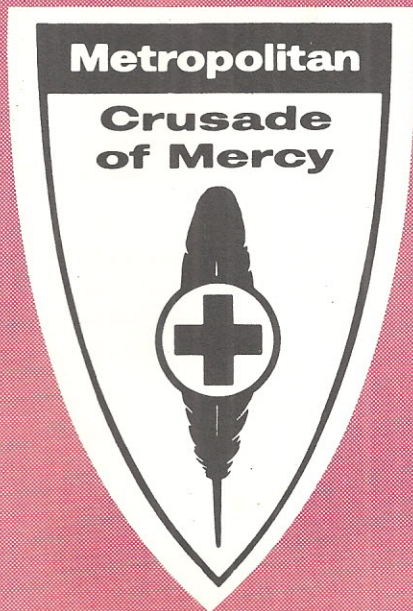




# TRANSIT NEWS

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1968



for  
mercy's  
sake



**OUR COVER:** The very young...and very old...and many, many others of all ages need the understanding and assistance provided by Crusade of Mercy services. Your generous pledge to the Crusade helps support 900 voluntary human care services right here in our own community. For mercy's sake... please give!

## YOU HAVE THE POWER OF MERCY

YES, YOU have the power of mercy. And you can use it, or you can withhold it.

When you add your power of mercy to that of others, it is multiplied many times and becomes a crusade of mercy spreading across the community where you live, where you work and where you raise your family.

This, very simply, is what the Metropolitan Crusade of Mercy is all about.

It is you, plus every individual like you, who is truly concerned about what is happening to people in our community and who cares enough to want to do something--to want to reach out and help in a way that will do the most good.

The simplest and most effective way for you to put your power of mercy to work is by signing a pledge to the Metropolitan Crusade of Mercy. When you do this, your pledge, plus a million others, becomes a powerful force to prevent and relieve suffering and to help those who need it to help themselves.

CTA's annual solicitation of employee contributions for the 1968 Metropolitan Crusade campaign was launched October 7 and will continue until November 1. Last year, a total of \$78,782.10 was contributed by CTA employees in monthly payroll deductions and cash gifts.

Employees who are presently contributing monthly will be urged to increase their pledges, as their circumstances permit. Those not currently contributing through the payroll deduction plan will receive enrollment cards. Employees who wish to contribute one per cent of their annual earnings or one day's pay may do so by marking and signing their card.

This is mercy in its highest sense, and in its most practical form. How much can be done depends on how much you will do. These are times which call for an extra measure of mercy by those who care.

The power of mercy is yours.

How will you use it?

## *Turkey* "A Chicken in Every Pot"

### Old Campaign Promise Now a Reality for CTAers



A PROMISE is a promise! And CTA's promise to provide a turkey for Thanksgiving or Christmas isn't one to be taken lightly--it's backed up by the Executive Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan.

At a recent meeting of the Committee it was announced that a free turkey certificate will be given to each employee who submits a suggestion that is adopted during the period October 1 through December 31, 1968.

So, if you have an idea of how a job can be done safer, faster, or with less material and better results, just put it in writing on a suggestion blank and mail it in the post-paid envelope. Don't forget to tear off and keep the bottom stub, the number on it will identify your suggestion on the special bulletin board after the committee has processed it. If your idea is adopted, you will not only win a certificate for a free turkey but you may win up to \$10,000, depending on the value of your suggestion.

The Committee also announced the names of six employees whose suggestions were adopted since the previous list published in Transit News. Winning a cash award of \$250.00 was Edward Bartkus, South Shops, who submitted a suggestion for salvaging bus engine oil pans. A \$75.00 award was won by Zita Gyuricza, Purchasing Department, and awards of \$50.00 each were won by two South Shops employees, Paul Psik and Casimir Strzynski.

The ideas of two other suggesters were also accepted, entitling them to become winners of Jewel gift certificates. They are, Regina Daren, Medical Department, and Tom Boldt, Stores Department-Skokie Shops.



MANAGEMENT'S APPRECIATION of the voluntary efforts of Inside News reporters for CTA Transit News was expressed at the dinner in their honor held on September 13 in the M&M Club.

Speaking before the group was Transit Board Chairman George L. DeMent who, with a copy of the July-August Transit News in hand, cited several humorous and interesting articles which the reporters had submitted. Mr. DeMent complimented the scribes on the thoroughness of the reporting jobs they are doing and the manner in which they present the news.

Relating the important part Teamwork plays in the production of Transit News, F. C. Knautz, superintendent of public and employee relations, thanked those present for the assistance rendered in compiling and producing each month's magazine. Adding to the enjoyment of the evening, Mr. Knautz announced that three winners of \$7.00 Jewel gift certificates would be selected by a drawing. Lucky winners were Inside News reporters Verna Hartney and Helen Pallister, and Joan Fitzgerald of the Reproduction Services Department, who assists in the typing of Transit News copy.

Two guest speakers on the occasion were the senior Inside News reporters present at the dinner, who accepted an invitation to join Mr. DeMent and the Transit News staff at the speakers' table. Giving tips to others on effective ways of gathering news were Mary Clarke, General Office reporter since January, 1948, and Tom Daniels, who has reported from Beverly and other operating stations since November, 1954.

CTA photographers attending the dinner took advantage of the occasion and grouped reporters from related locations to produce pictures appearing on this page.

Reporters from surface system operating stations are shown in the top picture. They are (from left): Bill Miedema, North Avenue; Tom Daniels, Beverly; Art Buesing, 69th Street; Amos Foster and Julius Brazil, 77th Street; Mel Horning, North Park; Ernest Carter, Keeler, and Bill Henry, Forest Glen.

Representing rapid transit system locations, in the second picture, are: Verna Hartney, South Section; Mildred Doyle, Loop; Santo Siciliano, West Section; Grace Mounts, North Section, and Helen Pallister, Logan, Lake and Douglas.



## REPORTERS HONORED



## AT TRANSIT NEWS DINNER



In the third picture are reporters from all other departments, including: Clotilde Mrzena, Revenue Accounting; Mary Gallon, Engineering (West Shops); Colette Szczepanek, Operations; Eileen Neurauder, Payroll Accounting; Ray Brzeczek, Terminal Inspection Shops; Jeanne Fitzgerald, Engineering-Research & Planning, and Mary Clarke, General Office.

In the picture at the left, Mr. DeMent (right) is with two special guests at the dinner who were long-time reporters and are now retired; Gil Andrews is the former Electrical Department scribe and Mable Potthast reported from General Accounting.



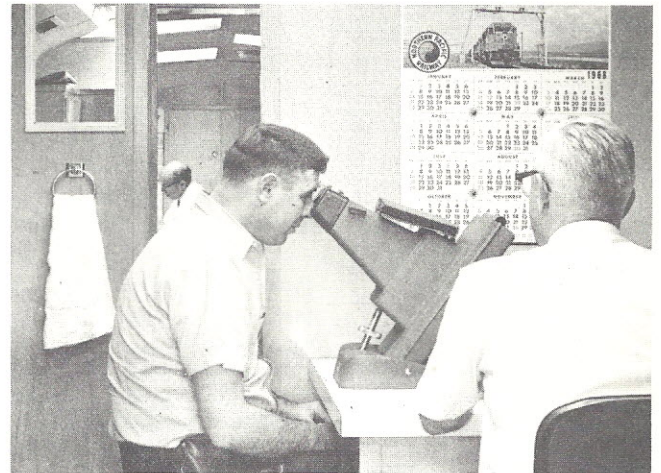
# 37,000 Employees Visit Medical Buses in 10 Years

CTA's MEDICAL Department marked the 10th anniversary of its first mobile examining unit on September 17, and announced that more than 25,000 employees have used the bus to undergo periodic examinations since it was rebuilt and placed into this special service.

A second bus, designated medical examination unit-2, was completed in April, 1963, and has since served to alleviate the work load on the No. 1 unit by handling an additional 12,000 employees since it entered service. The buses serve a useful new aspect in the field of preventive medicine--they enable trained personnel to spot symptoms of diseases at an early stage, so that employees may be advised to visit their personal doctors for treatment when necessary. Such a program is in the best interest of not only CTA, but also the employees--who can achieve greater longevity and better health through proper attention of bodily disorders.

Each bus is staffed by a doctor and a medical technician from the Medical Department and is thoroughly equipped to give the examinations required for all operating personnel. Facilities are available for a complete physical examination including visual testing and urinalysis. Electrocardiograms are periodically included as part of the examination.

In the beginning, the tests were only given to bus operators over the age of 55, and to rapid transit motormen, switchmen, yard foremen, and towermen over the age of 45. Now, all operating personnel under the age of 45 are also given a complete examination every two years. This also includes all shop personnel. Surface and rapid transit operating employees over the age of 45 are examined once each year.



DURING SEPTEMBER medical examining units were assigned to CTA locations on Chicago's North Side. Rapid Transit Motorman Ernest Fenner is shown boarding the original medical bus, Unit No. 1, at the Howard Street Station. Bus Operator Sam Ison, Forest Glen Station, is undergoing a test of his visual acuity with the assistance of Medical Technician Harry Soreghen in Unit No. 2.

## 20 Named in New Supervisory Appointments

SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL appointed to new positions in the Transportation and Shops & Equipment Departments were announced in bulletins issued recently.

Effective September 1, W. J. Lambert was appointed P. M. foreman at Keeler garage, and H. G. Gerali became P. M. foreman at 52nd 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.

Approval was also given to the following changes in Shops and Equipment Department foreman assignments which became effective September 29: J. H. Austin, relief foreman at Beverly garage; J. R. DiBiase, relief foreman at 77th Street garage; M. M. Smith, relief foreman at 77th Street garage; H. Johnson, relief foreman at

69th Street garage; W. J. Joseph, relief foreman at 52nd Street garage; J. W. Rochette, relief foreman at Archer garage; J. R. Pankonen, relief foreman at Kedzie garage; T. S. Gecan, relief foreman at North Avenue garage; P. J. Zigmant, relief foreman at Keeler garage; T. J. McGuigan, relief foreman at Limits garage; R. E. Biard, relief foreman at North Park garage, and F. L. Bruno, relief foreman at Forest Glen garage.

Appointments made by D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, and approved by C. E. Keiser, operating manager, which became effective October 1 include the naming of station superintendents R. Keag, North Park; J. Knerr, 77th Street, and T. Screen, 69th Street. Also named in the bulletin were C. Gibes, assistant station superintendent, 77th Street; J. Logay, assistant station superintendent, 69th Street, and W. Schweitzer, relief station superintendent, Archer-Lawndale.





## Employee's Wife Sees Chicago from Traffic Copter

WHEN THE "I Wanna Bee" request of a silver-haired mother of three grown sons was made to the Beeline of the Chicago Daily News, they immediately went into action to grant her wish.

Mrs. Helen O'Sullivan, a kindergarten teacher at Dawes Elementary School and the wife of Joseph O'Sullivan, Training and Accident Prevention Department, wrote to the Beeline and said, "I have always wanted to see Chicago from a helicopter, especially the 'sphagetti' of thoroughfares. I Wanna Bee a passenger with Officer Cohen on one of his famous daily rides." She was referring to Officer Alex Cohen of the Chicago Police Department's Traffic Division.

Her day began at 6:50 a. m. when the helicopter, piloted by Bill Singer, took off from the heliport behind the WGN studios on Monday, August 12. A complete coverage of all the major expressways was made before making the first traffic report at 7:15 a. m. over the Wally Phillips show. A shocked and perplexed Mr. Phillips, who was unaware that Mrs. O'Sullivan was aboard the helicopter, said, "Alex, your voice has changed."

The expressways weren't the only things that were checked out on this memorable flight for Mrs. O'Sulli-

van. They were continually kidding her and at one point she was afraid they were going to land atop the John Hancock building. When the pilot started to zero in on her backyard, she felt concern as she was afraid the neighbors would "be a bit upset."

After Mrs. O'Sullivan stepped from the helicopter at 9:30 a. m. (picture above) she made a guest appearance on Mr. Phillips' show. "I think everybody should have a chance to take the ride," she said, "It's such a wonderful way to get to know the city."

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TAKEOFF TIME for 66 Hawaii-bound vacationers from CTA was 5:45 p. m. on Saturday, August 31. In just a few hours they landed in Honolulu and began their island tour as they received a traditional aloha greeting. After 15 days of sunshine and sightseeing, the group experienced still another takeoff on September 15--as their jet aimed for Chicago.





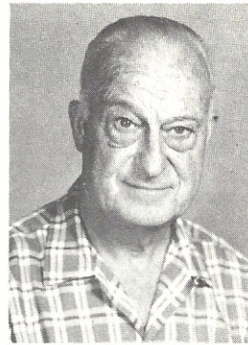
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48 Years



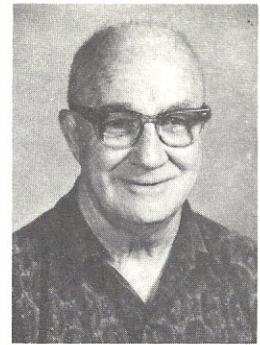
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42 Years



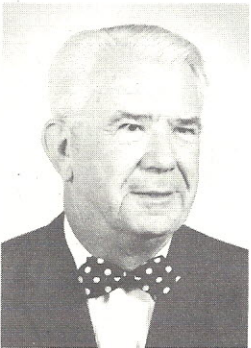
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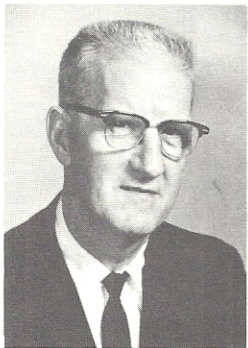
**J. VAN HILST**  
43 Years



**G. H. KINZIE**  
42 Years



**A. BARTHELHEIM**  
42 Years



**E. MAENNER**  
40 Years

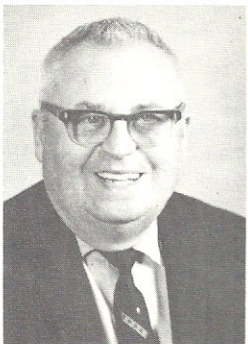
**23 Transit Veterans**

**Retire with Service**

**Totalling 969 Years**



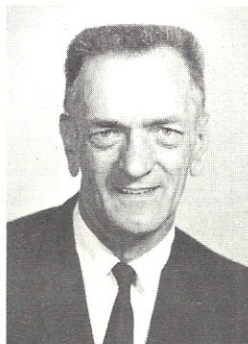
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40 Years



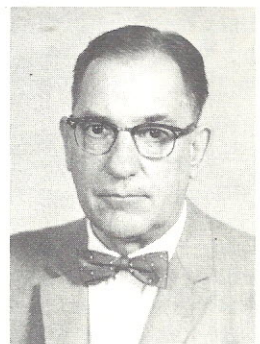
**H. TALUZEK**  
41 Years



**W. JACKSON**  
40 Years



**J. S. KAMIEM**  
40 Years



**W. W. HOVALD**  
41 Years



## Model Bus Shown

THE MINI-BUS constructed by members of CTA Explorer Post 9607 became nationally famous recently when it was displayed before delegates of the 50 States at the Boy Scouts of America conferences held in Fort Collins, Colorado.

During the five-day period of August 18-22 more than 10,000 visitors to the conference viewed the bus and other displays on the campus of Colorado State university. Representing both CTA and the Explorer Post was Frank May of South Shops, who answered countless questions about the Post and the one-quarter scale model bus. While being displayed in Fort Collins the bus con-

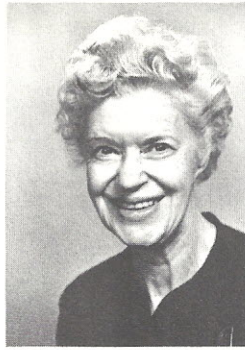




**C. R. HOSANG**  
46 Years



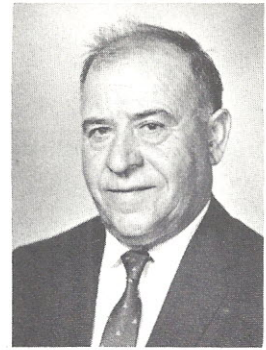
**R. W. WARD**  
48 Years



**L. S. NELSON**  
45 Years



**P. FLAHERTY**  
42 Years



**N. CINQUEPALMI**  
43 Years

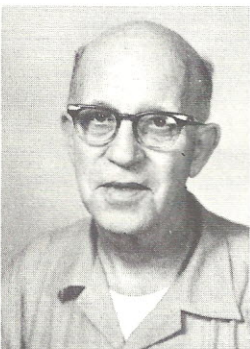
JOINING THE ranks of the retired during September and October were 23 employees who had each served more than 40 years with CTA and its predecessors. Their combined service records totalled 969 years.

Topping the list in length of service was Roger Ward, chief clerk, Limits Station, who had 48 years and 7 months service.

Next highest in seniority was Ed Devine, buyer III, Purchasing Department, who had completed 48 years and 2 months as a transit employee. Two others, each of whom had passed the 45-year mark as transit workers, were Clarence Hosang, B electrician, Electrical Department, and Leone Nelson, ticket agent, West Section.



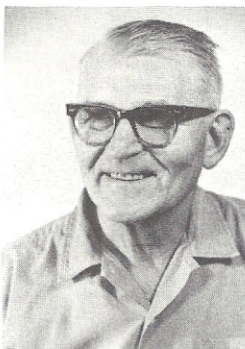
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41 Years



**P. P. REMY**  
41 Years



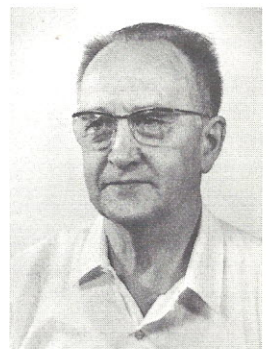
**R. JOHNSON**  
40 Years



**O. MULLARD**  
40 Years



**E. SCHLAGE**  
41 Years



**F. E. RIECKE**  
41 Years

## at Scout Conference

sumed 6 gallons of gasoline--it normally gets 20 miles to the gallon.

In the picture at the left, Frank May (seated in bus) is being congratulated by two BSA Chicago Area Council officials who have inspected the bus and lauded the Post on its project. They are Francis Orlaski (left) and Wayne Shannon, Area field director and exploring director, respectively.

Chief National Scout Executive Alden Barber is shown seated in the bus in the picture at the right, as Storrs Smith, Chicago Area scout executive, looks on.







**CHESTER "RUSTY" RUSAKIEWICZ**, design draftsman (with reporter Jeanne Fitzgerald): "On a Saturday in May of 1934 I witnessed the Stock Yard fire. The flames were spreading in all directions and the firemen were having a difficult time trying to contain the fire. I saw the after results, including the way the elevated structure was warped by the heat and flames. A picture page from a Chicago newspaper, showing the effect of the fire, is still in my possession."



**CAROL RADMAN**, posting clerk: "The most exciting thing I ever witnessed was not an event, but my visit to Las Vegas. It was like a completely different world! The scenery and buildings were so spectacular, I couldn't believe they were for real. The casinos were so plush and enormous, I sometimes felt as if I were participating in a glamorous movie. I think this trip was a real adventure for me and certainly the most exciting experience in my life."

**QUESTION:** What was the most exciting event you ever witnessed?

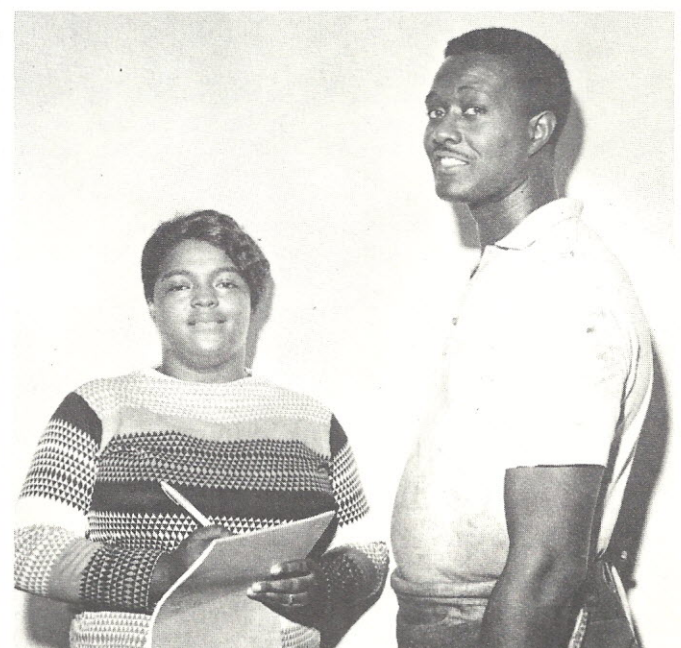
**INQUIRING REPORTERS:** Jeanne Fitzgerald and Mary Gallon

**LOCATION:** Engineering—Research & Planning

**JOE BYRNE**, laborer: "It was watching the event that took place in the Chicago Stadium March 6, 1964, when **TOM O'HARA** set a new world record of 3:54 minutes for the indoor mile."



**TOM FORTUNE**, shopman (with reporter Mary Gallon): "Watching the riots during the Democratic Convention on television was pretty exciting. There was more action there than in the westerns I usually watch."





# MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin  
CTA Medical Consultant

## INFLUENZA

AGAIN WE are approaching or already may be in the season for influenza. It is important to periodically review and evaluate the many types of this disease. We all know that influenza produces much suffering and loss of work. One reason for periodic review of the flu is that the viruses which cause this terrible disease change their breed or characteristics from year to year.

There are many types of viruses. Some of the more common ones are type A and type B. There is also the Asian (type 2). Type A epidemics tend to occur every 2 to 3 years and type B at about 3 to 6 year intervals. The periodicity of the disease is thought to result from the antigenic variations in the prevailing influenza viruses. For clarity about the above "antigenic variations" I wish to say this: the antigens are substances in the vaccines which have the power of stimulating antibodies in our system which kill the flu viruses. Now, then, if the flu viruses change their characteristics from one year to another, as they do, and the antigens in the vaccine are not changed accordingly, then the vaccine does no good. This is not easy to do but that is the problem in a "nut-shell."

The usual symptoms in the uncomplicated cases of flu are characterized by a rather sudden onset of fever, marked prostration and weakness, severe aching pains in the back and extremities, with progressive inflammation of the respiratory tract.

The ordinary cold, on the other hand, is less disabling and produces a stuffy-running nose, sneezing, slight headache, slight fever, and cough.

Both the flu and head colds are caused by viruses and are highly infectious and communicable. They usually

occur in epidemic form and last from a few days to a few weeks.

According to a recent issue of the American Medical Association News an epidemic of Asian flu appears likely. The U.S. Public Health Service advisory board feels the same way. A few weeks ago an epidemic of the flu swept Hong Kong and later hit Singapore. The cases were reported as being relatively mild.

The current vaccines may not provide full protection, but a constant effort is being made to develop the proper vaccine. The 1968 vaccines are designed to combat Type A, A1, A2, and B.

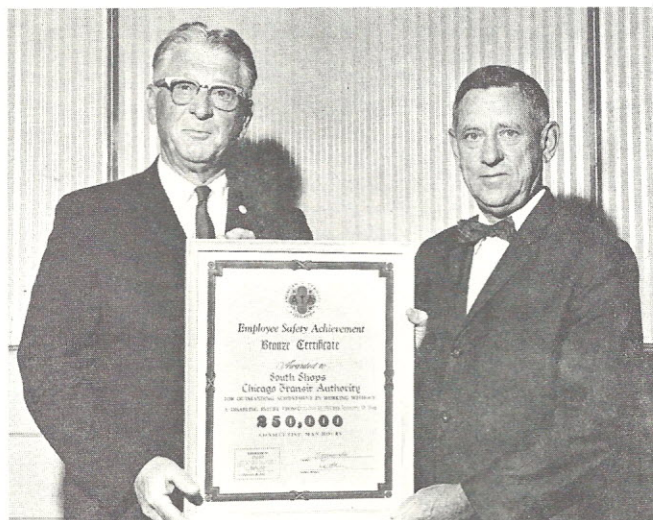
**TREATMENT** -- annual influenza immunization is recommended for individuals in groups known to experience high mortality from flu epidemics. It is especially advisable for persons in the older age groups and for all individuals with chronic diseases such as heart disease, chronic pulmonary diseases such as bronchitis, T.B. and emphysema, and patients with diabetes. At this time the vaccine is the only possible preventative measure we have for influenza.

Reactions may be a slight fever or headache but are usually not severe.

Contraindications should always be considered. Since the vaccine viruses are propagated in eggs, the vaccine should not be administered to anyone who is hypersensitive to eggs.

At this time of the year it is well to keep up your resistance by getting plenty of rest, dressing properly, and avoiding crowds.

If you are unfortunate enough to develop the flu contact your doctor at the beginning and follow his advice until recovery.



FOR THE fourth time in three years, South Shops was cited as the recipient of the highly-coveted transit industry safety award. The American Transit Association bronze certificate was recently presented to employees at the facility for working 250,000 consecutive man hours without a lost time or disability injury.

South Shops, the major bus overhaul facility, accumulated 263,060 consecutive man hours without a lost time injury during the period October 18, 1967, to January 18, 1968.

In ceremonies held at the shops, the presentation of the bronze certificate was made by Charles E. Keiser (right), CTA operations manager and chairman of the ATA Standardization Committee, to Joseph Bolech, superintendent of surface system shops.



# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -

The picturesque east was CHRIS CAMERON's vacation choice, with stops at Niagara Falls and Montreal, Canada . . . STANLEY MAILUCK visited his favorite camping spot, Boulder, Colorado. From there he rented an auto tape tour, which is a tape recorder that you plug into the cigarette lighter and listen to the description of the scenic spots as you drive along. He made a circle tour of the Rocky Mountain National Park from Boulder, over Trail Ridge Road, Grand Lake, over Berthoud Pass to Golden and back to Boulder . . . CLARA LAWRENCE headed for Conover, Wisconsin, near Eagle River, on Lake Bucatoben where the beautiful weather made swimming and hiking a real pleasure . . . VI MEYER spent a part of her vacation at home, spoiling her pet chihuahua, "Bambi" . . . We extend a welcome to our new payroll clerks CLARA LAWRENCE and MARY JANE HOSTETTER.

- Eileen Neunauter

## (Revenue) -

Among the smiling faces of our many vacationers who have returned, we find ALICE ARKIN. Her two weeks of "sun and fun" took place in Miami and Puerto Rico . . . Other cheery faces we see are those of JOSEPH CUCI, file clerk, formerly a transfer counter, WILLIAM SHOLDICE, balance clerk, formerly of payroll, and ROBBIE JONES, presently positioned as a comptometer operator . . . Recent birthday wishes were made by RUTH HAVLIK, August 8; MARY ALICE CLEARY, September 15, and your scribe, September 19 . . . With the present views of fashion, eyes are usually following women with their hemlines from mini to maxi, but we can't forget the male gender. So, CURTIS BURRELL, we are still watching you (fashion-wise, that is) . . . Revenue Accounting would like to express its deepest sympathy to LOU BIELSKI in the loss of his wife, BERNICE. Services were held at the Kowachek Funeral home on Thursday, August 5 . . . To SHIRLEY PALILUNAS, wife of Revenue Accountant FELIX PALILUNAS, we hope for a speedy recovery. Mrs. Palilunas is in St. Francis hospital in Blue Island.

- Clotilde Mrzena

## BEVERLY -

The temperature is 97 degrees and all we hear on the bus is "turn on the air conditioners", but don't worry, the "big snow" will be with us soon . . . Operator JOHN MURPHY and his wife, MARIA, just returned from Frisco and drove 5,300 miles. John's mother, Mrs. BRIDJET MURPHY, was also along and saw more on the trip than John did. They don't make girls like Bridjet any more, as she is 78 years young and never complained once on the trip . . . We tip our hat to Operator HARRY DE LORME for his donation of books to Manteno State hospital. Thanks, Harry . . . Received a card from Operator LeROY LILLY who vacationed in New York and put on the dog at the Hilton . . . Operator CHARLES (Peepers) GLINES celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss and went on a fishing trip with his lovely wife . . . We express our sympathy to the following: Operator HAROLD CURE in the loss of his father; VIRGIL TRIMMER whose mother died; Operator A. REED whose father passed away, and to Clerk RALPH SHORT of 77th Street

Depot who went to his eternal reward . . . Clerk BILL MURPHY is playing wedding tunes on his new organ, while Clerk JOHN KIRBY sings along.

Thanks to Editor BOB HEINLEIN for the wonderful dinner at the M & M club. Bob presented each reporter with a gift, and did a wonderful job as toastmaster for the evening. Your scribe had the privilege, and the honor, of being selected to sit at the speakers table with Mr. GEORGE DeMENT, CTA Board Chairman. Just sitting alongside the lovely and beautiful DIANA WOOD makes me dream of my youth . . . Operator JOHN BURGER-MEIR's daughter, JUDITH, waltzed down the middle aisle looking very happy and proud holding onto dad's arm . . . Thanks to Operator JOE JAROS for the Dutch Master cigar. Keep trying, Joe, and hope you have better luck next time . . . Sorry to hear our good friend Pensioner MIKE LESNER went to his eternal reward. Mike had many friends at Beverly, and we will miss him . . . Operator HARRY DeLORME had a narrow escape when the salt beds in Utah opened up and tried to swallow him. This is why they post warning signs to stay on the planks, and Harry is now a true believer in signs . . . Reverend MICHAEL FORAN wishes to thank all the CTA men for coming to Notre Dame for the big retreat. We salute Pensioner ERNIE TOCCI who never grows old, is always looking for new members, and is already making plans for next year's retreat. La Rabida Council, Knights of Columbus, was the honor guard in the procession, and people came from miles around to see this beautiful glorification.

- Tom Daniels

## CLAIM -

EDWARD HEALY wishes to use this medium to extend his heartfelt thanks to all of his co-workers at CTA who were responsible for the beautiful television set presented to him. We are sure it boosted his morale tremendously to know so many care. Ed is currently convalescing at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Hope you're enjoying your television . . . At this writing ED COMAN, JOHN McGOVERN, and CASEY PAULINSKI are on the sick list. All of us are wishing you speedy recoveries and hope to see you soon . . . Congratulations to grandpas HARRY BONESS and MIKE McDERMOTT. Harry's daughter, YVONNE, and her husband, DICK, were blessed with a boy, PETER ROBERT, on September 14. MIKE's son, MICHAEL J., and his wife, DIANE, of Corpus Christi, Texas, are the proud parents of a girl, DIANE FRANCIS, born August 17 . . . Good luck to JOHN "Butch" DALY who joined the Army and is now stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia . . . Happy days are here for ARNOLD GUSTAFSON who retired on July 31. Best wishes are extended to you and we all hope you have many of those happy days . . . We were recently visited by JOHN DAVIS, former court assistant. John looks very good for himself, but it seems he was so busy 'gabbing' with everyone else he didn't get a chance to stop and say hello. Don't forget us next time, John . . . Good luck and congratulations to KARLA GIAMPA who received a \$7.00 Jewel certificate for her suggestion. Karla left in August to return to school . . . MARY MITCHELL who was here for the summer left in September to become a beautician. Good luck, Mary, don't forget to



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visit . . . MARGE LYNCH and her two nieces, CATHY and SHARON, recently returned from their vacation in Washington, D.C., and New York. In Washington they visited the White House and then walked up 898 stairs to the Washington Monument. But Marge says she sat that one out. They also viewed the Lincoln Memorial, and at Arlington cemetery they visited the graves of John F. and Robert F. Kennedy. From Washington they flew to New York and took a boat ride to see the Statue of Liberty. They missed seeing the skyline of the city because of fog, but did see the Rockettes at Radio City. While walking around town, Cathy met a girl from her room at school in Chicago. They say that anyone who is visiting New York almost always meets someone from their home town . . . Welcome to two newcomers, RUTH KOMENSKY and PAT ZAJAC . . . CHARLES and MARY MARBLE and their family recently returned from vacation which they spent, most of the time, visiting relatives. They went to Atlanta, Georgia, where they visited 8 of Charlie's aunts and 48 cousins. From there they went to Memphis to visit two of Mary's uncles and then on to Mississippi to visit her mom and dad. Charlie tells us this was the first time in the air for Mary and the children. Is there a second? . . . JEAN URBAN stayed at home while CHESTER and their two sons, RICHARD and ROBERT, camped in northern Wisconsin. Chester says the fishing wasn't to good and neither was the weather, so they decided to go to the South Dakota Badlands and Black Hills. The boys were very impressed when they viewed the Chief Crazy Horse project, Buffalo Bill's home, ghost towns, and gold mines. Rich brought home boxes full of rocks from Mt. Rushmore, while Bob brought home a beetle from the Nebraska State Park and made a pet out of it. Chester said they had a good time, but he had to do all the cooking. Bet it was nice to get home to some real dinners! . . . ELEANOR GARRO spent two weeks at a favorite vacation spot in Door County, Wisconsin, along with her sister's family. Despite storms and cold weather, they enjoyed their vacation and the activities of the area and are looking forward to returning there next year. Hope the weather is better! . . . ART RACKY and his family drove east via Niagara Falls enroute to Syracuse where his son, THOMAS (AIC), returned to his base, Hancock Field, where he is stationed after a 16-day furlough . . . MARIE SHUMON spent her vacation visiting friends in Phoenix, Arizona. Marie says since she lived in Phoenix it has grown quite a bit.

- Peggy Wallahan & Shari Pupa

### CONGRESS (Agents) -

Who walked who over the state line this time? . . . We were very sorry to hear that JAMES CLARK had to go to the hospital, but when he began asking how the fish were biting we knew that he was recovering. Jimmy wishes to thank his many friends and co-workers for their words of cheer and kindness . . . STANLEY BANALS and his wife, BERNICE, again winged their way to Cape Canaveral, Florida, for a visit with their son, who is stationed there, and his family. Someday, Stan has hopes of seeing a rocket go up . . . Agent EILEEN CARMODY went home to mother in Cary, Ireland . . . BETTY SEGERSON's grandson, FRANKIE, helped plan her days while she was on vacation. They always have fun together . . . Congress Clerk JAMES MIDDLETON and his wife recently moved into a new home. They are busy, tired, and happy . . . Congress Clerk JOE MARKOS spent his vacation taking his children to places of interest . . . Pensioner CATHERINE SMITH recently had a delightful time in Milwaukee . . . Agent CECILIA THOMAS is back

to work after being off ill and wishes to thank her friends and co-workers for all their thoughtfulness. Her husband, CALVIN, Ways and Structures Department, bought her a new stove and refrigerator in avocado green and then had to remodel and paint the kitchen on his vacation. Cecilia is a very good cook, so he is being well rewarded for his efforts . . . Supervisor ART SIM and his wife, BERNICE, vacationed in the Northwest. A vacation would not be complete if he didn't get some fishing in. Pictures proved that he got more than his share. They are planning on making another trip to Oregon . . . AUSTIN YOUNG was a man about town during his vacation, but one can have a good time in Chicago . . . Agent STANLEY SLOWIK and his wife head for Wisconsin as often as they can. Part of his vacation was spent in Pulaski and Milwaukee. They left for Stevens Point on August 17 to attend the wedding of a relative the following day and stayed for several days . . . During a week of my vacation in July, your reporter had as house guests her three nieces, DALE, DIANA, and DAWN HARRINGTON, of Preble, Wisconsin. This was their first trip away from home, except for Girl Scout camp. We got an early start and everyday was eventful and fun-filled. They were especially thrilled with the dolphins and children's zoo at Brookfield. One day we went to Starved Rock and stopped in LaSalle and saw where their father attended school and church. On our way home, we stopped at Hales Corners to see the flower garden and then had dinner in Milwaukee. There was a birthday party for baby DARREN when we returned. He celebrated his first birthday. They are now showing the movies they took to their friends. It was a dream of a week for me . . . History repeated itself for DEE. We wish you the very best . . . Agent MARGARET McBRIDE flew to Galway, Ireland, to see her niece graduate from teacher's college. A trip to Paris was planned, but because of the civil disorders, London was the center of interest. Her niece, MARY MARGARET O'BRIEN, is a beautiful colleen and you may be sure that a lot of little boys are going to have a crush on the new teacher . . . Agent HELEN SHANNON had a vacation she will forever remember. She has three nephews on the West Coast, a dentist and civil engineer in San Francisco, and a doctor in Santa Barbara. The doctor has his own plane and Helen had a bird's-eye view of the area. His 16 year old daughter introduced Helen to her teen-age set who took her along when they went surfing. I don't know which she enjoyed the most, watching them surf or the cookout on the beach. Incidentally, Pensioner PAUL DOWNEY, former South Side trainman, has a niece who is a nurse at the same hospital where Helen's nephew is a surgeon. Her two nephews in San Francisco made sure that she saw and enjoyed the best of everything . . . Agent FAY CAPRIO is making her annual sojourn to Hawaii. How many more miles do you have to fly to get your 100,000 mile plaque from the air lines? She would love to stay there if she could . . . Agent JACK JOYCE and his wife, IRENE, picked their vacation at an opportune time. They went to Wisconsin Rapids to attend the wedding of their niece, JUDITH SZUKALLA, to GARY JAGODZINSKI on August 17. It was a very festive occasion which was attended by relatives who came from Chicago, Austin, Texas, Akron, Ohio, and Arizona for a three-day stay. The bride was a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin. On September 19, Jack and Irene will celebrate 32 years of marital bliss, while their daughter and son-in-law await the arrival of that long-legged bird with their third grandchild . . . Plans are being made for the October Little Flower breakfast. You will receive chance books in the mail. You can't win if you don't take a chance, and the proceeds are used to give some worthy young



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man a chance to help others in the future. If you feel that you can't help at this time, please don't destroy the books but return them to some committee member or leave them with the clerk when you report for work. We thank you and appreciate your cooperation . . . JOSEPH VANEK spent his vacation in the back yard trying out some new recipies. J. RYAN came by one day and tried some generous samples. He said Joe was getting to be quite a chef. His wife and mother are his supervisors . . . MARY NOLAN and her sister, BETTY, enjoyed their vacation in Wisconsin . . . MARY DOYLE and her relatives had their annual reunion in Palatine, while her brother, PAT, went on a trip out west . . . Pensioner MOLLIE SHIELDS spent some time with her grandchildren at Delavan Lake. Student Agent WILLIAM STEVENS, a grandson of Mollie, was the guest of a doctor and his family at their Villa in Italy. There were many trips to various places . . . Agent FRED RIECKE went on his vacation, and on September 1 he will take a permanent one. Fred decided to take an early pension . . . Agent EDWARD MARTIN who recently took his pension is now living in Lodi, Wisconsin. How's the fishing up there? . . . Agent VIOLET MOHRING took a tour on her vacation . . . We are sorry to hear that STEVE GECAN is still on the sick list at this time. We hope that he will have recovered by the time this magazine is published . . . It is nice to see R. WALZ back on the job after his recent illness. Stay well, Ray . . . This magazine goes to many of your co-workers and former co-workers in various parts of the country and to those who may be ill and unable to get out. A bit of news, vacations, or a name may recall some pleasant incident that happened years ago and thereby add a bit of cheer. Let's have the news and share your happy times . . . I wonder who caught the biggest fish this year? I have yet to catch my first.

Congratulations to Agent EMMA COX and Trainman LEE RICHARDSON on their engagement. Emma is to be a December bride and is very busy these days preparing for the happy event . . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of S. BANALS on the loss of their beloved sister and mother . . . Supervisor ED TROICKE and his wife, STELLA, had a great time on their vacation in California and parts West . . . Agent FAY CAPRIO made her yearly sojourn to that magic island in the Pacific, Wai-kiki, Hawaii. Her daughter lives on a mountain and the view from her living room is just fabulous . . . Pensioner WALTER MAJCHZRAC and his wife, MARGARET, recently spent their vacation house hunting in Santa Fe, New Mexico. That's one way to solve a grass cutting problem, or is it? . . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner MARY B. TRACEY. We are always saddened to hear of the loss of one of our pensioners . . . Pensioner BEATRICE SCHEWE was recently hospitalized. Beatrice wishes to thank her friends for their kind words of cheer . . . JAMES CLARK is feeling good these days. He and his wife recently went to Detroit, and from there Jimmy and some friends went into Canada to do some fishing. Jimmy caught 154 good size fish . . . On September 13, the Transit News Editor, ROBERT HEINLEIN, was the host at a dinner at the M & M Club in the Merchandise Mart for the Transit News Reporters. I was unable to attend this year, but I was pleasantly surprised when I was sent a gift of cards which was presented to all those who attended as a token of appreciation from Board Chairman GEORGE L. DeMENT and General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR. Thank you very much. They are lovely and useful. My favorite game is canasta, but I usually end up playing penny ante poker . . . Agent EILEEN CARMODY returned from Ireland with her daughter just in time to get an extra day off.

Happy birthday and many more . . . Student Agents THOMAS STEVENS and J. GRITIS took some time off for a vacation in Florida. It was some relaxation before the long season of work and study. You may be sure the boys enjoyed every moment . . . The Little Flower breakfast is being held on October 20. We are looking forward to seeing you there . . . The womens auxiliary of American Legion Post 1217, of which I am a member, recently entertained 100 patients at the VA Research Center on the North Side. There was bingo, cokes, coffee, canteen books, and gifts. Incidentally, if you have any good books, magazines, puzzles, and unfinished hobby projects which you wish to dispose of, you may send them to Desplaines avenue on the Congress and JOHN CANNELLA or myself will be glad to take them over to Hines hospital or some other center where they will help somebody pass the lengthy hospital hours . . . On Sunday, October 20, from 3 to 8 pm, there will be an installation of officers of American Legion Post 1217. The new Commander is JOHN TRACEY from Lake Street. The Post wishes to extend an invitation to former servicemen of Divisions 241 and 308 to join them on this festive occasion which will be held at St. Rita's KC Hall, 2805 W. 59th street. There is no charge and a most enjoyable time is assured . . . We wish our old friend GEORGE KUEHN many happy years of retirement. For years, George collected the money and left our stations with a cheery word, a smile and a receipt. Good luck, George.

- Julia Brousek

### ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

This has been a summer of wide travel for the Electrical Department. DICK VALLONI and his wife, daughter, mother, father, sister, and mother-in-law spent five weeks touring Europe. Their main stops were Italy and Germany to visit relatives. Portugal, Spain, Austria, Switzerland and London made up the rest of their itinerary . . . MARIE HAVLIK and her mother and sister spent two weeks touring London, Wales, and Scotland. They were on the go at all times, but enjoyed every minute of it . . . Now back to the States where Mr. SANDBERG and his family spent three weeks traveling west to Oregon to visit his daughter and family. A day of salmon fishing at Depoe Bay, Oregon, and a good case of sunburn convinced him that sightseeing along the coast was much more enjoyable . . . KEN MIKOTA and his wife and two daughters spent two weeks camping through the Arkansas and Missouri Ozarks. An additional week was used to fly to Washington, D.C., visiting relatives . . . TED SZEWC spent two weeks in Miami Beach with his wife and daughter with sightseeing along the way . . . HERMAN SMITH and his wife, two sons, and daughter spent four weeks driving out west visiting San Francisco, Los Angeles, Grand Canyon, Colorado Springs, Denver, Tijuana, Phoenix, Las Vegas, and many other interesting sights along the way. Naturally, Las Vegas was not a very profitable stop, but Herman and his wife saw some wonderful shows and had much fun . . . BERNADETTE KIZIOR spent two weeks in Hawaii combining vacation with business. The National Association of Catholic Alumni Clubs, of which she is executive secretary, held their convention there . . . ADOLPH KUTZ did much the same with his annual American Legion Convention in Pennsylvania and casually driving home taking in the sights . . . DONNA KAMINSKI and her husband hope to be vacationing at the time of this printing. A drive to New Orleans and on to Miami Beach for two weeks is being planned . . . GEORGE CHRISTENSEN's son, GEORGE Jr., who was working as a "B" helper for the



# NEW PENSIONERS

AUGUST L. BARTELHEIM, Supervisor,  
District A, Emp. 2-13-26  
IRVING E. BEHLING, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 2-20-36  
VINCENT W. BELSKIS, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 11-24-25  
EVERETTE H. BURT, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 4-22-26  
DANIEL G. CAREW, Collector,  
69th Street, Emp. 6-21-29  
NICK CINQUEPALMI, Laborer,  
Building, Emp. 1-21-25  
EDWARD M. DEVINE, Buyer,  
Purchasing, Emp. 6-5-20  
HORACE T. DOUGLAS, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 7-17-45  
JAMES A. DOWNEY, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 8-18-36  
CHARLES FABIANO, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 9-2-43  
PETER W. FLAHERTY, Recording Sec.,  
Div. 241, Emp. 7-29-26  
JOHN GENTILE, Laborer,  
Engineering, Emp. 5-26-41  
FRED HABERSTICK, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 3-26-28  
ROBERT W. HEALY, Receiver,  
Kedzie, Emp. 8-13-35  
HAROLD W. HESS, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 1-19-45  
CLARENCE R. HOSANG, Electrician,  
Electrical, Emp. 4-12-22  
WALTER W. HOVALD, Repairman,  
Congress, Emp. 9-20-27  
RALPH HUIZENGA, Supervisor,  
District A., Emp. 6-19-43  
SAMUEL A. IZZO, Car Cleaner,  
Lake Street, Emp. 1-7-47  
WALTER E. JACKSON, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 5-16-28  
JOSEPH B. JOHNSON, Repairman,  
North Park, Emp. 6-28-23  
KATHLEEN E. JOHNSON, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 1-9-48  
ROBERT H. JOHNSON, Supervisor,  
District A., Emp. 10-11-27  
JOHN S. KAMIEN, Foreman,  
Keeler, Emp. 9-27-27  
GLENN H. KINZIE, Yard Foreman,  
West Section, Emp. 8-23-26  
FRANK J. KOKOSKA, Motorman,  
West Section, Emp. 1-15-37

GEORGE C. KUEHN, Collector,  
West Section, Emp. 12-16-26  
CLARENCE H. KURTH, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 12-10-28  
CHARLES A. LANGNER, Supervisor,  
District C, Emp. 1-23-34  
JENNIE L. LAURINE, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 3-11-44  
CHESTER LEWANDOWSKI, Bus Cleaner,  
69th Street, Emp. 5-23-51  
ERNEST A. MAENNER, Conductor,  
West Section, Emp. 7-7-28  
GEORGE J. MARTINI, Trackman,  
Track, Emp. 6-9-43  
JOHN MC CREA, Repairman,  
Beverly, Emp. 7-17-29  
JOHN P. MC CULLOUGH, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 10-15-28  
OTTO P. MULLARD, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-28-28  
JOSEPH J. MURPHY, Ticket Agent,  
South Section, Emp. 11-5-42  
JOSEPH A. NAGRODSKI, Chief Operator,  
Electrical, Emp. 7-18-28  
LEONE S. NELSON, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 10-3-22  
WALTER A. NOWOSIELSKI, Clerk,  
Wilson Shop, Emp. 10-23-47  
CHARLES PLATT, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-7-51  
JOHN J. PONSEIGO, Janitor,  
77th Street, Emp. 9-3-42  
GEORGE A. PUTZ, Shopman,  
Skokie Shops, Emp. 8-6-46  
WALTER F. PYPER, Supvr.-Instructor,  
77th Street, Emp. 11-2-33  
GEORGE W. RATEIKE, Technical Advisor,  
Equip. Res. & Devel., Emp. 12-21-36  
PETER A. REBECCA, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 9-3-42  
FRANCIS O. REED, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 5-21-42  
PETER P. REMY, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 9-21-26  
FRED E. RIECKE, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 7-25-27  
MILO J. RITCHEY, Janitor,  
Beverly, Emp. 11-3-36  
FRANK J. SABATKA, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-22-29  
EDWARD M. SCHLAGE, Motorman,  
North Section, Emp. 10-5-26

EDWIN L. SCHULSTAD, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 1-5-34  
HENRY R. SEIDEL, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 12-2-42  
JOHN SENKO, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 11-28-42  
MARGARET R. SHERHART, Assign. Agent,  
Assignment Office, Emp. 12-18-46  
JOSEPH B. SMITH, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 3-4-29  
DOMINICK J. SWEENEY, Conductor,  
North Section, Emp. 8-29-29  
HOWARD J. TALUZEK, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 9-13-27  
EDWARD P. VANDERFLUTE, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-30-44  
JOHN J. VAN HILST, Switchman,  
West Section, Emp. 3-4-25  
FRANK C. VOBORNIK, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 5-15-42  
HARRY E. WALDEN, Conductor,  
North Section, Emp. 9-21-45  
ROGER W. WARD, Chief Clerk,  
Limits, Emp. 2-5-20  
HOWARD C. WEIDER, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 2-17-43  
CHESTER F. WILLIAMS, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 9-11-29  
JOHN WILSON, Janitor,  
77th Street, Emp. 3-24-43

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JAMES J. BYRE, Conductor,  
West Section, Emp. 10-12-37  
JOSEPH A. BRZECZEK, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 11-6-45  
FRANK J. CZARNECKI, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 6-23-43  
HOMER M. DOUGLASS, Machinist,  
Skokie Shops, Emp. 10-6-42  
GEORGE A. ERIKSEN, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 10-27-33  
STEVEN W. HANDY, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 8-22-45  
RUSSELL P. KILLIAN, Conductor,  
Kimball, Emp. 5-12-43  
ARTHUR K. VAN GUILDER, Trfr. Ctr.,  
Accounting, Emp. 12-31-28

summer, was married on August 31 to Miss SUSAN KAY DAVIS. Best wishes to the new couple for a long and happy life together. George's daughter, MARY, age 22, has worked for a Chicago brokerage firm for a year and just recently received a promotion to Assistant Comptroller in their New York City office. Congratulations and good luck. . . MATT CIOFFE's daughter, DESIREE, age 9, has become quite the equestrian. Matt and his wife, VICKI, gave her a beautiful horse a few months ago. She rode him in her first attempt at jumping competition and came in third place.

We certainly enjoy the visits from our retired friends. CLYDE PETERSON was in last week and thought he might find a part time job with us as his vacation is too long. . .

BILL LOOS and his wife drove up to Wisconsin to fish. BOB BOOTH went up a week later to catch all the fish Loos missed. . . RICHARD DORGAN toured California and found the weather there just as it is reported in the travel folders. . . HAROLD COYNE visited in St. Louis, and CLARENCE MALOTTKE enjoyed a short stay in Florida. . . JOHN WEGL flew to Europe. During his

stay there he was able to see Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Holland. . . Ireland was the vacation spot for B. TOAL. . . M. COOK enjoyed his vacation at Lake Marie. . . Hurry and get well wishes are sent to F. CLEMENS, J. O'DONNELL, C. HOSANG, and S. DANECKE. . . Best wishes for a happy retirement to CLARENCE HOSANG and JOSEPH NAGRODSKI. September 1 was the date for these two. . . Birthdays in July were celebrated by the following men: W. MOORE, R. TAUSCH, J. O'DONNELL, F. CLEMENS, B. TOAL, A. SCHUSTER, R. ROCK, and D. RYAN. A happy birthday and good health to all of you. . . Our sympathy is extended to the families of ERNIE ANDERSON and RAY BRAINARD, both retired from Blue Island.

- Donna Kaminski

## (Blue Island) -

A special "get well" wish to one of our boss men, DICK DORGAN. . . Under the heading of happy vacations, we have JOHN (Money Helps) DARCY in the beautiful Canadian Rockies; BOB FERGUSON in Townsend,



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Wisconsin; ANDY BOURNE in Eagle River, Wisconsin; HARVEY HEIDE in the Black Hills of South Dakota; DICK ROCK fishing and boating in Wisconsin, and BILL REHDER in California . . . Our very best wishes to JOE NAGRODSKI and CLARENCE HOSANG on their retirement. Incidentally, Clarence enjoyed coffee and rolls with about 40 of his co-workers on his last day . . . Pensioner LYNN FRANCISCO stopped by for a visit. We are always glad to see a former co-worker . . . Last but not least, HAROLD (Moose) FELTZ treated the boys to a dinner. He called it "Goulash", we called it good . . . Thanks to HARVEY HEIDE for writing this news while I was on vacation.

- William Rehder

### (Chicago Avenue) -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lineman LUKE HOWE whose father passed away recently . . . Third Rail Foreman JOHN SHEA returned to work recently after a short illness. Welcome back, John . . . The best get well wishes to Lineman Helper CHARLES SALVATORE who is at home now convalescing from his illness . . . Congratulations to Retired Foreman ROBERT CONROY who received his 50 year service pin from Local Union #9 . . . Lineman JOHN FRIEDMAN recently transferred to the Surface Electrical Division at Blue Island. Lots of good luck in your new job, John . . . As of this writing the following men are on vacation: PATRICK CAGNEY, JIM DURR, JOE HOBBS, JOHN MURPHY, CHARLES NOTE, PATRICK O'SHEA, and JOHN SABIN.

- Don Crandall

### ENGINEERING-RESEARCH & PLANNING -

Congratulations to ROY SMITH and his wife who purchased a home in Hickory Hills and are looking forward to moving in soon . . . PAUL MINOGUE and his wife travelled to the west coast during a three-week vacation. Perhaps we can get him to tell us about it when he returns . . . GEORGE MILLONAS and his wife and children headed north for Canada and the East Coast for a vacation of sightseeing and pleasure . . . EUGENE SULLIVAN and his wife and children went south to Miami Beach, Florida. He is quite a photographer and we know he will have many interesting snapshots to show us . . . A luncheon was held at Henrici's in honor of PEGGY FAHEY on Thursday, July 18. She was given a beautiful corsage and a gift. Wedding bells rang for Peggy on July 20 when she was married to MIKE LEONARD in St. Frances of Rome church. The reception was held at the Chateau Royale. It was complete with Irish music and Irish jigs. The honeymoon destination was not revealed to anyone. Good luck newlyweds! . . . HELEN LOFTUS and her husband, BILL, spent two weeks vacationing in Miami Beach . . . PHIL and DORA ADELIZZI flew to Las Vegas and then on to the Grand Canyon for a perfect vacation . . . JACK O'REILLY and his family spent a very interesting two-week vacation at Sister Lakes, Dowagiac, Michigan. They visited South Holland, South Haven, the Kellogg Plant in Battle Creek, and spent a day at the Dutch Village . . . VINCE SHUBAT and his wife spent a two-week vacation at Eau Claire Lakes, New Hayward, Wisconsin, 450 miles away. In their company was a brother-in-law, TED DRAG, who works at Limits garage, and his wife. They went fishing every day for Northern Pikes and caught many that were over 18" long. The weather was very nice both weeks . . . JOE DUGO won't tell what he did on his vacation, but he returned looking well rested and contented, and that's what

vacations are for . . . BILL HUTCHINGS and his wife, ELAINE, announced the birth of ERIC WILLIAM HUTCHINGS who was born on July 13 at Highland Park hospital. Congratulations to this family.

JAMES JOEFFREY and his family spent a week in New Glarus, Wisconsin, at the Wilhelm Tell Festival and play. He showed many colorful pictures taken while there. They visited various cheese factories and went up to Little Norway and Cave of the Mound . . . ROY SMITH moved into his new home in Hickory Hills during his vacation and spent some time putting things together and doing a little fixing . . . FRED PETRINO spent his vacation at home. He and his grandson went swimming everyday . . . A postcard arrived from CAROL RADMAN saying she was having a wonderful time and the buildings in Las Vegas are gorgeous . . . RON MAZARAKA left CTA on Friday, August 23. He will work at Tri-State Engineering company. We wish him all the luck in the world . . . BILL ANDERSON left September 6 to return to school . . . MARIO MUNOZ at this writing already claims victory at the golf tournament of October 5. This prognostication is based on his victories of previous years. Mario claims that he will shoot a 48 with handicap . . . Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. O'REILLY. They returned from a vacation in Michigan to find a 25th wedding anniversary party waiting for them. Their children planned this surprise . . . H. T. LUEBECK and his family enjoyed a 5,500 mile trip that took them through 11 states covering the Pacific Northwest. Points of interest were Corn Palace at Mitchell, South Dakota, Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone, and Wyoming. While in Yellowstone they saw many beautiful sights and his two children, MARK and SUSAN counted 23 bears. . . . The dinner on Friday, September 13, at the M & M Club was a delightful and exciting event. BOB HEINLEIN and his very efficient staff are to be commended for the wonderful time they showed us.

Welcome back is extended to JOSEPHINE FELDMANN. After a siege of pneumonia it's good to see her on the road to recovery . . . Congratulations to STEVE LEGLER and his wife, SHARI. They are the proud parents of a baby girl, SHERYL RUTH, their first child, born on Saturday, September 14 . . . LARRY SHANOK, summer trainee, left CTA to return to school . . . Welcome to HARVEY KOEHN, co-op trainee, assigned to Research & Planning . . . J. P. O'CONNOR and his family visited his wife's parents in Phoenix, Arizona. They had a wonderful time.

TOM HENNINGSEN, R & P, has his first grandchild, a granddaughter, MELISA ANN WILLI, born on July 16. Baby Melisa's other grandfather is a motorman out of Howard street. Need we say how proud these two grandfathers are? . . . HAROLD ROWBOTTOM spent his vacation at home. His son, MICHAEL, who is in the navy came home from Florida on a furlough. Michael, formerly a summer student in the Claim Department, is now assigned to the Naval Air Base in Alameda, California . . . HERMAN ANDERS is taking his vacation August 11. He is expecting his daughter and two grandsons from Tucson, Arizona, and will be entertaining them for two weeks . . . BUD WOOL and his wife enjoyed a vacation at the Wisconsin Dells . . . MARY BOSKI recently spent a week's vacation in nearby Evanston at her husband's shoe store, John's Shoes, assisting in a "Going out of Business" clearance sale. It was in 1965 when Mary helped John with the store's "Grand Opening." But this is not sad news, by no means! John is relocating his store to the Chicago side of Howard street, and



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in a month or two Mary will take some vacation time to assist her husband and hostess another "Grand Opening." . . . GEORGE KRAMBLES took the CB&Q's Cal Zephyr to San Francisco for a week's relaxation and had a nice visit with former CTA men JOHN F. HIGGINS and STANLEY FORSYTH who are now with the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) . . . DALE MANGELSDORFF and COLLEEN NEWMANN were married on August 10 in Queen of Martyr's church, 103rd and Central Park Road, Evergreen Park, Illinois. The reception was held at Driftwood Steak House, 4330 S. Pulaski. Good luck to the young couple.

### (West Shops) -

TONY SPAK, tinner, had a heart attack and is in the hospital recovering. It was quite a shock to those who know Tony because he always looked as if he never had a sick day in his life. We want you to come back real soon, Tony, after all you're the best baseball pool operator West Shops ever had . . . TED WADE, general ironworker foreman, was in the hospital with leg trouble that looked like a country club, but apparently no comparison whatsoever, especially after getting his sweet postcard signed simply, "Wish you were here." He is now recuperating at home. Mr. Wade, being quite a jokester, makes a bright spot wherever he is but we'd rather have him back with us. Hurry back, Ted! . . . TOM SWEE-NEY, bricklayer, is in the hospital suffering with his shoulder which was injured some time ago but still gives him trouble from time to time . . . TOM STAUNTON, track foreman, is pursuing the wrong career. He should have been a fireman. He recently put out a structure fire almost single handed! . . . CALVIN POLLARD, surveyor, was on vacation for two weeks. He journeyed to Beaumont, Texas, for five days to visit with his grandmother whom he hasn't seen for 30 years! It was a complete surprise to the grand lady and a quite delightful one too. He also spent a day or two in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi. It has been 30 years since he has been south, period, but when he decided to go he really gets around. Boy! Four states in two weeks. Don't wait so long next time, Cal. . . . PAM AMUNDSEN, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD AMUNDSEN, ironworker foreman, is a member of the Illinois All State Orchestra presently preparing for a concert in Dijon, France, which will be the setting for the biennial meeting of the International Society of Music Education. Whew! By the way, Pam is a cellist . . . Good luck to both ROBERT SEEMAN, plumber, and WALLY SORENSEN, construction carpenter foreman. They both retired August 1. Bob started with the company in 1946 and Wally started with the company in 1942. Incidentally, the men put on quite a bash for Wally in the Slowik Hall recently . . . Your co-reporter, MARY GALLON, is back from the Bahama Islands and glad to tell you that there were no planes hijacked. My husband and I spent a lovely week's vacation on the Island of Nassau. Highlights of the trip were a ride in a glass bottomed boat over to Paradise Island, where we could see clear to the bottom of the ocean and view the sea life. Also, the night clubs we visited there had some fabulous and interesting floor shows. We brought back with us a lot of remembrances of the trip including a fifth of 151 proof rum that would make anyone remember a beautiful vacation . . . Carpenter JOHN HEFFERNAN's daughter, MAUREEN, spent two weeks in Ireland visiting with John's mother-in-law. Maureen sure knew what would please her daddy though. She brought him back a couple of bottles of good ole Irish whiskey . . . For those of you who didn't attend the plumber's picnic you really missed a bash! The plumbers say that the success of the picnic was due to a gentleman

by the name of JIM NAGEL. CARMEN SCAPPUCCI, who is a senior plumber, gave a couple of 14 year old girls a run for their money in the girl's running race! He also won the egg throwing contest with Mrs. Jim Nagel as his partner. Wow! He's quite a sportsman. CHESTER MAJEROWICZ, plumber foreman, said that everyone who attended the picnic participated in at least one of the activities they had scheduled and a good time was had by all . . . TONY SPAK, tinner, who has been in the hospital for quite some time wishes to thank everyone for all the wonderful cards and letters he received wishing him a speedy recovery . . . JIM LEMOND, superintendent of Plant Equipment Maintenance was in the hospital recently for a minor operation and was unable to work for two weeks. Glad to know it wasn't serious, Jim. Welcome back . . . A plumber foreman that retired last year, VERLE BANNISTER, better known as Curly, passed away recently. He worked for the company for 45 years. All in the Engineering Department offer their deepest sympathy to the Bannister family . . . Our condolences to SAM SPIZZIRRI, carpenter, whose mother passed away recently.

Congratulations to a father for the eighth time. His wife had a beautiful nine pound baby boy in August. I'm talking about Labor Foreman HAROLD BERNDT. You'll sure have a lot of help in your old age, Harold . . . ED FOREMAN, steamfitter foreman, finally got a hole-in-one while playing golf recently. You deserve to have it mentioned, Ed, after trying sooooo--hard, for would you believe 44 years? . . . Mrs. GINNY SCOTT had a one day vacation trip to Lincoln Park Zoo where she happily fed the seals. . . . RUDY GAMPERL, laborer, says he spent a quiet two-week vacation at Back Porch, Illinois. I think he means he stayed at home but I'm not quite sure. How 'bout it, Rudy? . . . All of us extend our best wishes for future success to former Ironworker Helper JIM SCOTT who resigned to begin training as an air traffic controller with the Federal Government. We hate to see you go, Jim, but we congratulate you on your selection to this outstanding position . . . More congratulations are in order to JOHN GENTILE who retired August 31. He worked here for 27 years in the Track Department . . . Our condolences to the family of PATRICK GILL, paint foreman, whose brother passed away August 13 in New York City. Pat, along with his three sisters, attended the funeral services held in New York . . . I want to personally thank BOB HEINLEIN and his capable staff for giving us reporters such a wonderful dinner recently. I had a delightful time and talked to many people I haven't seen for a long time and met new people I haven't seen before. I also appreciated the gift that was presented to us and hope that next year I can again participate in such a marvelous affair.

- Jeanne Fitzgerald & Mary Gallon

### FOREST GLEN -

First off, the CTA management would like to thank each and every man who carried on his job under the recent hardship we were put through. It's wonderful to know that they worked as a team with the willingness to give the public the service that is required . . . Operator WOOD states his son's wife gave birth to a baby girl. This young lady is called SONYA, and was born August 31. The young father, W. B. WOOD No. 2 will be discharged from the marine corps October 25 and will return home. It seems W. G. Wood No. 1 was more or less expecting a grandson so it would be called W. Wood No. 3. Well, old buddy, you can't win them all--maybe the next time around. By the way, Operator Wood and



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his wife visited young SONNY and his wife in California. A wonderful time was had together . . . Operator BILL LYMAN had another enjoyable vacation up in Wisconsin fishing. He said the fishing was just fair as also was the weather. But did enjoy the rest . . . Operator ED LAUBE and his wife spent their vacation in Las Vegas. Looks like Ed had his fun with the one arm bandits, he hit the jackpot at the Golden Nugget. Sights were wonderful, only vacation time was too short . . . AL DREWKE's lovely and talented wife, JOAN, is quite a gal with a set of knitting needles. Joan won a first and third premium at the Kane County Fair and a second premium at the Illinois State Fair during July and August. Al and children are very proud of the Mrs. . . . By the way, has anyone noticed how slim BOB DURFEE has become? He claims he's had to punch a number of holes in his belt (wonderful stuff that Slenderella). How long will it last Durf? . . . On September 17 Mr. and Mrs. FRANK ENGELTHALER celebrated their third year. Many more wonderful years, folks . . . Our young Supervisor, DAVE EGGERSDORF, and his wife, AMELIA, had 12 years of happiness together on September 22. Of course, knowing Dave as I do he said, "I am planning a big night out. First will be a stop at the Golden Arches for a large meal. Then perhaps over to the Club house which happens to be a pub." This could only transpire if Amelia came across with a few extra dollars. This lovely couple has two children, DANIEL, age 9, and their little girl, PATRICIA, 1 year . . . Mr. and Mrs. TOM MEAGHER had their anniversary August 30. Tom figured a quiet evening at home would be just the thing for both of them . . . W. J. PIPER Jr. says his folks, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. PIPER Sr., just celebrated their 50th year and are still ever so much in love. That's what we like to hear folks. Let's hope you have a good many more together . . . Received a card from our fine friend, Mr. JACK CLARK, who visited retiree RAY JOHNSON up in Eagle river, then the Clarks went out to the Ozarks where they paid Retired Operator BLACKIE a visit. They had a wonderful time seeing the old boys again, and Clark says they look great . . . The Pantos dropped a card from Indian River, Michigan. CHRIST, VIRG, and daughter, KATHY, all having a wonderful time.

Operator JOHN MAHNKE's wife, RUTH, and their son, ROGER, had a wonderful time in the Ozarks playground area also. John says weather and scenery were beautiful and just great for relaxing on a perfect vacation. Of course, we all know John relaxed all the time. I believe he could have a backyard vacation and still enjoy it . . . Operator HAMMER and his wife went west to visit their son who is in the submarine service of the U.S.A. They took a trip aboard the sub which took them out into the ocean a ways for a look at all the big battlewagons and aircraft carriers. Operator Hammer and the Mrs. also took in the night life of San Francisco, had a ride on the famous cable cars, and also helped to turn one around . . . Supervisor JOHN GALLAGHER and his Mrs. attended his lovely daughter's wedding August 10. KATHLEEN GALLAGHER was married to RICHARD PATZKE at St. Mary of the Woods church. They left for a honeymoon in Ireland. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by her cousin, The Very Reverend JOSEPH P. DAUGHTERTY, D.D., Bishop of Yakima, Washington. The reception was at the Illinois Athletic club. Also at this time Supervisor Gallagher is vacationing in Ireland visiting his family, but the word is he is over there scouting for the Bunny club. How about that, John? . . . Operator TOM HICKEY and his lovely wife had 30 years of happiness together Labor Day. Tom says it seems like only yesterday when the preacher pronounced them man and wife . . . Operator

JOE RODERICH was married September 21. Joe recently was in the hospital and I do say the old boy has lost quite a bit of weight. Sorry he didn't give more news about the wedding. Guess he figured we would all attend and he couldn't afford that. Good luck, Joe, and the best to the new bride . . . Operator HAMMOND showed me the Richmond, Illinois, newspaper. The whole front page was all about his great aunt, Mrs. MINNIE RICHARDS, who celebrated her 100th birthday on September 14, 1968. This wonderful person recalls the days the Indians would come into town just to watch the old steam engines. Mr. Richards worked as a section foreman for the Chicago & North Western railroad. Mrs. Richards received birthday messages from national and local leaders, among them President Johnson, Governor Shapiro, and Congressman McClory. Wally Phillips of WGN radio also sent congratulations and all possible joy and happiness on her birthday. She enjoys her flower garden, visits with friends, and an occasional game of cards . . . Little Flower Society Communion breakfast will be in October. The exact date will have to be posted. Of course, buses will leave the station at 7 a.m. for the Little Flower Shrine at 64th and Woodlawn . . . Operator TRYGVE BERG and his wife, CATHERINE, flew to Oakland, California, on July 2 to visit their son, Lcdr. LARRY REEGER, and his family living in Castro Valley. Lcdr. Reeger sails on the aircraft carrier Hancock later this month for an eight-month sea tour of Pacific ports, including Vietnam. Tryg and Kay had the rare privilege on July 3 of going 30 miles out into the Pacific on a nine-hour dependent's cruise on the carrier. This is an outing for all the ship's personnel and their families where they can see their men and the ship in action. Tryg was very thrilled to see the planes catapulted into flight and then brought back to successful landings. Ask Tryg about those crazy San Francisco cable cars! . . . A recent visit was made by Receiver TED HOELLEN to the home of Pensioner HORACE MITCHELL, formerly of the Chicago Motor Coach. Mitch, as he is referred to by all his friends, parlayed his meager savings from the Coach and CTA into a sizeable fortune and is now living like a country gentleman with his wife, EV, on an 80-acre estate located at Eagle, Wisconsin, and dabbles in pure bred sheep and Arabian horses. Most of us dream of living affluently--Mitch, quite obviously, has fulfilled that dream and remains the picture of health and extends his best wishes to all his friends.

Hi men, well vacation is over for yours truly and family. This year we went fishing again up in the north country, and as usual my young son, WILLIAM, caught the first fish. Seems he had the right idea - put the line over the side and lie back in the boat for a little sleep - it never failed for him because he always had a fish on his line when he decided to pull it in. Funny thing, it never worked for his dad . . . Received a card from Operator CHRIST PANTOS and his wife and daughter. Mrs. Pantos and KATHY had a wonderful two weeks in Mexico, but time went too fast for them. Well that's vacation for you . . . TOM MEAGHER and his family enjoyed themselves up in the north woods fishing and just relaxing . . . Received a letter from Retired Operator LALA SMOOT and his wife, HAZEL. This fine couple will be moving into their new duplex in September. Their address will be 9202 - 109th Avenue, Sun City, Arizona 85351. Lala will be looking forward to hearing from some of his old Chicago Motor Coach friends, and also his old CTA buddies. He had 38 years of driving in Chicago and right now is looking forward to spending next winter in sunny Arizona. Many thanks folks for your nice letter, do let us hear from you all again . . .



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On July 26 two new stars arrived in the happy home of Operator ARTHUR and MARY BERLINGUETTE. Arthur and his lovely wife decided to name the twins CRAIG and BRYAN . . . If anyone is looking for a small loan I would suggest E. J. HAMMOND who recently held a winning ticket in the Irish Sweepstakes. By the way, if you don't know Hammond very well I would suggest your meeting him cause he can always show you how to save time and money and finding better ways of getting to work. He is the one who rides the fire engines to work, but the only thing wrong on riding the fire engine is that they fail to stop where you want to get off . . . Mr. and Mrs. KENNETH W. JOHNSON, night foreman, were given a surprise party, July 6, at their home for their 35th anniversary. Ken says it was a grand affair, and made he and his wife very happy. Their son, JAMES, was married on August 17 to JEAN MARIE KING. Young James is employed with the Engineering Department of CTA . . . Night Superintendent A. C. JOHNSON had a wonderful time - he had his boys on a canoe outing. The old boy stood up very well with the young fellows . . . This vacation AL ALSTERLUND and the Mrs. had a ball in Florida. This fine couple always seem to enjoy themselves together . . . I wonder how many of us realize what fine receivers we have here at Forest Glen - these men are the finest in the CTA. Of course, they are known to us as TED, FRED, MINER, and FRANK. Let's take our hats off to these men for the many, many dollars they have saved us over the year.

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

### GENERAL OFFICE (Employment) -

JUDY KUTA was welcomed to CTA recently. Judy is the daughter of THEODORE E. KUTA, mechanic, North Park Garage. She was graduated last June from Good Counsel High school . . . KATHY MOSER is also a newcomer to CTA. Kathy was graduated from Luther North High school last June. Her dad is WILLIAM J. MOSER, assistant superintendent at North Avenue station . . . MARY ANNE JAREK is another new employee who joined the CTA ranks after her June graduation from Maria High school. Mary Anne is the sister of DONNA KAMINSKI who is employed in the Electrical Department . . . JANE E. O'CONNELL has joined us permanently as a clerk-typist. Jane is a graduate of Bogan High school . . . RAY RUZICH and his family vacationed at Barrien Springs, Michigan. Ray enjoyed his golf games and swimming with his son, KARL, and daughter, LYNN . . . JACK O'CONNOR vacationed recently in Maryland visiting his sister, TERESE HEFFERNAN, a former employee of CTA. Jack was accompanied on the trip by his dad, JOHN O'CONNOR, recently retired superintendent of Beverly Station, and his mother. The highlight of their trip was a visit to the White House . . . MARION MISCHAUD decided that there is no place like Chicago to spend a vacation so she stayed right here and had a wonderful two weeks.

### (Training) -

STUART MAGINNIS and his wife, ARLA, and their three children, SCOTT, MARK, and LYNN, started from their home in Forest Park on a camping vacation trip that took them through the golden West. They thoroughly enjoyed Lake Tahoe located over one mile high in the Sierra Mountains, the Tetons, Disneyland, San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf and Chinatown. Highlighting their entire trip seemed to be the scenic ride on the Durango Silverton narrow gauge railway in Colorado . . . FRANK JOHNSON and his wife, DODIE, and two of their three

children, KRIS and DOUG, (son BRUCE decided to continue with his summer job at home) traveled through Canada on a camping vacation trip. They enjoyed camping in Canada's National Parks at Riding Mountain, Jasper and Banff. They were particularly impressed with the Saskatchewan Wheat Fields; the Canadian Rockies with glaciers and snow, Lakes Louise and Moraine. On the way home they traveled through Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Going through Glacier National Park to the Sun Road, they saw such wild animals as bison, mule deer, elk, mountain lions, bears, goats, and moose. One interesting experience was finding bear footprints across their table. The Johnsons did a considerable amount of hiking at which time they were rewarded with some spectacular views of scenic beauty and flowers which they recorded on film . . . BURT BOSAN and with his wife, EVELYN, and children, SHARON, BURT Jr., GABRIELLE, and FAITH, motored in their mobile home westward for their vacation. Leaving Chicago they traveled to Iowa making their first stop at Des Moines where they made camp and had motor repairs made, then on the next day to Mitchell, South Dakota, camping at Kadoka and at the Rapid City Cover Wagon Trailer Camp near Mount Rushmore. Here they enjoyed the scenic beauty of the country as well as the sculptured figures on Mt. Rushmore. More motor trouble bugged them on the way home but they made it back safely. Burt took many slide pictures which are evidence that all enjoyed the trip . . . WALTER GARBUTT and his wife, BLANCHE, spent two very pleasant weeks in Fort Collins, Colorado, at the new home of their daughter, KATHY O'BRIEN, (who recently resigned from Technical Services at 77th Street Shops) and her husband, JOHN. Walt and his wife also made side trips to Rawlins, Laramie, and Medicine Bow, Wyoming, and to Redfeather Lakes and Estes Park, Colorado. Walt related an amusing experience that occurred the day Kathy was to fly to Colorado. Seems she arrived at the airport with her pet dog. She was informed that she would have to make arrangement for its passage at a location some distance from her take off point. This delayed Kathy to the extent that after a mad dash she missed her scheduled flight - not so for her pooch, however, which arrived on time in Colorado to greet a somewhat puzzled John.

ART HUBACZ transferred from Reproduction Services to Accident Statistics as accident clerk . . . ERVIN HARRIS was welcomed to Training as training technician. Ervin transferred from the South Shops and replaces TED JUNG who resigned to reside in Florida . . . TOM WODARSKI, training clerk, transferred recently to Methods and Procedures as programmer trainee . . . JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN's son, MARTY, who works as a summer employee in the Construction Department, was named "Redman of the year" by his classmates at St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota. This title means he is top senior of the graduating class of 1968. Marty will enter the medical school at the University of Illinois in September.

### (Accident Statistics) -

A wonderful vacation trip to Ireland had a sad ending for JOHN GILLESPIE of our Accident Statistical Section. John accompanied his parents who were born in Ireland and had not been back for many years. Relatives and friends put out the red carpet and made it a memorable visit. John's dad, who was a former Rapid Transit employee and on pension from CTA, died a few days after returning home. Our sincere sympathy is extended to John and his mother . . . ART HUBACZ of Accident Statistics recently attended the Polish Legion of American



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Veterans, U.S.A., which was held at the Commodore Hotel, New York City. Art was elected National Zone III commander. His duties include membership, program coordinator between all states in the zone, as well as national commanders representative which will encompass the States of Illinois and Wisconsin. Our congratulations to you, Art, on this appointment . . . Our annual "Reporters Dinner" held Friday, September 13, at the Merchants and Manufacturers Club in the Merchandise Mart was a very pleasant get-together for TRANSIT NEWS reporters and all those responsible for CTA's house organ. It was nice having Mr. GEORGE L. DeMENT, CTA board chairman in attendance, and to hear his complimentary remarks on the Inside News. Our thanks to BOB HEINLEIN and his staff for a delightful evening.

### (Insurance) -

SYLVIA COLEMAN was greeted as new file clerk. Sylvia and her husband, LEONARD, have two little daughters, ELAYNE, 5-1/2 years, and ROBIN, 3-1/2 years old. Her uncle, AUSTIN YOUNG, is employed on the West Section of the rapid transit system.

### (Employee Relations) -

A farewell dinner was recently held at Toppers restaurant by co-workers of MARY RILEY who left the CTA. EILEEN (Sheehan) ARDELL transferred from the Schedule Department to replace Mary.

- Mary E. Clarke

### KEDZIE -

Summer vacations are just about over, so let's have some news of your trips so we can put it in our column . . . Superintendent E. K. PETERSON and his family went to Twin Falls, Idaho, to visit their daughter and son-in-law. On June 29, they had a couple of inches of snow, so Pete was busy taking pictures and said he may use them for Christmas cards. While in Idaho, he did some fishing and just relaxed. In August, Pete went to Hayworth, Wisconsin, to do some more fishing . . . Congratulations to Operator JOHN (Jack) HAYES. His daughter, PAT, had a baby boy on June 21, at Gottlieb Memorial hospital. They named him JAMES LESTER VERNALD after his two great grandfathers. At this time, Pat's husband is stationed in Vietnam with the 114th Assault Helicopter company. This is the first grandchild for the Hayes . . . Retired Operator W. GUSTILOV was at the depot saying hello to some of his friends and said he also talked with Operator JAMES RICHARDSON. By the way, James now lives in Berwyn, Illinois, and says he likes his new home very much. . . Our deepest sympathy to Operator WILLIE BRYANT and his family on the passing of his father, Mr. H. BRYANT, who lived in Youngstown, Ohio. Mr. Bryant died of a heart attack . . . Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. HARNETT and her family in the loss of her husband, Retired Conductor C. HARNETT, who passed away in July.

Operator W. SIERON had a pleasant vacation when his daughter, Sister Mary Hope, O.P., visited and spent a week with them. Sieron and his wife also went to Seattle, Washington, and spent 10 days with their married daughter. He had a grand time fishing for salmon and caught two, one weighing 35 pounds and the other weighed 12 pounds. Sieron has returned home and is back at the old grind . . . Superintendent E. K. PETERSON went to Wayward, Wisconsin, where he said the fishing was very poor. He didn't even get a bite. He and his wife

just relaxed and enjoyed themselves and took in some of the sights . . . Operator GEORGE SULLIVAN spent his vacation around the house painting and enjoying some good beer. Some guys get all the breaks . . . Operator ADAM PODRASKY took a trip to North Dakota and went through the Black Hills country, and then returned home for a few days. He then drove down to Eldorado, Illinois, his home town, where he enjoyed himself. He said things had changed down there but it was good to go back . . . Congratulations to Acting Supervisor A. BENNETT and his lovely wife who gave birth to a baby boy, ARTHUR Jr., on August 28 at Presbyterian-St. Luke hospital. Two of Arthur's uncles work at Kedzie, Mr. SPENCER BENNETT, Repair Department, and Operator WILLIE JACKSON. . . At this writing, Operator JOHN HEELAN is in Oak Park hospital; Operator GEORGE PAPPAS is in St. Elizabeth hospital, and Operator EARL BORKETT is in the Veterans hospital. I hope you men have a speedy recovery and are back on the job soon . . . Congratulations to ROBERT HEALY, chief receiver at Kedzie, who took his pension on September 1. Bob had 33 years of service and we wish him many happy years of retirement. Operator H. HESS also took his pension on September 1. Hess and your reporter were motormen out of the old Armitage Depot. I wish you and your lovely wife and family health and happiness on your retirement. Hess now lives in Wheaton, Illinois . . . Our deepest sympathy to Operator LAURIE and his family on the loss of his father, Mr. SALVATORE LAURIE, who was 97 years old when he died, Friday, September 13. He was buried at Mt. Carmel cemetery . . . My deepest sympathy to the family of SOL VITACCO on the loss of his sister, Mrs. NORTON, who was laid to rest on September 14 at All Saints cemetery. Mrs. Norton was a cousin of Operator WILLIAM KENNA. Sol, who formerly worked at Limits station, and a brother-in-law of your reporter, is now on pension and doing very well.

- Raymond Graham

### KEELER -

Hi all you happy mothers. Isn't it nice to get the kids back to school where they can pursue their bright goals and you can go back to the kitchen for that second cup of coffee in undisturbed peace. Of course, dad isn't too pleased, particularly if he has one of those school runs. Here is an example of dad's woes. Operator: "How old are you little girl?" Little girl: "I'm eleven years old." Operator: "When will you be 12?" Little girl: "As soon as I get off this bus." O'well, such is the life of a bus jockey . . . We also have our good moments too. Keeler depot and especially Superintendent BITEL are proud as can be for winning the second quarter Interstation Safety Contest award. Superintendent Bitel has promised coffee and rolls plus lot of other goodies to his fine crew who made the festivities possible. Mr. Bitel wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation. A more comprehensive report of the doings will appear in our next issue . . . Night Superintendent DEWITT somehow found time to drop us a card from Hawaii. In case you didn't see the card, it read, "Weather here, 88 degrees and 75 degrees at night -- Saw the Hula dancers with Don Ho - WOW! Went swimming this morning and the ocean rose one foot. Why?" So you see, Mr. DeWitt must think a lot about you fellows to share his vacation with you . . . Day Janitor GEORGE LEUENBERGER sent us such a long life size card of Yosemite Falls in California, that the hat had to be passed to pay the postage due . . . While the hat was being passed, contributions were also solicited to give aid to Operator ALLEN JACKSON. It seems



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that Jack's daughter, ARLENE, along with 45 of her little friends, guested on the Lee Phillips TV show on Channel 2. Poor Jack volunteered to host the whole bunch after the show at his home . . . Congratulations for a job well done goes to Repairman LOU OLONDESE and TONY PORTERACKI. These two fellows sparked the retirement party for Day Foreman HANK RICHTER. They wish to thank each and all who made this affair the success it was . . . I guess Mechanic BILL PATTISON must have been under one of the buses, as he failed to let us in on the great happening, June 20. His wife, MARY, presented Bill with another little mechanic. It was the third boy for these two, so I guess Mary still won't have any help with the dishes--except Bill . . . Operator TED PYZNA became a grandpa for the fifth time in August. His daughter, GLORIA CAREY, presented Ted with a cuddly little girl to bounce on his knee . . . Operator WILLIAM WORKS has to buy pretty gifts for his wife, ELOUISE, August 23. Works smartly forgot how old she was on this date . . . Not so forgetful was Operator FLOWERS. It was 17 beautiful years for his daughter, KAREN, September 10 . . . Another good friend, Operator H. BROWNING, tried to ignore another birthday, August 22 . . . Operator ARNOLD SHAW gasped out the news of his birthday, September 24. The term gasped was intentionally used as he was my follower all summer . . . Operator WILLIE HARRIS saved all his news for one big swoop. His wife, DELORES, birthdayed on August 26, Willie's was on August 27, and his daughter, LAVONIA, was lucky seven years old on September 1 . . . Scheduleman SALVATORE SCIARA and his wife, SANDRA, celebrated 10 years of schedule adherence August 10 . . . Another schedule watcher is Operator BOB O'NEAL who wishes to receive salutations for his 12th anniversary in August -- as a CTA employee . . . Oops, I almost forgot to wish ROBERTA ALEXANDER a happy, happy birthday, August 9. Boy, would I have caught heck from Garageman JAMES ALEXANDER . . . Garageman KEN SANDRIK and his lovely wife, EVELYN, toasted their third year merger on August 28. Evelyn also graciously faced down another birthday on September 28 . . . Operator REMBACK and his family vacationed so gloriously in Canada that he brought the post card back with him . . . It wasn't supposed to be a vacation, but I bet Operator CHARLES BOWEN had a ball in St. Louis (my old home town). Charley spent 13 days of annual reserve duty with the 85th Division band at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

- Ernest C. Carter

### LAWNDALE -

Now that vacation time is coming to an end, it comes to that time for the semi-annual communion breakfast of the Little Flower Society. The date is October 20, and it is the 8 a.m. mass, at St. Theresa Shrine, 6401 S. Woodlawn avenue. Breakfast will be served after mass, there will also be a raffle from which many lucky winners will go home happy. Let's meet our friends there . . . I received a card from our good friend PAT O'TOLE. It came from County Mayo, Ireland. He said he wished that JOE RIHA was there so he could teach him how to fish . . . We also received a card from ROBERT AUSTIN in Montreal, Canada . . . Sorry to hear about the bad accident of D. CAMPBELL and his family on the Ohio Turnpike. They still are not over the shock . . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of C. HILL in the death of his daughter, buried August 23; to the family of JAMES WOODS, buried Monday, September 9; to the family of MICHAEL GUILFOYLE, buried Saturday, Aug-

ust 3, and to the family of the late THOMAS J. CAVANAUGH in the death of his wife, DOROTHY A. CAVANAUGH, buried July 30 . . . It's good to see GEORGE (Bricky) BRICHACEK back on the job again. It makes the trainroom lively in the morning . . . JERRY PROCHASKA is still on the sick list after his operation. He looks good, but it will take a while yet . . . Talk about the luck of the Irish, WILLIAM (Wild Bill) LISIECKI went into one of those gas stations where they play the President Game and got a couple of dollars worth of gas. The man handed him a disc that said "Instant Winner" to the tune of \$100. You can't beat that . . . See you later.

- Larry Keating

### LIMITS -

Your scribe and his dear wife went on a five-week vacation. We drove to Denver, Colorado, where we spent some time with our oldest son and his family and enjoyed the scenic beauty of the West. From there we drove to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and visited my wife's sister and family, then on to Ashland, Wisconsin, to spend some time with my mother-in-law. We drove a distance of 3,600 miles and enjoyed every mile of it . . . On August 22 Instructor JAMES BROGAN realized his 27th year with the CTA. Also on this date his daughter, LYNN, presented the family with a baby boy, CHRISTOPHER JAMES. The latest addition is number three with her two daughters, PATRICIA, age 4 1/2, and TERI, age 2 1/2. Congratulations to grandfather Brogan and the proud parents . . . Operator R. WENZEL spent an enjoyable vacation in the Wisconsin Dells where he indulged in his favorite pastime . . . Operator LOU GEISHEIMER spent his vacation driving through the West, and visiting his son in New Mexico where he is stationed with the armed forces . . . We received a letter from ROY MEYER, formerly of Limits, now at North Park. He and his dear wife celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary at the Captain's table on the far North Side with the following guests in attendance: Pensioners BERNARD MATHER and JOHN O'TOOLE, and Mrs. JOE LORENZ, the wife of the late JOE LORENZ, who was an operator at North Park. The highlight of the party was when their son, FREDERICK, who is a high school teacher in French Morocco, Africa, arrived for the occasion. Congratulations to you folks . . . Operator GORDON TAYLOR reports that the Chicago Police department did an excellent job of recovering his son's brand new automobile which was stolen a few days after it was purchased . . . We are happy to see Supervisor GOETZ and Operator FINOCCHIO back on the job after a siege of illness . . . Operators DAPPEN, COLUCCI, and P. PATERMISTER are off due to illness, and should be back soon . . . Operator TEX GUINAN has undergone surgery and is recovering slowly . . . We extend our sincerest sympathy to Operators RICHARDS and J. JEARES in the loss of their fathers; also to Operator FRANK PRADZINSKI in the loss of his beloved wife . . . Operator JESSE BORDEAUX and his wife attended a family reunion at Detroit, Michigan, where 65 relatives were present. This is a yearly affair and is always looked forward to . . . Operator FRANK ROBINSON and his wife, LETTIE, who is a ticket agent for the CTA, and his son, DANA, returned from a memorable vacation in Nassau in the Bahamas.

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They also visited Miami Beach, Florida . . . JACK BURKE, former operator at Limits and now on the supervisory force in the Central District, wishes to send his best regards to all of the men he worked with. Jack likes his new job very much and looks in the pink of condition.

- R. S. Benson

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

Porter LESLIE BYRNES and his wife wish to thank their many friends for the kind expressions of sympathy extended during their recent bereavement . . . Our deepest condolences to Agent MINNIE DIKEMAN and her daughter and son-in-law, MARYANN and DAVID EVERDING, on the death of SCOTT EVERDING, her three year old grandson . . . Agent LARRY FRICOT suffered the loss of his brother in June . . . Congratulations to new Assignment Agents JUANITA EDEN, KATIE MORIARTY, CELIA ROPA, and ZITA DOUBLIN. We are sorry to hear that Zita is on the sick list at this time . . . ARLENE SWANSON, with her son and his family, enjoyed a week's vacation in Wisconsin the first part of June. Over the fourth of July holiday she had as a house guest her sister and nephew . . . Agent H. SAFFRAHN and his wife enjoyed a 15-day vacation in Hawaii, leaving on June 29. The trip was to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Herb also celebrated his 61st birthday while they were there. Congratulations are in order all the way around . . . Agents EDWARD and ELIZABETH SEGERSON's son, JOHN, was married on June 22. The happy couple honeymooned at Niagara Falls and New York . . . We hear that Pensioner JIM O'MALLEY, former trainman on the West Side, is living in Paddock Lake, Wisconsin, where we have a place and hope to spend our pension years . . . Former Agent ED MARTIN is enjoying his retirement in Lodi, Wisconsin, Route 3. He wishes to thank his co-workers for the surprise gift and says God bless them . . . Our condolences to former Agent BLANCHE THOMAS on the death of her son. We were planning to write about Blanche's 50th high school reunion, but this sad news overshadowed that . . . Agent JACK JOYCE and his wife, IRENE, celebrated 32 years of marriage. We wish them many more . . . Agent MARY DOYLE enjoyed three weeks of her vacation in July, of which one week was spent with her cousin in Palatine . . . Agent DELLA HARRINGTON spent her vacation living it up in Florida . . . Sorry to hear that Porter T. CLARK is in the hospital again . . . Former West Side Porter PETE NAUGHTON and his wife are spending the summer with their nine grandchildren . . . Agent LOUISE DREWS' husband is in the hospital at this time. We hope he will be up and about soon . . . We hope that MARY BURROWS, STAN SLOWICKI, ARLENE SWANSON, and FRED RIEKE all enjoyed their August vacations . . . Glad to see Agent RAY WALZ back to work. He had surgery on his arm, but says it is feeling fine now.

Agents CAROL WHITE and KAY SMITH spent their vacation in Acapulco. They both had a grand time . . . Agent ROBERT KLACYNSKI was thrilled one day at Lake-Randolph. Actor Larry Parks and his wife went through the station. Bob recognized them and got their autograph . . . Part-Time Agent DENNIS KANE celebrated his 19th birthday on August 25 . . . The Transit News annual reporter's dinner was held on September 13, and a good time was had by all in spite of it being Friday the 13th. We want to thank everyone responsible for their time and effort . . . West Side agents and porters, the blood bank dues collection starts in October. I

am at East avenue on the Congress, 2485 . . . Before closing, let's give three cheers for those men who stayed on the job and pulled their buses out during the recent strike. Management appreciated their efforts.

- Helen Pallister

### LOOP -

"Let's go out to the ball game." That's what the friends of Agent FRANK LUCAS will be singing next year when he is signed by the Cubs or Sox. Just a short time back, Frank caught a foul ball hit by Roberto Clemente of the Pittsburgh Pirates. He went high to catch it and didn't know if he should cry, cheer, or laugh . . . Just heard that Agent MARY WIXTED may be back to work on the new pick. We sure hope so, Mary, for you have been missed . . . At this time, all of us would like to wish Agent BETTY DIAMOND many happy and healthful years of retirement. I have known and worked with her for nine years and she is just wonderful. She can now enjoy being with her son, daughter, and all those lovable grandchildren. Good luck and God bless you, Betty . . . Mr. and Mrs. S. STIPATI, ticket agents, became grandparents again. Congratulations to all . . . Trainman W. FITZGERALD spent his vacation in California. While there, he became a member of the Playboy Club and says he would like to have six more weeks of vacation . . . Agent H. OLSEN spent his vacation fishing at Spooner, Wisconsin. After a few days he had nothing but fish and more fish. Some of them weighed as much as 10 to 15 pounds. Now all he has over the weekends are fish fries. This is no fish story either . . . Retired Chief Clerk H. BAKER would like to say hello to all his friends. He and his wife are fine and will be going on vacation soon. Agent M. HASSE and her husband went on several short trips during their vacation . . . Wouldn't you know it? Agent F. CAPRIO went to Hawaii on her vacation again. This time it was more exciting as she was seeing her new grandchild, who was born a few months ago, for the first time . . . Agent JOHN FILIPEK says this is the first year he ever had a "honey do" vacation. He came back to work to rest.

Agent FRANK LUCAS is back from his vacation. Frank's sister was here from New York, and his cousin from Boston. The girls wanted to visit our many places of interest, so Frank brought home a "See Chicago Guide" for them to read. Not until this time did Frank realize how handy these booklets were. He drove the girls around in his sister's 1968 Cadillac while they used the guide book and really enjoyed their vacation here . . . Did I mention this before? I hope not. Agent H. OLSON spent his vacation in Baraboo, Wisconsin, fishing. This is no fish story. He caught "itsy bitsy" fish and 10 and 15 pound ones too . . . Collector GEORGE KUEHN went on pension as of September 1 and can do all the things he wanted to do but could never find the time. Good luck, good health, and many happy years of retirement, George . . . Agent MORA HASSE went to Minnesota the last few days of her vacation to visit the State Fair and was there from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Now she knows how to milk cows, feed chickens, and climb hay stacks. Well, anyhow, she would make a good farmer's wife. When Mora and her husband returned home they were greeted with the good news that they will become a grandma and grandpa once again. Mora, as you know, has her knitting out and away she goes, p-1, k-2 . . . Agent DOROTHY FORD made the Sun-Times on September 17. Congratulations. So you see, Dorothy, someone likes your cheery "good morning", "hello Mr. Sears" and "hope you're



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THOMAS F. KALATA, the son of Operator HENRY J. KALATA, 77th Street Station, was graduated from St. Christina Grammar school on June 4, and has entered Mendel High school.



THIS PRETTY young lady is KARROL JEAN JOHNSON, the daughter of Supervisor ROBERT JOHNSON, South Section. Karrol, who was graduated from Stevenson Grammar school, is now attending Bogan High school



PICTURED IN her cap and gown is VIRGINIA ANN PARRILLO, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. NELLO PARRILLO, Congress, who was graduated from Morton East High school on June 12. Many relatives and friends attended a reception which was held in honor of Virginia's graduation.



feeling better, Mrs. Jones." LEO is a lucky man to have such a cheerful wife. How about it, Leo? Several days had gone by and we saw people asking Dorothy for her autograph, and she received several boxes of candy. Really, Dorothy, Hollywood is looking for you. . . Birthdays come and go, some are very important and some just make folks feel older. September 27 is the birthday of Janitor WALTER HARRIS and it will be a turning point in his everyday life. Harris, being one of the old time janitors on Lake Street, will take his pension on October 1. For the past two years Harris hasn't been too well,

but no matter how he feels, if an agent needs supplies, a cup of coffee, or want a booth cleaned, he was there in a flash. We all wish Harris the best of everything, health, wealth, happiness, and many long years of retirement. . . Looking for a place to go on Saturday or Sunday before the winter months come along? Why not take a little ride to Union, Illinois, and visit the Illinois Railway Museum. There are 37 trolley cars, 2 steam engines, and various steam cars. You can ride the steam engine or trolley cars, I believe, for three miles for only 50 cents, and it costs nothing to go and look around. I have been there and have talked to many who have been there and found it most interesting. . . As we all know, Agent G. YARDLEY is working at Cicero and Lake on Saturdays, and Gertrude is looking for a bucket, new or used. What did she want it for? I really didn't ask her, but let's see, no, not really! Well, maybe to scrub floors. Sorry to hear that Agent JUNE BAREKMAN's mother has been ill. Get well wishes are sent and here's hoping she is up and around by now. . . Just heard that Agent MARY STANCZYK had surgery. Hope things are looking brighter now and Mary is feeling fine. . . We all say "many thanks" to the trainmen who kept the trains rolling during the recent wildcat strike. Teamwork is a big help and a wonderful thing if we all practice it. It not only helps us to do our work more efficiently, but helps stamp out errors and our jobs go along more smoothly. When a new employee sees us working harmoniously as a team he will also fall into line. Each one has his own job so let's do it good. It's not teamwork when we push our work off on the other fellow. We all have so much to do and we should do it, and on payday we can collect our check and say this is for a job well done. Some get credit for what they do and others get credit for what they didn't do, but let's be the ones who can go home at night and relax with a clear mind and enjoy our blessings. So, let's go all out for TEAMWORK. . . September 13 was a special day for the Transit News reporters. They had a dinner at the M & M Club in the Merchandise Mart. It seems we all look forward to these dinners and what surprises BOB HEINLEIN, Transit News editor, has in store for us. This sure is a great get-together. The food was super, the speakers were wonderful, and everyone enjoyed the evening. The highlight of the evening was the presence of CTA Board Chairman GEORGE L. DeMENT and F. C. KNAUTZ, superintendent of Public and Employee Relations, and their inspiring speeches. Our congratulations to Bob and his staff who do such a wonderful job with your Transit News. . . Loop Towerman JOE VARGO and his wife recently toured parts of Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. While vacationing, they viewed the effects of the devastating tornado in Charles City, Iowa, in May, and also the one in Tracy, Minnesota, in June. One doesn't realize how fortunate they are to be spared from such misfortunes. Joe's pride and joy, his prize Brittany Spaniel champion wonder dog, Mac, accompanied them on their trip.

- Mildred Doyle

### NORTH AVENUE -

HENRY JARECKI, Repair Department, and his wife, BETTY, became grandparents when baby ANTHONY JARECKI was born June 19 at St. Elizabeth hospital. Congratulations. . . Z. HURMAN, Repair Department, was sworn in as a citizen along with 150 other people on June 18. . . We welcome Operators JEFFREY SIMS, JOHN KNIGHTEN, ROOSEVELT GRAHAM, SOLOMON JACKSON, CHARLES RODNEY, and LADELL JACKSON. . . Collector JERRY BLAKE and his wife, FLORENCE,



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vacationed in California, stopping off at Las Vegas. Operator CHARLES LUEPKE and his family vacationed at Bowler, Wisconsin. Operator JOHN CRAIG was their house guest. Operator ED SCHNEIDER is vacationing at Middle Inlet, Wisconsin. Operator RAYMOND RAHN is vacationing near Beaver Dam in Arkansas. Ed and Raymond report good fishing. CEDRIC DRAPER, Repair Department, and his family vacationed in England. MICHAEL SULLIVAN, Repair Department, visited Ireland. District "C" Superintendent JOHN STANTON visited Europe with his wife and daughter. They went by plane. Supervisor JACK LAPIDUS visited Las Vegas. After a short stay he wired Supervisor FRANCIS MALONEY for money to return home. JOHN RUDDLE and his family drove 7,000 miles out West. They visited Las Vegas, Nevada, California, Utah, Wyoming, and Abilene, Kansas, to visit Eisenhower's birthplace and museum. He visited with former President Truman in Independence, Missouri. Supervisor FRANCIS MALONEY visited California. Operator GEORGE HIRSCHFELD visited GERHARD KLAMP who now resides in Hayward, California. George was at Fort Ord, California, for two weeks of army reserve duty and after that he visited Gerhard. We received a welcome letter from Gerhard who spent a short time in Chicago when his son, WOLFGANG, graduated. Gerhard now drives a bus in Oakland. They have a no-change-deal on buses. Bus drivers at no time carry cash, tokens, or tickets. Riders are asked to have exact fare ready since drivers will not be able to make change. If change is necessary, drivers will issue refund coupons which passengers can redeem for cash at district offices. He and the family are very happy in their new home and would be happy to see any of their old friends who are out that way. The address is 26249 Stryker Street, Hayward, California 94545 . . . My son, DAVID, will be 10 years old on September 27. I had two weeks of my vacation. One week I stayed home and watched it rain constantly. The second week I took him fishing, swimming, and to a few baseball games . . . Pensioner LESLIE ROESER lost his wife July 23. Operator LEO LUCAS passed away July 7. Pensioner JOHN MC NELLIS departed this life July 8. Operator EDWARD MAKOWSKI lost his sister, GENEVIEVE, July 7. Receiver BILL PINASCO lost his father July 12. FRED, from McGann's Grill, recently lost his wife. We extend our sympathy to these bereaved families . . . Garage Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA, and his wife, BONNIE, celebrated one year of wedded bliss on August 5. My wife and I celebrated our 31st anniversary on August 14 . . . Pensioner BRUNO SCHULTZ was in the hospital. He was well on the road to recovery when I last saw him . . . Pensioner HAROLD LEMIEUX stopped by to see me when he was spending a few days in Chicago, and we had a nice visit . . . Operators JOHN SENKO and ANDREW CLAUSSEN joined the ranks of pensioners on August 1. Supervisor CHARLES LANGNER retired on September 1. He started with the CSL January 23, 1934. He was appointed supervisor in 1938. We thank his wife, STELLA, for the many times she sent us information for this column. We wish these men who are leaving us the very best of everything and keep in touch, boys . . . We received a welcome letter from Pensioner ARTHUR MOILENEN now living in Lanse, Michigan, who is well and enjoying life near the lake where he can fish from his bedroom window. He says it is wonderful country with many beautiful trees and lots of fishing. We were happy to also receive a card from Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN who is enjoying good fishing in Iron River, Michigan. He sends his regards to all his friends. Another welcome letter I received was from Pensioner ARMIN KOEHN and his wife, GENEVIEVE. They became grand-

parents again. Congratulations to them on the birth of their grandson. Gene went to welcome the new arrival while Armin stayed home with his coon hound, Heidi, to keep him company. Their freezer still contains some of the fish Armin and I caught. They had a very good raspberry crop . . . I wish to thank Supervisor MICHAEL LACRIOLA for his cooperation in helping me with a very unusual passenger. I picked up the usual crowd of shoppers at Sears, including a two year old boy. After the first few miles a passenger told me that there was nobody with the child. I checked and he was alone. I realized that his mother was probably back at Sears with no idea what had happened to him. Michael was kind enough to call Sears, notify them that the child was on my bus and let them know what time I would be back at that stop. When I got back a couple of worried parents were waiting for me. I suggested to them that since the child enjoyed riding our CTA buses so much, they should take him for lots of nice, long rides .

Operator WALTER LANGDON and his wife, JUDY, are the proud parents of MICHAEL JOHN, born June 17. ANNA MARIE MCCARTHY was born on August 13 at Mc Neal hospital to Operator C. MCCARTHY and his wife, MARY ANN. The cigars were good. Operator THOMAS EDWARDS and his wife, BETTINA, became papa and mama when MONICA was born on August 11 at West Suburban hospital. Congratulations to all the parents and babies . . . Pensioner FRANK BRAMAN and his wife, CATHERINE, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on October 9. They were married on a Wednesday and this year their anniversary falls on a Wednesday. Frank is taking Catherine to Hawaii for a vacation to celebrate. We wish them many more happy years together . . . We welcome new Operators ALFRED MACK, DARRYL SLOAN, and JAMES BURTON . . . Operators PATRICK CARROLL, JOHN KAZAK, PAUL BRAZEAU, EDWIN ANDERSON, EDWARD SCHNEIDER, and ADAM WAAS have been on the sick list. We hope they are well on the road to recovery and will be back with us soon, if they are not back already . . . WILLIAM BOCK, the son of Pensioner ERNEST BOCK and his wife, EMILY, returned safely from Vietnam and is stationed in California. Emily flew to the coast for a few weeks visit with him . . . Pensioner ROBERT SCHANZLE enjoyed a delightful vacation in Hawaii to the Kanae Peninsula on the Maui coastline. CHARLES KING and his wife, DOROTHY, enjoyed a Colorado vacation. They say the fishing in the Colorado river can't be beat. Operator FLORIAN DWIEL and his wife, EVA, did some sea fishing and fresh water fishing in St. Petersburg, Florida. They took in the everglades, shark and tarpon fishing. WAYNE MIEDEMA and his wife, BONNIE, spent their vacation in Missouri and stopped off at the Palisades. They also visited Lake Geneva. Operator VIGGO WINDFELD and his wife vacationed in San Francisco. They also visited Denver, Salt Lake City, San Diego, and Los Angeles . . . Pensioner ALFRED WRASSE passed away August 28; Janitor HENRY CIRINCIONE lost his mother-in-law September 5; Pensioner IRWIN JAGGE passed away August 7; Operator RALPH ELLISON lost his mother August 20; Pensioner JOHN NAUGHTON passed away August 16, and Pensioner EDWARD DIBBERN passed away August 25. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved families . . . I am off for some fishing and a visit with Pensioner ARTHUR MOILENEN in Lanse, Michigan, on the Big Huron river. We plan to fish for Coho salmon . . . We received a welcome letter from our old friend Pensioner BILL ECHOLS in Hot Springs, Arkansas . . . The Transit News reporters attended a dinner at the M & M Club in the Merchandise Mart on September 13. The food was



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delicious and we had an enjoyable evening. Thanks to BOB HEINLEIN and his staff for their fine work editing the magazine. Also, thanks to the management for a most pleasant time . . . We thank all of you for your teamwork in helping to keep the buses rolling during the recent problems facing the CTA. In spite of the differences of opinion, we're glad to welcome all drivers back and hope the difficulties can be resolved through teamwork. Let's be courteous to all of our passengers and show them that we have the best drivers in the country. Let's come up with a fine safety record for the remainder of the year. If we all ask the Lord's help in settling our differences, we can do it with understanding and good will.

- Bill Miedema

### NORTH PARK -

The Division 241 A.T.U. golf day outing was held Monday, July 15, at St. Andrews Country Club with another large turnout. Prizes were awarded to all who attended. WARREN SCHOLL was Master of Ceremonies, with FRANK LASKE and BILL LARSEN serving as committee members . . . Operator HARRY CRUM spent a week visiting his brother, IRA CRUM, who resides in St. Louis, Missouri. Harry was very impressed with the guided tour of the St. Louis Gateway Arch. . . Operator ROY RIPKA and his wife, IRIS, and children motored to Doswell, Virginia, to visit Roy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. ROY RIPKA Sr. Also on the agenda was a stopover at Altoona, Pennsylvania, to visit Roy's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. LLOYD RIPKA . . . Operator BILL KNIGHT and his family relaxed at Devils Lake, Wisconsin, on their vacation, where they camped out. They enjoyed the fishing and the preparation for the fish fries that they held at the campfires . . . Operator CHARLEY KEMP and his wife, HELEN, and son, GARY, vacationed at their retreat located at Brookside, Wisconsin. Trout fishing from the back yard was excellent and Helen was kept busy preparing the fish for their meals. . . Operator RALPH McDONALD and his wife, POLLY, and daughters, CANDY and JUANITA, flew to Boston, Massachusetts, for their vacation. Ralph, upon arriving at O'Hare Airport, discovered that he had left all his luggage at home in the excitement of getting away, so he is now the owner of a new wardrobe . . . ALICE RICHMAN, the daughter of Operator IRVING RICHMAN, vacationed at Miami Beach, Florida, with her mother, Mrs. RICHMAN, as her guest. Alice had the good fortune while deep sea fishing aboard a charter boat to catch a sail fish weighing 65 pounds and over 5 feet in length. . . Operator HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, spent their vacation fishing around the Lac Vieux Desert, Wisconsin, area. Harold and Ann report the scenery in the area is beautiful but the fishing was only fair . . . Receiver AL REMACK and his wife, DOROTHY, flew Continental Air Lines to Los Angeles, California, on their vacation. On the agenda were tours to Hollywood with visits to 20th Century Fox studios, Disneyland, a trip to Tijuana, Mexico, Palm Springs, and a grand stopover at Las Vegas, Nevada, where Al and Dorothy visited all of the fabulous night clubs . . . JUDY KNIGHT, the daughter of Operator BILL KNIGHT, graduated from Funsten Grade school June 19, and will enter Kelvyn Park High school . . . KEITH KURCZEWSKI, the son of Operator EDWARD KURCZEWSKI, was graduated from Gordon Tech High school and is attending Wilson college studying a mid-management program under the sponsorship of the Jewel Tea company . . . MARY ANN BRUDNEY, the daughter of Operator GENE BRUDNEY, was graduated from the Pickert Hines Beautician school and has passed the State

test for her beautician's license . . . PATRICK KENNY, the son of Operator FRANK KENNY, was graduated from Loyola university June 9, and Frank awarded Pat with a vacation in California for this grand feat. On June 24, Frank's daughter, JEANNE, received the habit of the Sisters of Providence at the mother house of St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana. Congratulations to Sister Keith in her new vocation . . . Clerk DAVID CARTER and HEWITT GREEN rate orchids for the fine jobs they did at North Park while working vacation reliefs . . . TIM SEDIN, the son of Operator HAROLD SEDIN, was home on a month's furlough from Youkowska, Japan, where he had been stationed with the United States Navy. Tim will return to San Miguel Navy base located in the Philippine Islands . . . Operator CHARLES ANDERSON has left the CTA to assume his duties as pastor of the Kalamazoo, Michigan, Covenant church. Charlie who headed a group known as the "Believers" here at North Park rates our congratulations in his efforts to teach the gospel, for which he is expertly qualified . . . TOM KURCZEWSKI, the son of Operator ED KURCZEWSKI, who represented the Commons Insurance team in the River Park League, was selected as catcher for the all star team for the second straight year making Ed proud as a peacock . . . Operator ALLEN LICHTER has purchased a '68 Chevrolet Impala and will be happy to show one and all the smooth operation of his new toy . . . Chief Clerk RAY SIMON has a new '68 Chrysler Imperial and now claims the trips to Nobelsville, Indiana, will be easier to make . . . Mrs. ILAH WILLENBROCK, the wife of Operator ELMER WILLENBROCK, was hospitalized at Holy Family hospital in Des Plaines, Illinois, for surgery and at this writing is progressing satisfactorily . . . Operator ED DAPPEN was a patient at St. Joseph's hospital for observation and we at North Park are praying for a fast recovery.

Operator MORT LIBERT was awarded a statuette by a group of his passengers on Kimball avenue, with this inscription: "To our favorite bus operator with the biggest smile of '68. Keep up the good work, Mort." . . Operator GARY NOONAN became a father for the sixth time when his wife, MARY, gave birth to a son named PATRICK RAYMOND, born June 29 at Edgewater hospital. Gary, who is a young 39, claims handball is the key to his success . . . Operator ANDREW and Mrs. HOLZMAN became grandparents for the fourth time when their daughter-in-law, Mrs. BARBARA HOLZMAN, gave birth to a son, STEVEN MICHAEL, born July 22 at St. Francis hospital . . . Mr. JAMES DOLAN Jr., the son of Operator and Mrs. JAMES DOLAN, was married on Saturday, June 15, to Miss KAY DONAVAN at St. Edmonds church in Oak Park, Illinois. The reception held at Neilsons restaurant in Oak Park was attended by 200 guests. The young couple honeymooned in the Virgin Islands. Jim's daughter, Miss PATRICIA ANN DOLAN, was married on Saturday, July 6, to Mr. RICHARD CEGILESKEI at Our Lady of Lourdes church. The reception held at the Belden Stratford hotel was attended by 200 guests. The young couple honeymooned in Canada . . . Happy anniversaries are extended to: Operator WILLIAM FRIEB and his wife, ADELAIDE, their 20th, August 28; Operator RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN, their 40th, September 1; Operator LEN BAEUCHLER and his wife, VIVIAN, their 30th, September 3; Operator ED KURCZEWSKI and wife, BEVERLY, their 19th, September 4; Operator CHESTER DAMIAN and his wife, IRENE, their 28th, September 7; Operator HENRY SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, their 29th, September 28; Operator GEORGE KRINKE and his wife, PEARL, their 39th, September 22; Sanitary Engineer OSCAR ANDERSON and his



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wife, LUELLA, their 34th, September 17; Operator HAROLD BASON and his wife, NORA, their 29th, August 5; Operator JOHN KIPPES and his wife, VIRGINIA, their 22nd, September 7; Operator MEYER LEMEL and his wife, PHYLLIS, their 16th, September 14; Operator NATE CHAVIS and his wife, VELMA, their 13th, September 25, and Operator HAROLD MILLER and his wife, MARCELINE, their 28th, September 28 . . . Happy Birthdays are extended to: ELYSE LIBERT, September 3; ELIZABETH and ISMENA RIPKE, August 15; Operator ROY RIPKA, August 29, and PEARL KRINKE, September 29 . . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator ROBERT KUHFAL on the loss of his daughter, Mrs. JOYCE JOST; the families of Pensioner ANDREW PHILBIN and Operator RAYMOND REICHERT; LOUIS BIELSKI on the loss of his beloved wife, BERNICE, and Operator JAMES MEISTER on the loss of his son, BUCKY MEISTER . . . Operator ROY LEMKE reports that any veterans who have service medals due, and never received them may contact the following with service dates and medals due: General Service Administration, National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records), 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132 . . . Operator VIC MICETIC, who has been off sick, is at home at the Irving Park YMCA and is coming along fine. Vic would like to thank all of his many friends who have remembered him in the past year, and expects to return to work in the near future . . . Repairman TED KUTA and his wife, IRENE, spent two weeks fishing at Land of Lakes, Wisconsin, and reports the perch and northern pike were very receptive . . . Repairman TONY GALLO and his wife, had a beautiful vacation at Phoenix, Arizona, where Tony's sister resides . . . Repairman JOHN NEE turned his vacation into a profitable enterprise when he purchased a new home at Camp Lake, Wisconsin. John will have the A.M. crew out for a picnic to celebrate the grand event soon. Also reported on vacations are the following: Assistant Foreman ANDY KARIOUCH, JOE JOHNSON, BUCKY BAKANOWICZ, BOB JOHNSON, PAT MALONEY, FRANK SIBLEY, A. POWELL, and RAY LEONHART . . . Serviceman RED STAUNTON relaxed at Acapulco, Mexico, on his vacation and reports the guests are beautiful and very receptive to single men . . . Servicemen GEORGE WITT, L. BOTH, and J. MEREK also enjoyed grand vacations . . . TERRY PLUTO, B. O'DONELL, and R. KNIASZ served two weeks training with the reserves and are glad to be back to work again . . . Repairman JOHN CYGIELSKI had surgery at Resurrection hospital and at this writing is convalescing satisfactorily . . . Serviceman KEN KARP is breaking in as a repairman and will soon be working the P.M. shift at North Park, keeping the equipment in tip top shape . . . The Society of the Little Flower fall communion mass and breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 20, at St. Therese's Shrine, 6401 S. Woodlawn Avenue. A chartered bus will leave North Park at 7 a.m.

A retirement party held Saturday, September 14, at Angelo's Restaurant was attended by a group of bus operators, clerks, receivers, supervisory employees, and associates to honor Superintendent C. A. KERR, who retired on October 1. Mr. Kerr, who served CTA and predecessor companies for 34 years, was awarded a scroll signed by all who attended the affair, a savings bond, and a beautiful plaque. Mr. Kerr and his charming wife, ANNE, will be living at Bonita Springs, Florida, in the future, and invite their many friends to visit them when they are in Florida . . . Operator E. H. BURT retired October 1 after 42 years of service. Everette's plans for the future are to continue to live at Fox Lake, Illinois,

and do plenty of fishing. Operator CLARENCE KURTH, who has been on sick leave, retired September 1. Operator FRED HABERSTICK retired October 1 after 40 years of service. Fred will leave Chicago and start a new life on his farm at Jeff, Illinois, where his plans call for hunting and fishing. We at North Park wish the above gentlemen the best in their retirement years . . . VICTOR MICETIC and EDWARD DAPPEN who are on sick leave are both recovering very fast and at a recent outing were comparing notes on each other's ailments. Our prayers are with Vic and Ed and we hope to see them back to work soon . . . Mrs. KATHERINE WACHOWSKI, the wife of Operator LEN WACHOWSKI, is confined at Billings hospital at this writing and Len would like to thank those who contributed blood in her hour of need . . . Operator HENRY THELIN has suffered from another blood clot on his leg and at this writing is hoping to be up and around soon . . . TERRY CONKLIN, the son of Operator and Mrs. LEROY CONKLIN, was married on Saturday, September 21, to Miss BARBARA SETTLE at St. Zachary church in Des Plaines, Illinois. The reception held at the Bensenville V.F.W. Club was attended by 200 guests. The young couple will be at home in Shreveport, Louisiana, where Terry is stationed with the U.S. Air Force. THOMAS URBAN, the son of Operator and Mrs. JACK URBAN, was married on Saturday, August 17, to Miss SHELIA BOUCHER at St. Pius church in Providence, Rhode Island. The young couple will reside in Evanston, Illinois, where Thomas will teach school . . . Operator BILL STRITZEL became a father for the fifth time when his wife, BRIDGET, gave birth to a son named EDWARD JOSEPH, born August 17 at Ravenswood hospital . . . Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator JOHN COSGROVE and his wife, HELEN, their 27th, October 2; Operator ROY BOWLIN and his wife, BILLIE, their 22nd, October 18th; Operator EDWARD BODEN and his wife, JOSEPHINE, their 37th, September 14th, and Operator FRED ANHALT and his wife, ANN, their 25th, September 21 . . . Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER, August 13; Instructor GEORGE RELSTAB, October 2; DENISE LIBERT, October 8; DANIEL KOZIEL, October 11; Operator VINCENT SHAYER, October 13; Operator JIM DOLAN, October 21; Mrs. VIVIAN BAEUCHLER, October 12; Operator STANLEY ZALE, October 24; Mrs. EVELYN RELSTAB, October 28, and Operator ORVILLE MURRAY, October 29 . . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Operator FRANCIS HAROLD MILLER; to Receiver FRANK CARPINO on the loss of his mother, and Pensioner FRED EULBERG and Operator WILLIAM and Mrs. SEIFERT on the loss of Fred and Min's father, Mr. HENRY EULBERG, who passed away in Southgate, California, at the age of 98.

- Melvin Horning

## NORTH SECTION -

TOM LOBONA and his wife spent a week of his vacation in Colorado Springs at the Paradise Ranch near Woodland. He also spent a week fishing at Lake Marie and Lake Como, Wisconsin . . . Congratulations to KEN MANAUGH who had a birthday on August 6. He didn't say how old he was, but we hope you have many more . . . I hear that Mr. BOYLE has a new Pontiac station wagon . . . EVELYN LANZ is in the hospital with a foot infection, and TEENA HENKE's husband, GEORGE, is in the hospital with a bad heart. We are hoping that they have a speedy recovery . . . JOHN ZUPKO spent his vacation cheering his son, JIM, to a championship little league



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baseball game for which he won a trophy. Congratulations, Jim . . . Don't believe a certain North Side clerk if he tells you he has a hot tip . . . CHARLES O'CONNOR is spending his vacation in the far east which includes Japan, Okinawa, Tiwan, and Hong Kong . . . CHARLIE SOUTHWARD spent 10 days in Flin Flon, Manitoba . . . Those taking their pensions recently were: Agents M. COOKE, J. O'SULLIVAN, W. WOELKE, M. CUNNINGHAM, and Janitor ADAMS. Congratulations, and we hope all of you will have a long and happy retirement . . . A. STERNS and his wife celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on September 2. His birthday was September 3 . . . MARIE TOWNSEND is spending a couple of weeks at the Idle Hour Resort in Fairfield, Wisconsin . . . Condolences to the family of Howard Street Motorman ROBERT BUTLER who passed away recently . . . KATHLEEN O'DONNELL has returned to work after spending three weeks in the hospital . . . BRIDGET O'DONNELL is spending her vacation with TONY and the boys at Lake Delavan, Wisconsin . . . MARIAN SPARKS spent two weeks in Port Charlotte, Florida, visiting her sister . . . E. BERGFELD went to St. Louis and the Ozarks on his vacation . . . I hear that MARIE PASS left for Hawaii on September 6. She sure is a lucky gal . . . One of our money collectors found a lady's purse with a large sum of money in it and returned it to the owner and received a reward . . . A. LUCKY and his wife went to Albany, New York, to visit his parents for one week . . . Money Collector WILLIAM BLAIR and his family went on a trip to Europe. A lucky family . . . TERESA FITZGERALD's father recently arrived from Ireland for a three-week visit . . . NORA and CHARLES READ just returned after three weeks in England . . . ANNABELLE DREW and her daughter drove to California to visit her daughter, CATHY, and her grandchildren. Unfortunately, grandma caught the chicken pox from them . . . Your reporter and her husband attended a family reunion on August 4 in Danville, Illinois, and her cousin, his wife, and an aunt from Indiana returned home with us for a two-day visit.

Motorman JOHN T. BERQUIST and his wife, FLORENCE, and his son, JAMES, spent two weeks in Denver, Colorado, visiting their daughter and doing some trout fishing and seeing the mountains . . . Congratulations to Conductor JIM LAWRENCE and the former CAROL GRIFFIN who were married on September 6. We all wish them a world of happiness . . . R. HENDRICKS and his wife, REGINA, celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on September 24 . . . ED WHETTER and his family spent their vacation in Green Bay, Wisconsin. They also had a baby boy on June 12 who was named EDWARD ANDREW. This makes a boy and a girl now . . . BILL and GERDA MATHEWS' vacation was spoiled when Bill fell fracturing a few ribs, then Bill lost his sister. We were very sorry to hear about both . . . Mr. MANAUGH spent his vacation re-decorating his flat. Nice way to relax, Kenny . . . ANNABELLE DREW's son is out of the service now and she went to South Carolina to meet him . . . EVELYN LANZ is still on the sick list, and PAUL had a stroke on September 12, but both are getting along good. They sure had their share of bad luck. Evelyn will be assigned to Howard Street when she returns to work. Get well soon, both of you . . . We have a few new agents: L. CARLSON, A. FORTUNE, C. GREEN, W. GOOCH, and D. DIASIO . . . MARIAN SPARKS' son, RAYMOND, has a nice position designing religious articles . . . I hear WARD MARKS has a 1969 Volkswagen. It must be nice to have money . . . THERESA FITZGERALD left the company to have her baby. We wish you luck, Theresa . . . MINNA KING's son and wife had a baby girl on August 21 and will answer to the

name of LYNN MARIE. This makes seven grandchildren for Minna . . . MARTIN and MARY REYNOLDS are back from a vacation which was spent relaxing at home while all the excitement was going on in the Windy City . . . Motorman AL PELT's wife had a baby boy recently. Congratulations to Al and Lou . . . Supervisor OLSON is spending his vacation in the Ozarks . . . JOHN REYNOLDS, the son of MARTIN REYNOLDS, was inducted into the Marines on August 29 and is now stationed at San Diego, California. John was graduated from St. Benedict High school in June . . . K. PSYHOGIOS and his wife had a baby girl who will answer to the name of MARIA. Congratulations to all three . . . Condolences to the family of ED KANE who passed away on August 29 . . . JOE GOLDBERG's sister is in the hospital at this writing but is much improved. Joe and his wife went to the Dells on August 28 to celebrate their eighth wedding anniversary . . . Your scribe and her husband attended a picnic on August 18 for the former Railway Post Office Clerks of which CLEM is president. About 50 people attended and all had a good time. We also attended the wedding of your scribe's daughter, CLARA, on August 24 in Michigan . . . CARL and NANETTE MEYER celebrated their first wedding anniversary on September 9 . . . Congratulations to LOUIS and DORIS MORONES on their recent marriage, August 31. We all wish them loads of happiness in the years to come . . . The dinner for the CTA Transit News reporters was held on September 13. Fifty persons attended and had a good dinner while visiting and listening to speeches . . . Your scribe is back at Berwyn, 3 to 11 pm, Tuesday through Friday, so please call in your news.

- Grace Mounts

## OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

JAMES ROBERTS proudly announced that his toy poodle had a litter of seven puppies. This is quite a large and unusual number of pups for this breed of dog . . . RAY STRATTON and his wife, ANN, vacationed for three weeks in Pell Lake, Wisconsin. They took it nice and easy with the exception of one week when their seven grandchildren stayed with them, keeping them mighty busy and on the go . . . A. J. TCHELEBIAN, and his wife, SIMONE, and his son, JACQUES, did a considerable amount of traveling and sightseeing on their vacation. They drove approximately 5,000 miles, going through 11 states. The scenery was beautiful and they didn't see a drop of rain in 16 days. They also visited many friends in California. To say the least, they had a wonderful vacation . . . BOB and JUNE QUETSCHKE both got nice suntans, did a lot of fishing, and enjoyed the peace and quiet in Ludington, Michigan . . . JAMES TUCKER went on a trip that took him in, around, and through the Old West. He drove part way and also went on several train trips. He went to Dodge City, Kansas, Durango, Colorado, the Four Corners, Mesa Verda (where the last of the cliff dwellers are), Silverton, Canyon City, the Royal Gorge, and Yellowstone. He also visited Virginia City, Montana, and Nevada City . . . On August 11 a picnic was held at Schiller Woods for the Transportation Department employees and their families. Everyone enjoyed the food, weather, different activities and being together. They all returned to work with proof that they were out in the sun, and a few with some aching muscles, including your scribe. A good time was had by all . . . AGNES, the wife of SAMUEL KELLEY, passed away on July 29. Mass was said at 9 a.m. at St. Peter Canisius church. We extend our sympathy to Mr. Kelley and his family . . . Congratulations are in order for



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JULIE WILLEM who became a grandmother again when her daughter gave birth to a baby girl on August 13.

I attended the annual scribes dinner which was held on September 13 in the M & M Club. This was a very nice gesture on the part of the company and I'm happy to say I enjoyed myself. I want to thank them for the invitation, as well as all those who supply me with the news . . . Belated birthday wishes are sent to EDDIE HANSEN, former radio dispatcher, who recently celebrated his 75th birthday. He is enjoying his retirement in Avon Park, Florida . . . Down the highways to the West Coast was the way ROBERT TALBOT and his wife, FERROL, and their daughter, DIERDRE, spent a little over three weeks' vacation time. They went to the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, New Mexico, the Black Hills, and to many places in California, including Disneyland. Visiting with friends and relatives along the way helped to make this a wonderful trip . . . Camping out, which has become very popular, was what the VODVARKA family did for one week. Their campsite was in the Wisconsin Dells area. Spirits were dampened the first day by rain, but then picked up when the sun came out. A tour of the upper and lower Dells and other boat trips were the ways they got to see this pretty country . . . SAM MONTROSE and his nephew drove to Arizona and then to Las Vegas where they spent a few days and some money. Sam also spent some time in Michigan and Minnesota just relaxing and having a good time . . . When you find a nice place to spend your vacation it is like a magnet and draws you back time and time again. If you think not, just ask AUDREY and HOWIE PETERSON. The beauty of Door County, Wisconsin, drew them back for another week of relaxation and enjoyment . . . The BLAA family, liking the outdoors, also went camping near Lake Delton, Wisconsin. Swimming and fishing was another part of being close to nature. Other means of enjoyment were various amusements in the Dells and a ride on the New Freedom steam train in Freedom Village. The Senior BLAAs spent the summer here in Chicago with their family . . . JOHN McEVILLY and his wife, KATHERINE, and their son, TIM, flew to Connecticut to visit with his daughter and new grandson. His son-in-law, who is assigned to the nuclear submarine Patrick Henry, took them on a tour of the sub which was most interesting. Making their daily swim more interesting was never going to the same beach twice . . . DAVID FLYNN, superintendent of transportation, and his wife, HELEN, just returned from two wonderful weeks in Hawaii. They had a very good time and took many pictures . . . ANDREW STOLTSMAN wanted to rest on his vacation so he went to a health resort in Wedron, Illinois, where he said they had baths of all kinds and very good food . . . BILLIE SLANKARD and his family went along with the trend and spent a weekend in the Dells and enjoyed some of the tours . . . On September 14 ART ROEPKE gained a daughter-in-law when his son, DEAN, and KATHY became husband and wife. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Miami Beach . . . KEN WILLIAMS and approximately 200 other relatives enjoyed a family reunion of five generations. The gathering is an annual affair, always held in Salem, Illinois, and looked forward to by all . . . Condolences are extended to TOM MACE whose sister passed away, and to MAYNARD MORAN whose mother passed away.

### (Utility and Emergency Service) -

ED SLAMP, emergency line truck chauffeur, also answers to the name of Slammin' Ed Slamp. His friends gave him this nickname because of his participation in auto racing. He was recently among the many racing in the sportsmans division at the Santa Fe Speedway . . . A

warm welcome is extended to ALBERT SCHMIDT, DONALD ST. JOHN, and GEORGE KACMAREK who are now working as chauffeurs . . . As of August 1, OTTO SANTESON is beginning a life of relaxation. We wish him good luck and a happy retirement . . . Our sympathy is extended to PETE CARPINO and AARON WRIGHT who both recently lost their mothers . . . Among those on vacation were OLLIE JOHNSON who spent two weeks in Michigan, MARTY DALEY who stayed in Chicago and attended some White Sox baseball games, and F. BECKER who enjoyed being with his son who is home on leave from the service . . . We hope that ANTHONY CANDELLA, who is presently off sick, will soon be well and feeling great. ROY BOWERS, LEONARD GALLE, and GEORGE FLEISCHMAN have returned to work after being off sick. It's nice to see their smiling faces again.

### (Traffic Planning) -

LITA, the daughter of JIM TOOLIS, underwent an appendectomy. I'm sure her smiling face was missed when she left the hospital, but was welcomed when she returned home. She is now taking it easy, but is also attending school.

### (Equipment Research & Development) -

Congratulations to GEORGE CLARK, chief equipment engineer, who was chosen to have his picture appear on the cover of the September issue of the Diesel Equipment Superintendent magazine. An interesting article has also been written regarding his work in this field. I'm sure, with a little coaxing, he will be happy to autograph your copy of this magazine . . . A short time ago a few friends of RALPH MARTZ paid him a visit at home where he is now recuperating from his illness. They were happy to report that he is coming along fine, says hello to everyone, and sends his thanks for all the get-well cards. Temporarily filling in for Mr. Martz is DICK SCHNEIDER from the Technical Services Division of SouthShops. Welcome, Dick, it's nice to have you with us . . . This is one vacation TOM LYONS didn't get to go camping. Instead he used his artistic talent and painted his house . . . Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES RICKER made the most of a week's vacation by spending three days in Wisconsin, then continued on and visited friends in Portland, Maine, and relatives in Cleveland. A finishing touch to this nice week was the arrival of their son, CHARLIE, a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Artillery in Korea, who was just discharged from the service.

During the month of August, the GEORGE CLARK family had a reunion after not seeing one another for approximately two years. The group was composed of his daughter and her husband, another daughter and her baby from Hollywood, California, and a son, his wife and three children, who live in Cadillac, Michigan, where they all met. From there they all went to Mackinac Island and had a wonderful time. Incidentally, Mrs. Clark has a linen shop at Mackinac, and if you go there drop in and say hello.

- Colette Szyzpanek

### PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

The "Welcome Back Banner" was raised recently for the return of D. JANE BELL, who by the way, wishes to express her sincere appreciation to everyone for all the thoughtful cards and gifts received. It is a warm and wonderful feeling to know so many people were concerned. Jane is looking swell and it's great to have her back . . . A big "hello" goes out to ROBERT MCCARTHY our



## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ERNEST A. ANDERSON, 69, Electrical,  
Emp. 3-15-30, Died 7-16-68  
ALOIS ANDRIES, 87, Kedzie,  
Emp. 6-25-11, Died 7-14-68  
ADOLPH BADEN, 81, Way & Struct.,  
Emp. 6-28-20, Died 8-2-68  
ANTON BIDUS, 67, West Section,  
Emp. 8-30-21, Died 7-29-68  
ANTON J. BUTKUS, 77, South Shops,  
Emp. 7-14-27, Died 7-20-68  
ROBERT G. BUTLER, 55, Howard Street,  
Emp. 5-29-52, Died 7-25-68  
WILLIAM J. CANNON, 63, 77th Street,  
Emp. 10-22-28, Died 8-8-68  
PATRICK J. CAREY, 76, Devon,  
Emp. 5-24-21, Died 7-20-68  
SARAH CASSIDY, 87, West Section,  
Emp. 4-15-20, Died 7-6-68  
PETER J. CONWAY, 83, 77th Street,  
Emp. 2-7-11, Died 7-10-68  
JAMES J. CUNNINGHAM, 74, Transportation,  
Emp. 11-23-22, Died 7-12-68  
THOMAS P. DONNELLY, 75, 77th Street,  
Emp. 12-17-19, Died 6-30-68  
MARTIN V. DUFFY, 71, Way & Struct.,  
Emp. 6-12-13, Died 5-20-68  
SAMUEL DUGGAN, 72, South Shops,  
Emp. 2-26-48, Died 8-8-68  
ANDREW L. GRANT, 47, South Shops,  
Emp. 2-24-49, Died 7-14-68  
CHARLES M. HALEY, 82, Kedzie,  
Emp. 5-29-13, Died 7-15-68  
THOMAS HEALY, 68, Const. & Maint.,  
Emp. 4-21-38, Died 7-18-68  
ELMER HIDEEN, 74, 77th Street,  
Emp. 6-13-21, Died 7-19-68  
PATRICK HOBAN, 80, Devon,  
Emp. 5-13-12, Died 7-13-68  
BERNARD L. HORACE, 68, Douglas,  
Emp. 10-9-18, Died 7-12-68  
JOHN P. JACKA, 82, Archer,  
Emp. 6-6-22, Died 7-20-68

ERWIN JAGGI, 85, North Avenue,  
Emp. 7-1-08, Died 8-6-68  
HUGH KEANY, 70, West Section,  
Emp. 4-19-43, Died 7-6-68  
JOHN KILIAN, 95, Lake Street,  
Emp. 2-6-03, Died 6-28-68  
STEPHEN F. KOTCH, 64, Engineering,  
Emp. 4-25-22, Died 7-14-68  
FRED A. LANGNER, 75, Kedzie,  
Emp. 3-14-16, Died 7-25-68  
THOMAS LOPRESTI, 71 Skokie Shops,  
Emp. 9-1-61, Died 7-19-68  
LEO J. LUCAS, 61, North Avenue,  
Emp. 8-8-42, Died 7-6-68  
WILLIAM T. MAHER, 60, Security,  
Emp. 2-18-60, Died 7-16-68  
JOHN MALONEY, 86, Kedzie,  
Emp. 5-28-08, Died 7-23-68  
CORNELIUS MC GINLEY, 89, North Avenue,  
Emp. 7-15-10, Died 7-17-68  
NOVICA NOVICH, 81, Way & Struct.,  
Emp. 5-7-21, Died 8-5-68  
ARTHUR E. OLSON, 84, 77th Street,  
Emp. 4-13-10, Died 7-31-68  
ANDREW PHILBIN, 66, Kimball,  
Emp. 11-20-25, Died 7-10-68  
MICHAEL J. RICHARDS, 64, Limits,  
Emp. 9-9-25, Died 6-30-68  
RAYMOND RICKERT, 60, North Park,  
Emp. 1-27-42, Died 7-23-68  
LOUIS ROKAS, 68, Lawndale,  
Emp. 7-31-29, Died 7-15-68  
WILLIAM J. ROSKOPF, 64, West Section,  
Emp. 9-13-45, Died 7-3-68  
GEORGE J. SHEA, 69, West Section,  
Emp. 8-1-36, Died 8-2-68  
RALPH SHORT, 48, 77th Street,  
Emp. 7-6-39, Died 7-29-68  
ANTON J. SPUDIS, 82, Cottage Grove,  
Emp. 3-3-20, Died 7-23-68  
VICTOR F. VOLENEC, 79, Kedzie,  
Emp. 7-24-17, Died 7-16-68

new buyer in the Purchasing Department. Bob has replaced EDWARD DEVINE who retired after 45 years of service with the company. Ed is planning on moving down to Pompano Beach, Florida, and plans on just soaking up some of the nice warm sunshine . . . Good-bye and lots-of-luck went with JANIS HEALY and MARY ANN JOBARIS, our summertime girls. It was swell having both of you girls with us and hope you'll drop in and visit when you're in the vicinity . . . "Rock-a-bye Baby" is a popular melody for JOANN OFFILL (nee Brady) who was recently blessed with the arrival of a beautiful baby girl, PAMELA ANN. Joann previously worked in the Specification Department. JOAN THOMAS is trading the sound of typewriter keys and carbon paper for the sound of a baby's cry and diapers. Joan worked at Stores-South. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and good luck to Mr. Thomas who is presently in the army . . . Vacations seem to be the theme of this month's report as our girl, LYNN HARRER, ventured out to California for a visit to Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, a short stay in Beverly Hills, and a tour of the Universal Studios and Marineland. SANDY DALESSANDRO decided to visit "My Old Kentucky Home", and what's Kentucky without a stop in the city of Louisville, and of course, Churchill Downs and the Old Forester Distillery. Sounds great already!

Sandy even managed to check on our gold supply at Fort Knox and catch the sights of the State Fair . . . I left my heart in San Francisco says DENNIS KUHN of Stores-South who toured Los Angeles and San Francisco . . . "Why that fish was this long and it gave me quite a fight", was the reply received when asked how their vacations were. EARL WILCOX drained Long Lake, Wisconsin, of all its fish, STANELY HALL cast his line at Sibley Lake, Minnesota, and GEORGE VIKERAS hooked his bait at Lake Vermillion, Minnesota . . . BERNIE FITZPATRICK spent his vacation on Top of Old Smoky in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee . . . Specification Engineer FRANK MAGUIRE spent one week of his vacation returning his daughter, JUDITH, to Creighton university in Omaha, Nebraska. On his return trip he stopped off and visited his oldest daughter in Sterling, Illinois . . . ROD RUSAKIEWICZ and his dad, "Rusty", of the Engineering Department, spent four days visiting their woodland friends and getting in a little fishing up in the North Woods of Wisconsin. Neither caught much fish, but they both managed to catch nice colds . . . Speedy recovery wishes go to GEORGE CROFFOT who, at this writing, is in Swedish Covenant hospital . . . Everyone in Stores, Purchasing & Specifications offers their sincere condolences on the recent death of R. DAUGHTERTY's mother.



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The Republicans had their delegates in Miami for their convention, and we had ANN GUSICH, who is the Treasurer of the Catholic War Veteran's Auxiliary of Illinois as a delegate to their yearly convention held this year in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ann got in a little sight-seeing besides her work and toured the Hamms Brewery and Betty Crocker Mills . . . Special thanks goes out to all who contributed to the retirement party and gift for JOHN VIHANEK, who left after 45 years of service. Stay well, John, and enjoy your retirement . . . Congratulations to ED THORNE for his winning suggestion which earned him a Jewel-Osco certificate . . . Our sincere condolences to the ROBERT GORZ family on the recent death of his father. Bob is the clerk in charge of Storeroom 43 . . . GEORGE LINDEN and his family just returned from a restful (and slightly wet) vacation in Wisconsin's beautiful Dells area. I guess you can't win them all, George . . . Congratulations to CAROLYN PETERSON, the daughter of IRENE PETERSON, who was graduated from John F. Kennedy High school in June. We understand Carolyn plans to further her studies by attending Moser Secretarial school . . . KATHERINE DWYER and some friends flew to New York and then sailed to Nassau on a ten-day cruise aboard the U.S.S. Oceanic. Kitty said she and her friends had a wonderful time. It must have agreed with you, Kitty, you're looking great . . . TERESA DE ELONARDIS was all smiles recently; the reason she had just welcomed her son, DOM, back to the U.S.A. Dom was a student at Loyola university in Rome, Italy. Besides his study he was also able to tour a bit of the old country and visit such countries as Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, Romania, Holland, England, and Ireland. He is not only rich in knowledge now but also in the cultures of the world.

- D. Jane Bell

### SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Mr. and Mrs. J. LAZZARA celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss on October 7. In celebration, they are sporting a new car, an air conditioned L.T.D. . . . Mr. and Mrs. WALTER THOMAS celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on August 10. Congratulations and many more happy years together. Walter's daughter, MARILY JEAN, was married to JAMES BRANDON on August 31 at St. Johns Lutheran church, Libertyville, Illinois. A reception was held at the Tally Ho country club. They spent their honeymoon in Miami Beach, Florida . . . W. P. DEVEREUX and RICHARD GOLDSTEIN celebrated their mutual birthdays on September 4. L. C. DUTTON celebrated his on September 16. Happy birthday to all of you and many, many happy returns of the day . . . JOE RITROVATO, traffic checker, drove his new air conditioned car out west to California, Nevada, and Colorado, with his parents and sister . . . WALTER SCHWEINFURTH at this writing is in Billings hospital taking some tests. Hurry and get well, Wally.

CLARK JOHNSON became a proud grandfather. His daughter, JUDY, gave birth to twin girls, DAWN and DESIREE, on July 23. Congratulations . . . EILEEN O'REILLY surprised everyone with a beautiful engagement ring. The wedding is set for next year sometime. Congratulations, Eileen, and good luck . . . GEORGE SPRAY, outside checker, retired on August 1. George started on January 25, 1943. Happy retirement, George, and keep well . . . Mr. GOLDSTEIN is spending his vacation working around his house and resting in between . . . EILEEN ARDELL has transferred to the Employee Relations Department from the Schedule Department.

We wish you luck and hope you come back and visit us . . . At this writing FRANK CORBETT is recuperating at home from a recent illness . . . PHIL LEAHY rested leisurely at home this summer rather than taking to the road as he usually does on his vacation . . . BERNIE KINCANNON and his wife and son drove down to Peoria for their vacation . . . JIM BRENNAN, outside checker, is in the hospital going through a series of tests . . . GEORGE JOHANNAS drove to Minnesota to do some fishing . . . GEORGE HANUS and his wife drove in their new air conditioned car to Hampton, Virginia, to visit their son and his family . . . W. P. DEVEREUX spent his vacation at his summer home in Wisconsin . . . Pensioner LAURA SCHRECKE informs us that she and her sister, CLARA, spent a very enjoyable time touring the state of Colorado.

- Kathryn Batina

### SKOKIE SHOPS -

Our deepest sympathy to DENNIS CLIFFORD, shopman II, on the loss of his sister. At this writing Dennis is in St. Joseph's hospital recovering from an operation . . . As usual, GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, and his wife took a wonderful vacation. They traveled to California, Disneyland, and other points of interest. They also visited in St. Louis, Missouri . . . CATHERINE ANN HARNETT, clerk, returned from Hawaii sporting a nice tan. Catherine Ann had to buy some new clothes as her luggage was left at O'Hare and didn't arrive in Honolulu until the following night. She says the people on the tour were really fun to travel with. All in all, it was a memorable trip . . . Electrical Foreman HERB LINDQUIST and LOUIE KARIOLICH, electrical worker, recently went to Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin, on a fishing weekend with a group of men. The usual fisherman's story--all about the ones that got away. Tough luck boys.

PAT HARNETT, electrical worker apprentice, and his dad, JACK HARNETT, retired general foreman, Northside garages, took a weekend trip to Pat's farm. Pat recently purchased a 153 acre farm which has 1/4 mile frontage on the Namekagon river. Pat's farm is located in the Spooner-Hayward area of Wisconsin . . . The electricians at Skokie recently held a farewell party for HANS ZIMMER, electrical worker, who recently left the CTA to work for the airlines. They had a very good time at the Rathskeller in Norridge . . . Our deepest sympathy to IVO DI PIERO, carpenter, whose father passed away recently. Ivo had just returned from a European trip to learn that his father was gravely ill . . . PAT DUNEK, technical services, recently surprised the office with a special luncheon of fancy hors d'oeuvres and cream puffs. Pat was celebrating her birthday. Very nice, Pat. I'll call on you when I have a party.

- Everett E. England

### SOUTH SECTION -

Your Reporter and her hubby, Clerk ROLAND, have just returned from having a wonderful vacation in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Mt. Rushmore with the heads of four of our great presidents sculptured on it was an inspiring sight for all to see . . . Now back to our normal routine . . . Our employees are really traveling this summer. Motorman MARCUS WALKER and his wife flew to Los Angeles and San Francisco and saw all the sights, and also visited some friends in Oakland. They visited Las Vegas and then returned home. They said they really enjoyed this vacation . . . Good luck to Con-



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ductor ROBERT C. LEE who transferred to the Shops and Equipment Department as a bus mechanic on August 4 . . . Visiting and enjoying Ireland this summer was Motorman and Division 308 Board Member CHARLES LOUGHRAN and Motorman PATRICK GEOGHEGAN . . . So glad to see some of our people who had been on the sick list for some weeks back to work. They are: Conductors PHARAOH CAIN, JUNIOUS EDLER, JAMES GALLAGHER, and Janitor JAMES STRONG . . . Retired Agent SARAH McEVOY and her brother, Retired Shopman PAT McEVOY, have gone to Ireland for a five-week stay . . . Some more Part-time Trainmen have joined our ranks for the summer: MICHAEL TOLLIVER, PHILIP WHITE, and LEE TOWNES . . . Retired Conductor ALFRED GREENAWALT was in to see us and he said he is moving to North Carolina and wanted to say "so long" to everyone at work . . . Conductor ROBERT NEALY vacationed in Memphis, Tennessee, and said the weather was really hot there . . . The welcome wagon is out to newly-hired Agents HENRIENNE CLAY and JANIS LOVE, who formerly worked here part-time, but decided this year to work full-time. Also to the new transferees from the Surface Division: Agents HOWARD GUSTAFSON and RAYBURNE LAWRENCE . . . Retired Agent BETTY BUCKLEY, who lives in Hawaii, is in Chicago visiting with her sister for a few weeks and she is renewing old acquaintances with all her agent friends . . . Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER is sure proud of his son, RICHARD, who is a computer specialist at Western Electric company, and just received a nice promotion.

Clerk JOHN MORAN and his wife drove around the lake up to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and they enjoyed the boat trips and the nice cool countryside . . . Conductor MICHAEL ERWIN just returned from a two-week military stint in Santa Ana, California . . . Our sincere condolences to Yard Foreman JOHN MITCHELL whose mother passed away recently, and to Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY on the loss of his brother . . . I received the nicest letter from Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED GRABE, retired motorman, who lives in Mt. Home, Arkansas. Al wrote some interesting news. They have become acquainted with a former movie stunt man and bronc rider, Ken Cooper, who at one time was Gene Autrey's double, and has decided to write a book on his rodeo and movie career. Mrs. Grabe is doing the typing for him. Al says "hello" to all the gang . . . Good luck to Towerman JOHN HAMILTON who resigned recently to accept another position . . . Motorman PAUL DUCAR is mighty proud of his son, DAVID, who is in the Air Force and is now home on a 30-day leave. David was graduated with top honor grades at Chanute Air Force Base. He will report to Okinawa after his furlough . . . At this writing Switchman EDDIE FEIL and Motorman JAMES NORRIS are on the sick list. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery to them both real soon . . . Retired Motorman JOHN BURKE, RALPH WRISKA, and Retired Conductor DENNIS BARRY were all in to visit the boys at 61st Street recently and they all looked in "fine-fettle" . . . More passenger commendations have come in to Conductor CATOR ESCHO for his courteous and efficient operating ability and to Conductor LAWRENCE BELIN for the excellent manner in which he makes his station announcements. Keep up the good work you South Siders.

First of all let me express my thanks to management for our annual Transit News reporters' dinner at the M & M Club in the Merchandise Mart recently, which all of the reporters enjoyed very much. Lucky me again, I won on a drawing for a \$7.00 gift certificate from Jewel which will come in mighty handy. Secondly, I want to

personally thank all the wonderful bus drivers for working so hard and such long hours during our unfortunate work stoppage recently, and to give "three cheers" to our rapid transit force who kept the show on the road. Now let's forget all our differences and work hand in hand and make the CTA bigger and greater than ever before . . . Now on with the news. The fall Agent's Pension Club dinner was held on September 8 at the Beverly Woods restaurant, and it was as usual a very enjoyable evening. The pensioners looked younger than ever. BETTY BUCKLEY, who lives in Hawaii and was visiting Chicago for the summer, was able to attend and renew old acquaintances. Also present were: Retired Agents MARY CARSON, MAE DRISCOLL, MARY MURTAUGH, SARAH McEVOY, GRACE MEEHAN, HAZEL DUNN, KAREN FRIDDLE, and PEG WENSTROM. We can't forget our men: Retired Supervisor BOB BROWN, Retired Towerman FRANK DIMICK, Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS, and Retired International Vice President PAT CANLEY, and many, many more. A special thanks to Retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT who make these dinners possible . . . Towerman JAMES HARVEY and his wife, SARAH, are off on a vacation trip to the Old Sod, Ireland, which they were really looking forward to . . . Two of our best agents have decided to resign and take life easy, ANN (JENKINS) MATZKO and DOROTHY JOHNSON. Best wishes go with them; all their co-workers will miss them very much. Dorothy wishes to thank everyone for their cards and expressions of sympathy when her son, JEFFREY, passed away recently . . . Yard Foreman ARDIS MORRIS and his wife vacationed at Niagara Falls and Canada, and they also celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary recently . . . Retired Conductor JOSEPH SCHUMACHER paid us a surprise visit at the office. He and his wife, who were in Chicago for a while, are now living in Long Beach, California. He looks just wonderful and says "hello" to all his old friends . . . A good news flash--District Superintendent TERRY MCGOVERN, who had been on the sick list for quite awhile, is now back working . . . School bells rang once more this fall and our student trainmen and agents answered the call and resigned. Student Trainmen TANZEL GOVAN, WILLIAM STALLWORTH, CHARLES WILLIAMS, GREGORY GUEST, PHILIP WHITE, BIRCH JONES, ROBERT ROBERSON, MAJOR COLEMAN, and MICHAEL TOLLIVER, Agents DENNIS MURPHY, JOYCE DAVENPORT, OLIVER EVANS, THORNTON CHERRY, ROSEMARY WILLIAMS, and HELEN GALLAGHER . . . Congratulations to Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY who was elected president of the Division 308 Pensioners Club. The meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 2 pm, 32 W. Randolph street, on the 13th floor. Come one, come all, to the next meeting and have a good time. Pat and his wife, GERT, relaxed up at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, recently for a few days.

Clerk JOHN BARRY and his wife and sister-in-law, Assignment Agent LILL CULLINAN, traveled by auto all thru the West and to the coast and had the most wonderful time taking in all the sights of Colorado, Arizona, and California . . . Congratulations to Conductor STAN ZIELINSKI whose daughter was married on August 31 . . . Agent VELMA HUSBAND and her husband and his niece and nephew drove out to Los Angeles, California, to visit some relatives. They made stops at Denver and Las Vegas. They also visited the Universal City studios . . . Retired Yard Foreman ELMER STEVENS, and his wife, CHARLOTTE, dropped in at 61st Street for a visit and said that they and their family are finally going to take off for Australia. They were awaiting the sale of their



home. They were very excited about starting on their new venture. They are going to San Francisco first, then to Hawaii, and then on to Australia. Good luck to the Stevens family . . . Agent ANTONIO CHAVEZ drove to Mexico City on his vacation and to other cities in Mexico . . . Our sincere condolences to Janitor CLARENCE HALBERT whose mother passed away recently, and to Retired Agent GRACE WEBER on the loss of her dear husband, Retired Agent JOHN WEBER . . . Agent HOWARD GUSTAFSON and his wife motored to Miami, Florida, and also drove thru the Smoky Mountains on their vacation . . . Motorman JAMES NORRIS who is still on the sick list, but is now home from the hospital and improving each day, wishes to thank everyone for all their cards, calls, and kindnesses . . . Retired Conductor CARL MAGNUSON phoned us recently to say "hello" to everyone and to tell everyone he's doing fine on his pension . . . Resigning recently was Switchman RICHARD BRYSON, Conductor MICHAEL ERWIN, Part-time Agent LARRY TAYLOR, who is going in the army, and Part-time Agent VERNON LYLE . . . Assistant Station Superintendent JOE TVRDIK just returned from a fishing trip up at Eagle River, Wisconsin. It rained most of the time he was there and the fish "got away" . . . Conductor MITCHELL THOMAS is sure proud of his daughter, CASSANDRA, who won a scholarship from Ingals Memorial hospital in Harvey to go to Thornton Junior college to study to become a registered nurse.

- Verna Hartney

#### SOUTH SHOPS -

BILL DONALDSON, who is still on the sick list, stopped in to say hello . . . Mr. and Mrs. TONY VIANANEK became grandparents again when their son and daughter-in-law announced the birth of BRETT ANDREW on July 30. Brett had to spend a few days in an incubator . . . Some belated news received recently about a former South Shops employee, BOB LAMONT, who was decorated with the Bronze Star while serving in Viet Nam. He has since returned safely and now works out of the Merchandise Mart . . . Congratulations and best of luck to ERVIN HARRIS who was transferred to the Training and Accident Prevention Department . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. JOE BOLECH on the death of Mrs. Bolech's father . . . JACK KEANE asked me to thank all of his dear friends for their thoughtfulness on his recent 21st birthday . . . Our latest members of the stork club are LENNY and LENORE WEINECK, who announced the arrival of a baby girl named JILL CHRISTINE. Jill was born on June 12 at Christ Community hospital . . . The Society of Italian-American musicians will hold their annual dance, October 6, at the Jolly Club. FRANK PRESTI, carpenter, South Shops, is the founder of the organization . . . As most of you know, your scribe is resigning August 30 to take up residence in Fort Collins, Colorado. In closing, I would like to thank everybody for all the help given me. You have all made the writing of this column a lot of fun, and I hope you will extend the same cooperation to the next reporter.

This seemed the year for visiting California. MAX KUCHAN in the Wood Mill, RICHARD (Hammerhead) NAECKER, and your scribe, made the trip. Rich also visited his son at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. After his visit there he drove to El Paso, Tucson, San Diego, and Tijuana, Mexico. On his return trip he went to the Grand Canyon, Four Corners, and followed the Navajo Trail to Mesa Verde. He spent two

days at Colorado Springs and then returned home from a 8,600 mile trip. Max headed west to San Francisco where he visited Fisherman's Wharf, then headed down the coast to Anaheim where he visited relatives. Max made a one day trip to Las Vegas where he was kind enough to leave some of his money. Your scribe also visited San Francisco where we spent one week. It truly is a great city and we saw everything that was possible. We then headed down the coast to Los Angeles for two weeks where we visited Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, Busch Gardens, Hollywood, and the Farmers Market. We also went to San Diego and the Sea World, then spent a few hours in Tijuana, Mexico. On our way home we stopped off at the Grand Canyon . . . Congratulations to BILL MILLER who made leader in BILL RAYBURN's area. Bill is a good worker and we know he will make a fine leader. Our congratulations to the rest of the fellows who were lucky enough to make leaders . . . Our deepest sympathy to the families of PAUL PSIK and HAYES in the loss of their loved ones.

- Kathleen O'Brien & Frank Sprouieri

#### TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

When HERMAN IZZO, Congress, wishes to visit with his sons all he has to do is catch a jet to Viet Nam or Korea, or take a short drive up to Great Lakes Training Center for Herman now has three sons in the service. Wishes for a safe journey are sent to all . . . A flight to the West Coast and the sights of California was enjoyed by RAY CATANESE, Congress, and his wife . . . It seems that the boys at Congress are always saying "Hi" or "Bye" to someone. A hearty welcome to TERRY DOLAN and ARNOLD WHITE new car servicemen, and to T. MADIGAN who transferred from Wilson . . . Parting words were exchanged with S. BARNES and H. MURRY who moved to Skokie Shops, and to J. WOULFE who transferred to Forest Park . . . Snow in July, impossible; but not for M. COYLE, Congress, and family who spent their vacation in Colorado . . . Pensioner RALPH DANIELSON stopped in for a visit with his old friends and to see how things were . . . Condolences to the family of Pensioner ANDREW PHILBIN who passed away suddenly on July 10 . . . Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to ANTHONY CITRO, Kimball, who is recuperating at home from surgery . . . Welcome to F. LEWIS, new car serviceman at Howard . . . Enjoying the sights and sounds of summer in Chicago were J. MORRISON, C. EUGENE, and D. MARLEY, Kimball; A. DIGIANFILIPPO, E. MIZEROCKI, H. LOOMIS, M. FELTON, A. MISCHKE, R. ROBINSON, F. STOEHRMAN, R. LAUDANSKI, J. ORANGE, J. WILLIAMS, C. CARPENTER, M. DUKE, R. JOHNSTON, J. RUIZ, D. VILLA, R. SUAREZ, and J. O'TOOLE, Wilson . . . JOHN "Diamond Jim" CANNELLA won a \$7.00 award for a suggestion he submitted and with his winnings treated all the boys at Congress to polish sausage.

All good things come to those who wait, and after years of service, WALTER NOWOSIELSKI, clerk at Wilson, retired on October 1. Best wishes for continued years of good health, happiness, and prosperity . . . Pensioner HAROLD ROSE stopped in to see all his friends at Wilson . . . Best wishes for a fast recovery are sent to Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD VANDERVEST, the parents of CLIFF VANDERVEST, Wilson . . . Congratulations to A. TUCKNOTT on his promotion to repairman. Hope he enjoys his new position at Wilson . . . Sights and sounds of the West were enjoyed by P. COLOMBO, Congress,



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and his family on their trip through San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas . . . Best wishes to T. MORRIS, Congress, who resigned to go into business. Don't forget your old friends after you have made your first million, Tom . . . After 41 years of service, W. HOVALD retired at the age of 63. Walter plans to head for Florida for fun in the sun during his golden years. Best wishes for a long life . . . To see just how big things really are in Texas, FRANK BENANTI, Congress, spent his vacation seeing the sights of El Paso . . . Outdoor living is just one way of spending a vacation and that is just what S. RITA and J. CANNELLA, Congress, and their families did during their stay in Michigan . . . Welcome back to R. HUCKABEE, Congress, who was on the sick list . . . Wishes for a complete and speedy recovery are sent to Mrs. D. SANDUK, who is recuperating in Elmhurst hospital . . . Sorry to hear that S. SELVAGGIO is off on the sick list. Hope Sam is back very soon . . . Everyone dreams of a trip to the islands and ED STAMBORSKI, Kimball, made part of that dream come true by spending his vacation seeing the sights of Goose, Stony, and Blue Islands . . . Welcomes to R. HOLMES, A. SELVAGE, and I. PATTERSON, new car servicemen at Howard . . . Congratulations to R. WATSON and J. DINKIS on their promotions to repairmen at Wilson . . . Indian summer vacations were enjoyed by A. DRAPP, R. DWYER, N. BENSON, P. CZAJA, T. MITCHELL, G. KLEIN, C. REYMENT, and N. SCIMECA, Wilson; F. BENANTI, E. SHIELDS, A. KUNZ, S. MILLAZO, W. THORNTON, P. COTTER, C. SCALES, Congress.

- Ray Bryczek

### WEST SECTION -

I would like to apologize for not writing a column for the last issue of Transit News. I was on vacation and didn't realize how many people missed the column. Okay, I lied a little, for just my wife and son missed it . . . Say, what a bash we had when JIM LUDWICK, SAL DETOMASO, and HARRY SAFRANEK went on pension. It hurt to see these three fine gentlemen go. I will miss their picking on me. The pensioners who came out to bid them farewell were: CARL FRANK, DANNY LANE, JERRY BRINDESE, PAT BRODERICK, EMMETT KAIN, ED HOUSE, and JIM HICKEY. They all looked fit and ready to make a few trips for us. How nice of Superintendent ED HEATTER, who was on vacation, to come in and wish the boys good-bye . . . Here is something I can't wait to tell. During the hot spell we heard JIM LANE took a dive into his children's swimming pool to cool off. The next morning he had to replace at least 10,000 gallons of water that he displaced the night before. What a splash he must have made. Can you imagine and try to picture if "Tiny" ROBERTSON, GEORGE CLARK, and Jim all jumped in at the same time? It would make the Johnstown flood seem like a mild overflow . . . JESSE RICHARDSON's son is now working among us and if he is half as good as dear old dad, he will be a welcome addition. I met the young fellow and he seems as nice as his dad . . . On June 23 pretty little JUDITH ANN BRENNAN was born. The proud parents, JOHN and JOSEPHINE BRENNAN, are very happy as this is their first child. A son was born to R. NANCE and his lovely wife, and if the boy grows as big as his dad, he certainly will be an All American basketball player. To both couples, I wish them happiness and may they continue to have many more . . . When I came back from vacation, I heard the sad news of the death of JOHN HOLAKOVSHY's wife. We all would like to extend our condolences to

John and his son and may God walk hand in hand with her . . . Before JIM LUDWICK went on pension, his daughter held a surprise party for him and his wife to celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary. He said they had a ball. So, good luck to them and may they continue their love affair for 41 more years . . . JUDY, the daughter of MEL PFEIFFER, received a two year scholarship to a university in Maryland. She will then receive her masters degree in art. Good luck to Judy, and she will certainly be missed by her parents. The only thing I can't understand is that Mel can't even draw a straight line . . . I finally got a chance to meet all the nice people connected with the Transit News, and as bad a writer as I am they treated me like one of them. I also met Mr. GEORGE L. DeMENT, chairman of the board, and he is a fine gentleman. He gave a short speech, and I liked that about him right away. The important thing he stressed was teamwork to improve our service to the people. I could have told him that Lake Street has teamwork from Superintendent ED HEATTER down to little me, and we will continue to have it as long as we respect each other . . . Now that I work with JIM HOOD, I will say, "See you all next month."

- Santo Siciliano

### 69TH STREET -

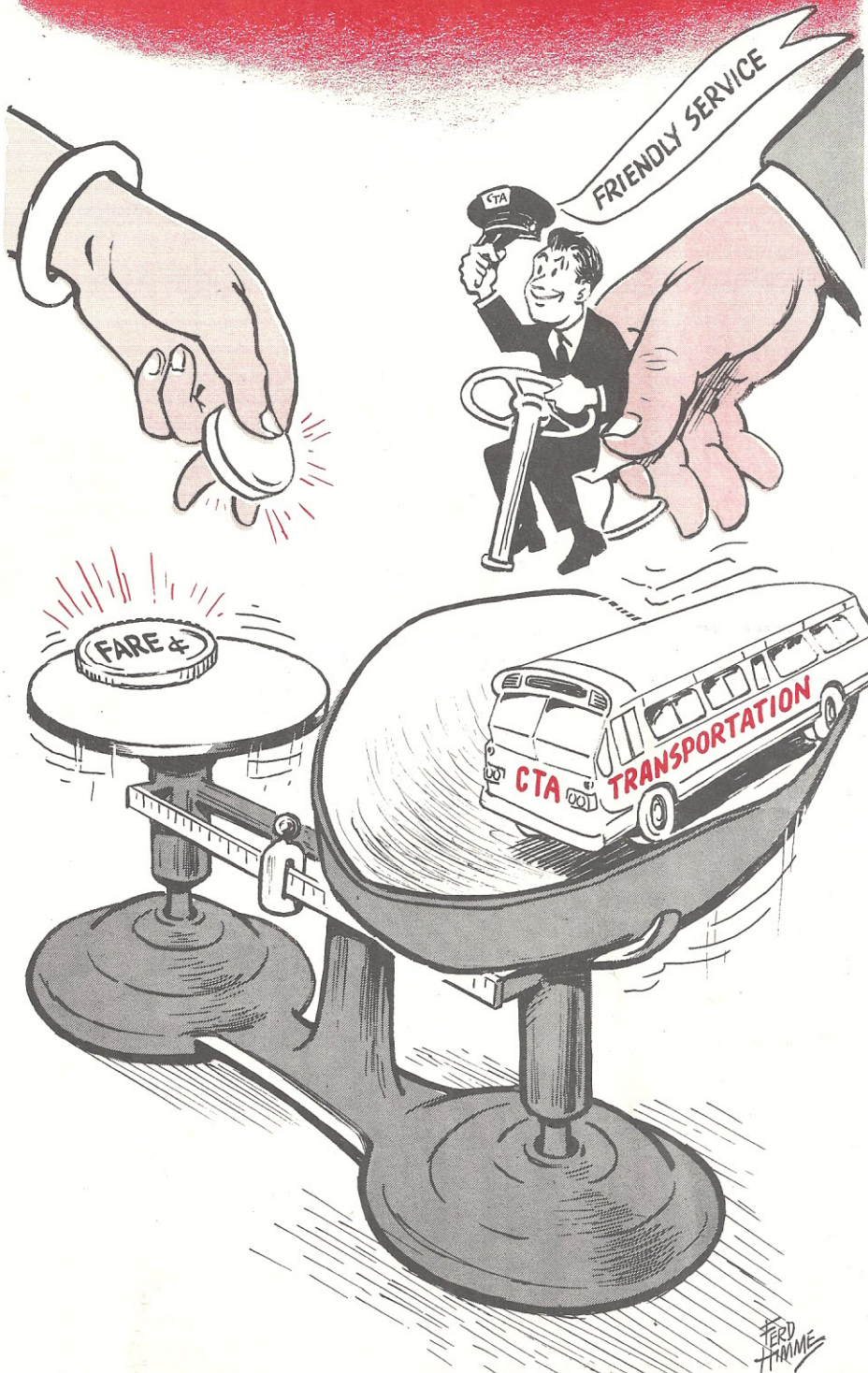
Well the major part of vacation time is over and we are back at the old grind again for another year . . . SCOTTY HIGGINS made his annual pilgrimage out east where he visited the grave of former President John F. Kennedy . . . BARNEY BECKER took time off to gamble a bit in Las Vegas and see some of the night life on the "Strip" . . . SALVATORE VALLONI, better known as "Sam", flew to Portugal, Madrid, Barcelona, and Sicily. He bought a car in which he toured Germany, Italy and Switzerland. Sam then flew to England before returning home with empty pockets, but very rich in memories . . . D. KENNEDY is ill and all the fellows wish him the very best, especially his old friends from 38th and Cottage Grove . . . Speaking of Cottage Grove, I received a call from TOM O'HARA. He is now in his 70's and gets around well and enjoying good health. He says hello to all his old pals . . . Big bad GUS GUSTAFSON is now a ticket agent on the high line and enjoying it. Good luck, Gus . . . GEORGE DUETER of the Claim Department stopped by to say hello. He was formerly in the shops at 77th Street depot . . . From the Repair Department and JIMMY AHERN, we learn that Day Foreman GUS PAR-ELKA is vacationing in Arizona. Jimmy wishes he would bring back a big one and not a fairy story . . . JOE GARMEN, retired foreman, vacationed here and in St. Joseph, Michigan, visiting some of his old friends. Joe is in the best of health, and we wish him and all the pensioners the same for now and years to come . . . CHESTER LEWANDOWSKI retired on September 1. May he have many happy years of retirement . . . We hope that M. MORAN and BOB THURSTON have recovered from their recent illness and will return to work soon . . . Jimmy wishes that Jim Donaldson, Sam Williams, Ernie Banks, Eddie Cleary, B. McBride, Fred Kelly, Matt Basso, D. Robinson, Robert King, Charlie Kubal, Leo Upsel, C. Lorenzen, Charlie Williams, Frank Flynn, Bob Russell, Benny Britkiewicz, Martin Kaplis, Sam Washington, and their families had nice vacations . . . Certainly wish the operators would cooperate and drop some news in the mail box . . . So, drive safely and think about your follower once in awhile, it may be me.

- Arthur P. Buesing



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