

TRANSIT NEWS



MAY, 1968





FINAL STANDINGS for the first quarter of 1968 in the Interstation Safety Contest have shown Lawndale to be the winner in the surface competition with a rating of 68.02. Forest Park on the rapid transit system bettered all other stations with a score of 74.28--making 8 wins to their credit.

In the picture above D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, is surrounded by Lawndale station operators as he presents the plaque to Station Superintendent R. K. Keag. Employees at Forest Park terminal (below) are assembled for the presentation of the award plaque by Mr. Flynn to Station Superintendent E. J. Heatter.



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OUR COVER: A spectacular view of the Chicago lakefront is one enjoyed by bathers and hikers at the North avenue beach. The scene south from the peninsula is also one that has changed considerably in the last 4 years as newer and taller buildings began to jut into the Chicago skyline. Since 1928 the Palmolive building with its famous beacon had been the unrivaled tallest of buildings in the North Side area until the 1000 Lake Shore Plaza building was completed in 1965. Overshadowing even the tallest of the tall is Chicago's newest high-rise building, the Hancock center, which has already reached a height of 1,107 feet.

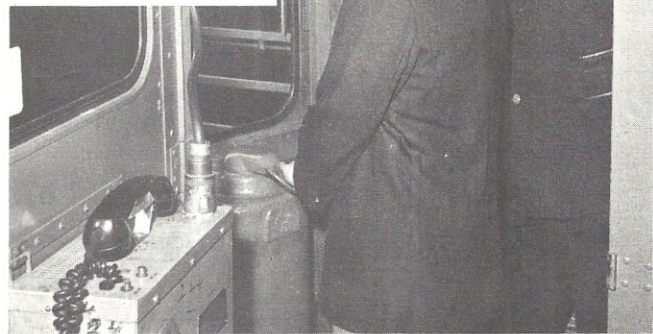
Explorer Scout Named as Youth Week CTA Manager



A VERY active teen-ager indeed is Ronald Gold, a junior at John F. Kennedy High School on the south-west Side. Ronald was named to serve as Junior General Manager of CTA for 1968 during Chicago Youth Week recently.

Sponsored by the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Ronald was chosen for his participation and leadership in student and scouting activities. He is president of the Council Explorer Cabinet, president of the Iroquois District Explorer Cabinet, and president of his algebra class.

On April 24 he visited the CTA offices in the Merchandise Mart where he was greeted by General Manager T. B. O'Connor, who explained departmental operations while Ronald occupied his chair.



He was also escorted through various CTA offices and later took a ride on an "L" train, where he is shown at the controls with Instructor Robert Janz. Ronald shyly admitted that he didn't ride the "L" since it was not convenient to his home.

Fourteen Named to New Supervisory Appointments

THE APPOINTMENT of supervisory personnel in several CTA departments was announced in bulletins issued recently.

In a bulletin signed by P. J. Meinardi, manager of finance, and approved by T. B. O'Connor, general manager, E. F. Weingartner was appointed acting general superintendent of Investigations and Claims effective May 20.

Transportation Department personnel named to new posts effective June 1 included the appointments of station superintendents G. E. Evans, Beverly Station; T. F. Screen, 77th Street Station; R. K. Keag, 69th Street Station, and J. S. Farris, Lawn-dale Station. Also named in the bulletin were J. A. Knerr, No. 1 assistant superintendent, and L. T. Tamul, No. 2 assistant superintendent, 77th Street Station; F. A. Wsol, relief station superintendent,

69th-77th Street Stations, and F. J. Vitek, senior station instructor, 69th Street Station. The appointments were made by D. M. Flynn, superintendent of Transportation, and approved by C. E. Keiser, operating manager.

Effective March 25 the following changes in Shops and Equipment Department foreman assignments were made: D. J. Sturenfeldt was appointed P. M. foreman at 77th Street garage, T. P. Mueller became P. M. foreman at North Avenue garage, C. F. Kubal Jr. was named P. M. foreman at 69th Street garage, T. J. McGuigan was appointed relief foreman at North Park garage, and J. H. Austin was appointed relief foreman at 77th Street garage. The appointments were made by J. W. Dain, superintendent of garages, and approved by J. J. Repplinger, superintendent of surface shops & garages, and L. G. Anderson, superintendent of Shops and Equipment.

Forest Glen Garage No. 1 in Tire Maintenance



FOR ITS outstanding rating of 399.3 out of a possible 400 percentage score CTA's Forest Glen Garage received the Tire Service Award for the year 1967 from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company.

Each of the 12 surface system garages competed for the annual award and was judged at year-end by percentage ratings which resulted from periodic inspections of buses. Following closely behind Forest Glen were Beverly and Limits garages, which took second and third place with scores of 398.9 and 398.5, respectively.

The order of finish of the other garages, and their scores, was: 4th, Lawndale, 397.9; 5th, Keeler, 397.0; 6th, Kedzie, 396.9; 7th, Archer, 396.8; 8th, North Park, 396.2; 9th, 52nd Street, 395.3; 10th, 69th Street, 393.4; 11th, 77th Street, 392.7, and 12th, North Avenue, 392.5.

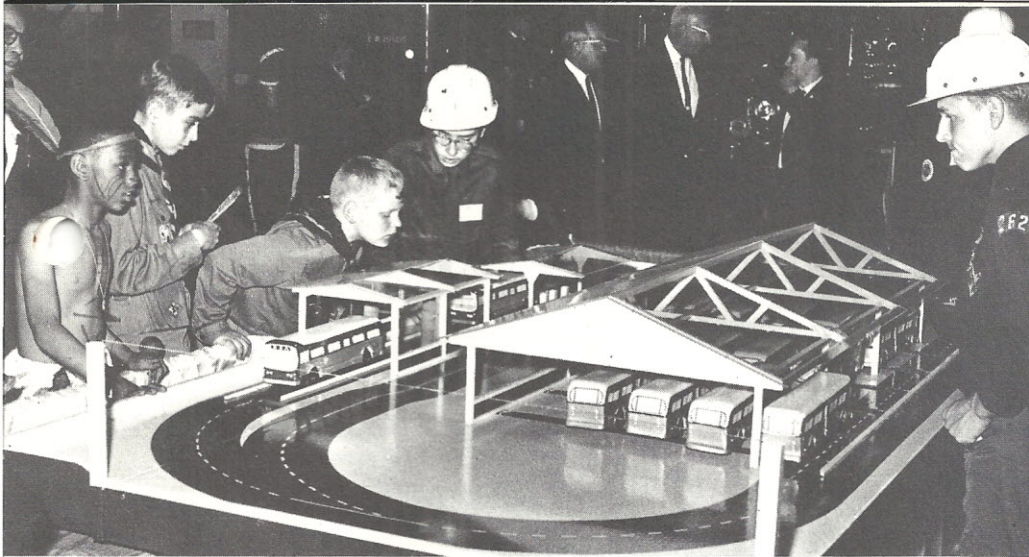
The inspections covered four major test points and were conducted after buses had seen considerable street operation. Compared were: per-

centage of tires with correct inflation, percentage of non-leaking valve cores, percentage of buses with proper wheel alignment, and percentage of buses with proper dual mating of tires.

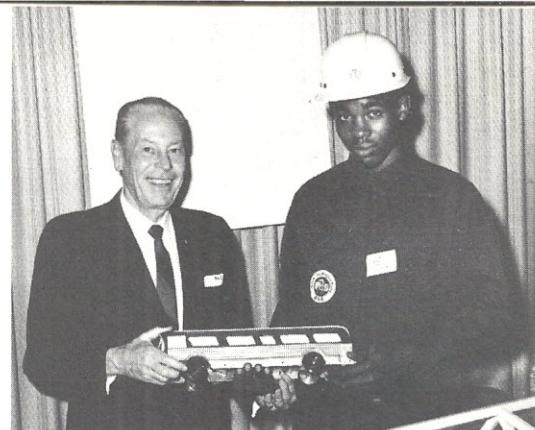
Receiving the award for Forest Glen garage is Foreman D. Barrett who is pictured here with, from left, J. M. Dickey, Goodyear district field manager; J. J. Repplinger, superintendent of surface shops and garages; Mr. Barrett; L. G. Anderson, superintendent of Shops and Equipment, and E. H. Grange, manager of Goodyear Highway Transportation department.

FETED AT the annual Engineering Department retirement dinner on Thursday, May 16, were members of that department who retired during the fiscal year ending May 1, 1968. Pictured at the dinner with retirees are R. H. Shanklin, superintendent of construction and maintenance, and J. D. Retzler, superintendent of buildings. The group includes, from left: A. V. Porrello (Track), A. J. Ilg (Building), L. Basile (Track), G. H. Scherdin (Track), Mr. Shanklin, Marie Creedon (General Office), J. L. Ruzich (Engineering), W. J. Macfarlane (Plant Maintenance), Mr. Retzler, L. M. Walker (Building), and J. Karijolic (Track).





ON DISPLAY at the Scout Fun Fair was the Bus Garage of the Future built by members of Explorer Scout Post 9607 which, together with the miniature CTA bus, attracted the attention of thousands of visitors. Two guests who admired the exhibit with interest are CTA Board Chairman George L. DeMent and General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor. Mr. DeMent is shown (above, right) receiving one of the model buses from Scout Steven Franklin. Mr. O'Connor is being presented a bus by Vincent Allen, the grandson of R. A. Hynes, supervisor of Office Services.



CTA Explorers Win Fun Fair Honors

"TOMORROW'S LEADERS in Action" was the theme of the 1968 Scout Fun Fair held at the International Amphitheatre Friday through Sunday, May 10-12. The three-day fair was sponsored by the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and featured many exhibits demonstrating scouting skills and group projects.

An exhibit which attracted much attention was that of CTA Explorer Scout Post 9607. The miniature CTA bus was displayed, as was the latest post project -- a model bus garage of the future.

The table-mounted display included buildings for storing, fueling, and washing buses made of wood and clear plastic. The progression of buses through the washer and the sideways "stacking" of buses in bays of the main building was done electrically by a single scout at the control panel.

All exhibits were judged by Council officials and Post 9607 won two awards -- First Place in its scouting district and the Outstanding Exhibit for Explorers.



AWARDS WON for the excellence of their exhibit at the Fair are being shown by Explorer Scouts (left to right, front row) Vincent Allen, Horace Lewis, Dwight Johnson, Alan Lewis, Michael Austin, Winston Dawson, and Malcolm Thompson; (back row) Thomas DiDomizio, Daniel May, Steven Franklin, and Richard Flowers.



Award Winners

Receive \$750.00

for Accepted Suggestions

Utility Dept.

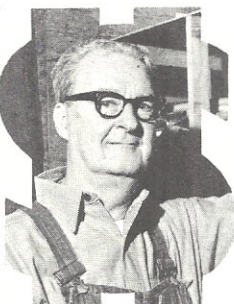


Sidney Edwards - \$25.00

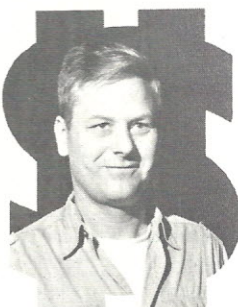


Frank Sipich - \$25.00

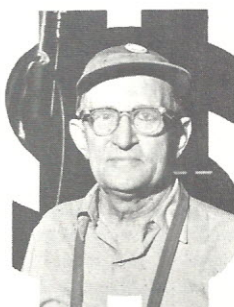
Shops & Equipment Dept.



Gerald Dalton - \$45.00



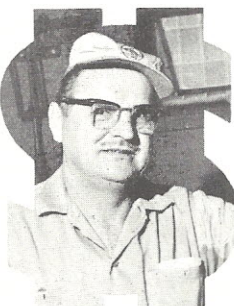
Leonard Tucek - \$15.00



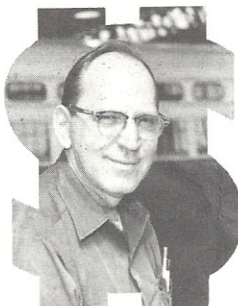
Ernest Gaeger - \$100.00



Henry Peterson - \$25.00



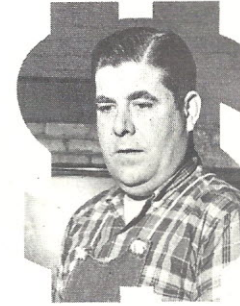
Walter Kawecki - \$15.00



Robert Buerger - \$25.00

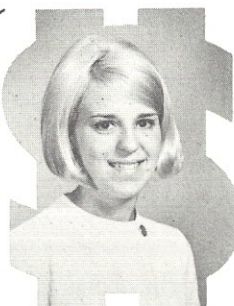


John Provenza - \$75.00

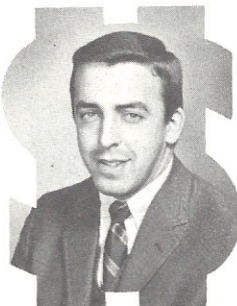


William Rafferty - \$50.00

General Office



Rita Piechnik - \$25.00

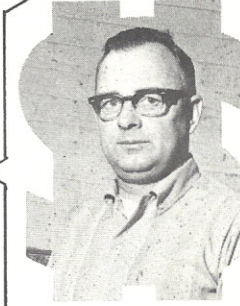


Robert LaMont - \$25.00



Nancy Hagemeyer - \$25.00

Stores Dept.



John Siebert - \$50.00

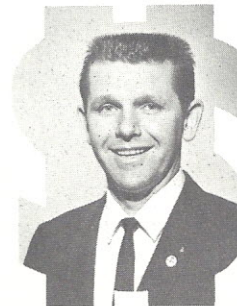
Engineering Dept.



James Nagel - \$100.00



Thomas Hicks - \$75.00



Walter Hallford - \$50.00

Retired



Paul Ehmke - \$50.00

OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS



Joseph Somojyi



Sol Berlin



James Hurd

COURTESY, LIKE MONEY, is an investment which pays dividends when it is applied properly. But for the speculator, the return from his courteous acts can be guaranteed more so than can his financial ventures.

The letters of commendation received from our riders speak well for the good will displayed by CTA personnel. They often relate how the rider's day changed after meeting a transit employee who was performing his job with a cheerful disposition, and how they profited by the experience.

One letter in particular, that addressed to North Section Conductor Joseph Somojyi, Badge No. 21386, was unusual in that it repaid him not only for his acts of courtesy, but monetarily, too. The commendation is probably one of the shortest ever to be printed on this page of Transit News, but it's to the point:

"Thank you very much for your kindness. You help renew one's faith in human nature. Have a good year."

Along with the letter was a \$5.00 check repaying Conductor Somojyi for the dollar which the rider borrowed the day before, plus 500 per cent interest -- and this, you must admit, was a rather substantial return on his investment.

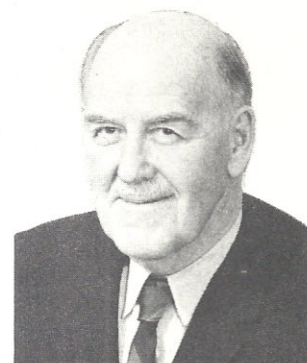
Cited in the two letters which follow are Kedzie station Operator Sol Berlin, Badge No. 11096, and 69th Street Operator James Hurd, Badge No. 5491. Both operators were commended for the professional manner in which they handled their vehicles and how they conducted themselves. Not only do such operators improve the overall CTA image, but they instill faith in their riders bringing returns to themselves in the form of added cooperation and more letters such as these on their records:

"Today during my lunch hour it was my pleasure, as it often has been in the past, to ride on the shuttle bus driven by Driver No. 11096. Noon hour to most of the women working at this end of the Loop is pretty hectic, and I'm afraid we don't express our appreciation of the kindness of this man. He always has a pleasant smile, whether we have even change or a whole line of us each hands him a dollar bill to change. He leaves his door open at the stop lights in order to pick up every possible one -- and believe me, this sometimes means the difference of a useful or a wasted lunch hour. He never misses a passenger, no matter where we might be standing on the safety island -- and I realize this must be hard to see with the crowds on State Street. Several of us were remarking today about his kindness and how we liked to ride with him because of this and also because he gives us a nice, smooth ride -- we're not afraid to stand up when he's driving. Please say thank you to this very kind, pleasant man who in his own way is making this a better world."

"No. 5491 is an excellent driver! When I catch the Ashland bus about 7:55 a. m. this young man offers a pleasant trip. He says 'good morning' to everyone and if they depart by the front door he reminds them to 'have a good day.' I ride this bus to 13th street, which is the stop for Montefiore school boys. I have ridden many buses to this stop and I feel I must comment on this gentleman's manner with these boys, for they offer no noise or trouble. I'm not quite certain of his methods but his results are great! I teach at the school next to Montefiore and eat lunch at Monte, so I know that these boys are not easy to handle. I just thought that you'd like to know about No. 5491. Thanks for a pleasant trip."

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin, CTA Medical Consultant



TETANUS (Lockjaw)

'The Scratch That Kills'

TETANUS IS one of the most dangerous diseases that can strike a human being.

The specific cause of tetanus is a germ called *Clostridium tetani*. The germ is a normal and important inhabitant in the intestinal tract of horses and cattle. Its spores become mixed with soil and subsequently may be found anywhere where there is dirt. This is why tetanus or lockjaw was known as a "Barnyard Disease."

Tetanus, not by name but by its symptoms, was described by Hippocrates, according to medical history in about 300 B.C. However, the actual discovery of the disease was made by Dr. Kitasato when he isolated the real germ in 1889.

This subject is selected for the CTA Transit News this month because it is a very timely article. With the new emphasis on outdoor living, and because this is the time of year when many people are planning work in their yards and flower beds, discussion of this disease should be interesting and helpful.

Tetanus is now seen most frequently in minor injuries such as rose thorn pricks, nail puncture, wooden splinter, and power tool wounds. In general it is apt to be found in any minor abrasion, scratch, or puncture wound which occurs on the streets, highways, or in your backyard. The disease is not seen so often in major accidents such as gunshot wounds, open fractures, and severe industrial accidents. This is because these serious injuries are seen early by physicians who promptly immunize the patients against lockjaw. Again, let me emphasize that puncture wounds are ideal media for the tetanus germ because they grow best where there is a lack of oxygen.

The period of incubation averages 5 to 14 days. The incubation is the time between the date of injury and the onset of the symptoms. In rare in-

stances it may be a little shorter than 5 days or longer than 14 days.

The early symptoms in a typical case are likely to be restlessness, increased irritability, and muscular stiffness in the jaw, neck, and limbs. As the disease progresses the jaw and neck become rigid and it becomes almost impossible to bend the neck or open the jaw, hence the name "lockjaw" results. Headaches are common and severe convulsions, fever, and sweating follow. The spasms of the muscles make it very difficult or impossible for the patient to breathe or swallow food of any kind. Death is the end result in most cases.

Children, especially the male child, have a higher incidence than adults; probably because they play with the soil and contact dirty toys. Also they are more apt to neglect the proper care of minor wounds. The treatment of tetanus is 100 per cent effective if immunization is started early in life and providing the immunity is kept up to date. The real fact is that no one needs to die from tetanus or even acquire the disease for that matter. Yet, each year about 400 cases are reported.

Immunization of school children and all army and navy personnel has done a great deal to reduce the occurrence of tetanus. Also physicians in private practice are constantly alert to carry out immunization for any patient who needs this care.

Immunity against tetanus is initiated by a series of three injections spaced over eight weeks and followed by a booster dose within 6 to 12 months. This immunity is then maintained by booster doses every five years, and a similar booster shot after any injury that might cause tetanus. Protection or immunization should start early, about two months after birth.

Remember no antibiotic or any other shot can halt a full-blown case, and about 60 per cent of those afflicted with the disease die.

In summary, there is only one logical answer--see your physician for immunization against "lockjaw." It is so easy and inexpensive and it may save your life, so don't put it off.



14 Complete Electrical Department Signal-Interlocking Course

APRIL 17 was graduation day for 16 CTA employees from various departments who completed the Electrical Department's signal and interlocking training program.

Through lectures, laboratory work, and field trips trainees were instructed in the operation and maintenance of rapid transit system block signaling and interlocking plants. Graduates of the program are placed in a pool and are appointed as signal helpers as vacancies occur.

Members of the graduating class pictured here with supervisory personnel include, from left to right: front row -- L. J. Wilson, T. M. Shanahan, G. J. Guth, D. F. Barr, T. Washington Jr., and R. L. Albrecht. Standing -- E. C. Bell, R. J. Oclon, J. F. Woulfe, D. W. Sutton, Electrical Engineer A. R. Sandberg, Operations Manager C. E. Keiser, Signal Superintendent C. L. Wiksten, R. M. Comer, D. W. Topolinski, R. G. Schaeffer, B. M. Hicks, and L. R. Gonzalez. Another graduate, A. R. Lupescu, was on vacation when the picture was taken.

A GARAGE instructors training course conducted by Shops and Equipment Department supervisory personnel was completed recently at the CTA training center for three trainees who qualified for the surface system instructors pool and assignment as needed. They are, from left, Frank Bruno, James Byrne, and Walter Bailey. Standing behind the trainees are A. Fiorito, supervisor of garage instructors, J. J. Repplinger, superintendent of surface shops and garages, and G. Maly, instructor.





QUESTION:

What interesting comments have you received on your new uniform?

INQUIRING REPORTER:

Arthur P. Buesing

LOCATION:

69th Street Station

TOM McDONALD, operator (with Reporter Arthur P. Buesing): "I received many favorable comments, but one woman passenger asked me if they were now using state troopers to drive the buses."



EDWARD PRUITT, operator: "Several passengers said the new uniform has a more distinguished look. We were tired of looking at the old shiny ones, anyway."

THOMAS PATTERSON, operator: "I've heard such remarks as, 'It's a great day for the CTA. The new uniforms sure look nice. They should have changed them years ago'."



EUGENE F. HOWE, operator: "They say 'It's great, looks nice.' Everyone seems to like them very much - - much better than the old blue ones. I like the new uniform best because with all the draft holes in my old one, it cuts my chances 90 per cent of getting pneumonia."

URIEL DUKES, operator: "Some passengers commented that we now look like mailmen or Greyhound bus drivers, but I found that most passengers think the new uniform is sharp and a much-needed change."



THE INSIDE NEWS

-AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Revenue) -

For the sportsman whose activity was curtailed by the winter elements, now is the time to shape up for those coming golf tournaments. This is what F. C. PALILUNAS, revenue accountant, did during his recent vacation. Let's see now, you had how many birdies? . . . JUNE NOREN, with her menu specialties, entertained friends at home during her spring vacation. We'll snatch a secret recipe yet! . . . As always, Chicago offers much to its native vacationers. Taking advantage of this, HARRIET KRYZAN went to the Chicago Blackstone Theatre to see the musical comedy "Cactus Flower," which depicts a bachelor who doesn't wish to be quite so eligible. The amusing output has a surprise finish. . . . MARY ALICE CLEARY visited her sister-in-law in Toledo, Ohio. There wasn't much time for idleness with those many towns to visit! . . . St. Louis, Missouri, with its Gateway to the West, is an attraction to many visitors. After rest and relaxation in Chicago, A. J. FITZSIMONS, general accountant, toured the huge arch-like structure. Being one of the busiest freight carriers in the world has made St. Louis a most important city in the central west. . . . For DeLOYCE HILL a happy birthday wish was made on April 7. . . . That bundle-carrying stork will be visiting TOM and MAUREEN WODARSKI. Congratulations to you! . . . For LOU BIELSKI, who hasn't been saying much lately, we've decided to buy a bag of caramels. They're good for the teeth, Lou! . . . To DONALD SEMI, a warm hello is sent. Don is now employed as a transfer counter in the Revenue section. . . . Another transfer counter, MAURICE BALLESTRO, has returned after his Easter visit to his son-in-law, Captain ROBERT BOYCE, his daughter, BARBARA, and his grandson, DAVID. Captain Boyce is stationed at the Army Center in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Unfortunately, it rained continuously leaving little enjoyment in the outdoors. But the sunny reunion inside made up for it!

- Clotilde Wyzena

BEVERLY -

You can't keep a good man down for long, as our good friend, PETE FLAHERTY, showed up at the Little Flower communion breakfast. Pete has many friends who were glad to see him up and around again. . . . Night Clerk JOHN COOKE worked night and day to make a \$600 pay check, but he said it was worth it. After 30 years, John took his lovely wife on a second honeymoon. . . . If you see an old man like Clerk JOHN KIRBY going up the stairs please give him a hand. John does things the hard way. He injured his leg going up instead of the easy way like falling down the stairs. Just to make you feel better, John, we know you have a big heart when it comes to helping someone else. We thank you for your charity in the CYO program. . . . Operator DEL CARSON, who is the grand knight of Queen of Martyr's Council, Knights of Columbus, and Operator ART PINELLI also are hard workers in the CYO, a program which is designed to "Help Youth to Help Themselves." . . . We also salute Operator JACK "Cisco Kid" METKE who donated boxes of clothing for the patients at Manteno State hospital. There are 6,000 "forgotten souls" at Manteno State who are very grateful for a cigarette, a piece of candy, or just a smile. Thanks, Jack. . . . Thanks also to Operator

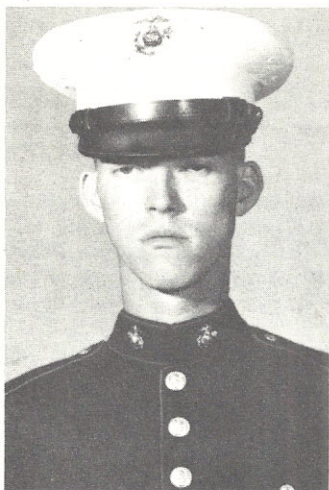
CLARENCE COWAN for his many offerings of help. . . . Receiver DON KARL is now playing the starring role in "Solid Gold Cadillac", and all seats are sold out. . . . Chief Clerk CHARLES KARSHNICK put on his Dick Tracy badge and is trying to find out who put the onions in the office waste basket. . . . We express our sympathy to Operators P. MATHEWS and his brother, CHARLES, in the loss of their mother; also to the family of CHARLES GYLLING who passed away. Mr. Gylling was our transfer instructor at 69th Street many years ago. . . . Don't forget the golden anniversary of the "Big Retreat" at Notre Dame, August 16 to 18. Father Michael Foran has announced the new time starting at 6 p.m. Friday to Sunday at 4 p.m. Come along and bring a friend. If you need a ride contact Pensionier ERNIE TOCCI or your scribe. . . . We think once a year you can spend a little time to think how you can prepare your life, and what you are going to do with this short visit you have on earth. The Canadian Pilgrimages via Air Canada Airlines are again being offered for only \$259.00, which is a very reasonable vacation. Visit St. Anne Beaupre, Our Lady of the Cape, St. Joseph Oratory, Quebec, and Three Rivers, Montreal. Dates now open are - June 22-30, July 13-21, August 24 - September 1. Father Mike and Father Smith will be on the June trip.

- Tom Daniels

CLAIM -

HARRY and ANNE BONESS have recently returned from a two-week vacation at Wollaston, Massachusetts, a suburb of Quincy. Harry and Anne visited with their son, HARRY, and his wife, MARY, and their four "Irish" granddaughters. While there they toured New Hampshire, up to Nashua and Manchester. The weather was beautiful and they had a very enjoyable vacation. . . . Congratulations to JO ANNE MIDLAND, the daughter of CARL MIDLAND, who is a senior at the University of Iowa, for receiving a scholastic award from the University of Iowa for a 4.0 average. . . . PETE and LORRAINE SEPIC have recently returned from their vacation. They drove to Biloxi, Mississippi, for some golf and sun. Their itinerary included Gulfport, Mobile, and New Orleans where they visited the French Quarter and Fairgrounds Race Track with stops at Hot Springs. . . . Congratulations to JOHN and BETTY HENNESSY who celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary. Rumor says John presented Betty with a new mop handle. Betty will probably have the cleanest floors on the block. . . . LORRAINE A. LUBAWY, the daughter of JOE LUBAWY, a senior at Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan, has been awarded a fellowship grant from Fordham university in New York City to continue her studies toward a Ph.D. in philosophy. Upon graduation she will receive a bachelors degree in English literature. Currently she is student council president and has maintained an "A" average for four years. After graduation she would like to teach at a college or university. . . . RICHARD and LAWANDA REDDING spent a very enjoyable Easter in Detroit, Michigan, with their daughter and son-in-law, SUE and MEL CAMERON, while they toured the Greenfield Village at Ford Museum. . . . JEANNE LUDMANN of the Claim Department has done us proud. She bowls in a league, and on April 10 she bowled a 500 series with a high game of

INSIDE NEWS



HOME FROM combat in Viet Nam is marine private WILLIAM J. STAUNTON Jr., the son of WILLIAM STAUNTON Sr., electrical substation operator. Bill, who was wounded twice and received two Purple Heart citations, also received the Bronze Star and a citation for Courage and Meritorious Achievement for saving the lives of his fellow marines by single-handedly repelling the storming of the Viet Cong on his outpost for several hours. Bill is a graduate of St. Mel High school.

203. Jeanne is the only person we know who uses a 30-inch ball . . . We would like to welcome MARGE CONWAY to the Claim Department. She is our new release clerk. Marge comes from Training & Accident Prevention. At the moment her head is spinning having to look at all those figures and just wishing it was all her money . . . At the time of this writing GRACE JOHNSON is on the sick list. We hope you are feeling better, Gracie, and will be back to work by the time you read this . . . CASEY PAULINSKI just returned from a very restful vacation. He spent a week visiting with his brother and sister-in-law, CAN and BERNICE, in Orlando, Florida.

- Peggy Hallahan & Shari Pupa

CONGRESS (Agents) -

Congratulations to Mr. JAMES HILL on his recent appointment as secretary-treasurer of the International Amalgamated Transit Union. Chicago will lose a leading citizen and good samaritan. Our very best wishes to you always . . . Congratulations to BEATRICE SMITH on being the winner of a sweepstakes prize. This will give her another good reason for making frequent trips to New York . . . Former Transit News Editor DAVID EVANS recently left for the land of waves and smiles to join the other barefoot boys on the beach in Florida . . . Agent FAY CAPRIO is still on the sick list and we hope to see her soon . . . Porter JAMES CLARK became suddenly ill and was taken to the hospital by his good friend ORA MILLER. He is out now and went fishing on a recent Sunday . . . Agent BETTY SEGERSON is home due to an accident. We hope to see her back on the job soon . . . LARRY FRICOT and Agent STRAUSSER are still on the sick list . . . Pensioner MOLLIE SHIELDS is in Mercy hospital . . . Pensioner MARY EVERDING drove in from Virginia with her grandson. It doesn't seem too long ago she carried him in her arms into the station. My, how time goes by . . . Agent HELEN SHANNON and I were in Washington, D.C., for a few days. We also visited the Naval Academy in Annapolis where Helen's nephew is a student. While there, we were guests at a wedding. My cousin and her husband, who is in government service, drove in from Virginia and spent the evening with us. We didn't have time to visit their home, but we have a rain check to visit anytime we want to come. They have lived in Japan, Germany, India, and many other places of interest. What a good time we had.

- Julia Brousek

ELECTRICAL -

We had a couple of welcome visitors at Blue Island this last month, Pensioners CLYDE PETERSON and OSCAR OHMAN. Oscar just celebrated his 90th birthday . . . Get well wishes are being sent to CLARENCE HOSANG, JOHN F. O'DONNELL, and SYLVESTER DANNECKE who are all recuperating at home . . . Vacations are in full swing. Men out at this time are: P. CALIFF, W. STAUNTON, E. DOMER, W. MOORE, F. LUNDE, and C. MALOTTKE . . . Our sympathy is extended to ELMER TEGTOW whose father passed away on March 26 . . . JAMES R. McANDREWS, a retired Rapid Transit employe and the father of TERRY McANDREWS, passed away on April 15.

- Don Crandall & William Rehder

ENGINEERING -

We welcome RON HAWKINS in the Engineering Department . . . Your co-reporter, JEANNE FITZGERALD, wants to thank everyone for the get well cards and the kind words of encouragement following her recent accident . . . DAN BRUNOD dropped in to say hello on April 17. It was good to see him and to know he is doing fine . . . A beautiful scenic card arrived from Orlando, Florida, sent by RUSTY RUSAKIEWICZ. He said he enjoyed the flight and the weather was 92° . . . A welcome is extended to SANDY CLAUSEN in the Real Estate Department. She transferred from the Treasury Department.

(Research & Planning) -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. HERMAN JAMES. They celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on April 18. Last month a new granddaughter arrived, making a total of two grandsons and two granddaughters, children of their daughter's family, the WILLIAM POWERS . . . Farewell wishes are being sent to ALAN SCHREIBMAN who is leaving for summer classes on May 31, and to DAVID HIETT, co-op trainee, who is returning to the University of Illinois for a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering in mid-June . . . We wish to congratulate DALE MANGELSDORFF on his engagement to COLLEEN NEWMANN of Reproduction Services. The engagement date was March 30 and wedding bells will ring on August 10 . . . Refreshments were served on April 18 in honor of JAMES TOOLIS who is transferring to the Transportation Department, Traffic Planning, only about three feet away. So near and yet so far.

(West Shops) -

First on the agenda of vacationers is RUSS SHANKLIN, Superintendent of Construction and Maintenance. He spent a week near Hot Springs, Arkansas, at Lake Hamilton with his wife, a daughter and son-in-law, two grandsons, and a granddaughter. Sounds like a miniature family reunion. Mr. Shanklin said it was quite a Buena Vista! . . . JOHN UITZ, one of our engineers, also spent his vacation in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Hmmm! Pretty popular place. He played golf for a week with ED FOREMAN, a steamfitter, GUS STUPKA, a previous sheetmetal foreman, and MELVIN COOK from the Electrical Department. These three fellows were also accompanied by their wives. Mr. Uitz spent the rest of the vacation visiting his brother in Arkansas . . . TOM QUALTER, general track foreman, spent a two-week vacation at home. He keeps trying to tell us he relaxed during that time, but we know the wife got out the old paint brush and hedge cutters don't we, Tommy? . . . BILL HEFFERNAN, another Track Foreman, was a stay-at-homer also for a two-week vacation. Gee fel-

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lows, those tracks must really get you down . . . We have two retirees this month. LEON WALKER, construction supervisor, retired on May 1. He plans to just take it easy now. He deserves it. He started working for the Company in 1942 and has devoted 26 years. That's a pretty good amount of time to give to any company. Also GEORGE SCHINDLER, a North Side maintenance carpenter, is leaving us -- we think. How about it George? Is it official this time? Incidentally, George has put in 38 years . . . We welcome into our office TONY FRANCISCOVICH, track foreman, who took TOM STAUNTON's place, who took TOM QUALTER's place, who -- WHOA!! What's the difference how he got here, we're glad to have you, Tony! . . . We congratulate MARY GALLON on her third wedding anniversary. Boy, have you got a long way to go.

- Jeanne Fitzgerald & Mary Gallon

GENERAL OFFICE (Training) -

RON BAKER, graduate trainee, passed out "it's a Boy" cigars on April 1, but it wasn't an April Fool's joke and the cigars didn't explode. Ron and his wife, PAM, were announcing the birth of their second child, MARK WALTER, who was born March 30 at Lutheran General hospital. The new baby's sister is STEPHANIE, age 3. Congratulations, Ron and Pam.

(Insurance) -

JOHN McMAHON, industrial safety analyst, broke his wrist while playing volleyball. Unaware of the injury at the time it occurred, John continued playing five additional games. That evening severe pain and an X-ray indicated to John that he got his "break" . . . EMMA HUDGINS has joined CTA and was welcomed to Insurance. Emma came up from Wildwood, Florida, where her parents still reside and is with two brothers who are also employed at CTA. JOSEPH is an operator at Keeler Station, and JAMES is an operator at Forest Glen Station.

(Employment) -

DOROTHY COUGHLIN was welcomed back to work as was ANITA CURTIS after their recovery from a recent illness.

- Mary E. Clarke

FOREST GLEN -

Operator E. L. BRZECZEK and his wife will celebrate 30 years of happiness on May 5. Brzeczczek says they were the best he has ever had. And Mrs. Brzeczczek will celebrate her birthday on May 3. Along about November, his son and daughter-in-law will be looking forward to having their fourth child. This will make Brzeczczek a grandfather for the fifth time . . . Happy birthday to our friend MIKE KOMPANOWSKI whose birthday was April 29 . . . Mr. and Mrs. CHESTER BACHARA will celebrate their 35th anniversary on May 20. A little party is planned at home with his family. His daughter is secretary to the vice president of radio station WGN . . . EDNA GRABE, the wife of Pensioner H. A. GRABE, passed away . . . Retired Supervisor BOB WINTERS passed away suddenly. Here was a man that was well liked for the fair treatment of all the men. Every man who knew Bob wouldn't think of not doing him a favor as they all respected him. When he retired a few years back he wasn't forgotten. These old timers are hard to replace, in fact I don't believe they can. Our hearts go out to his family and loved ones . . . ROCKY MALFESE

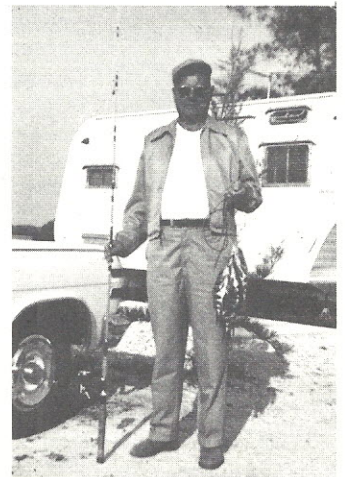
is a man who really likes his job. There is no other operator here who would come down on his vacation and try to take his run out . . . A new arrival is LAURIE PAT FURLIN who was born on February 5. She is sure to make her parents happy . . . Former Operator DONALD E. BRZECZEK is the young man who is making his parents proud. Old man BREEZY says if this keeps up he will be having a baseball team soon . . . Yours truly is proud to announce that my son, WILLIAM HENRY, is taking his communion this month. A little party with a few guests is planned. Of course his dad will enjoy it, too . . . Operator CHRIST PANTOS was seen the other day with his new uniform on. He made quite a picture, in fact it made him look a lot younger.

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

KEELER -

Hi all you lucky early vacationers. Here's a little nifty to take with you on your tours. The slightly absent minded hubby asked, "What was the name of that hotel we stopped at in Detroit?" Helpful wife replied, "Wait, I'll look through my towels." At least the post cards are free, so let us share in your travels, guys and gals . . . Get well wishes go out to Station Instructor JIM HENDERSON . . . Sincere condolences to Operator MOSELY on the loss of his wife . . . A bit of irony, Operator A. JANITO's son, ALLEN, with only one week to go before he was to be rotated back from Viet Nam, was wounded in the right leg and arm . . . Say, did you see the white snow-looking stuff in back of the station? Well, the cause was a fire drill for the garagemen. They had actual propane and gasoline fires to extinguish. I presume the gang came thru with flying colors or "flying coat-tails." . . . Operator A. BATTLE complained strongly because he never made the headlines in our column, so, I hereby bid him a fond adieu as he traitorred to North Avenue depot . . . Would you believe that Operator J. SKOPEC is striking for supervisor? Good luck, Skopie . . . The reason we hadn't heard from WHITEY SZYMELL for quite sometime is because he was trying to save all his news and use the entire column, so, here goes. Whitey's son, DON, and his wife, BARBARA, finally put some pink in Whitey's cheeks and also in their nursery. On January 6 a granddaughter, MICHELLE LOUISE, arrived in time to show the three grandsons that ladies are first. DAVID SZYMELL was two on February 3, and RALPHIE ANTON was lucky seven on March 26. Grandma, HELEN SZYMELL, has quite a time being recognized on her birthday, March 1. That's the

ENJOYING HIS retirement fishing is Pensioner EARL R. COX, former operator at Forest Glen Station. Earl is shown displaying a string of sheepshead fish caught while fishing at Fort Myers Beach, Florida.



DONALD R. BEARD, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 6-26-44
LEO E. DREYER, Shopman,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 8-10-42
FRANK FILIPPELLI, Serviceman,
Congress, Emp. 9-2-41
GARRETT FOY, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 11-16-36
JOSEPH A. GAVIN, Collector,
West Section, Emp. 1-22-26
CARL D. GUSTAFSON, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 10-20-45
ROBERT HOWSON, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 2-10-43
JOHN JENDRZEJEK, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-27-27
VICTOR KARIOLICH, Carpenter,
Track, Emp. 4-4-28
JOSEPH KERESZTURI, Welder,
South Shops, Emp. 5-7-24
HARRY W. LAMERDIN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-23-45
JOHN J. MC CARTHY, Supervisor,
Dist. "B", Emp. 2-26-34
ALFRED G. MORF, Chief Estimator,
Electrical, Emp. 4-29-29
JAMES F. MUDRA, Foreman,
South Shops, Emp. 4-5-46
JOSEPH MULLARKEY, Repairman,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-29-43
WALTER F. OLSON, Dispatch Clerk,
Electrical, Emp. 10-31-22
ELSIE A. REIMER, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 9-30-46
HUGO T. ROHLEN, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 2-12-42

NEW PENSIONERS

GEORGE A. SCHINDLER, Foreman,
Building, Emp. 4-22-30
FREMONT R. SNYDER, Instructor,
69th Street, Emp. 8-18-37
KARL J. SORENSEN, Supervisor,
Dist. "D", Emp. 11-9-36
EMIL E. STEVENS, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 11-1-27
GEORGE W. STOKES, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-1-29
LEON M. WALKER, Foreman,
Building, Emp. 8-31-42
EDWARD A. WEHMEYER, Instructor,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-16-29

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

ANTHONY F. GUSICH, Foreman,
Building, Emp. 5-9-30
PAUL R. MC ENANEY, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-13-44
ROY C. MEYER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 3-29-27
WALTER F. WHITE, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 12-1-50

PICTURED HERE are seven employees who retired May 1 after having completed 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessors.



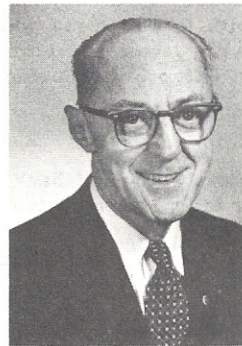
WALTER OLSON
45 Years



JOSEPH KERESZTURI
43 Years



JOSEPH GAVIN
42 Years



ROY C. MEYER
41 Years

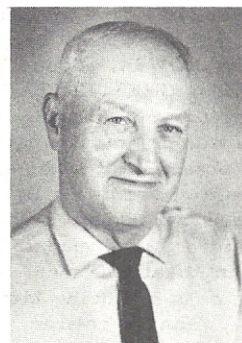


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40 Years

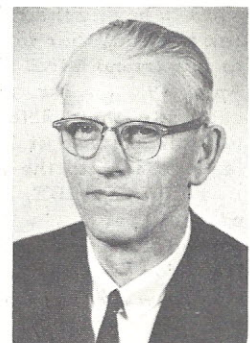
PENSIONERS MEET

THE DIVISION 308 Pensioners Club of Chicago will hold its next regular meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 20, on the 13th floor at 32 W. Randolph street. All retired members of Division 308 are invited to attend these meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at the above address.

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



VICTOR KARIOLICH
40 Years



EMIL STEVENS
40 Years

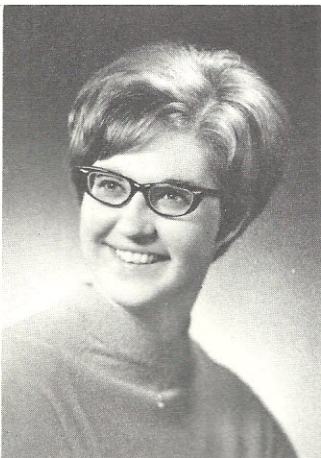
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breaks . . . Operator R. POWELL was installed as Commander of his VFW Post 2298 . . . The bright glow over Chicago is from the number of birthday candles lit. Blowing out the candles are: JUANITA PINKNEY, the daughter of Operator LEROY PINKNEY, April 14; PAUL DANIELS Jr., the son of Operator PAUL DANIELS Sr., four years old on April 15; Operator KUGELBERG, 60, April 26; Operator H. "The Quiet One" BECKER, May 12; Operator ZENTMEYER, May 14; Garageman LEROY McCLELLAN's sister LOTTIE MAE, May 14; Clerk R. MILLER's son, May 15; Operator JOHN McGHEE, May 21, and Operator GEORGE KARRAS, May 26 . . . The chairman and chair-lady of the Anniversary Club are Operator CLIFFORD "Pete" PETERSON and his wife, HARRIET. It's 40 years for these two. Membership renewals are in from Operator MENSEN and his wife, MAE, May 15, LOUIS and DORIS HAYNES, May 16, also get well soon wishes to Doris, and Operator BERLINGUETTE and his wife, DOROTHY, May 21. Secretary of the club is Operator IRWIN SCHANK and his wife, JENNIE, who celebrated 32 years membership, May 22 . . . To you guys who are yet contemplating vacations, vacation planning is very easy you know. The boss tells you when to go and the wife tells you where . . . See you next month.

- Ernest C. Carter

KEDZIE -

Congratulations to Street Collector GEORGE BUTLER who was ordained as a Minister on April 7 at the Full Gospel M.B. church. Reverend V. Carter, pastor of the church, was the chief moderator. Passing score for Reverend Butler was 95. The test was given by Reverend Carter, moderator, Reverend Whitehead, cataloguer, and Reverend Isom, secretary. Members of the council were the following Reverends: Wilkerson, Gunn, Ferguson, and Jackson. Reverend Butler is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute. Many of his friends and relatives were there to wish him well. I was told that the church was filled to capacity. Doris Allen, who did a solo, has a wonderful voice. Your reporter and his wife were invited but were unable to attend as we drove to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to visit our son, AUGUST. He took us on a sight-seeing trip of the camp and explained everything to us. Just being with our son was worth the trip itself. Gus is an acting sergeant in the 2nd platoon, Company "E". He completed his basic training May 10, and is now in advance individual training . . . Operator ALLEN JACOB is back on the job after his discharge from the army. He served two years, part of which was



THE ENGAGEMENT of LINDA RUTH RODGERS to Clerk MICHAEL HOFFERT, North Park and Forest Glen, was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. EARL RODGERS. Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN HOFFERT. Earl is a repairman at Limits Station, while John is with the Electrical Department. The wedding date is set for November 9.

overseas. Welcome back to Kedzie and civilian life, Allen . . . Retired Conductor RUDY SCHULTZ is in Loretto hospital under oxygen. He was moving a ladder along side his home when the ladder slipped and hit him on the neck. I hope by the time this issue comes out he will be well on the road to recovery . . . Also in the hospital at this time are: Operator A. BARON, Operator O. PORTER, and Operator J. BRIDLEY. Hope to see all of you back on the job real soon.

- Raymond Graham

LAWNDALE -

Our former board member of Division 241, MICHAEL MCCARTHY, took his pension March 29. Coffee and rolls were served. Mike, we of Lawndale wish you many happy days of retirement . . . At our April meeting JAMES J. HILL, president of Division 241, appointed EARL WASHINGTON as the new board member. We know you can do a good job and that your stay will be a long one. At that same meeting, door prizes of \$150.00 were given to the men with Lawndale having one winner, "Lucky" O. HIGH. He was the recipient of \$5.00 . . . Pensioner ARCHIE BROOKS was in to see us and looks great. He has been doing a lot of travelling in California . . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of W. B. FANNIEL in the loss of his brother, to the family of W. J. ALLEN in the loss of his wife, buried Wednesday, April 10, and to the family of CHARLES GYLLING buried April 19. He was a former CTA Chief Instructor . . . Once again we had free coffee and rolls. On Tuesday, April 16, our Station Superintendent ROBERT KEAG thanked all the men for their splendid teamwork in keeping the buses rolling during the trying times of the disturbance which started April 5. Our buses were out 100%, and through the courtesy of our credit union we received the coffee and rolls. I had a student that day who got in on the rolls and coffee who said, "This is swell." He thought it was an everyday occurrence . . . KAREN FEILER, the daughter of Instructor BILL FEILER, is to play a leading role in the presentation of "J.B." at North Central college. She also appeared in Macbeth and Oklahoma. We have a celebrity among us. Karen formerly worked for the CTA in the Engineering Department . . . The welcome mat is out for the new men at Lawndale . . . See you later.

- Larry Keating

LIMITS -

The new officers of the Limits credit union are: ART MAAS, treasurer, CONRAD JOHNSON, assistant treasurer, and GEORGE MICHAUD, on the credit committee . . . JOHN FERGUS is back to work after being off 11 months due to illness . . . Operator C. WARDLOW was seen on television Channel 7, March 27. Wardlow is the outstanding operator who has received more commendations than any other CTA employee . . . Operator JOHN RAY became a grandfather twice within six months when his two sons and their wives presented him with two grandsons, MICHAEL and ANTHONY. Congratulations grandpa, and also to the proud parents . . . GEORGE CLARK, former scribe of the Transit News, paid us a visit. He is enjoying his pension to the utmost. George was also seen checking his old run, number 41, on East Belmont avenue . . . Our sincerest sympathy to EDWARD DAPPEN whose father-in-law passed away last month . . . RALPH VENN, officer of Limits credit union, celebrated his 59th birthday on April 4. His daugh-

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ter, PAT KRUMWIEDE, doesn't claim him to be the best father, but there is none better . . . Supervisor BILL LOHSE and "Red" LASKEY, North Park Depot, attended a banquet last month where they really enjoyed themselves with plenty of good food and entertainment . . . To all the men who are still on the inactive list due to illness, we wish a complete and speedy recovery . . . Vacation time is now starting, so your scribe would appreciate news of your travels and snap-shots of the big fish that were caught.

- R. S. Benson

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

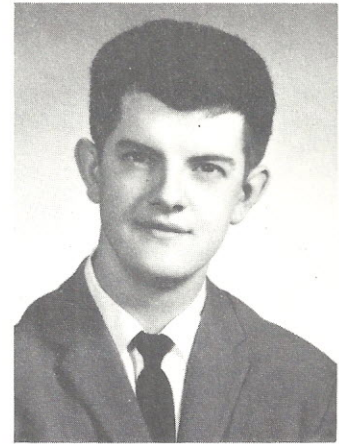
Agents MARIE McNICHOLS and BERNADETTE HAYES have been enjoying their vacations in May . . . I talked to Pensioner EMIL WIEDEMANN and can't believe he has been on pension for five years. I also talked to CATHERINE QUINLAN, and see CATHERINE McKENNA almost everyday. They are all former agents . . . Former Agent BEULAH FIELDS is back from her tour around the world and looking wonderful. It is very interesting to hear her tell of all the far away places she has seen . . . We offer our condolences to Porter JOHNSON on the death of his mother. Sorry we didn't hear of it in time for the last issue . . . The friends of Superintendent LEO BIEN will be happy to hear that his wife, ANN, is doing nicely and should be home now . . . Sorry to hear that Agent BETTY SEGERSON is on the sick list after suffering a fall in her home . . . Vacations are starting, so please call and tell us how you spent yours, whether at home or on a trip. Call 2486.

- Helen Pallister

LOOP -

On March 26 Agent T. A. COGLIANESE became a proud grandfather once again. Tom said the baby is a bouncing boy and a good looking one like his grandfather. This little one has been christened MICHAEL THOMAS after his daddy and grand-dad . . . More baby news. Former Agent KATHLEEN GRADY and her husband became proud parents of a little boy as cute as can be who was named JIMMY. Good luck to all . . . Agent MAE HANNING's husband, former Agent KEITH HANNING, was home for four weeks from Viet Nam. Keith, Mae, and the children had a wonderful time . . . Happy birthday to pretty Miss NANCY WIXTED. She is the daughter of Agent MARY WIXTED. Nancy, you are growing up too fast . . . Birthday greetings are extended to Janitor JOHN DOOREY who will be a year younger in June; Little CANDY CAR, the granddaughter of Agent STROSSER; Agent DAVE GRAFMAN, and Sister MARY JOSUE, the daughter of GERTRUDE YARDLEY . . . Now we know why Agent MIKE HENRY is a bachelor. He rides a one-seat motorcycle to the drive-ins . . . Our deepest sympathy to Agent E. CARMODY after being so careful in carrying her coffee from Central station to Homan station, sits back to enjoy it when pop goes the bottom of the cup and no more coffee. See, never put off until later what you can do now . . . Congratulations to Agent P. BOLAND and her new husband, TOM, on their second wedding anniversary. The happy couple went out and lived it up over the week-end . . . Agent KAY FORBIS will be leaving soon with her sister, daughter, and grandchild for five weeks in Ireland. They will stay with Kay's mother. They are going to have quite a get-together as there will be four generations at the gathering. Have fun and a safe trip . . . Our deepest sympathy to Agent WIL-

ROCCO J. GILIO, the son of Kedzie Operator and Mrs. KELLY GILIO, was recently honored by the National Residence Hall Honor Society executive council as one of eight Manchester Hall residents who have made significant contributions to the life of the resident hall. Rocco is a senior at Illinois State university, Normal, Illinois, and has begun teacher training at Normal High school.



LIAM GREEN whose wife passed away so suddenly in April. Condolences to the family of retired Clerk R. BARAGLIA who passed away April 2. He is the brother-in-law of Agent K. McKENNY . . . Would Agent W. STROSSER please let someone know how he is feeling, and if he is not back to work at this time to let us have a phone number where he can be reached. So many people are asking for him and no one can find a phone number. So, how about getting back in the swing of things, WILBUR . . . Who was the agent that called the police as a man was lying at the bottom of the escalator? Upon arrival, the police found out that he was the repairman repairing the escalator at LaSalle and Congress . . . Agent F. CAPRIO wishes to thank all her friends for being so thoughtful while she was sick. The gifts, cards, and phone calls were appreciated.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Operator FRANK SMITH Jr. and his wife, JOYCE, are the parents of a baby girl, ERICA MARIE, born April 9 at West Suburban hospital. Our congratulations . . . Operator WALTER STRAUBING was in the hospital. Operator CHARLES BRISOLARA is back with us after a stay in St. Luke's hospital, and has been transferred to the Hi-Line. Pensioner ARTHUR MOILENEN is out of the hospital and is planning to move to Lanse, Michigan. His new address will be 4 S. Maine. We received a lovely Easter card and letter from Pensioner BILL ECHOLS who is hospitalized. JULIUS TEDESCHI, one of our credit union officers, is in St. Elizabeth hospital. We pray for the speedy recovery of these men . . . We received a card from Pensioner JIM MUSZYNSKI who would love to see any of the old gang who get down his way. His address is Highway 62 Truck Stop, Salem, Arkansas 72576. Many of you remember his fine baseball playing for our North Avenue team . . . We welcome new Operators WILLIE RICE, JERRY McKINNEY, MANSSEL FREEMAN, LEROY CLARK, BOBBY BARNES, DELEON HOWARD, BILL GILMORE, EDWARD BROWN, CHARLES MATTHEWS, CHARLES PATTON, MATTHEW BRONWLEE, LEMAR THOMAS, EARL WILEY, CLARENCE HARRISON, EDDIE HALL, RICHARD HARGEWOOD, JOSE RODRIGUEZ, JIMMY LANGSTON, FELIPE VAGA, JOE DAVIS, CHARLES TURNER, BOBBY JOE TOWNSEND, EARL JACKSON, GEORGE TAYLOR, STEVE PRESTON, CHARLES JOHNSON, JOHN HOLLOWAY, JERRY SHELTON, and ERIC MANIER. We also wish to welcome all the operators who transferred to North Avenue on the system pick, and we wish the best of luck to all those who left us . . . Pensioner EMIL

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SPANNENBERG passed away March 23 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Receiver JAMES MC GANN lost his father April 16. Pensioner LOUIS TRAUB passed away March 31. Operator CHARLES BARAGLIA lost his brother April 3. Our sympathy to these families . . . Former Operator GERHARD KLAMP and his wife, URSULA, now reside in Hayward, California. Gerhard is employed by the AC/Transit District as a bus driver. Their son, WOLFGANG, is finishing high school in Lombard, Illinois. When he graduates in June he will attend Chabot college within walking distance of Gerhard's new home. They would be happy to see any old friends. Their address is 26249 Stryker street, Hayward, California 94545. Ursula will be in Lombard in June for Wolfgang's graduation and Gerhard hopes to make it, too . . . Operator PAUL BURGE and his wife are touring Mexico. Operator WILLIE BLUME is getting sunburned fishing and playing golf at Cypress Gardens . . . The long Memorial day week-end is almost here. The highways will be crowded with drivers, some careless, some in a hurry. Drive carefully, enjoy the holiday, and come back to us safe and sound . . . Assistant Day Foreman FRANK GRIMALDI tells us that his son, JOHN, is getting a five-day leave of absence which he plans to spend in Thailand. John holds the rank of PFC and is a helicopter mechanic stationed in Chou Lai, Vietnam.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH PARK -

North Park Depot won the first place plaque in the union attendance contest. Board members SCHOLL and LASKE extend their thanks to everyone who helped make this possible. Operators TEX ABERNATHY, WILBER BLACKELY, and Instructor ART HIGGINS won cash awards in the drawings of the door prizes . . . The Little Flower communion and breakfast service held on Sunday, March 31, was well received by the men of North Park. Leading the group attending were Pensioners JOE GRASSL, MIKE PHILBIN, DAN MALONEY, ROY RAPP, JOHN KARASEK, NICK MUENCHEN, and TONY GRANAHAN. Operator BILL STRITZEL won a beautiful statue in the door prize drawing . . . With the coming of summer all operators are cautioned to be alert for children who will be out of school and playing in the streets . . . The St. Joseph Di Bagheria Society held their annual St. Joseph Feast Days in their clubhouse located at 6111 W. Addison street. Operators PAT SCIORTINO, PETE MARCHISOTTO, and JOE DI SPARTA were co-chairmen of the event and are to be commended for the wonderful food



PICTURED HERE is PFC. RUSSELL DUSZAK, the son of North Avenue Operator EDWARD DUSZAK. While stationed with the Engineer Section in Nha-Trang, Viet Nam, Russell has had the honor of chauffeuring many distinguished visitors and generals on tours of the army bases.

that was served . . . Operator KAZ YAWORSKI has a Skamper trailer which sleeps eight people and is available for anyone needing a trailer this summer . . . Operator STANLEY ZALE was operated on at Lorretta hospital for cataracts on his eyes and at this writing is convalescing at home . . . Pensioner TIM CAWLEY was a recent visitor at North Park and is looking forward to the summer weather so that he can come around and talk with his many friends . . . Pensioner PAT MURRAY who recently observed his 91st birthday and lives at 1277 Victoria avenue, would like to see or hear from his many friends . . . R.M.S.N. MARTIN SCHWARTZ was home on a furlough from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he is stationed with the U.S. Navy . . . Operator GARRETT FOY began his pension May 1, and with his lovely wife, JEAN, will be living in Jasonville, Indiana. Garrett's good humor and many stories of the big ones that got away will be missed. We extend sincere wishes for good health and loads of luck with your hunting and fishing in the future . . . DANNY COSTLEY, the son of Supervisor LARRY COSTLEY, was inducted into the U.S. Army and is receiving his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. THOMAS CONKLIN, the son of Operator LE-ROY CONKLIN, enlisted in the army and is receiving his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Tom's twin brother, TERRY, has finished his basic training and is now stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas . . . KENNETH POSNER, the son of Operator SAM POSNER, made the dean's list at Southern Illinois university, located in Carbondale, Illinois. Ken, who is a junior, is majoring in accounting . . . Operator GINO PAOLI was elected a trustee of the Kimball avenue Evangelical church, for a term of three years. It pays to read the good book, doesn't it Gino? . . . Operators MORT LIBERT and MIKE PARK were the recipients of individual write-ups in the Daily News and the Rogers Park newspapers, for which we forward our congratulations in carrying on the image of North Park Depot as the best in the CTA system . . . Operator BOB OESTERREICH is now helping out as a street collector after finishing his run on Broadway. With Bob's friendly smile and congeniality someones day will be made a little lighter . . . The office force extends a hearty welcome to Clerk HELMUT STANKEVICIUS who arrived at North Park from 52nd Street Depot . . . Mrs. MABEL PEOPLE, the wife of Operator REED PEOPLE, suffered tornligaments and a sprained ankle after a bad fall. Mrs. People is recovering at home with the help of Reed, who is proving to be an excellent housekeeper . . . Operator BILL SEIFERT after 17 years on Homan avenue, recently picked a run on Clark street, and is making many new friends with his smooth operation and politeness . . . Operator GEORGE HOFFMAN was pleasantly surprised by his wife, ELLA, when she came home with a new roto-tiller to help make the gardening easier for George this spring . . . Operator KAZ YAWORSKI and his wife, FLOR-ENCE, became parents of their fifth child when a son named MICHAEL KAZIMER was born March 13 at St. Joseph hospital in Elgin, Illinois . . . Operator OLLIE T. RODGERS was married on Saturday, March 30, to Miss VERDEAN ANDERSON. The reception was held at 6827 Ridgeland with their many friends offering congratulations . . . Operator R. S. BENSON of Limits Depot reports visiting Denver, Colorado, to see his son, DAVID, who was formerly an operator at North Park. David is now a bus operator for the Denver Transit company and sends his regards to his many friends at North Park . . . Operator LEN BAEUCHLER vacationed in Phoenix, Arizona, where his brother, EDWARD, resides. Len played several rounds of golf, and made several trips to the race and dog tracks to help occupy his lei-

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sure time . . . Clerk JOE DI GIOVANNI and his wife, CONNIE, motored to Hollywood, Florida, on their vacation. On the agenda was a visit with Pensioner HERMAN ERICKSON and his wife, MARTHA, who send their regards from Fort Lauderdale. Pensioner PAUL GUNTHER of Hollywood was also a gracious host. A stop-over at Carlinville, Illinois, was made to visit with Joe's brother, Mr. NICK DI GIOVANNI and his wife . . . District Superintendent JOHN JACOBY and his wife motored to Phoenix, Arizona, on their vacation. A visit to Sun City was on the agenda as John is looking for a place for future living when pension time comes . . . Pensioner JOE KARASEK vacationed at Palo Alto, California, where his son, Dr. MARVIN KARASEK, was appointed a professor at Stanford university. Joe also visited San Francisco where the cable cars and several visits to the leading restaurants were in order . . . Pensioner BEN GEACH and his wife, RUTH, celebrated their 47th anniversary at their residence, 1510 Highland avenue. Ben would like to hear from his many friends and will answer all mail addressed to him . . . Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator IRVING SHER and his wife, MILDRED, their 30th, April 10; Operator JACK RUSS and his wife, MARIAN, their 21st, May 10; Operator PETE DOLAN and his wife, ROSLEEN, their 10th; Operator LARRY SHIELDS and his wife, GRACE, their 16th; Operator JIM RENTSCHLER and his wife, HAZEL, their 28th; Operator BERNIE KONIARSKI and his wife, GERTRUDE, their 21st; Operator GEORGE HOFFMAN and his wife, ELLY, their 39th, and Pensioner JOE GRASSL and his wife, FLORENCE, their 46th. Congratulations to the above couples . . . Happy birthdays are extended to DAN KAZAR, Operator SAM POSNER, ETHEL POSNER, MARTIN STERN, Mrs. HALL, Operator JOE EIFFES, and BETHEL KIRKWOOD . . . Operators GARY NOONAN and ROY RIPKA are hospitalized at Edgewater hospital at this writing. Both gentlemen had operations for hemorrhoids. Gary and Roy would like to thank their many friends for all the cards and get well wishes they received . . . EDWARD "Curley" STENZEL was married April 2 to Miss ROSE RUZICH. Congratulations from everyone at North Park are extended to Ed and Rose . . . Operator GEORGE KRINKE and his wife, PEARL, flew to Tucson, Arizona, for a two-week vacation. The Krinkes stayed with retired Police Officer ARTHUR FISCHER who was formerly stationed at La Salle and Wacker Drive. Arthur sends his regards to all his Chicago CTA friends. Also on the agenda was a visit to Las Vegas where the Krinkes had a grand time . . . Golfers remember the date: Monday, July 15, at St. Andrews Golf Club. The Division 241 annual golf day will be held and we are looking for all golfers to participate in this fine event . . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator and Mrs. SAM POSNER on the loss of Mrs. Posner's father, Mr. DAVID MOLL; Pensioner and Mrs. ARTHUR MUIR on the loss of RUTH's sister, Mrs. JEANETTE SWIFT BIRD, and to the family of JAMES B. HARRIS . . . Repairman LUTHER GRABOWSKI has been inducted into the army and is receiving his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri . . . The welcome mat is extended to TERRY MC GUIGAN, our new relief foreman, replacing CHUCK KUBAL who was transferred to 69th Depot . . . Repairman FRANK CIONE has returned to North Park after a stint at Lawndale and 77th Depots . . . Servicemen S. WILLIAMS, A. TAYLOR, and W. MORRIS are breaking in as repairmen and the gang at the garage wishes the best to these fine men in the future . . . R. BEAL, F. FULTON, and R. FREEMAN are welcomed at North Park to begin their careers as servicemen . . . The following men at North Park have picked spring vacations:

Repairman PAT O'MALLEY, Repairman PAT MALONEY, Repairman FRANK CIONE, Night Foreman JOHN JOYCE, Assistant Foreman HARRY DITTERY, Serviceman GENE DRZEWICKI, and Serviceman PAT McDONOUGH . . . The sympathy of the garage is extended to the family of Repairman GERRY PIETTE . . . Need cash for that vacation, see TONY, JOHN or DALE at the credit union office and they will be happy to provide you and yours with ready cash.

- Melvin Horning

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES (Specifications) -

JOANN OFFILL resigned to become a full-time "Mrs.", and will reside in Ohio. She will be remembered as JOANN BRADY . . . Our sincere sympathy goes to J. D. LARKIN on the recent death of his sister . . . LEE DeSUTTER and her husband just returned from a four-week Florida vacation looking as brown as berries. They had a marvelous time and can hardly wait for their next vacation to roll around!

(Stores) -

LYNN VUJNOVICH is our new stenographer in Stores as JANE URSO transferred to Specifications as Stenographer II, replacing JOANN OFFILL.

(North Division) -

Congratulations to TOM BOLDT and his wife on the birth of their daughter, DEBRA JEAN, on April 21 at Ravenswood hospital. Waiting at home to greet her is big brother MICHAEL . . . HELEN SLATTERY and her husband, TOM, of the Upholstery Department, enjoyed a pleasant evening attending the dinner-dance at the Post & Paddock Club in Arlington Heights, sponsored by the Oblate Crusaders of Chicago . . . We all wish a speedy recovery for NICK LA CORCIA's brother who underwent major surgery recently.

- D. Jane Bell

NORTH SECTION -

In the recent shuffle there were a lot of changes made in the picking of stations which went into effect on April 21. EVELYN LANZ left Howard street after such a long time and is now working at Bryn Mawr, 7 to 3 p.m. Your scribe is now working Belmont, 3 to 11 p.m., so any news can be left there, or at Kimball or Howard . . . Please contact EVELYN LANZ of the Flower Club when anyone is sick or in case of deaths . . . TOM BOYLE went into the hospital for minor surgery. We all wish him a speedy recovery . . . FRANCES BINNIE, SHIRLEY KNIGHT, and BETTY HAWKINS are all on vacation at this writing. Betty is going to Texas . . . MARION SPARKS is back to work after being off eight days with a damaged nerve in the neck. E. RENNHACK, J. GOLDBERG, ED PLATH, and VIOLET WAGNER are also back to work. HARRY WALDREN and TEENA HENKE are recuperating at home . . . ELSIE REIMER has asked me to thank the North Side Flower Club for the beautiful floral piece, letters, cards, and calls from all her co-workers. She says she is very grateful and shall never forget the kindness shown at the time her mother passed away. Elsie is retiring on April 30 after 22 years of service. We hope she will have a long and healthy retirement . . . GUS GUSTAFSON, North Side conductor, and GEORGE SCHINDLER, carpenter foreman, are also retiring April 30 . . . SHERMAN FRIEDMAN was transferred to the West Side as a ticket agent. He was a for-

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mer conductor at Howard street . . . Condolences to BERTHA ATKINSON on the loss of her husband, also to the JIM COURSEY family, the FRANK PEABODY family, and to ROSE McANDREWS on the loss of her husband. . . The welcome mat is out for RANDY FERRARI who has been a supervisor on the Douglas line and is now returning to Howard. Good luck, Randy . . . ANNABELLE DREW got a real Easter present when her son, FRANK, surprised her by sending her one dozen roses air mail from Japan . . . Janitor Crew Leader C. COLEMAN is enjoying a much deserved vacation. Hope you have fun, Cliff . . . EARL STEVENS and his wife just celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on April 21. Congratulations! Their son, JIM, and his wife had a baby girl April 1 who was named KIMBERLY SUE. That makes seven grandchildren for the Stevens . . . M. WATTS who has worked Chicago and State for three picks was surprised when she got a two pound box of candy for Easter and a five pound box of candy, card, and corsage from the students going through when she transferred out of that station. I really believe she earned it though and wish her luck wherever she goes . . . ROSE McANDREWS wants me to thank all of her friends and co-workers for the flowers, mass cards, and sympathy shown at the time of her husband's death . . . Your scribe and her husband spent Easter Sunday in Holland, Michigan, where the four sisters gathered for dinner. She had her niece and family from Detroit in on Tuesday and they stayed over-night. Welcome to the new ticket agent on the North Side, CHARLES BRISOLARA.

- Grace Mounts

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

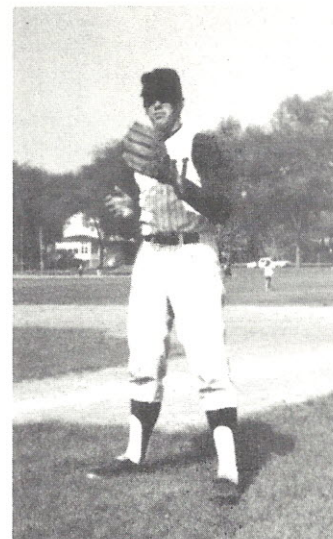
ED REILLY became a grandfather for the fifth time . . . PHILIP LEAHY our W.K.W.B. is sporting a new 1968 Buick LeSabre and it is air conditioned. Good luck, Phil, only you never let your cars get old . . . GEORGE HANUS is also driving a 1968 Chevelle-Malibu and it is air conditioned. Good driving, George . . . GEORGE JOHANNES spent his vacation house cleaning . . . JOE DeGRAZIA and his wife took some short trips . . . M. LEVEE is now home recuperating after surgery . . . At this writing JOSEPH T. LYNCH is in the hospital . . . K. SCHWARTZ is back to work after a stay at home due to eye illness . . . CLARK JOHNSON was busy house cleaning on his vacation . . . The sympathy of the department is extended to E. IVY and M. LEVEE upon the death of their mothers.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

JOSEPH ODDO, machinist, is enjoying the country of Mexico with his family. Joe has mailed many cards and they are enjoyed very much . . . HOMER DOUGLASS, machinist, is out of the hospital at this writing and is getting some needed rest at home . . . MARTIN GRIF-FIN, shopman, has returned to work after a seven-month illness. Glad to see you back, Marty . . . ROY LUND-QUIST, Truck Department foreman, sends some nice cards from North and South Carolina. A nice vacation land . . . L. H. REICHARD, retired superintendent of shops and terminals, has returned from Florida with a beautiful tan and reports catching a lot of fish each time out. Mr. and Mrs. Reichard also had a nice visit with Retired Safety Coordinator JOHN BURKE . . . Retired Upholsterer ALPHONSE SCHMITZ returned from Florida with his wife after a seven-week stay. They each

PITCHING A no-hitter on April 21 was BRIAN W. ROONEY, a senior at St. Viator High school. He struck out 12 batters to gain a 5-0 victory over Bishop McNamara High school. Brian, the son of Assistant Superintendent WILLIAM J. ROONEY, Howard-Kimball, is not only an excellent pitcher, but is an honor student and a winner of a National Merit Scholarship award. He also plans to enroll in Illinois State College in the fall.



look rested . . . Please fellows send in some news. Vacations will soon be here, there should be a lot to report.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SHOPS -

JOHN "of all trades" JANKUS spent an enjoyable vacation tearing down an old, and building a new garage. . . The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners at the Shops are JOE VIRRUSO, JOE CERVELLI, and AL WENDT . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to HAROLD MC GANN and his family on the death of his father, WILLIAM MC GANN . . . Mr. and Mrs. BUD ROSENDHAL returned recently from a Florida vacation. Bud is now an authority on stingrays . . . KAREN HOFFMAN is actively engaged in a new and different hobby, collecting speakers, stands, concrete, and side body glass . . . It seems JIM FELTZ lost a brand new golf ball and after retrieving it, made an ill-fated leap across a stream, and emerged wet and muddy. JIM LAMONT and AL SAMASKAS report that it was a windy day and he dried quickly. All is not tragic though, because Jim is the proud owner of a brand new 1968 Coronet 500. It came complete with scuba diving gear as optional equipment . . . Now that the bowling season is coming to an end our thoughts are turning to vacations and weekend holidays . . . If you would like to read a good column, please cooperate by contacting your reporter or by placing news items in your area's Transit News box. Have a happy Memorial Day!

- Kathleen O'Brien & Frank Sproveri

SOUTH SECTION -

The news is plentiful, so we'll start right off. Loomis street Yard Foreman FRED LESLIE went on pension April 1, and the Loomis Street Coffee Club had a nice get-together for him. Mrs. Leslie was present and joined in the festivities. We wish the best always to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie. They said they were going to enjoy life and take some scenic and fishing trips because they both are real fishermen. It was a nice spring day and our pensioners came out sporting their spring outfits. It was good to talk to Retired Motorman EDWARD HENNES-SY, Retired Conductors WILLIAM MANNICH, THOMAS WHITE, and EDWARD HOPKINS, Retired Yard Foreman CLIFFORD BECKER, Retired Switchman "Fritz" McD-DOLE, and Retired Assistant Station Superintendent ART

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ANDERSON . . . Janitor AUSBIE GILLESPIE was all smiles when he told us about the newest addition to the family, a baby girl named LATONIA TULAIN. This makes 10 children for the happy Gillespie family . . . Congratulations to JOHNNIE WILLIAMS who was promoted from regular switchman to regular yard foreman on April 21 . . . Salutations to newly transferred employees from the North and West Sections: CLAUDE SMITH, RICHARD SMITH, HUBBARD COLEMAN, FRANK HOLLIS, WILLIAM FRANCIS, ALBERT ROBINSON, and OLIVER RIDGELL. Also greetings to newly hired Agents INEZ WADLINGTON and ROBBIE NORRIS . . . Our congratulations to Janitor WENDELL GOOCH who completed his clerk training and now is an extra clerk . . . The Agent's Pension Club held their spring dinner and meeting on March 31 at the Beverly Woods restaurant and as always everyone had a ball. All the pensioners looked so young and were so gay and the family style dinner was delicious. It was a joy to see and talk to everyone. All the members of the club look forward to these pension dinners because it's a good chance to get together and chat with all their old friends . . . We welcome back from the sick list Motorman DOMINIC CESARE, Yard Foreman JAMES SIMMONS, and Agents ALPHONSE DELCORSE and WILLIAM DANIELS . . . Received a letter from Mrs. LLOYD ECHARD who wrote that her husband, Retired Conductor LLOYD ECHARD, passed away recently. She said that they lived in LaPorte, Indiana, for 15 years with their daughter and her family. She wishes to be remembered to all her old friends. I remember the Echards very well. When I was a little girl (I'm not saying how many years ago) my folks and the Echards were great friends. I wish to extend my personal expression of sympathy along with that of all our other employees . . . Welcome back from a short stint in the army to Trainman MARTIN HUNTER . . . Retired Towerman FRANK DIMMICK just returned from a nice trip to California where he took in the sights at Knotts berry Farm and Disneyland and then stopped over at Las Vegas on the way back. He looked just wonderful . . . Agent LEO DILLON, who recently returned from the sick list, wishes to thank everyone for all their cards and calls he received while he was ill . . . Retired Conductor MAURICE GOTTLOFF passed away recently. Our sincere condolences to his family . . . Good luck to Conductor ISRAEL HARRIS who resigned recently for another position . . . Agent MILLYE BEATTY wishes to thank everyone for their kindness when her mother passed away recently . . . On the sick list at this writing are Agents ODELL THOMPSON, LEON KURAS, and WILLIAM SHEEHAN. Our good wishes go to them for a speedy recovery and return to work.

- Verna Hartney

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Congratulations to H. DICKERSON Jr., Wilson, on his double honors. Henry graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology qualifying in the area of television and radio electronics. He also received another honor by being accepted into the DeVry Tech Alumni Association. Keep up the good work, Henry, you may be the boss some day . . . To enjoy the fruits of labor F. FILIPPELLI, Congress, retired after 27 years of service. Frank, a young 63, plans to take things easy . . . A double celebration was held at Wilson to honor retiring SAM DURSO and JOE LELAKES. The boys are sure going to be missed. Best wishes are extended to them from all the boys at Wilson . . . E. SHIELDS, Congress, is doing just fine in the recuperation department after undergoing eye sur-

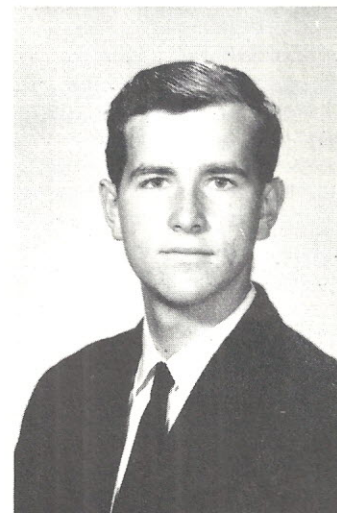
gery . . . Glad to hear little Miss HUNT, the daughter of N. HUNT, Congress, is doing fine after her tonsilectomy . . . Welcome back to A. BOLING, Congress, after being on the sick list . . . Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to A. MISCHKE, Wilson . . . A hearty welcome to A. SIKORA, R. WATSON, and R. GALLARDO, new men at Howard. Hope you will like your new jobs . . . The sons of Italy plus two held their dinner dance at the Ferrara Manor. An evening of fun, vino, dancing, vino, eating, and vino were enjoyed by J. CAPACCIO, R. CATTANESE, P. COLOMBO, J. CANNELLA, M. COYLE, D. WITTENBERG and their wives. J. Cannella and M. Coyle won the prize as the best dance team. John and Matt gave a stirring rendition of a waltz that turned out like the black bottom . . . Early spring vacations were enjoyed by L. C. Jones and H. Murry, Congress, A. Drapp, M. O'Malley, F. Raksts, E. Mizerocki, J. Williams, W. Sudduth, A. Digianfilippo, T. Friend, F. Velinski, N. McGill, G. Savis, H. Hughes, G. Lepore, E. Macklin, C. Dansby, N. Scimeca, N. Lichvar, D. Villia, and J. Locke, Wilson.

- Ray Brzezczek

TRANSPORTATION (Mart) -

On April 24 ALICE WIENSKI, formerly of the Transportation and Engineering Departments, gave birth to a baby girl named LAURA MARIE. The proud new parents and the baby are all doing fine. Congratulations and best wishes . . . JUNE VAN CAMP spent two weeks traveling around on her vacation. Part of the time she was on a cruise and stopped at places such as San Juan, the Virgin Islands, and other spots in the Caribbean. In order to get into San Juan it was necessary for the ship to go between the two sections of the split oil tanker. This she said was somewhat of an exciting experience. During most of her trip the weather was ideal . . . ELSIE SMITH took her granddaughter to Daytona, Florida, for a vacation. Here they visited with Elsie's parents and also took in some of the sights and attractions which included Marineland and the sugar mill . . . Your scribe recently returned from a wonderful two-week vacation at the KRAUSE's little white house in North Miami, Florida. I visited with a number of friends, swam, and went to many nice places, one of which was Marco Island where I waded in the Gulf of Mexico looking for some different sea shells. JACK and WANDA send a big hello to everyone . . . If anyone is interested in learning how

WINNER OF a five-year scholarship to Illinois Institute of Technology is KEVIN J. CALT, the son of Central District Supervisor OWEN CALT. Kevin, who will graduate from St. Patrick High school in June, will major in Electrical Engineering. He worked in Shops and Equipment, Rapid Transit, last summer and is planning to return this summer.



RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

RICHARD C. ARROWOOD, 76, West Section,
Emp. 5-29-28, Died 3-10-68
CHARLES R. AUSTIN, 85, 77th Street,
Emp. 8-5-13, Died 3-18-68
LAWRENCE A. COLLINS, 78, Accounting,
Emp. 6-2-42, Died 3-16-68
ELMER C. GORSS, 66, South Division,
Emp. 6-23-26, Died 3-14-68
MAURICE GOTTLOF, 86, South Section,
Emp. 8-16-19, Died 3-26-68
JAMES B. HARRIS, 76, Devon,
Emp. 2-19-24, Died 3-22-68
WILLIAM HENEGHAN, 75, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-4-44, Died 3-15-68
HENRY C. JURGENSEN, 88, 69th Street,
Emp. 7-24-06, Died 3-24-68
AUGUST H. KUNDE, 74, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-2-24, Died 3-30-68
IRA LEE, 72, West Section,
Emp. 4-27-44, Died 1-12-68
MAURICE P. MALONE, 69, 52nd Street,
Emp. 8-24-43, Died 3-31-68
PHILLIP MC DERMOTT, 86, Elston,
Emp. 9-26-11, Died 2-26-68
ELDEN C. MC GHEE, 66, Schedule,
Emp. 9-12-42, Died 3-7-68
JOHN PAPPASTERGIOU, 77, Douglas,
Emp. 1-2-47, Died 3-25-68

WILLIAM A. PARSON, 71, Kimball,
Emp. 1-20-45, Died 3-28-68
BENJAMIN J. PEPPERMAN, 89,
Emp. 3-23-25, Died 3-8-68
RAYMOND R. PRUSAK, 56, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-23-42, Died 3-2-68
JOHN SCHODORF, 56, Forest Glen,
Emp. 8-28-42, Died 3-5-68
EDWARD P. SCHULTZ, 77, Lincoln,
Emp. 6-30-15, Died 3-1-68
WALTER SETLAK, 74, North Park,
Emp. 11-13-29, Died 3-21-68
EMIL J. SPANNENBERG, 90, Armitage,
Emp. 11-13-17, Died 3-21-68
JOHN E. STALZLE, 70, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-5-28, Died 3-22-68
CHARLES H. STURM, 82, 69th Street,
Emp. 4-27-21, Died 3-29-68
JOHN SULLIVAN, 67, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-21-26, Died 3-17-68
LOUIS D. TRAUB, 79, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-17-17, Died 3-29-68
JOHN J. TRINEN, 88, Burnside,
Emp. 3-31-03, Died 3-17-68
RALPH C. UTT, 73, Kimball,
Emp. 5-21-24, Died 3-31-68

to square dance just ask JOE VODVARKA. He and his wife, MARILYN, have been taking lessons for some time now and have just about become pros . . . The sympathy of the Transportation Department is extended to the family of Mrs. MARIA B. STIGLIC, the mother of THOMAS, (Instruction Department) and MATT, retired Utility employee, who passed away on April 18, and to the families of CHARLES GYLLING, retired Chief Instructor, and EVERETT M. HEADLEY, retired Radio Dispatcher, who passed away on April 16 and 23, respectively.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

Our best wishes for a very happy retirement are sent to MATT STIGLIC who took an early retirement beginning April 1 . . . Among those who went south of the border to Mexico to enjoy the sunshine were: P. CARPINO, C. DILLON, J. TAYLOR, G. ISDALE, J. MOORE, E. PROVERI, C. HARE, F. GOODRICH, M. BERNARD, E. HILL, T. DAVIS, and W. SWAIN. Needless to say a good time was had by all . . . The Utility Department extends its condolences to P. CARPINO on the recent death of his father-in-law.

- Colette Szepepanek

WEST SECTION -

Brush away the cobwebs and take a trip down memory lane. Some have passed away, many are on pension and a few are still with us . . . The first thing I remember are the circular stairs we had to climb when we were at 3860 Lake street. As you pushed open the heavy door and walked in, the first person to see was Clerk SID SHAPIRO who could talk you out of anything. In the inner office sat Superintendent FRANK BOLAN, a wonder-

ful person to have around when you are a new man. HARRY HASLAM was our evening clerk and he was really kind to us . . . Pow, I heard, and turning around I saw STEVE DALTON and BOB CAREY fooling around as usual each morning . . . From the corner of my eye I can see "Pappy" KEANE giving LITTLEFIELD the business . . . Whenever you saw a bunch of men together, you would know that JOE LEWEN was in the middle telling jokes. We have a new one now, JIMMY LANE, but he tells older ones than Joe . . . CARL FRANK said the usual three Italian words he knew to greet me, and to this day I still don't know what he said. He must have gotten them from the four Italian old timers who were JAMES VITO, CARMEN PETRUCCI, PATSY LONGO, and JERRY BRINDESE . . . The really oldsters in the early 50's that I can remember were TOM O'BRIEN, FREDELL, MANTHEY, JOHN CLARK, MAT MATTES, TIDLER, HANK GAUER, and WAGNER . . . The most puzzled look came to both their faces when JOHN CONSIGLIRE and JOCK CALLENDER talked to each other . . . We had two of the best agitators in the business in JOE BROCHNIAK and JOHN "Murphy" HOLAKOVSKY. They sure could pick on us young fellows . . . To hear a dog bark everyday was a ritual with SAL DETAMASO who kept practicing the only imitation he knew. It sounded more like a coyote to me . . . The young men at that time stuck together. You wouldn't believe that these fellows were young once: C. J. JONES, JAMES LANE, WALTER RAFA, JIM MC PHEE, ROBERT CRAWFORD, DOUG WILLIAMS, GEORGE WOODMORE, RUDY PTACIN, EARL SINGLETON, WILLIAM PAYNE, and last, little old me . . . Walking out of the car house, where you sweltered in the summer and froze in the winter, and looking up at the tower to find where your train was, there was DUKE LAUSHE, our towerman, with a come

INSIDE NEWS



THE RECIPIENT of a farewell gift from L. C. DUTTON, superintendent of Schedule-Traffic Department, is smiling CAROLYN O'BRIEN, Carolyn, who is the daughter of LEO T. TAMUL, assistant station superintendent, 77th Street Depot, left CTA to await a visit from the stork.

on lets get to work look on his face. But, what a nice fellow he really was . . . I may have missed quite a few names, so try to remember them and the good old days, which they certainly were.

- Santo Siciliano

69TH STREET -

Vacations are now in full swing, so let's hear from you guys as to what you did and saw. This doesn't include my follower as he has a vacation all year long. . . The credit union board of directors attended a state convention at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, April 26. JACK WILLIAMS did some checking on them -- at Berghoffs? . . . Our white collar boys who work behind the bars could hardly believe it when GUERONE bought the rolls on Good Friday . . . Little WILLIE WILLIAMS had a problem one morning when he found a house brick inside his car. Some one had thrown it through a window while it was parked in front of his home. . . DAKE said he would rather be home fighting with his wife than drive during the recent disorders. . . MICKEY YOUNG said he won't have any flares this fourth of July as he was to close to them already during the riot. That was nothing compared to what would have happened if your wife saw you buttoning up HELEN's dress in the hamburger stand . . . Oh for the life of a janitor. RAY, the number 1 janitor, is sporting a new '68 car . . . W. JOLLY flew to Sioux Falls as a gift for his wife on Mother's day . . . It just occurred to me. How would you like to be following JESSE -- JAMES? . . . WALTER KURMOREK has taken his pension. Many happy years, fella . . . The HOWE brothers are in Arizona to see a brother who is very ill. . . CHARLES GYLLING, former chief instructor, passed away. ARNOLD HILLSTROM lost his mother. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families. . . The Repair Department and JIMMY AHERN would like to take this opportunity to wish the fellows who went into service the best of luck and a swift return. They are: BEN WILLIS, L. COLLIER, D. LOOKS, and FRANK HIGGINS. Frank is due home on furlough soon, after which he will leave for Viet Nam. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JIMMY LEE on the birth of their eighth child, MARGARET MARY. Keep up the good work, Jim. . . GUS PAV-

ELKA, GEORGE GACEK, MARTIN GRIFFIN, and BENNY BUTKIEWICZ all went fishing while on vacation. Don't want to hear the stories, but I sure could eat up the proof. . . JOE GAMEN who is now in Florida, and JOHNNY BURKE who lives close by in Orlando, say hello and want you to stop by and visit. I bet they could tell you about fishing. . . CHARLIE TRANCHITA is breaking in as relief clerk in the Repair Department. His dad is the short, fat, bald operator who works out of Beverly and runs up and down Kedzie avenue. Hi, TONY. . . Please fellows, wipe off those seats and steering wheels. It is murder on our new uniforms. Speaking of new uniforms -- did you see the line-up on the Inquiring Reporter Page in this Transit News. There's a few familiar faces -- even mine. . . Let's keep the news coming in. Drop me a line or card for the Transit News.

- Arthur P. Buesing

77TH STREET -

Well co-workers and everyone else, this is a very hard thing to do -- start this month's writing is what I mean. So many things have happened since we went to press last month. First, the world lost one of the greatest men that I have ever known when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was slain. We have all lost a good friend, and lest we forget, he was trying to obtain for everyone, justice, equal opportunity and a chance to share in the great things this country has to offer. I won't attempt to explain the many things that Dr. King did, with the beginning of the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, and ending in Memphis, Tennessee. Most of you could probably tell me a few things, but what I am trying to say is that you can kill a man, but you can't kill an idea. So I am asking each of you to please, please give a donation to the cause. The cause being Dr. King's dream. Make a check or money order payable to: Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Give it to me, Amos L. Foster, or mail it to Daddy-O Dailey, c/o Radio Station WGRT, 221 N. LaSalle Street, Room 526. . . Well here are a few birthday greetings. On May 12 my oldest daughter, BARBARA JEAN FOSTER, will be 22 years old. She just joined the CTA family as a ticket agent. Good luck, baby. Operator ESKER L. DIXON will celebrate his birthday on May 22. I'll meet you at 7:45 in the Kazbar. . . Operator AL P. LOGAN is trying to unseat PEYTON HIGHTOWER as the top commendation getter. Mr. Logan received three in 10 days. . . Operator FRANK C. JOHNSON was off ill a few days but has now returned to work. . . And now for the hard part. Last week I lost my notes and some of the items won't appear in this month's issue, but if you will get in touch with me I will take them again for next month. . . With the new pick in effect, plus all of the confusion that goes along with it when new men are trying to adjust to a new station and new leaders, trying to find out which way to pull-out and pull-in and over what street, our news fell off for this issue. . . Operator JAMES STEWART celebrated his birthday April 16. . . RONALD K. PHILPOT celebrated his birthday March 31. Operator Philpot is trying to get up a summer basketball team from our station. We're looking for some good forwards and some very good guards. Any operators who are interested, see Ronald, number 58 on the extra board. . . Operator DONALD CORBIN will be one year older on Memorial Day, May 30. . . Supervisor C. W. COOPER and his

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wife, DENISE, celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary on April 24. Congratulations to the Cooper's. Supervisor Cooper is new in District "A", and we would like to welcome him in our area. He is very happy to be in the District as it is close to home. Come to think of it, we haven't seen you around, Cooper . . . Hello there, LEON SIMPSON. You told us that you had a birthday and also an anniversary in April. We'd like very much to put it in our next issue so don't run away from us . . . Operator JAMES FORBES told us that he worked real hard on his birthday, April 1. That's right, The "April Fools Day" was on him . . . WILLIAM A. BYRD was looking forward to seeing "Golden Boy" on his birthday, April 22. He is still an eligible bachelor at 27 . . . Operator LARRY SHELBY had no idea what he would do on his birthday, May 14. He is going to play it by ear . . . It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of STANLEY STEWART, the brother of Operator RANDOLPH STEWART, March 24 . . . We also learned that Mrs. EDNA BAVERLE, the wife of deceased Operator H. BAVERLE, passed away on April 22 . . . JOHN HENDRICKS is confined in Little Company of Mary hospital and would welcome visitors . . . If you know of anyone who is confined to a hospital, please let Reporters FOSTER and BRAZIL know so that they can put a line in the magazine for them . . . Happy birthday to Operator R. J. HOWARD. The day, May 6 . . . Congratulations to JOSEPH and ANNA MAE PHILIP who celebrated their 24th anniversary March 15. Joseph took Anna Mae out for dinner and an opera. Their son, JOSEPH Jr., had his 21st birthday March 18. He is a marine sergeant stationed in Des Moines, Iowa, and will have completed four years of service the end of July. Joseph is looking forward to that date so he can complete his education in Los Angeles . . . Operator LARRY SHELBY is very busy getting his 21-foot cabin cruiser ready for setting out at Maryland Boat Club on the Calumet River. This may be an invitation for BRAZIL to get the water skis out . . . DEBRA ANN WASHINGTON, the daughter of Operator LEON WASHINGTON, will celebrate her 12th birthday, May 28 . . . Operator ELVESTER GADISON wanted to be in the triplet threat class. He tells us that his wife, BILLIE, celebrated her birthday April 10, their son, MARC ANTHONY, reached his sixth birthday April 19, and the old man himself will have one on May 30. He, too, has plans to see "Golden Boy" . . . Would you believe that Operator LEANDREW BLAKE has been married 22 years? It was April 23 that he and his wife, IDA VICTORIA, were married . . . DARWIN SCOTT, the son of Operator WILLIE SCOTT had a big birthday party



THIS LOVELY young lady is ARLENE THIEL, the sister of PAULINE THIEL of Revenue Accounting. Arlene was graduated from Elmhurst college on June 2, and will be teaching in Elmhurst in the fall.

March 6. Darwin was four years old. The Scotts may wait awhile before having another one for Darwin . . . EAXINE MOORE, the wife of Operator LOYAL MOORE, celebrated her birthday March 18. They had dinner out and later visited a friend's home . . . Operator ROBERT WILLIAMS will have a birthday May 2. His vacation starts May 5, and he is planning a trip to Memphis to visit relatives . . . REGINA DANZIE, the daughter of Operator HUEY DANZIE, had a real birthday party on March 18. Regina was three years old . . . The Cottage Grove Kid, AARON WILSON Jr., will buy his son, AARON, a bicycle for his ninth birthday May 30 . . . A great big lolli-pop goes to DEREK COLBERT who made his first birthday, May 2 . . . GARY HOLLAND went to Mr. Kelly's, and his wife bought him a sharp new top coat for his birthday, March 14. He wished that March 14 came every month . . . DENISE CARTER, the daughter of Operator WILLIE CARTER, will become a teen-ager, 13 years old, on May 21. The Carters are considering giving Denise a party . . . Operator DIDDIE JAMES had a birthday April 16. He bought himself a new uniform . . . CHARLES MYERS starts his vacation on May 5 for two weeks. With weather permitting, he hopes to get in a lot of fishing. He'll also have a birthday while he is off, May 12 . . . GARWIN WILLIAMS we wish you a happy birthday, too, April 21 . . . MALCOLM DIXON, the son of Operator BURNELL DIXON, will be looking for a transistor radio on his 14th birthday April 24 . . . LEVESTER SANDERS has returned to work after being off for over a year. Sanders, as you remember, is the operator who had acid thrown in his face while working State street. Glad to see you back and looking well, Sanders . . . Operator ALBERT TONEY now has two sons working for the company. His first son, ALBERT Jr., is a driver out of Archer, and his second son, MICHAEL HENRY, will be in the shops. Some of us may remember Albert Sr. as the driver who turned his bus into an ambulance when he took three passengers who were injured to Mount Sinai hospital . . . Operator EPSKIN TILLMAN worked his birthday March 7. "No big thing," he remarked . . . Congratulations to KENNETH and DARNELL EDWARDS who celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary on April 28. Their son, VICTOR, was five years old, April 11, while ROCHELLA, their daughter, made seven on May 1. The Edwards recently moved into their new home . . . Operator VERNE L. MAHR will have a birthday on May 21. It will also make his 11th year with the company . . . ANTHONY DIELE will be taken out on May 22 to commemorate his birthday . . . Operator ISAAC MAGEE and his wife, INEZ, celebrated their 19th anniversary March 10. Their son, LEONARD D., celebrated his 16th year April 17 . . . The family of Operator SAM PATTON made this issue also. Sam had a birthday on March 28, while his wife, PAULINE, had hers on March 13. His son, CARL, was nine years old on the 18th of April. We missed the new born baby girl who will answer to the name of ADRIAN GAY. She came into the world February 9 . . . Operator NATHANIEL MOORE enjoyed his birthday on April 7 by working . . . In concluding our issue, we'll bring you a bit of news from the fishing world. "The Mates", better known as BILL GARDNER, "Propane" JOE, WILLIE PATTON, and HOWARD CARSON, went fishing in Eureka, Wisconsin, for one day and brought back about 85 fish. They were stripers and walleyes. They will probably go again very soon for the catfish run. Howard lost the big one, and this is no fish tale. At the time, he was using a 12-pound test line. You can bet the next time he will take a clothes line.

- Amos Foster & Julius Brazil

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