, for after this column I might need some of George's blessing.

- Santo Scelliano

## 77TH STREET -

Well it finally arrived, dateline time, and I want to thank all of you for responding so well to the occasion with all those juicy items . . . Let's have a big welcome for all the operators that came over on the system pick. One in particular, Operator LEVI FOSTER, we were at Keeler together and I knew that sooner or later he would come to the top station of the system . . . On February 2, Mrs. ETHEL ILLER, the wife of Supervisor WILLIAM ILLER, received her masters degree from De Paul university. If that wasn't enough, on March 2 she presented him with their second son, BRUCE . . . On March 3, Repairman BUD JOHNSON and his wife, CHERYL, were blessed with a son, RAYMOND. This is their fourth son and no daughters. Wha' happened, Bud? . . . Operator ROBERT E. WILLIAMS became a grandfather for the second time on March 3. His daughter, CHERYL EVANS, gave birth to little MORGAN EVANS III . . . Operator CLEM WATKINS and his wife, CARRIE, had a surprise visitor in March. Their niece, Miss GLADYS

BOWMAN, came over from Cincinnati, Ohio . . . Operator HARRY A. SMITH would like to wish his wife a belated happy birthday. You see, his wife, BETTY, was born on February 29, and has had only 13 birthdays. Thirteen years old? Harry also extends an invitation to everyone to visit his Prairie Village Resort in Union Pier, Michigan . . . Porter BILL SWEITZER was a good boy lately. He was seen last Saturday using the vacuum cleaner on the front room. He sure is handy to have around . . . One of your scribes, AMOS FOSTER, had the honor of serving on the criminal jury a few weeks ago, so now every time the boss calls me in the office I shoot some Perry Mason to him. Works every time . . . Pfc. KENNETH BURNS, the son of Operator CLAUDE BURNS, is currently doing his duty in Korea. After graduating from A.I.T. at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, the whole family went down to wish him a safe journey . . . April fool's day and we wish HARRY CARTER a happy birthday, April 1 . . . Speaking of birthdays, happy birthday to ROBERT BARNES Jr., from dad, ROBERT Sr . . . Operator RONALD PHILPOT would like to organize a summer basketball league open to all CTA drivers. Contact Mr. Philpot at 77th Street Station, badge 4884. Here is teamwork at work. Recently I had a run that pulled in after the first half and made a relief for the second half. In the rush to get back to Cottage Grove to make my relief, I left my trip sheet on the bus I pulled in. I relieved Operator Ronald Philpot and discovered I had no trip sheet. I told him where I had parked the bus I pulled in and when I got in that night, he had retrieved my trip sheet and turned it in to the clerk. Thanks, and a tip of the hat to Mr. Philpot.

Teamwork is an "all-the-time" thing with us at 77th Street Station. To all of the new men who came to this station on the system pick, the superintendents, the in-

# among employes

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Emp. 4-14-27, Died 12-6-67  
STEFAN MAKSYMUSZYN, 84, West Shops,  
Emp. 10-10-19, Died 2-28-68  
GUSTAV A. MANSON, 84, Devon,  
Emp. 3-29-04, Died 2-9-68  
PATRICK J. MC GINNIS, 68, Beverly,  
Emp. 5-9-42, Died 2-27-68  
PETER J. MERSCH, 58, North Park,  
Emp. 9-22-42, Died 3-17-68  
HERBERT W. MONSON, 64, North Avenue,  
Emp. 1-21-26, Died 2-13-68  
PATRICK H. MURPHY, 72, 69th Street,  
Emp. 7-15-26, Died 3-1-68  
JOHN MUSACCHIO, 82, Beverly,  
Emp. 2-11-26, Died 3-3-68  
MAX NAFTILAN, 82, Kedzie,  
Emp. 5-28-20, Died 2-25-68  
JOHN J. NICHOLSON, 61, District "A",  
Emp. 2-22-34, Died 2-20-68  
GAETANO NOCERINO, 77, Lake Street,  
Emp. 10-24-19, Died 2-17-68  
HAROLD L. RICHARDS, 49, South Section,  
Emp. 9-19-52, Died 2-6-68  
LAURICE RINGO, 32, Limits,  
Emp. 8-18-58, Died 1-23-68  
RAYMOND RITCHIE, 61, 77th Street,  
Emp. 2-11-36, Died 2-11-68

RUDOLPH I. ROBERTSEN, 83, Devon,  
Emp. 1-31-13, Died 1-23-68  
CHARLES ROMANO, 73, West Section,  
Emp. 5-22-16, Died 2-20-68  
VINCENZO SALA, 83, Building,  
Emp. 4-1-25, Died 2-11-68  
PHILIP SALVATORE, 84, Transportation,  
Emp. 3-17-20, Died 2-23-68  
EDWARD H. SANDERS, 72, Way & Struct.,  
Emp. 1-4-17, Died 2-15-68  
ALMER SAYLE, 74, Lake Street,  
Emp. 1-30-19, Died 3-3-68  
FRANK SCHINDLER, 71, Way & Struct.,  
Emp. 7-18-35, Died 2-19-68  
HAROLD SCHWEIZER, 61, Limits,  
Emp. 3-29-34, Died 3-7-68  
STEPHEN SOMMERS, 63, 77th Street,  
Emp. 10-6-26, Died 3-15-68  
LIBERATO SUERO, 80, Throop Street,  
Emp. 2-7-11, Died 2-29-68  
EDWARD L. SULLIVAN, 64, Claim,  
Emp. 10-1-42, Died 1-21-68  
HARRY L. THOMPSON, 45, West Section,  
Emp. 10-30-51, Died 1-21-68  
CARL VERDONE, 70, West Shops,  
Emp. 3-22-29, Died 2-20-68  
STANLEY ZAK, 62, South Shops,  
Emp. 7-6-42, Died 3-7-68

structors, the clerks, the men and even Reporters Foster and Brazil welcome you to the best station in the system. We feel that the reason you are here is because you, too, believe it is the best station. And we say to you, become a part of it . . . Hello there! JOHN FERRIS, we missed you and are glad to see you back in stride once again after your long illness. Welcome! . . . EUGENE W. and JACQUELYN BLACK celebrated their 11th anniversary, March 1. Eugene took the family, which included his four children, to the Michael Todd theatre to see Dr. Doolittle and then had dinner out. We were trying to figure out who enjoyed Dr. Doolittle most . . . Believe it or not, there were some items which should have been in the last issue; we missed putting it in, strange, but we don't know how . . . ORA BLAKENEY, the wife of Operator CORBERT BLAKENEY, celebrated her ?? birthday February 9. Then Corbert got the "Bright Idea" and remembered that his own birthday will be coming April 15. He then had a questionable look on his face when he told us that he realized he and his wife, Ora, will celebrate their 10th anniversary on the 12th of May . . . BARBARA DUNMORE, the wife of Operator JOHN DUNMORE, celebrated her birthday March 30. John, you forgot to tell us if you were going to take Barbara out or not . . . Expecting a new-born are RUTH and Operator JAMES HODGE. Mrs. Hodge will celebrate her birthday March 15. At this writing, James had planned on taking her out but had no idea where . . . We also have a "Father and Son" at 77th, EARL and GLEN COOKE. Elizabeth, the wife of the senior Cooke (Earl), will have her birthday on April 25. This news about the Cooke's is interesting because it affects both; and we are puzzled about how to write it. Earl and Elizabeth are looking forward to being grandparents in April, while Glen is looking forward to becoming a father of the same child that Earl will become a grandfather to--maybe we

should wait until the baby gets here and start all over again! . . . DWAYNE BRAZIL, the son of "you know who", will be eight years of age on April 7. His dad got him an instamatic camera, and his wife doesn't know it yet . . . RUDY RUIZ, the son of Operator NARCISO RUIZ, will be 14 years old April 29, Happy Birthday, Rudy . . . CHANDRA J., the daughter of Operator RAN-DOLPH STEWART, will celebrate her ninth birthday April 19 and a happy birthday to you, too, Chandra . . . KELVIN MURPHY, the son of ELESON MURPHY, will make his eighth birthday April 18. You know, Kelvin, it just might be the right time of year for you to get that big birthday gift. We certainly hope you get it (take the hint, Eleson). Also, Eleson and his wife, HALLIE, celebrated their 10th anniversary on February 28. The Murphys went out for dinner . . . ALYCE HODO, the wife of Operator ARNOLD HODO, has been confined to Lying-In hospital for several weeks. She's now convalescing at home. We're extending a great big "get well" wish to you, Mrs. Hodo . . . You may have wondered why RAY WILLIAMS was looking so down in the dumps. The reason, he lost his camera while pulling in his bus. The world didn't come to an end, because he and his wife, BESSIE, enjoyed their 18th anniversary April 10. Ray says she's still just as sweet as she was 18 years ago. On April 29 Ray will celebrate his birthday . . . Operator LARRY CRAIG and his wife, GWENDOLYN, will go out for an evening to celebrate their second anniversary April 4 . . . Operator WILLIAM RYE, who has been in Roosevelt hospital for 10 days, is now back to work. I must say, he looks pretty good and is back in the saddle. Anyway, Rye, glad to have you back . . . FRANCIS R. SMITH Jr., the son of Instructor FRANCIS R. SMITH, is the architect of the 5-million dollar, 300-room addition to the Pheasant Run resort in St. Charles, Illinois. When completed, it will have an exhibition Hall that will

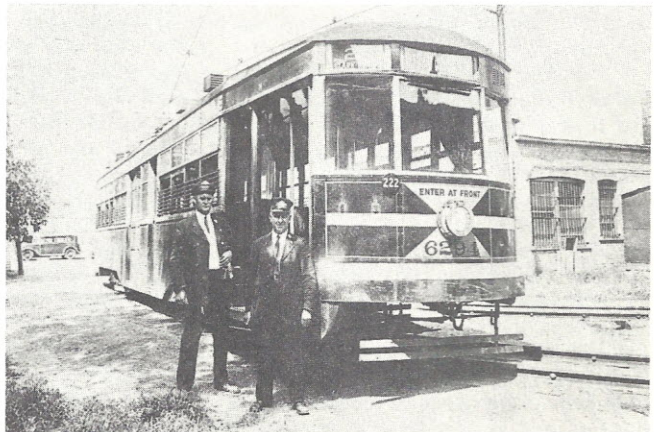
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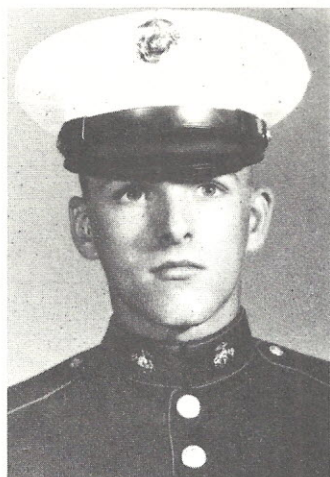
hold 2,000 persons, a roof-top cabaret, Polynesian restaurant, and olympic-size pool and a stable and arena . . . Special recognition must be given to DARNELL WILLIAMS, for creating a friendly feeling between driver and passenger. Darnell helped a passenger off of his bus who had shopping bags. He was working 79th street. His bus was overloaded with school kids. All of you know how 79th street can be between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. That's right--out of sight . . . JOE YOUNG's daughter, MARIE, was 17 years old on the 3rd of March. Happy birthday, Marie . . . Congratulations to WILLIAM and GUSSIE ECHOLS. They celebrated their 13th anniversary February 25. We're hoping that the Echols will have 88 more anniversaries . . . EVELYN TOTTER, the wife of JOE TOTTER, will celebrate her birthday March 16 . . . Operator ALLISON DE BONNETT and his wife, PATRICIA, celebrated their eighth anniversary January 23. Patricia also had her birthday on February 28. Allison was waiting for the 21st of March, so that he can become another year older. Congratulations and happy birthday to Allison and Patricia DeBonnett . . . Special organizer of the International Union, JAMES PATE, and his wife, MILDRED, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on March 11. Congratulations! . . . Instructor FRANK VITEK had planned on moving into his new home on the tenth of March; but word got out around the station that we might have snow. So Vitek thought that perhaps he'd better wait until the 16th. Meanwhile, we (the reporters) put out a call for help to some of the personnel around the station. If it doesn't snow, Frank Vitek will be looking for some help to get himself moved.

The switchboard operator at the station is WEBER. We watched him one day and didn't think that he was "crabby". Maybe we were on the wrong side of the glass . . . Sporting the new uniforms first and second at 77th street were SHIRLEY WILLIE Jr. and PERCY RIDDICK. These operators looked so neat and cool that some of us didn't recognize them. All we can say is "Hang in there" . . . The Bluebird of Happiness may ring its way into the home and hearts of Mr. and Mrs. LANSING T. GOON by the time you get this issue. It will be the first child for Lansing and LOIS, and we're hoping it's a boy, too . . . Do you know the percentages of men who can remember their mother-in-law's birthday? We don't either, but we know one now, he's Operator DAVID M. CARTER. Not only that, but he and his wife, PATRICIA, gave her a birthday party March 12. Now, how do you like "dem" apples? We say to you, Mrs. WILLA HUGGINS, happy birthday. Also, David and Patricia Carter will celebrate their seventh anniversary on April 8 . . . PERRY HOWARD has returned to work after being confined in Provident hospital. Perry was ill about six weeks. As the Westerners say, he's back in the saddle again. He and his lovely wife recently moved into their new home, and will plan a house warming . . . "Sorry 'bout that" CALVIN and VELMA OLDHAM. You should have been in our last issue, for your wedding anniversary was January 23. Calvin took his wife to the London House on her birthday which was February 23 . . . ISAAC MAGEE was 43 years old March 4. He sure had us fooled, because we thought he was 39 . . . SAM and NORA ANDERSON celebrated their 26th anniversary on March 14. Most of you know Sam as "Andy" of South Park . . . It is always encouraging and most gratifying to learn of an employee who conducts himself in a manner that merits praise from a patron. "South Park, Andy" received a two-page commendation from a passenger who thought that this operator put a little more into his job to keep his passengers happy. We aren't going to give you the old line about keeping up the good work, Andy, but we

will say, a good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy, reaps friendship; and he who plants kindness, gathers love . . . Instructor FRED PATHEIGER will be giving out honors to two lovely girls at the end of March. His wife, ANN, will celebrate her birthday March 31 and their daughter, DENISE, will be 16 on March 27. Fred plans on taking both out for an evening. Happy birthday to the women in Fred Patheiger's life. Also Fred is the secretary for the Chicago Chapter, 101st Airborne Division Association. They wear the patch of the screaming eagles. Before taking over the duties of secretary he was or has been president for the last 14 years . . . There were wedding bells for Operator RICHARD L. JONES on March 28, who tied the knot with a lovely girl named HILLIORE. Our very best wishes to you for much happiness together . . . RICHARD and BARBARA SMITH celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary March 18. Richard made plans for an outing with the family. He recently had his birthday March 5. The Smith's daughter, DONNA, will be 6 years old on the 19th of April . . . HUBERT BURKETH has been working the extra board for 7 1/2 years. He finally picked runs for the first time. Most of the men who witnessed this great feat were shocked. No one knew what to think. So we came up with, "nothing ventured, nothing gained," or maybe you would agree to this saying, "everything cometh to he who waiteth, so long as he who waiteth worketh while he waiteth." . . . Operator VICTOR MARTIN plans on giving his wife, LURENE, a surprise birthday party April 20. We're wondering can he or can't he bring it off without Mrs. Martin finding out about it . . . A certificate of merit was given to MICHELE HICKS, daughter of JAMES HICKS, from the Westcott Elementary school. Michele's project in the 1968 Science Fair was on the spectrum . . . LUCILLE HARRIS, the wife of FRANK HARRIS, celebrated her birthday March 10. Frank also started his vacation on the 24th. The Harris' planned a trip to New York and also Canada. While they're vacationing they will be having their second anniversary. We wish you a happy trip and a safe return home . . . TRACY BOYD, the daughter of Operator JOE SNEED, will be three years old on the 31st of March. She's going to have a birthday party. Happy birthday, Tracy . . . Operator WALTER BROWN says he's already planned an evening out for his birthday when it comes on April 17. He's taking his best girl out, to do the town up, or in . . . Happy birthday to

**REMEMBER THE sedans?** Retired Motorman JOHN FERGUSON does! He was at 77th Street Station when CSL bought the cars in 1929 and worked the front entrance units for many years on Clark-Wentworth. John is pictured here (at right) with his conductor, the late Charles Austin, at the Clark & Howard loop. John retired in 1951 with 41 years of service and is now 86 years old.





RICHARD G. RUSINAK, the son of EMIL RUSINAK, IBM Accounting, left Camp Pendleton, California, in March and is now stationed with the 4th Battalion, 11th Marine Division, ten miles southeast of Da Nang in Viet Nam. Richard is in the communications section of M Battery.

TERRENCE JONES. Your father, CLAUDE, tells us that you were seven years old on March 6. Congratulations! . . . WILLIE and BETTY WILSON will celebrate their seventh anniversary March 26. They plan an evening out after Willie gets off from work . . . ROBERT POWELL Jr., the son of Operator ROBERT POWELL, will celebrate his 19th birthday April 18. He's in his first year at Loop Junior college . . . Operator EARL C. MEALING's son, EARL Jr., is stationed at Da Nang in Vietnam with the Marine Security Detachment Advisory Team No. 1 . . . Operator PAUL YOKELY's birthday is March 29. His club, known as "the Rejects", plans a party for him on March 28 at the Black Orchid Lounge . . . Reporter BRAZIL helped Brownie Scout Troop No. 449 to make kites that were to be flown against a sister troop. There were 15 girls in which Brazil instructed in this contest, which was held at 85th and South Park. Three of the kites were flown to a 1,000 foot height. His group won the top three prizes, which were the highest altitude, the best flying, and most decorative. There were consolation prizes for the remaining girls. Total number of girls in the contest was about 28 Brownie and girl scouts . . . The BARBEE family is throwing a big party for their daughter, JUANA MARIA, March 26. Juana will be six years old . . . While RALPH SHORT was in St. George hospital, Operator CARSON's wife was working on the p.m. shift. She gave him good service. I guess we could say, she tucked him in at night . . . Great to learn that the attendance from 77th at the union meetings was boosted last first Monday.

- Amos Foster & Julius Brazil

## 69TH STREET -

My thanks to BILL DONAHUE for filling in for me while I was on vacation . . . It's the no-news mailbox that even a moth would starve in that gets me. It makes me so mad that I won't tell you a thing about my vacation in Florida. Not one thing will I say about that old fort in old St. Augustine that the Spaniards built. No sir, I won't tell you that I caught five speckled trout that weighed 4 to 5 pounds each, nor will I tell you what kind of fish it was that was so big it broke a 20 pound test line while I was fishing off the pier near Clearwater. Nope, I won't even tell you how good the tree-ripened oranges, grapefruits, tangerines, and strawberries tasted that I bought when we went to beautiful Cyprus Gardens. Never will you get me to say how good the beer was in Busch Gardens in Tampa. Do you think that you could get me to tell you that the temperature was 20 degrees warmer

in Fort Lauderdale and Naples than in St. Pete and Clearwater? No sir, but I'd like to tell all of you to get lost in the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, where I walked for four hours, up, down, and around till I thought I was back working Racine avenue. It is only with due courtesy to HANK MILLER and JOE BRADY, who I met and talked to down there, that I can get over my anger. They both said hello and are fine. And Joe, when I get down there next time we will talk and visit over a big case of Michelob. So, thanks a million . . . When I returned, I learned that Receiver BILL GOUNDE sneaked down to Florida too . . . Then Wee WILLIE WILLIAMS told me to watch out for the little ten-year-old kids that are picking pockets at the elevated station . . . Things are really tough when our number one man, BELSKIS, trades runs in order to be there to pick. GEORGE ROZAK, retired, and T. SULLIVAN are in the hospital as I write this. Up and out of there, fellows, before they raise our hospitalization again! . . . No one was more grateful for a new pick than FRAZIER. He has been following GENE HOWE . . . Is it true FERGUSON, what Jesse tells me about you passing a little old lady? . . . STEVE CZERNIAK looked as rested as I did when I got back. He just finished serving two weeks jury duty . . . DUTCH HARRISON, retired, stopped by. He sure looks good and says hello . . . THOMAS called off the party we were going to have for he and DAVIS who are Beverly bound. He wouldn't pay the rent of the phone booth at 67th and Ashland . . . JOHN BUTLER was held up early one morning when he went to 7-3 yard to pull out a bus. So watch it fellows . . . Sorry to hear that S. STOCKING lost his dad . . . Sorry to see you fellows leave that are going to other depots. A hearty welcome to all you fellows who picked 69th. It is a good depot as long as you keep in line and don't make the boss mad.

The Repair Department reports that JIM AHERN's daughter, MARGARET, rode on the A.O.H. Hibernians float in the St. Patrick's day parade. Of course Jim marched too, as did all the good old Irish with Division 241. A good time was had by all. Is it true, Jimmy, that you bought JOHN McMAHON a few green beers afterward? Was it because of the parade, the beer, or the house cleaning that you took a week's vacation? . . . Mr. and Mrs. JIM DONALDSON and Mr. and Mrs. ED PRUEMER vacationed down in Florida . . . DAVE WAMIS got his greetings from Uncle Sam . . . LES BERNARD took his pension the 1st of March . . . JOE JANECKO celebrated his birthday on St. Joseph's day . . . That rough, tough HOWARD GOERNER informed me I misspelled his name. Really sorry about that fella. Especially since he has a brother in Vietnam aboard the U.S.S. Vernon County L.S.T. 1161 . . . A big welcome to CHARLIE KUBAL as our p.m. assistant foreman. Good luck to TERRY MUELLNER who transferred to North avenue . . . To all the new men, including FLOYD GARDNER, a big hello . . . Keep them rolling fellas and please wipe off those steering wheels and seats. It really shows up on the new uniforms . . . PHILLIS JOLLY, the daughter of custodian WILBUR JOLLY, surprised her mom and dad with a party on their 21st anniversary . . . Instructor O'DONNELL's wife is hospitalized at this time. Hurry home please, as pa likes the way you do his shirts . . . I hope that the person who found my pouch in the washroom and was too cheap to turn it in will find more and better use for it than I did for 27 years! . . . So, till next month, please put some news in the mail box . . . P.S. Thanks again, Donahue, and I'll see you in about a year Joe Brady, so keep the beer cold.

- Arthur P. Bussing

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