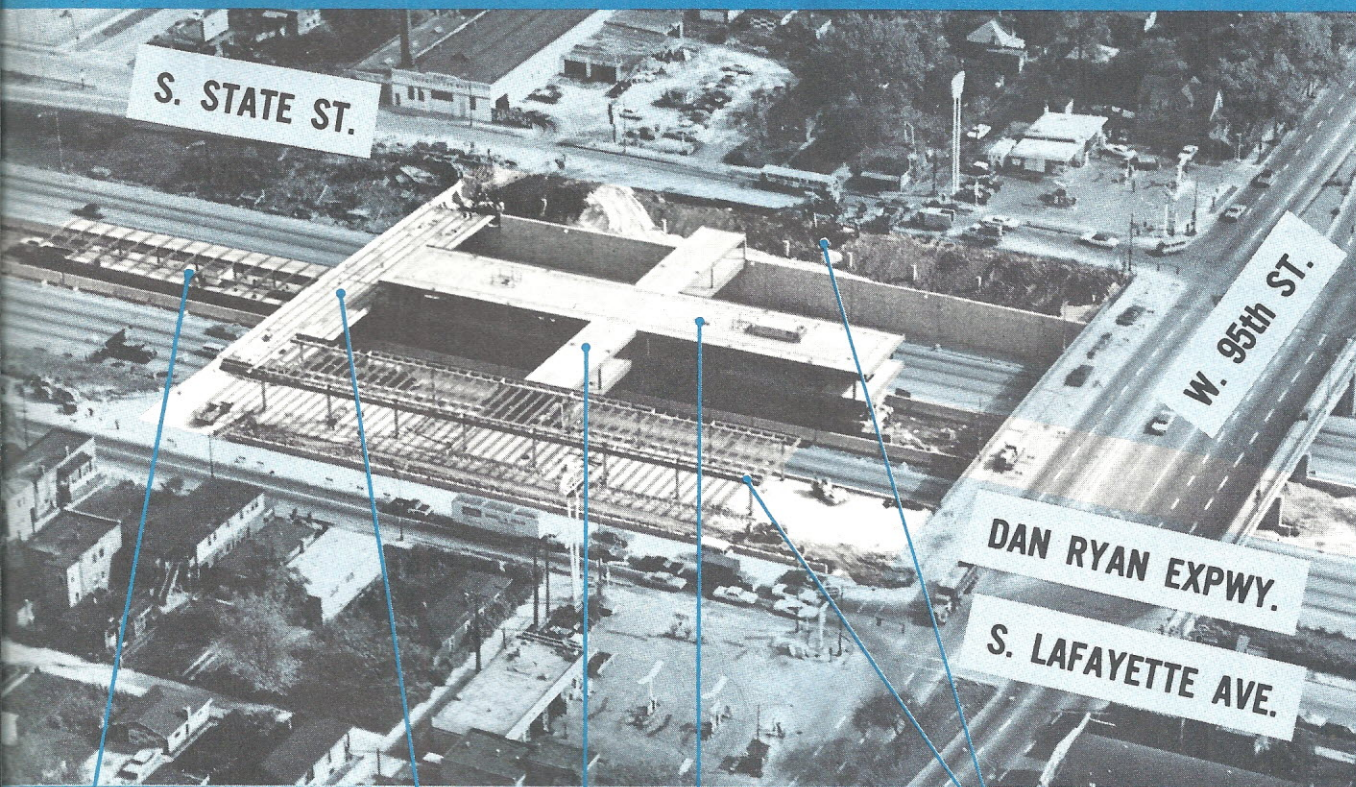




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95/STATE TERMINAL



BUS BRIDGE
TRAIN PLATFORM
PASSENGER CONCOURSE

BUS TERMINALS
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

NOVEMBER, 1968

Two Suggestors Share \$325.00

A SIMPLE idea to save time, labor, and the cost of removing and repairing riveted cups on bus engine dust pans resulted in a profit for Edward E. Bartkus, sheet metal worker leader, South Shops, when he was awarded \$250.00 for his suggestion.



Edward Bartkus

His idea of riveting two simple clips to the cups enables engine pans to be repaired quickly and economically, thus saving the CTA many dollars and hours in removing the cups from the pans, plus the cost of new dies for making the new cups. With the use of these two small clips the worn pans can be salvaged and reconditioned, cutting down considerably the number of discarded pans and saving the company added expense in the purchase of new pans.

Mr. Bartkus, who has sent in previous suggestions for which he received awards, made clear that they weren't submitted for monetary gains, but to ease the work load. "Many times when we put in these suggestions, we think of the time-wise savings and the job becomes easier and can be completed faster," he said.

FINDING AN easier and more simplified work method through the compilation and use of a price-list chart won a \$75.00 suggestion award for Zita J. Gyuricza, invoice clerk, Purchasing Department.

Zita, who was required to work from three different catalogues in the pricing of carriage bolts, machine bolts, and lag screws in order to merit the case-discount price, compiled a common chart which enabled the order clerks to easily find the minimum quantities needed to take advantage of the four to six per cent discount in the purchasing of case lots on these items.

By adopting her suggestion, CTA will effect savings of about \$75.00 per year through quantity purchases. In addition to that, the use of her chart will also save two man hours per week.



Zita Gyuricza

By turning in your idea on how a job can be done safer and faster, or with less material and better results, you too may become a suggestion cash award winner. And if your suggestion is adopted before December 31, 1968, you will also win a certificate for a free turkey. Employees who have submitted ideas are advised to watch the suggestion bulletin board for the action taken by the Suggestion Committee.



A GARAGE instructors training course conducted by the Shops and Equipment Department was completed recently at the CTA training center for six trainees who qualified for the surface system instructors pool and assignment as needed. The trainees are pictured here with Shops Department supervisory personnel. They are, from left, J. J. Replinger, superintendent of surface shops and garages; G. Maly, senior instructor; W. Toomey; Q. Clark; W. Guinee; L. G. Anderson, superintendent of Shops and Equipment; E. Davis; L. Bottando; A. J. Fiorito, senior instructor; T. Reilly, and R. Dobbartin, garage instructor.

WIND Radio

"Stars" CTAers on Special Show

FIVE CTA employees recently became radio personalities when they appeared on WIND Radio's Career Contact show.

The show focused on career opportunities at CTA as part of a series spotlighting employment possibilities with various industries and companies throughout Chicago.

The interviews were taped in the radio station studios at 400 N. Michigan Avenue on Thursday, October 24, and were broadcast at one-hour intervals on Sunday, October 27. Each man was interviewed separately by WIND's Ed Dorsey to produce five program segments of from three to five minutes in length.

Employees from four different job classifications were selected to describe their positions and how the performance of their duties affects CTA service. In addition, the Superintendent of Employment appeared to explain employment opportunities. To keep the interview informal and spontaneous, no scripts were used and no rehearsals were provided; consequently, the employees were given short notice that they would appear on the show. This was another true illustration of how the teamwork attitude can benefit Chicago Transit Authority and the community.

Enthusiastically accepting the challenge were Limits Station Operator Clarence Lind, West Section Motorman Cornelius Jones, 77th Street Bus Repairer Eddie Davis, Traffic Planning Technician Tom Lorenz, and Superintendent of Employment Raymond J. Ruzich.

Heard first, at 1:35 p.m., was Mr. Ruzich, who told of the opportunities for employees of all classifications to progress at CTA. As an example, he said, "The man who becomes a bus driver has the opportunity to advance through the ranks to become a supervisor, an instructor, and ultimately a superintendent."

During the 2:35 p.m. interview, Motorman Jones was asked by Mr. Dorsey about job opportunities on the rapid transit system. Jones, who is also a line instructor, commented, "The opportunities for qualifying as motorman are great. But you must be attentive and apply yourself to it."

The third interview was aired at 3:35 p.m. When Bus Repairer Davis was asked how he attained his present position, he said, "First I started as a bus serviceman. I did this for two months and I was interested in the work I was doing. I felt I wanted to move up in the company,



APPEARING RELAXED and tranquil, CTA employees quickly adjusted themselves to the recording studio surroundings and produced unrehearsed interviews relating to their jobs. Conducting the programming and interviewing is WIND's Ed Dorsey. Pictured above, from left, are Mr. Dorsey, Superintendent of Employment Raymond J. Ruzich, Bus Operator Clarence Lind, Motorman Cornelius Jones, and Traffic Planning Technician Tom Lorenz. At the microphone, below, Bus Repairer Eddie Davis is speaking as Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Ruzich look on.



therefore, I applied for the bus repairman job and they accepted my application and sent me to school." At the time of the broadcast, Davis was attending the Garage Instructor Training Program and has since qualified for that position.

Dorsey inquired about the responsibilities of a bus operator during the 4:35 p.m. interview and Operator Lind said, "There are quite a few responsibilities. For instance, you have to transport people in a safe manner and get them to their destinations on time." Lind was also asked if bus driving is interesting work, and he replied, "Oh, you bet it is...you would be surprised at the different people from the walks of life that you meet on a bus."

During the fifth and last interview of the day, aired at 5:35 p.m., Lorenz was asked to tell of the positions he has held since joining CTA last year. Describing his progression through the job posting system he said, "I started as a transfer counter, came downtown as a file clerk in the Revenue Accounting Department, and subsequently applied for and received jobs as a station clerk on the surface system and now as traffic planning technician."

Aerial Views Reflect

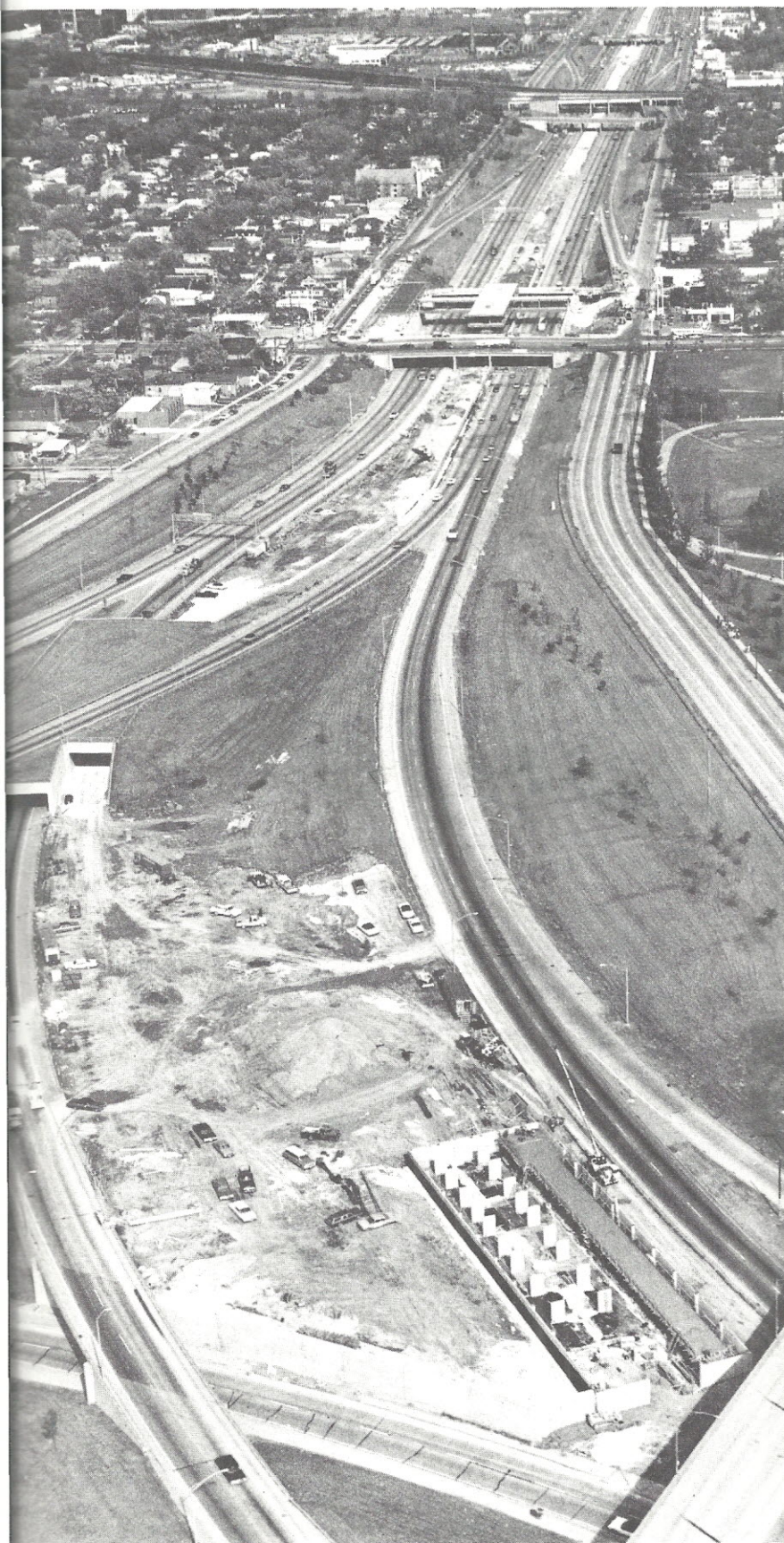
THE SPEED at which work is progressing on Chicago's three rapid transit projects can be evidenced by a casual glimpse when passing any one of the construction sites. But for a broader picture of the headway which has been made, a CTA photographer took to the air to capture the birds' eye views which appear in this issue of Transit News.

Cover picture--95/State Terminal for Dan Ryan trains, looking northeast. Under-cover platform, concourse, and bus terminals will permit passengers to transfer between bus and rapid transit services without interference from the elements.

Left--looking north from about 99th street showing, from bottom to top: rapid transit terminal shop under construction, land for car storage tracks, train tunnel beneath west leg of Expressway, 95th street substation (on west side of Lafayette avenue), train turnback area, 95/State Terminal, and right-of-way extending north in median of Dan Ryan Expressway.

Below--elevated structure for quarter-mile extension of Englewood route is projecting west from present Loomis Terminal. Train platform, station, bus terminal, and Park 'N Ride lot can be seen at left adjacent to Ashland avenue.

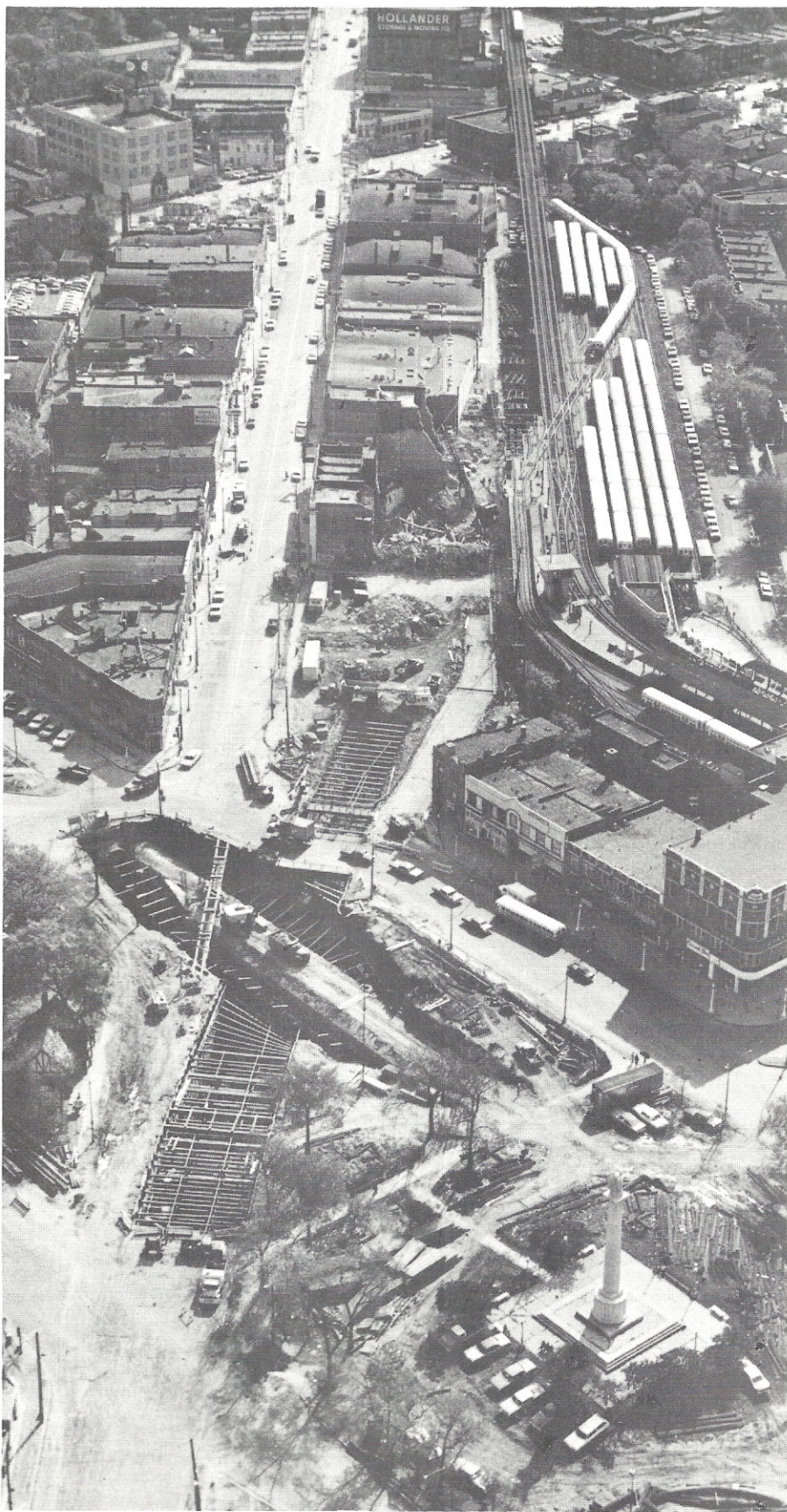
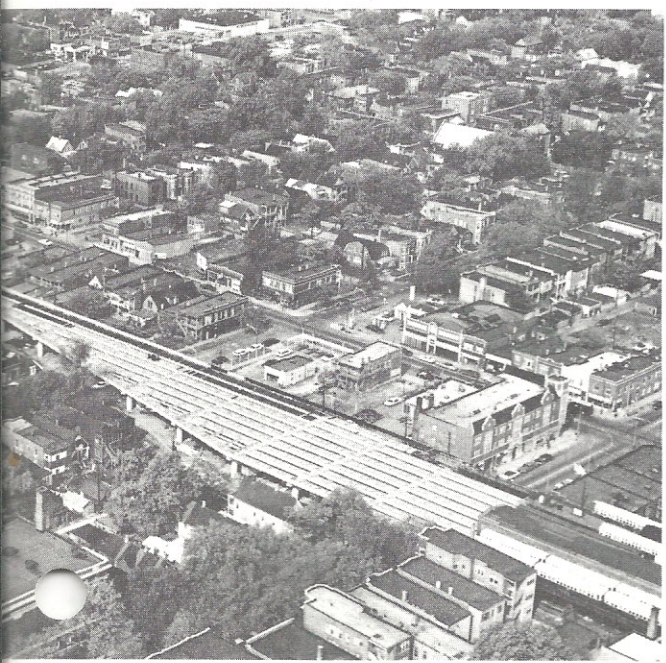
Far right--View southeast from above Logan Square shows present rapid transit terminal in its relationship to the site of subway construction. An incline will be completed east of structure to take trains to present track level.

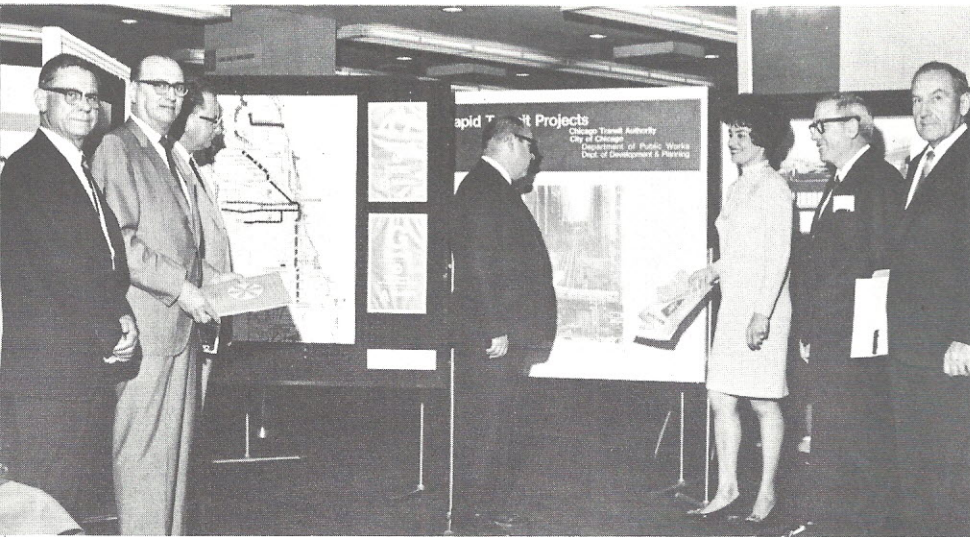


Rapid Transit Progress



Above--Aerial tour of construction progress was made on the occasion of a visit to CTA by the youngest member of the British Parliament, Leslie John Huckfield. Pictured prior to their flight are, from left, George Krambles, CTA superintendent of Research & Planning; James Sloss, research consultant, Transportation Center of Northwestern university; Leslie John Huckfield, and Lt. George Tannahil, pilot, Chicago Fire Department.





AS A member of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, CTA participated in their eleventh annual planning conference at the LaSalle Hotel on September 25. The meeting provided an opportunity for public officials and planners to discuss and learn more about their common interest - - the growth and development of the Northeastern Illinois metropolitan area. Participating agencies were invited to provide displays illustrating their responsibilities. CTA, in cooperation with the City of Chicago, outlined plans for current rapid transit projects.

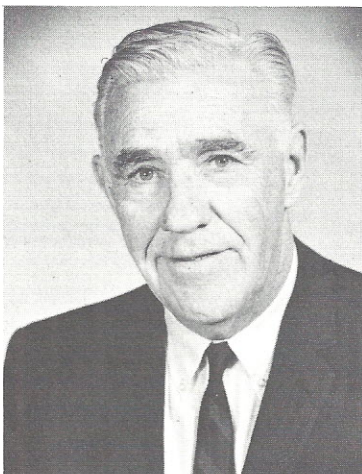
Representing CTA at the conference was George Krambles (second from left), superintendent of Research and Planning, who is pictured here with, from left, Frank Misek, George Macak, John O'Connor, and Mary Boski, all of Research and Planning; Pat McStay of Public Information, and Robert Schageman of R & P.

CTA AND the Chicago Board of Education are cooperating in an effort to curtail vandalism on buses when high school students travel to and from football play-offs. To kick off the program, CTA provided 39 chartered buses to carry 2,500 students to the play-off between Hubbard High school and Kennedy High school at Rockne stadium on November 1. The Board of Education provided two teachers per bus to maintain order and deter malicious acts. Not only did Kennedy win 26 to 1, but CTA won too--not a single incident was reported.



Substation Operator G. A. Griffin Retires After 50 Years

BRINGING HIS record of more than 50 years of transit service to a close was Gerald A. Griffin, who retired on November 1 as an Electrical Department substation operator.



Mr. Griffin began working for the Chicago Surface Lines on October 10, 1918, as a stenographer at the Grand and Leavitt car barn. After a year in that capacity, Mr. Griffin transferred to the Electrical Department--where he worked for the next 49 years. The first position he held in that department was that of helper at the Western & Washington substation. During 1920 Mr. Griffin qualified as a substation operator and he subsequently performed duties at each one of the substations owned by CSL and CTA. At the time of his retirement, Mr. Griffin was assigned to the

Milwaukee & Cleaver substation, which supplies traction power for trains on the West-Northwest route and trolley buses on the Grand and North Avenue routes.

Mr. Griffin, who resides at 6104 N. Hamilton street with his wife, Florence, plans to spend his retirement in Chicago. Some trips are being planned, however, to two specific points in the United States where their children and grandchildren reside. Their daughter, Jeri Ann, is the wife of Major John Rosenow, who is stationed at the U.S. Air Force Base at Point Mugu, California, and their daughter, Patricia Jo, and her husband, James Heidkamp, the manager of real estate for the Chicago & North Western railway in Minneapolis, are residents of Edina, Minnesota. Each daughter has five children.

Retirement also will give Mr. Griffin the opportunity to make up for lost time and enjoy his avocation, golf, and spend more time on the greens in Chicagoland. But besides that, it will permit more time to be spent with his other great interest--the practice of Law. He attended night school during World War II and was graduated with his license in 1949. Mr. Griffin is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, and has served on various committees with that organization.



QUESTION:

As a professional driver, what advice would you give to a motorist about winter driving?

INQUIRING REPORTER:

Raymond Graham

LOCATION:

Kedzie Station

MICHAEL G. GILMARTIN, operator (with Reporter Raymond Graham): "Think! Think all year long. A thinking driver avoids accidents. A non-thinking driver causes accidents."



E. L. SCOTT, operator: "My advice is in a series of don'ts. Don't be hasty. Don't go into intersections without due caution. Don't make sudden stops, and drive at a speed commensurate with your ability to stop."

JOSEPH GILIO, operator: "With winter driving, one can't be too cautious. During inclement weather I have developed a habit for driving on icy, snowy, or wet pavement--proceed slowly and maintain a safe following distance."



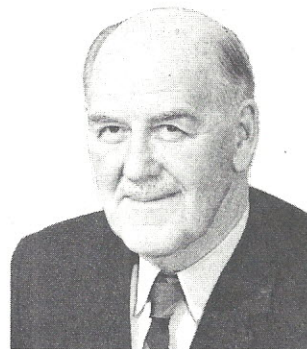
HERBERT BRYANT, operator: "I would advise motorists to slow down, maintain a sensible following distance--not only the proper, but a sensible following distance--and to be especially alert when driving in winter."

JAMES E. MILLER, operator: "Speaking as a professional, I advise winter drivers to try and recognize the small difference between fear and overconfidence. Too much fear is as hazardous as overconfidence. Be cautious, but alert at the same time."



MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin, CTA Medical Consultant



DISEASES OF THE EYE

CATARACT AND glaucoma are two fairly common diseases of the eye. To discuss both of these conditions in the same article would be difficult because of limited space and also the magnitude of each subject. Therefore, cataract will be covered in this issue and glaucoma will be taken up in next month's issue.

Cataract, the clouding or opacity of the lens of the eye, is the greatest single cause of blindness among American adults today. Since the beginning of history, man has attempted to solve the riddle of his most precious gift, eyesight.

The human eyeball is one of the most interesting organs or parts of our body. In the front we have a clear curved portion called the cornea. Under or behind the cornea is the colored part of the eye which is the iris with a hole in it called the pupil. Behind the pupil is the lens which acts like a magnifying glass. A delicate layer of nerves covers the inside of the eyeball. This is the receiving station for eyesight and is called the retina. The cornea, lens, and eye fluids are all transparent so that light can pass to the retina. Images are then transmitted to the brain by the optic nerve.

A camera has the same principles as are found in the eye. The camera shutter can be regulated to admit or keep out light. The pupil in our eye contracts or becomes smaller in bright light and dilates or becomes larger in dark surroundings. Is it not wonderful to realize that the retina can record a picture instantly in black and white or any color. Another wonder of the eye is revealed by its ability to tolerate subzero weather and other external environmental factors. It is almost unbelievable to realize how fingers and toes well covered can freeze while the eye, unprotected, remains unharmed.

CAUSE -- Generally speaking, the underlying causes are the combined effect of some disorders of metabolism, circulation, and prolonged, excessive light and heat, which change the chemical composition of the lens. Other known causes are hardening of the arteries, diabetes, autointoxication, vitamin deficiencies and certain chemical poisons. Penetrating injuries or severe blows to the eye which break the lens covering, or capsule, can produce cataracts. Age is one of the commonest causes of cataract.

SYMPTOMS -- One of the earliest signs is dimming of eyesight. Lights may appear double or reduplicated

several times. The patient may feel as if he is looking at things through a windowpane covered with vapor. Excessive dazzling in the sunlight is another complaint. Later on, as the cataract develops and blocks off the pupil, sight becomes more and more reduced, but the ability to distinguish between light and darkness is still preserved.

There are many false impressions about cataract. A cataract is not a growth, a tumor, a cancer, or glaucoma. Cataracts developing in older people are not inherited.

TREATMENT -- According to the American Medical Association's paper "For Your Health's Sake", from which a good bit of information on this article is taken, surgery for cataract at the right time is about 90 per cent safe and successful.

One reason that cataracts remain a major cause of blindness is because of the difficulty in persuading elderly cataract victims to have eye examinations and finally to convince them of the necessity of having surgery. Older persons must be convinced that having cataracts is not an inevitable penalty of growing old.

If your vision becomes veiled, you should promptly have an examination by your eye physician. Years ago surgeons used to wait to operate until a cataract had become ripe. Today's prevailing opinion is that an operation can be performed when the patient's visual impairment is great enough to require return of eyesight.

Maintenance of good health through the years is the best protection against all eye disorders including cataract. A well balanced diet including adequate vitamins is important. Also periodic health examinations are essential to detect any illness that may impair general health and contribute to the formation of cataracts.

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THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -

MARIE COARI realized a lifetime dream. She has just returned from a European trip visiting many well known places including England, Spain, France, Switzerland, Germany, and of course--Italy. At present she is planning a return trip . . . CRAIG CAMPBELL came to visit his co-workers recently on a three-day pass from Fort Richey, Maryland. . . We bid goodbye and good luck to RUTH BUSSE who retired after 44 years of service. She shall be missed by her fellow workers and friends. Happy retirement. An open house was held October 31. Cake and coffee were served and Ruth was presented with a going-away gift . . . ERNA KARGE has reached the peak of her retirement--they turned her loose in Disneyland. Happy hunting . . . Your reporter visited retiree DORIS J. STAHL, formerly of the Voucher Department. She asked to be remembered to her many friends. If you would like to send her a card, the address is: Edenvue Convalescent Home, Northbrook, Illinois. She will be happy to hear from you. Thanks for your consideration . . . Sorry to hear of the death of HOMER McELROY, formerly of the Budget Department. Our condolences to his family . . . Sympathy is extended to the families of BARBARA KOSCIENSKI and ERMA GOARD whose mothers passed away recently.

- Eileen Neurauter

(Revenue) -

Though we all anticipated an exciting election this year, one thing that is a sure vote is a happy marriage for our newly-weds. On September 21, PAULINE THIEL, the daughter of Operator ARTHUR THIEL, North avenue Station, became Mrs. ANTHONY MANGINO. The wedding ceremony was celebrated at the Evangelical church and the reception held at the Elmhurst Country Club. Anthony and Pauline honeymooned in Las Vegas, San Francisco, and Beverly Hills. Though your scribe was a bridesmaid at the wedding, she wasn't invited along! Can't understand why! . . . A proud father, HAROLD BURDA, Property Accounting, announced the marriage of his son, DUANE, formerly of General Accounting, to the former FRAN RADZIK on August 17. The ceremony was celebrated at St. Aloysius church, and Duane and Fran visited Northern Wisconsin on their honeymoon. Congratulations and good luck to all of you! . . . Though a little air shy, JUNE NOREN, revenue supervisor, ventured on her first plane flight to visit such vacation spots as Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire. With her niece and nephew, June toured many colorful locales such as the walks of Mark Twain and George Washington. But the best was a snapshot of June in the stocks! Wonder how we can acquire one? . . . Also taking a view of history's scenic past was FRAN HADDIX who recently returned from a vacation in Kentucky. One of Fran's favorite spots was "My Old Kentucky Home" . . . A fond farewell is extended to ARTHUR VAN GUILDER whose retirement took place on October 1. Arthur was in the transfer counting section at West Shops and was given a warm reception by his many friends. Mr. A. J. FITZSIMONS, general accountant, was there to extend his best wishes . . . Hello! Hello to our new employees in Revenue: JOHN JESTICE, our new file clerk, and to JEANINE GERARD, our new key punch operator. Also, to Jeanine, a birthday wish

is sent on her October 23 celebration! . . . To our employees who have made a change in position, we wish the best of luck: JOANNE PARIS to Payroll; CURTIS BURRELL to revenue clerk; JO COLEMAN, balance clerk; PAT COLBURN, balance clerk, and your scribe, balance clerk. . . And whose smiling face is that we see? Well, welcome back RAY CORBEL after your recent illness. So nice to see'ya!

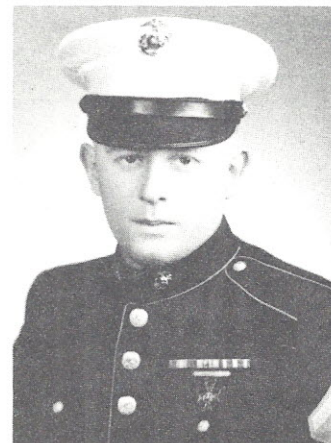
- Clotilde Mrzena

BEVERLY -

"Operation Snowball" is rolling again to spread Christmas cheer throughout our State hospital. Last year we donated about 30 cartons of cigarettes, candy, coke, and clothing to Manteno State hospital. This year we are asking Beverly Depot and the Knights of Columbus, La Rabida Council 980, to play "Santa Claus" to Tinley Park State hospital. Operator BEN THOMAS started the "kick off campaign" with a very generous donation of ten cartons of cigarettes. This is real charity in action, and we salute "Brother Thomas." Any one else want to donate a pack? More power to you if you decide to quit smoking, but we haven't the heart to ask these forgotten souls to quit. They have given up everything else in life and we can't deny them this simple pleasure. Thanks, brothers. We also "tip our hat" again to Operator ERV WEILER's wife, CYNTHIA, who donated enough clothes for Ward 233, Tinley Park hospital. All we can say is, thanks, Cindy, as you sure made a lot of these poor girls smile again. . . . Operator JOHN CAMPBELL of the Mystic Star Masonic Lodge was host to La Rabida Council, Knights of Columbus, at a dinner recently. We started the ecumenical movement about three years ago and we hope our friendship will continue for many years to come . . . Glad to see our buddy Operator DICK GRAJEK back to work after being on the disability list for nine months . . . Clerk BILL MURPHY waited a long time but it sure was worth it as Bill is engaged to a very beautiful girl. All we have to do now is wait for Clerk JOHN KIRBY to announce his "open house." I hope we are still around . . . We express our sympathy to Operator A. SCHROEDER in the loss of his son, and Operator RICHARD RIECKE whose son also passed away.

- Tom Daniels

PICTURED HERE is Marine Lance Corporal ROBERT L. KOSTER, the son of Lake Street Motorman ROBERT G. KOSTER. Robert, who was formerly a bus serviceman at North Park, comes from a CTA family. His late grandfathers, LAWRENCE KOSTER and JOHN CHRISTOPOULOS, were motormen on the Lake Street line.



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THIS PRETTY young lady is CAROL HURLEY, the daughter of Forest Glen Operator ANTHONY HURLEY. Carol, in her age group, won second place in the State organ contest at the State Fair in Springfield, Illinois, this summer.

CLAIM -

Congratulations to JOHN BOSACKI who is now an adjutant, and to ED EVENSON now a court assistant. Good luck to both of you. . . JACK CHUNOWITZ is very proud of his daughter, CARRIE, who is in the second grade and won a blue ribbon for her art work. Keep up the good work, Carrie. . . We're happy to say that JOHN MCGOVERN and CASEY PAULINSKI have returned to work. . . LOU REDDING is still on the sick list and we're hoping she'll be back before she reads this. . . JOHN DALY and his son, BUTCH, spent a week in Wisconsin fishing and relaxing. Butch, now home on leave, will soon return to Fort Sam Houston in Texas. How are the fish biting, John? . . MIKE SHANAHAN went up, up and almost away on his vacation which he spent on a ladder. Mike has given up hanging from paint brushes on windy days. . . EDITH RIDDLE began her vacation in Chester, Illinois, by attending the Illinois State Historical Society meeting. From Chester, she went on to Red Bud, Illinois, where she stayed with friends on their farm. A high point of her visit in Red Bud was a Fox Hunt breakfast she attended at the old French Fort, Fort Chartres, where they were entertained by a group of Indians in original Indian dress who did several Indian dances which consisted of the eagle dance, sun dance and belt dance. . . The traveler, HARRY LAWRENCE, stopped in for a visit. Harry and his wife have been traveling since his retirement. When asked about Hawaii, Harry said it was beautiful but they didn't stay long enough. Well, they're on their way again and we hope to see them on their return. . . ED WEINGARTNER enjoyed a three-week vacation beginning with the ATA convention in Cleveland and then going as far as Halifax, Nova Scotia. . . MARGE LYNCH spent a week of her vacation just bumming around, enjoying life, relaxing, and taking in the latest movies. . . PEG HALLAHAN is a sister again. Congratulations to mommy, BETTY, and daddy, PAT. Baby KELLY JOAN made her debut October 4.

- Peggy Hallahan & Shari Pupa

ENGINEERING-RESEARCH & PLANNING -

PAT MCCARTHY was happy to reveal that his wife is now fully recovered from her illness and has just returned from an eight-week trip which included England and Ireland. Pat's three year old daughter, MEGAN, was with Mrs. McCarthy on their trip and was delighted with the chickens and cows she saw on the farm where they stayed part of the time. Incidentally, for hobby and recreation Pat has joined an Irish theater group and is now in an Irish play called Knocknagow, which will be shown in a theater in Oak Park sometime in November. . .

BOB STAVINGA, a graduate trainee assigned to Engineering, left the CTA on October 4 to enter the service of the United States Armed Forces on Friday, October 22. . . E. E. OLMSTEAD at this writing is on vacation. Hope he is enjoying himself. . . JOAN GORGESON is starting out on October 16 for a three-week vacation in the Orient which will include Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Bangkok. We will get an account of her travels when she returns.

Our deepest sympathy goes to HAROLD ROWBOTTOM and his family. His mother passed away on September 30. . . GEORGE MACAK bought a new red Volkswagen for his wife. His son, CHUCKIE, was two years old on September 28. . . LOIS POTTS has purchased a new Chevrolet. Color? Model? . . GEORGE KRAMBLES and his nephew, ARTHUR PETERSON, 14, visited the Seashore Trolley Museum at Kennebunkport, Maine, on a fine fall-color weekend, as guests of BERTRAND MISEK, the son of FRANK J. MISEK, supervisor of Research and Planning, and Bert's wife, the former RITA KURAS, the daughter of Retired Operator TOM KURAS. They had a fine time taking pictures and riding old cars, including some from the Aurora-Elgin and North Shore Line. . . Distinguished visitors to Research & Planning during the month included Pierre Weil, General Manager of the Paris subway, and Leslie Huckfield, at 26, the youngest member of the British Parliament. Mr. Weil visited Skokie shops, where due to Mr. Weil's very limited time, ED HENDRICKSON and HEINZ DOERING conducted the fastest tour of their plant known to man (7 1/2 minutes)! Later, 45 seconds was allotted to Desplaines shop! The Paris dignitary apologized for the necessary speed of the visit, as he had to board Air France flight 030 for Paris, but pointed out the whirlwind trip was much better than not to have seen CTA at all.

(West Shops) -

Last issue was such a phenomenal one that this issue might seem small in comparison but we do have things happening all the time. To give a quick wrap-up of vacations, we'll start off with CHESTER MAJEROWICZ, plumber foreman. He and his brother-in-law spent two weeks in Minnesota fishing. Chester said that the fishing was excellent and he caught some good northern pike. A highlight of the trip was seeing a wild bear close up. . . LEO FELCKOWSKI, carpenter foreman, vacationed with other CTAers to Hawaii on a beautiful packaged tour offered through the company each year. He and his spouse attended a luau and they heartily ate roasted pig and sipped on one of the popular mixed drinks called Mai-Tai made with several types of rum. They visited four islands in all. They took in a Polynesian culture show with the ever traditional hula girls and saw fire dancers and a variation of some of the most beautiful and brightest scenery in the world.

PAUL ANDERSON, clerk, along with his wife and another couple vacationed for three weeks stopping in Los Angeles, California, Las Vegas, Tucson, Arizona, Nogales, Mexico, and spent a few days casing the southwest looking for a beautiful retirement spot. . . CHARLIE SCHREY, assistant bricklayer foreman, spent three weeks vacationing with his wife and daughter at his son-in-law's farm in Nashville, Tennessee. He went fishing in Kentucky Lake and in one day's catch they counted 76 fish consisting of crappies, bass, and channel cat. Some catch! . . We're certainly happy to see TONY SPAK, tinner, back to work alive, kicking, and looking very well I might add. . . JIM BROZ, assistant carpenter foreman, isn't quite as fortunate however, he has been

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in the hospital for awhile now and we wish him a get well and hurry back . . . Congratulations to MARY GALLON and her husband, and good luck in their new venture in the restaurant business.

- Jeane Fitzgerald & Mary Gallon

ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -

The Electrical Department is very grateful to the picnic committee consisting of KAY McALISTER, HERMAN SMITH, and GEORGE MATEJORSKY who worked so hard to make the KDR blast such a great success. Special bouquets go to DONNA KAMINSKI who was a silent member of the committee, but was responsible for coordinating the entire event. . . Welcome and the best of luck to two newcomers to the Electrical Department, ARTHUR R. WILLIAMS and JOHN L. WILLIAMS. . . By the time this goes to press, two long time servicemen will be on pension; G. GRIFFIN retired with 50 years service and THOMAS JOHNSON was with the company 45 years. . . Calls or visits would be welcomed by the men who are out sick. DICK DORGAN is recuperating at home as are J. O'DONNELL, L. DONOFRIO, WILLIAM STAUNTON, and J. ROCHE. . . ROBERT MONSON has a new grandson, PAUL ALLEN, who was born on October 6. The proud parents are VIVIAN and HAROLD EDWARDS. . . BILL REHDER has another grandchild, ALICE ANN, who was born on September 9 at San Diego Naval hospital to RHONDA and CHARLES LINDLEY. . . G. QUICK, P. KENNY, S. CHARLETON, and F. REGAL are on vacation. Fall is the perfect time of the year to rest and get ready for the long winter that is ahead of us. . . Happy birthday to the following men who celebrated during the month of October: J. WIESOLEK, N. ROLNICKI, F. GRIFFIN, T. JOHNSON, J. HOFFERT, J. ZALUD, and C. J. MULBRANDON. . . Our deepest sympathy to AL LORENZI whose brother, BRUNO, passed away. Our deepest sympathy to the family of CLARENCE HOSANG who passed away on October 13. Clarence had been ill for a long time.

- William Rehder

(General Office) -

Our picnic was again enjoyed by our many fellow employees and their families. It was great to see so many new faces this year, but we missed those who were unable to attend that had joined us last year. RON & MARILYN SWINDELL won the egg-throwing contest, Mrs. HAROLD COYNE the door prize, and MARTY IMBRA won the touch ball game. Many thanks to those who made our day such a success and especially those who worked hard at organizing the picnic. Let's make the picnic of '69 the greatest yet. . . Congratulations to Mr. FRED KING whose wife gave birth to a little boy on September 14. . . CLYDE HAYES, former signal helper, has been welcomed to our department as our new Signal Draftsman. KENDRICK BISSET, co-op trainee, will be with us for a few months with the signal group. Good luck to you both. . . We're all very happy to hear Mr. SANDBERG's son is responding well after a very serious illness that came on quite suddenly. A speedy recovery is wished by all.

- Donna Kaminski

(Chicago Avenue) -

Lineman Helper CHARLES SALVATORE has returned to work after his recent illness. Welcome back, Charley. . . SIGMUND DOBOSIEWICZ, light maintenance fore-

man, was promoted to supervisor of construction and maintenance, and Lineman VITO RACANELLI was promoted to light maintenance foreman. We all wish them the best in their new positions. . . Congratulations to "B" Helper SANDOR BOCZKO who became a proud father for the 4th time when his wife, GLADYS, gave birth to a baby girl on September 19. The latest addition to the Boczko family was named LISA. . . Retired Lineman CARL HIRSCHNER paid us a visit at the shop recently. Carl looks well and says hello to all. . . Many happy returns of the day to Lineman Helper CHARLES SALVATORE who celebrated his birthday on October 18, and to Lineman Helper DINO FUGGITI on October 26. . . On vacation as of this writing are: MIKE DOLL, BARNEY JONES, TERRANCE McANDREWS, RON NELSON, JIM ROEBER, CHARLES WILLIAMS, and JOHN WILLIAMS. Have a good time fellows.

- Don Crandall

GENERAL OFFICE (Employment) -

STAN TADEVIC and his wife, PEGGY, vacationed in Texas so that they could visit with their son, RALPH, who is stationed there with the U.S. Armed Forces, Helicopter Division. Ralph worked for the CTA at Kimball avenue during his summer vacations while attending school. . . DON RIESS and his wife, VIVIAN, traveled through our Eastern states on their vacation. They spent time in Virginia, Maryland, Annapolis, Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. They enjoyed a boat trip around Manhattan, the autumn colors in the Catskills, and around Niagara Falls. . . GENEVIEVE BAGGER vacationed in Michigan, Canada, and the copper country of upper Michigan. The highlight of her trip was going through the locks at Sault Sainte Marie.

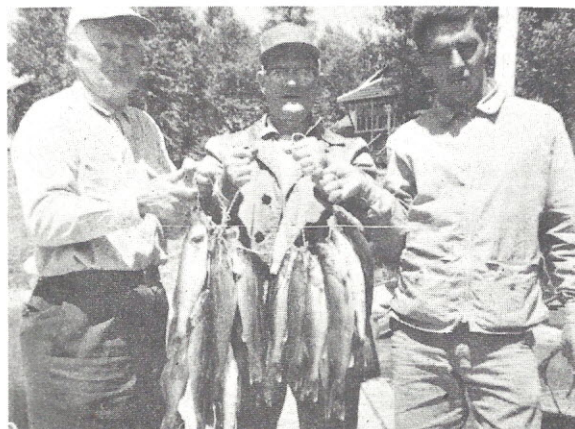
(Employee Relations) -

JACKIE MORRIS, the daughter of JACK MORRIS, transportation relief superintendent, recently joined the CTA ranks and was welcomed in Central Records. Jackie is a graduate of Luther North High school.

(Insurance) -

CHARLES ETSCHIED, the 17 year old son of DOROTHY ETSCHIED, Pension Division, has enlisted for four years with the U.S. Marines. He left Chicago for the

FISH ANYONE? Pictured here are TONY VIDMONT and ED FITZGERALD, Upholstery Shop, South Shops, with the walleyes and northern caught on a fishing trip at Sioux Narrows, Ontario. On the right is their native guide who showed them the best fishing spots on Yellow Girl Bay and Knickerbocker Bay in Ontario.





M. J. HEAFEY
43 Years



T. J. JOHNSON
45 Years



J. A. MAHONEY
42 Years



R. E. BUSSE
44 Years



W. A. JAHNKE
44 Years



W. F. RYAN
40 Years

AMONG EMPLOYEES who joined the ranks of the retired on November 1 were the 12 pictured here who had served CTA and predecessor transit operating companies for 40 or more years each.

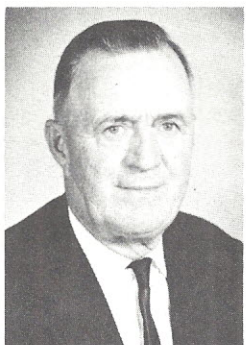
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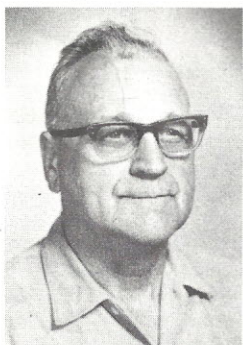
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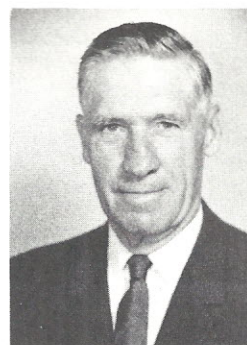
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41 Years



L. A. SCHATZ
40 Years



L. T. PENNY
40 Years

RUTH E. BUSSE, Payroll Clerk,
Accounting, Emp. 5-1-24
PATRICK J. CARROLL, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-30-29
DAVID CLARK, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 3-29-27
SEAPHUS CLARK, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 5-1-44
LOUIS J. FLAMM, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 2-8-51
CHARLES F. GREER, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 6-3-29
GERALD A. GRIFFIN, Substation Oper.,
Electrical, Emp. 10-10-18
MICHAEL J. HEAFEY, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 3-30-25
HENRY J. HENGELS, Conductor,
Howard, Emp. 9-22-37

ERNEST J. HERRING, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 10-29-42
WILLIAM D. HOAGLAND, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 6-25-37
FRANK HOLUB, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 5-5-42
WALTER A. JAHNKE, Collector,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-11-24
THOMAS J. JOHNSON, Chief Operator,
Electrical, Emp. 9-12-23
PAUL D. JONES, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-28-42
CHARLES A. KERR, Superintendent,
North Park, Emp. 3-20-34
HENRY P. KRUEGER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-3-43
ZYGMUNT F. KWIATKOWSKI, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 10-18-27

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KNUTE A. LIKNESS, Bus Repairer,
Campaign Area, Emp. 6-22-39
FRANK J. LUKIS, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 12-9-26
JAMES A. MAHONEY, Attorney,
Law, Emp. 8-11-26
JEROME T. MC CANN, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-17-36
JOHN R. MC GEE, Electrical worker,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 4-10-29
JAMES F. O'MAHONEY, Supervisor,
District C, Emp. 4-27-26
JAMES W. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-23-34
CHARLES F. O'SHEA, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-21-36
LEONARD T. PENNY, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 11-29-27
SAMUEL J. PINCICH, Compressor-Mixer Oper.
Track, Emp. 9-6-29
JOHN C. POWERS, Machinist,
Plant Equip. Maint., Emp. 6-17-46
JOHN B. ROYCROFT, Serviceman,
77th Street, Emp. 9-11-43
WILLIAM F. RYAN, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 10-4-28
LOUIS A. SCHATZ, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 11-8-27
BYRON K. SLEE, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 11-4-42
ALOIZY F. SWULIUS, File Clerk,
Claim, Emp. 6-27-42
CHARLES J. WEHRSTEIN, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 10-23-45

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

ANDREW J. BAKER, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 9-9-26
THEODORE T. DIDIER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 9-4-40
JAMES H. GOODE, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 8-27-53
Mrs. WILLIE B. NAUDEN, Bus Cleaner,
Keeler, Emp. 9-4-45
ORVAL I. PORTER, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 1-30-48

Step forward and be recognized . . .

It has been brought to the attention of the Public Information Department that a CTA employee performed a very noble deed on September 20 in the vicinity of Grand and Narragansett by assisting an elderly woman who had been injured. The family would like to thank the employee involved. If you were our silent hero, please step forward and be recognized. Contact: The Editor, Transit News, Rm. 742, Merchandise Mart.

marine corps recruiting depot in San Diego, California, on October 16. He will receive his basic training there. The Marine Corps sent Dorothy a very pretty Marine emblem pin, a letter of congratulations, and a colorful window decal with the wording "My Son is a United States Marine." MARY ANN KOHLMANN, receptionist, was married to WILLIAM COX on October 12 at Our Lady of Mercy Church. PATRICIA BERGEN, formerly of the Insurance Department, was one of Mary Ann's bridesmaids. A reception, attended by several co-workers and friends, was held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Park Ridge. Mary Ann and Bill honeymooned in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

- Mary E. Clarke

FOREST GLEN -

Well men it is now November and Thanksgiving is here. Where the time goes, Lord only knows. Nevertheless, we are in the holiday season and all of us have a big job ahead, that is, Christmas. If you are anything like me, you already have the spirit and are looking forward to making the family happy . . . District Superintendent JOHN JACOBY and his wife, BETTY, and YOGI KACZMAREK and his wife, VALERIE, made the CTA Hawaiian tour. While in Honolulu, Jacoby took private hula lessons, and anyone interested in learning the hula for a little moola, please contact Jacoby. I understand that Yogi did pretty well also. From the latest report, he is willing to put on a show, that is, if Jacoby is willing to help. Of course, we are ready to see it . . . Don't forget your credit union if you are planning anything extra. They are ready to serve you whether it be large or small. You can see any of the boys and they will be willing to help . . . Let's stand with our union. These fine men have been with us for a long time, and are looking out for our best interest along with the CTA. What I can't understand is men fighting the company that provides them with a good living and holds nothing against anyone. They have a life-time job if they do their work, and the CTA will place them in another job if they are disabled and unable to carry on in their respective field. Show me another firm that will do that . . . Sorry there isn't more news, but I guess you are all keeping it for later. After all, this is your column so let's make it a good one.

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

KEELER -

If it were possible, boy would my face be red. I don't blush easily, but I certainly goofed. I thought the double-up issue of our good magazine would be October and November--alas it was September and October. So, these few lines will encompass September, October and November, and if you think that there will be any order to this mess then you had too much turkey . . . Thanks goes to all our summer student operators who assisted us so capably as usual. Come back next year fellows--please? . . . Belated holiday good wishes to all our Jewish constituents . . . Operator JARECKI and his lovely wife, ROBERTA, celebrated nine years of wedded bliss September 12. Their son, JEFFREY, spent a rather sad birthday October 17. The little fellow just started kindergarten . . . GEORGE and JACQUELINE GRAFER danced the anniversary waltz on September 8 . . . Mr. and Mrs. DERRELL NORTON celebrated their 11th anniversary October 20. Norton says he went to the Playboy Club to celebrate while the little lady took care of the baby sitting chores. It would take pictures and a

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WITH AN exuberant smile on her face, FRAN LOUWARD, stenographer to the superintendent of South Shops, gazes proudly at her granddaughter, SHARON ANN LOUWARD, as she tried out the mini-bus at the 1968 Scout Fun Fair at the Amphitheatre.

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sworn affidavit before I would believe this . . . DON and MARGARET SCHAFFER looked back on 15 years of consolidation October 23 . . . GEORGE and INA KARRAS make it seem so easy. It was 31 years for these two on October 23 . . . NELLIE, it wasn't SY's fault that your birthday greetings are late--but next September 26 there will be extra bells or else SY GOLDMAN just might try my chin . . . Night Foreman ALEX PALA birthdayed on October 1. Many happy returns, Alex . . . Mechanic CHESTER blew out the candles October 15 . . . Welcome back to BILL LAMBERT from 52nd Street garage. He is now Keeler's P.M. garage foreman . . . Sincere get well wishes to Garage Foreman HANK BLAIR who suffered a heart attack. We really miss you, Hank . . . In the, "It pays to be nice department", former Keeler Receiver GEORGE SINGER wishes to thank all the fellows for their visits and calls during his illness. Hope to hear that you're back in your croupier cage real, real soon, George. . . Retired Janitor ED GLONKE sent us a postcard showing a cable cart turning around on a turntable. If you don't know what city he is visiting, well I ain't gonna tell ya . . . JOHN WATHIER's choice of cards sort of changed our opinion of what to expect of the Missouri Ozarks. There is no trouble in seeing the color of the garters the waitresses wear . . . Operator H. DUERR did his vacationing in Wisconsin, and believe it or not, I haven't heard one fish story yet . . . Operator WES HAYNES tried to cover the entire state of Louisiana on his vacation . . . Boy, you would think that Chief Clerk ELMER RIEDEL was made honorary spokesman for the State of California. Elmer spent four weeks vacationing with the grandchildren, et al. You should see his eyes all aglow as he relates the wonders of old Yosemite Camp Corry. The account was so exciting that your scribe has a hankering to see these sights ere he leave this vale of tears. One other thing I would like to see is the poor horse Elmer rode . . . Oh, did I tell you that yours truly became a grandpa again? Yep, my oldest daughter, MYRA JOHNSON, finally got in the winners circle September 7, and presented her hubby, AUSTIN, with a baby girl named ALICIA LENISE. Also a happy birthday, Myra, November 10. Oops, I almost forgot, a happy birthday to you too mother, MAGGIE C. FIELDS, November 20. I hope the bells can be heard all the way to Wichita, Kansas . . . Operator C. (Pete) PETERSON had to buy a good gift for his wife, HARRIET, October 7, because his birthday followed on October 19. It's a three year countdown for Pete . . . Operator GEORGE GRAFER's wife, JACQUELINE, admitted to another birthday

October 22 . . . One of Keeler's favorite good guys, Operator L. BANKS and his wife, ALBERTA, commemorated 18 years of togetherness on October 7 . . . Operator W. McCLAIN is really getting old. Imagine his son, ZEDRIC, being four years old on November 24 . . . Operator JOE HUDGINS' daughter, JUDY, is now an official teen. She was 13 years old on November 13 . . . Operator GEORGE BOWEN blew out his birthday candles on November 28 . . . Operator ROOSEVELT SMITH informed me that his son's birthday was November 9. When asked if his son was a junior, indignantly he replied, "No, he is ROOSEVELT SMITH the third." . . . With the holiday season upon us and since so many of us are inclined to over-indulge, I thought I would pass on these few bits of wisdom. The average man has five senses; touch, taste, sight, smell, and hearing. So let's be a little above average and add two more; horse sense and common sense . . . So to all you fine folks, seasons greetings to each and everyone.

- Ernest C. Carter

KEDZIE -

Hi fellows! I just returned from vacation and there isn't much to write about. Operator DAVID CLARK took his pension on November 1 after 41 years of service. Congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy retirement. A healthy and happy retirement goes to Operator ORVAL PORTER who also went on pension November 1 . . . Kedzie avenue was chosen as the Inquiring Reporter this month, so look for the guys in this issue. They are really sharp, and went all out for the occasion . . . See you all next month and everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving.

- Raymond Graham

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Agent MARY STANCYK wants to thank all her coworkers for their many kindnesses and thoughtfulness during her recent illness. She is back to work and doing fine . . . Belated birthday greetings to Agents LOUISE DREWS, MARY DOYLE, and ARLENE SWANSON. Louise and her husband, ROBERT, went to Minnesota to visit her family and friends, and was surprised at a party that was held for her there. Arlene's birthday fell during a one-week vacation . . . Loop Porter E. BONDS became a grandfather when his daughter presented him with a grandchild. We don't have the details, but congratulations to grandpa . . . Agent BERNADETTE HAYES enjoyed a two-week vacation in October, as did Agent STANLEY SLOWEK . . . Blood bank members, in the hustle and bustle of the holidays don't forget to pay your dues to your collector. January 1, 1969, is the deadline.

- Helen Pallister

LOOP -

Our deepest sympathy to Agent F. SMITH and her family on the great loss of her mother who had been ill for some time . . . Now that Halloween is gone, all the little ones are looking ahead to a big fat turkey for Thanksgiving and we hope all of you, big and little, have a happy one. As for Christmas, well, let's get going with that Christmas shopping. Before you know it the big day will be with us . . . A little late but congratulations to the new brides, MARY E. DUNNE and PAT SPARK, and their husbands . . . And here's a little bit of good news. Former Agents PAT GILL and her husband,

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PAT GILL, are expecting the stork pretty soon. Good luck to all . . . A surprise party was held for Janitor WALTER HARRIS on September 27. It was his birthday and the big day in his life which he called pension day. At this time, Harris and his wife are in Mississippi with their son. Fishing? Why sure, what else. Walter wishes to thank everyone for being so nice to him on his last day . . . A buckle is not something to hold together two loose ends of a belt, strap, ribbon, nor buckle down to work. THADDEUS ZDEB says it's an ornament to be worn on his neat size 13 shoes. Next he wants one for his little green hat. P.S. Can you imagine him teaching school? . . . So very glad to see Agent M. WIXTED back to work. She says it's just grand to be back, especially at Austin and Lake on Saturdays . . . Agent W. STRASSER is back in the swing of things and looks great. Glad your back and enjoying a real busy day. By the way, Wilbur wants to say thanks to all his friends who remembered him while he was sick for so long.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Pensioner THOMAS SCANLON stopped by for a visit and says hello to all of his friends. We received a letter from Pensioner BILL ECHOLS. He is out of the hospital and is very glad to be back at his hotel. He has made several trips back to the hospital for medication and check-ups . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Operators JOSEPH KRZAK, AMBROSE PINACO, and EDWARD MENTH who have been on the sick list . . . Best of luck and good wishes to Operator PATRICK CARROLL who took his pension October 1, and to Operator WALTER JAHNKE who took his pension November 1. Let us hear from you, boys . . . We welcome new Operators MC ARTHUR BARNES, FREDDIE SIMS, GARLAND EVANS, LEE TAYLOR, ISAAC COOPER, LARRY PUGH, and JOHN RICHARDSON. . . Pensioner PATRICK MC CARTHY passed away September 24. Pensioner DENNIS CURTIN departed this life October 3. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families . . . We received a card from Pensioner FRANK BRAMAN and his wife, CATHERINE, from Honolulu, Hawaii. They had a nice plane trip but Frank missed being able to wander around so they are coming back to Los Angeles by boat. I enjoyed my vacation visiting Pensioner ARTHUR MOLENEN. We caught nine lake trout on a charter boat trip. We visited receiver BILL PINASCO who was fishing at Otter lake. He reports a very successful trip. We drove to visit Art's parents who recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. There were over 300 people, all relatives, at the celebration which was held in a park because of the large turnout. I want to thank Art, and his wife, BETTY, for the wonderful hospitality . . . The holidays will soon be with us. I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas. As we worship the infant, Jesus, let us in our prayers remember our boys in Vietnam and pray for their safe return soon. What a wonderful Christmas it would be if the Christmas message, "Peace On Earth" could become a reality. May God bless you all.

- Bill Miedema

NORTH PARK -

The personnel at North Park depot take this opportunity to welcome our new superintendent, Mr. R. KEAG. Mr. Keag, who was formerly stationed at 69th Street depot, will find one and all at North Park behind him 100

THIS SMILING little lad is EDWARD MICHAEL BARRY, the son of Kedzie Operator and Mrs. EDWARD BARRY. I wonder what the attraction can be that has him so enthralled? Maybe it's mom with the chow.

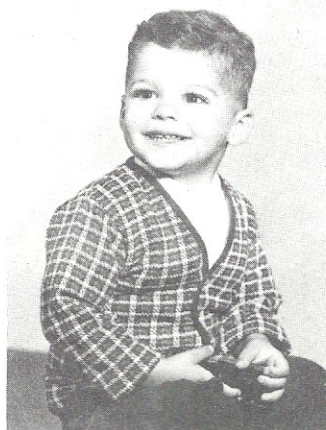


percent. Mr. Keag would like to meet everyone and says that his door is open to receive and meet the fellows personally . . . The North Park Credit Union annual business meeting will be held Friday, January 10, at River Park Field house, 5100 North Francisco avenue, at 8 p.m. Dividends will be declared and refreshments will be served with a drawing for door prizes. All members are urged to attend . . . Congratulations are extended to the 98 operators of North Park who were selected for "Employee of the Year" awards. The names of these men are posted on the bulletin board for all to see . . . More cautious and careful driving will have to be observed now with the coming of ice and snow. Let's all try and improve North Park's accident record this winter with the use of common sense . . . Operator JERRY BUDZISZ and his wife, HELEN, and children vacationed at the Silver Perch resort at Tomahawk, Wisconsin. Jerry reports the fishing was poor but the swimming and meals were great . . . Operator TOM PARAVOLA and his wife, MILLIE, vacationed at the Wisconsin Dells with a fishing trip to Spooner, Wisconsin, included . . . Operator JOHN RIVERA spent his vacation visiting his father, Mr. MANUEL RIVERA, who resides in Saginaw, Michigan. Also on the agenda was a fishing excursion at Oascota, Michigan, where the results were terrific . . . Pensioner GARRETT FOY and his wife, JEAN, after harvesting their vegetable crop located at Jasonville, Indiana, drove to Way Dam, Michigan, for a fishing trip. Garrett and Jean had no trouble getting their limit of walleyes, northern pike, and jumbo perch . . . Operator FRANKIE KARL rented a cottage at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, for his vacation. Operator GEORGE HOFFMAN and his wife, ELLY, were visitors at Frank's cottage . . . Operator CHARLES ALLEMAN and his wife, MARION, vacationed in and around Marion, Indiana, where Charlie's brothers and their families reside . . . Operator DAVID ARREGUIN and his wife, THERESE, their children, and Dave's mother, Mrs. ARREGUIN, motored to California on their vacation. On the agenda were trips to San Diego, Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, and a trip to Tijuana, Mexico, for some of that great food that Dave has been longing for . . . Operator LOUIS SCHWARTZ vacationed at Memphis, Tennessee, where his brother, Mr. RAYMOND SCHWARTZ, resides. Louis and Ray had a profitable fishing trip at Newport, Arkansas, where they caught many catfish . . . Operator FRANK SAUCIER and his wife, AGNES, vacationed at Gulfport, Mississippi, where Frank's sister, Mrs. MARIE DILLARD, resides. Also on the agenda for Frank and Marie was a cruise down the Mississippi river on the paddlewheeler, the S.S. President . . . Operator MIKE PARK and his wife, GLADYS, had an unfortunate accident on their vacation. Mrs. Park fell and fractured

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her spine while visiting the Honey Bear Farm, located near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. At this writing Gladys is convalescing satisfactorily . . . Clerk BOB PETERSON and his wife, GRACE, vacationed at Portage Lake, Wisconsin, where they rented a cottage on the lake. Bob reports that eating and relaxing were the main events on the agenda. Operator NICK ZAHN and his wife, JULIA, and children vacationed around Denver, Colorado. Highlights of the trip were visits to the Air Force Academy, Cave of Winds, Estes Park, and Garden of God. . . Operator JIM DOLAN and his wife, RITA, vacationed at Fremont, Wisconsin, where they had a great time fishing on the Wolfe river. Jim and Rita report the walleyes and sheepshead were very receptive . . . Operator STANLEY KAZAK and his wife, JOANNE, vacationed at Jacksonville, Florida. Visits to Busch Gardens in Tampa and Orlando were also enjoyed . . . Operator JIM RENTSCHLER and his wife, HAZEL, vacationed at Yankee Town, Florida. Also on the agenda were visits to Le-High Acres, Lake Wales, and Bonita Springs where Jim is looking for a home for his future retirement . . . Operator JACK URBAN and his wife, SARA, after attending their son's wedding in Rhode Island, motored throughout the East. Highlights of their trip were visits to Niagara Falls, Mytic Sea Port in New London, Connecticut, Washington, D. C., New York City, and a grand visit with Mrs. Urban's sister, Mrs. PAT LINDQUIST, of Oradell, New Jersey . . . Operator CHARLES ANDERSON, who resigned as a bus operator at North Park to become a pastor of the Kalamazoo, Michigan, Covenant church, had a month's vacation in Israel. Charles rented a car while there and visited Jerusalem and the Galilee area . . . GREGORY SAMSON, the son of Operator TONY SAMSON, who is stationed aboard the destroyer U.S.S. T.E. Chandler, has been to Viet Nam 11 times. Gregory's latest stops were at Brisbane, Australia, and Wellington, New Zealand . . . TOM KURCZEWSKI, the son of Operator ED KURCZEWSKI, was awarded a two-week all expense scholarship to the Mickey Owen Baseball school in Springfield, Missouri. This fall Tom will be quarterbacking the Weber High school football team . . . Mrs. HELEN SCHWARTZ, the wife of Operator LOUIS SCHWARTZ, was hospitalized at St. Joseph's hospital for treatment of Scleroderma . . . TOM NEWTON, the son of Operator ED NEWTON, was discharged from the U.S. Army after two years of service. Tom, who served one year in Viet Nam, is now back to work in the printing field . . . TOM CARR, the son of Operator LE-ROY CARR, was selected as a disc jockey for the radio station at Quincy College, where he is enrolled as a freshman . . . Mrs. BETTY VON SCHWEDLER won the first prize trophy in the Skil Saw company's annual golf

outing held at the Glendale Country Club. FRANK, who has won many bowling trophies, had to make room for Betty's in his trophy case . . . JAMES TUCKER, the son of Operator WILLIE TUCKER, was awarded a four-year athletic scholarship to the University of Wisconsin. James, who attended a Racine, Wisconsin, high school is very proficient in football and wrestling and was an all-state quarterback in football and heavyweight champ in wrestling . . . GARY KEMP, the son of Operator CHARLES KEMP, won second place in the diving competition in the senior division at the Niles, Illinois, water carnival . . . THOMAS CONKLIN, the son of Operator LE-ROY CONKLIN, has been transferred to Honolulu, Hawaii, where he will be stationed with the Military Police of the U.S. Army . . . LOUIS SCHWARTZ Jr., the son of Operator "Bubbles" SCHWARTZ, who is associated with the National Security Council, was invited to Hawaii with President Johnson and his top aides . . . Pensioner BILL HEISER would like to hear from his many friends. Bill, who lives at 3144 N. Luna avenue, will greet one and all with a cup of coffee and be happy to talk over old times . . . Operator TED DIDIER, who has been on disability pension, took a permanent pension November 1. Ted, who had 29 years of service, will be sorely missed and we all wish him a complete recovery in health so that he may enjoy many years of leisure living . . . Operator EARNIE BUCHANAN and his wife, EDNA, relaxed and rested up at Loon Lake, Wisconsin. Upon returning home the Buchanans drove their son, EARNIE Junior, to Urbana, Illinois, where he is enrolled at the University of Illinois . . . Operator SY HOFFMAN and his wife, FLORENCE, and their son, LOUIS, motored around the Denver, Colorado, area on their vacation. Highlights of their trip were visits to the Air Force Academy, Pikes Peak, Royal Gorge, and then a visit to Mt. Rushmore and the Badlands area in the Dakotas . . . Utility Chauffeur STEVE HERMAN and his wife, HELEN, spent two weeks at their new home in Forsythe, Missouri. Steve and Helen helped Pensioner ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH, celebrate Art's birthday and it was a wing ding. Art, who is known as "Mister Forsythe," would like to say hello to his many Chicago friends . . . Receiver AL REMACK and his wife, DOROTHY, motored to Florida on their vacation. On the agenda were stops at St. Petersburg and Bal Harbor, then on to Ft. Lauderdale where he visited ED MUCHA, then on to Cape Kennedy, the Smoky Mountains, and French Lick, Indiana . . . Operator LARRY SHIELDS and his wife, GRACE, motored west on their vacation. Points of interest visited were the Eisenhower Center, located in Abilene, Kansas, where the Shields visited the library, chapel, and the family home of the Eisenhowers. Then on to Colorado Springs to the Air Force Academy with its beautiful chapels for Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish services which are conducted at the same hour . . . Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER and his wife, BETTY, motored throughout the southwest on their vacation. They visited Dogpatch, U.S.A. which is located in the Ozarks, Hot Springs, Texarkana, Dallas, San Antonio, where they saw the Hemisfair, Six Flags over Texas, and had a grand reunion with their son, FRANK Junior, who is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, with the army . . . Operator HANK NEUMAN and his wife, LEONA, vacationed at Shawano, Wisconsin, where their daughter, BONNIE, was a counselor at the Silver Spurs ranch. Upon arriving at Shawano, Hank found Bonnie hospitalized due to an accident and at this writing she is recovering satisfactorily . . . Operator HAROLD SEDIN and his wife, SOPHIA, vacationed at Mobile, Alabama, to visit Harold's daughter, GEORGINA CLOUGH, and her family. Harold reports that four days of fishing at Pirates Cove in Pensa-



HAPPINESS IS a two year old with his favorite toy, and that is exactly what handsome CHARLES MACAK, the son of GEORGE MACAK, Research and Planning, exemplifies.

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cola, Florida, was the greatest . . . Operator JOHN BRANDICH and his wife, MYRTLE, went on their annual fishing excursion to Lake Norfolk, Arkansas. Having no luck at Lake Norfolk, John packed his gear and tried the White River but the results were poor . . . Operator GUS JONES would appreciate it if the person that picked up his wrist watch that was left on the wash stand in the wash room would please turn the watch in to the office. Let's all try to cooperate and return articles that are left by mistake. We are all working as brothers and we should try and stick together as it could be your articles that could be left and we know that you would appreciate getting them back . . . Operator BILL KNIGHT suffered a broken ankle while gathering up his children's toys in his yard. You had better leave that hard work for the children next time, Bill, as we all miss your smiling face . . . Operator ROY LEMKE became the owner of a Zenith 20 inch color television set when his wife, MARION, presented him one for the World Series . . . Operator DAVID LINK became a father when his wife presented him with a daughter, THERESA ANNE, born September 9.

Operator SHIRLEY MILLER and his wife, ANN, became grandparents for the first time when their son, TED, and daughter-in-law, CAROL, became parents of a son named JEFFERY, born September 30, at Swedish Covenant hospital. Ted is serving in the U.S. Air Force at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois, and was employed at Forest Glen Garage as a repairman . . . Supervisor LEONARD PENNY retired November 1 after 41 years of service. Mr. Penny, who wore No. 1 supervisor badge, was a fine gentleman and respected by everyone. The personnel at North Park depot wish Bucko many years of leisure living in his retirement. . . Happy anniversaries are extended to Signal Maintainer JAMES NESBIT and his wife, MARGE, their 30th, November 5; Operator STANLEY ZALE and his wife, MARIE, their 40th, November 22, and Operator FRED STOWELL and his wife, WILMA, their 33rd, November 27 . . . Happy birthdays are extended to Operator BILL STEINSPRING, November 1; CAROL and BILLY STRITZEL, November 5; Operator VERN WENNERBERG, November 6; Clerk BOB PETERSON, November 13; EILEEN STRITZEL, November 14; MARY STRITZEL, November 19; Operator BILL SEIFERT, November 21; Operator LEO HARA, November 25, and Operator HARRY CRUMM, October 5 . . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator BEN SECLER on the loss of his father, Mr. ABRAHAM SECLER, to the family of Pensioner PATRICK MURRAY and AL O'SHAUGHNESSY, and the ACKERBERG family on the loss of Operator GORDON ACKERBERG . . . The welcome mat is extended to Relief Foreman RENEE BIARD from Forest Glen who has replaced Foreman TERRY Mc GUIGAN who is going to Limits depot . . . Assistant Foreman HARRY DITTERY vacationed in North Carolina and returned with glowing reports of his trip . . . Foreman CHARLES DUNNE along with his wife, JANE, and daughter, JANE, flew to New York City for a week's visit. Mr. Dunn reports it was a grand experience . . . BILL KROPP and his wife spent their vacation visiting Los Angeles, Juarez, Mexico, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, and Phoenix, Arizona . . . Benchman HERMAN "I am Boss" AMBROS used his week's vacation to do all the home chores that take place in the fall . . . Returning from vacations and eager to get back to work were the following: M. JOYCE, C. KETUROSKE, ALEX FRITZLER, CLEO EVANS, JULIUS MERSCH, A. CARLSON, T. PLUTA, BOB GUYSENS, MATT HEAVEY, GEORGE JONASON, D. ORR, F. CIONE, R. PFEILER, M. SCHULTZ, IRA BASHAM, BOB VANDERMEIR, WALLY HALLFORD,

OPERATOR AND Mrs. JOHN FIESTERMAN, Forest Glen, announced the engagement of their daughter, LINDA, to KENNETH R. RISCHER of Harwood Heights. Linda, a senior at Northern Illinois university, and Kenneth, who attends De Vry Technical institute, are planning an August, 1969, wedding.



DAN PRISBLE, MIKE O'MALLEY, E. GLENDER, W. CANTWELL, GEORGE SERRITELLA, A. KALISZ, and ANDY PACEWICZ . . . Serviceman ANDY PACEWICZ won an air conditioner in a recent church raffle and enjoyed every minute of it this past summer . . . Repairman JOHN CYGIELSKI has been hospitalized on two different occasions and at this writing is convalescing very well . . . Repairman JOE JOHNSON retired October 1 after 45 years of service. The gang held a party for Joe and presented him with a new wrist watch. Joe will be at home in Knox, Indiana, where he is expected to occupy the old rocking chair . . . Serviceman F. FULTON has been inducted into military service . . . JOE COLEMAN and KEN KARP are now working as repairmen after finishing their training period . . . The welcome mat is extended to Repairman R. FREEMAN and Serviceman A. FERNANDEZ . . . Garage Clerk GEORGE BENSHISH has transferred to the Mart where he will be working in Internal Auditing. I personally take this opportunity to wish George good luck and thank him for the help and co-operation I received in gathering news from the garage . . . To Mr. DE MENT, Mr. KNAUTZ, MEL ALEXANDER, DIANA WOOD, and Editor BOB HEINLEIN, I would like to say thanks for the grand evening that the reporters and I enjoyed at our recent annual dinner . . . Your reporter and all the personnel at North Park wish you and yours a glorious Thanksgiving and hope you remember to give thanks for your many blessings.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

Now that vacations are over and fall is here, there isn't too much excitement around but I will clue you in on what news I have . . . JENNIE LAURINE retired on October 1, and would like to express her thanks to all the agents for their kindness, with a special thanks to CLARA OSBORNE, retired ticket agent . . . Condolences to the family of HOWARD JOHNSON, yard switchman at Kimball, who passed away recently; to JOE GOLDBERG on the death of his sister, LIBBY ROSENFELD, who passed away on September 21 . . . Congratulations to MIKE O'CONNELL, former student agent, who just received his masters degree from De Paul university. Good luck, Mike . . . Motorman ED DERANGO visited his son who is stationed at Newport News, Virginia, on the U.S.S. Kennedy and was taken on a tour through the ship with the captain's permission. Ed's son got a weekend pass and they went to Washington, D.C., where they took in some of the sights . . . TOMMY LOBONO was a grandfather for the sixth time in April. He's really getting

recent deaths

VERLE E. BANNISTER, 66, Engineering,
Emp. 10-24-22, Died 8-9-68
WILLIAM T. BARTH, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-3-16, Died 9-26-68
ALBERT F. BLOCK, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-7-11, Died 9-27-68
HENRY W. BOHSE, 81, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-3-16, Died 8-14-68
RAY F. BRAINARD, 63, Electrical,
Emp. 10-16-35, Died 7-28-68
ALBERT J. BROWN, 77, North Section,
Emp. 12-8-11, Died 9-16-68
RONALD BROWN, 26, North Park,
Emp. 11-29-62, Died 8-18-68
HARRY E. BUDOFF, 72, District B,
Emp. 11-26-18, Died 10-5-68
WILLIAM A. CAIN, 66, West Section,
Emp. 11-28-42, Died 8-11-68
PATRICK J. CAREY, 79, 69th Street,
Emp. 7-2-23, Died 7-20-68
ADAM COCKS, 84, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-21-09, Died 9-2-68
DENIS M. CURTIN, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-30-26, Died 10-3-68
ROYAL S. DAVIDSON, 71, Lake Street,
Emp. 5-23-29, Died 8-30-68
EARLE B. DELANO, 67, South Division,
Emp. 11-9-22, Died 9-7-68
EDWARD E. DIBBERN, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-11-20, Died 8-24-68
HAROLD DOODY, 59, Claim,
Emp. 5-6-41, Died 8-24-68
JOSEPH FIALA, 87, Lawndale,
Emp. 4-16-13, Died 9-28-68
JOSEPH E. FISCHER, 82, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 10-21-30, Died 7-12-68
EUGENE L. FOLZ, 59, North Section,
Emp. 9-17-43, Died 8-29-68
WILLIAM J. FOURNIER, 73, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-26-20, Died 9-22-68
EDWARD E. FROEHLIG, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-6-20, Died 8-21-68

JOHN J. GILLESPIE, 71, West Section,
Emp. 1-30-28, Died 8-19-68
MICHAEL GUILFOYLE, 86, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-19-13, Died 7-31-68
GEORGE HAYES, 52, South Shops,
Emp. 4-30-46, Died 9-10-68
ALFRED B. HEYES, 66, Electrical,
Emp. 10-2-39, Died 8-18-68
FRANK J. HOFFMAN, 79, South Shops,
Emp. 7-11-29, Died 10-11-68
CHARLES ISAACSON, 75, Devon,
Emp. 4-30-23, Died 9-5-68
JOSEPH JUEHLKE, 73, Limits,
Emp. 11-13-23, Died 8-14-68
PETER JURICH, 75, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 10-28-30, Died 8-15-68
EDWARD KANE, 52, North Section,
Emp. 3-3-41, Died 8-29-68
JOHN KELLY, 81, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 8-28-13, Died 8-18-68
FRANK B. KENNEDY, 81, West Section,
Emp. 11-10-13, Died 10-5-68
JACOB KOLASA, 76, Devon,
Emp. 11-9-12, Died 9-18-68
ANTONI KOPALA, 74, Limits,
Emp. 11-5-24, Died 9-15-68
ANTHONY LA BARBERA, 82, Track,
Emp. 10-21-21, Died 8-20-68
PAUL LAZZARA, 83, Track,
Emp. 9-1-07, Died 8-15-68
JOSEPH F. LELAKES, 61, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 5-29-29, Died 10-2-68
MICHAEL J. LESNER, 69, Beverly,
Emp. 5-29-44, Died 8-18-68
LEONARD F. LONERGAN, 76, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-16-23, Died 8-18-68
CARL W. LUNDSTROM, 77, Electrical,
Emp. 5-3-22, Died 10-7-68
NORMAN M. MACKIE, 71, 39th-Halsted,
Emp. 10-24-16, Died 9-2-68
MICHAEL P. MALONE, 76, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-2-20, Died 8-21-68

old, eh, Tom? . . . WALTER BALK, Howard receiving clerk, went on vacation and has now returned. Your scribe lives next door to his brother in Franklin Park . . . I hear that TONY ABBINANTI is driving around in a 1969 Buick. Congratulations, Tony. He also went to Los Angeles, California, for a five-day visit with his two brothers and then to see a sister in San Diego, and was surprised to find a sister from Addison, Illinois, visiting there also. While in Los Angeles he met Father Raymond LaBate, a good friend of his who was formerly at St. Dominic's in Chicago, and now is in El Paso, Texas. When Tony arrived home TOM LOBONO took him on a fishing trip up to Lake Como, Wisconsin. Tony was thrilled as he had not been fishing in over 25 years. Oh, oh, I'm giving his age away. They did catch a few small fish . . . Your scribe and her husband were on a week's vacation which started September 21. They went to visit her three sisters in South Haven, Holland, and Grand Haven, Michigan, and then went to Lansing, Michigan, to see her daughter and family, and on to see her two niece's near Detroit. The last two days were spent near Baldwin where her sister has a cottage on Big Star Lake,

and the four sisters gathered there . . . JACK and LOUISE NELSON and their daughter are spending their vacation in Florida relaxing in the sun . . . GEORGE HENKE wishes to thank all the North Side agents for their cards, calls, and personal visits during his illness. He was surprised to get so many cards from his daily passengers, which proves that he was well liked. George returned to work on October 17 . . . ANNABELLE DREW's son, RAY, was married on October 6. The newlyweds are now living in Detroit, Michigan . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JOHN ZUPKO who celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary October 6 . . . DICK STANTON, ORLANDO MENICUCCI, EVELYN and PAUL LANZ, BETTY MEER, and GLADYS ARMONDA are on the sick list at this writing . . . ED BLICHARZ, Kimball clerk, has been transferred to Wilson . . . Our new agents are: W. GOOCH, D. DIASIO, M. KOUYOUMDGIAN, and A. ZALZBERG. Welcome to the part-time student agents transferred from the West Side, W. STEVENS, T. STACK, and F. DeLAPLAZ. Welcome to returning agent D. HORNE.

- Grace Mounts

among employees

EDWARD J. MARMOLL, 62, North Section,
Emp. 10-31-33, Died 9-4-68
PATRICK J. MC CARTHY, 67, Limits,
Emp. 12-27-26, Died 9-22-68
HOMER R. McELROY, 69, Staff Engineering,
Emp. 9-24-45, Died 8-31-68
FRANCIS H. MILLER, 51, North Park,
Emp. 10-24-42, Died 9-10-68
WILLIAM MOORE, 72, Beverly,
Emp. 2-22-36, Died 9-22-68
DENNIS MORIARTY, 71, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 7-18-28, Died 9-4-68
SIMON E. MULLER, 71, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 10-19-30, Died 9-7-68
PHILIP P. MURPHY, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-30-19, Died 9-17-68
PATRICK J. MURRAY, 91, Devon,
Emp. 4-21-06, Died 9-20-68
JOHN P. NAUGHTON, 67, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-13-26, Died 8-16-68
JOHN J. O'REILLEY, 75, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 4-29-21, Died 8-14-68
JOSEPH F. O'REILLY, 75, Stores,
Emp. 7-11-18, Died 10-10-68
ALPHONSUS O'SHAUGHNESSY, 68, District C,
Emp. 8-25-26, Died 9-21-68
ROBERT L. PEARSON, 64, North Section,
Emp. 11-28-28, Died 9-11-68
WARD M. POWELL, 55, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 4-23-42, Died 8-29-68
ALBERT PRZETACZNIK, 77, West Section,
Emp. 6-20-29, Died 8-23-68
MICHAEL A. RAUSCH, 69, Police,
Emp. 1-21-29, Died 10-5-68
JOSEPH A. ROWLAND, 75, West Section,
Emp. 5-19-37, Died 8-6-68
CARL SCHNEIDER, 67, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 5-9-17, Died 9-26-68
EDMUND J. SCHREIMAN, 67, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-21-25, Died 9-19-68
JOHN A. SHLENSKY, 75, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-27-19, Died 8-11-68

JOHN SISUL, 73, Frog Shop,
Emp. 7-12-27, Died 8-12-68
PETER P. SITKIEWITZ, 76, Devon,
Emp. 1-31-12, Died 8-25-68
JOSEPH SKLANEY, 79, Devon,
Emp. 12-14-26, Died 9-18-68
MARTIN P. STEPHENS, 88, Lincoln,
Emp. 4-30-09, Died 8-25-68
EDWARD J. STEVENS, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-27-27, Died 8-21-68
SALVATORE SULLA, 77, West Section,
Emp. 8-15-12, Died 10-7-68
THOMAS THYGESSEN, 76, Limits
Emp. 4-26-27, Died 10-8-68
OSCAR E. TOLINE, 78, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 4-19-44, Died 9-20-68
JOHN R. TOMASUNAS, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-20-21, Died 8-6-68
MARY B. TRACEY, 93, Transportation,
Emp. 11-25-19, Died 9-4-68
CLARENCE TURNER, 45, Repro. Services,
Emp. 11-9-59, Died 8-25-68
EMIL G. VOSS, 69, Lawndale,
Emp. 10-11-22, Died 9-20-68
MAX WAGNER, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-4-13, Died 9-26-68
JOHN P. WEBER, 67, South Section,
Emp. 12-3-26, Died 8-13-68
FRANK A. WENDERSKI, 90, Limits,
Emp. 2-19-20, Died 10-9-68
VICTOR WERNER, 74, Armitage,
Emp. 5-24-23, Died 9-16-68
DAVID H. WESTBERG, 66, North Section,
Emp. 2-9-45, Died 9-2-68
LESTER J. WINTERS, 64, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-20-28, Died 9-26-68
WILLIAM K. WOOD, 65, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-23-26, Died 8-7-68
JAMES WOODS, 89, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-7-19, Died 9-6-68
ALFRED J. WRASSE, 84, Lincoln,
Emp. 1-22-18, Died 8-27-68

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

One day while waiting for his wife to come out of a grocery store, CHARLES BATTERSON met retired Radio Dispatcher LARRY STEPHENS. As they conversed, another gentleman approached them. He was retired Surface District Superintendent CLAUDE GILLESPIE. Both Claude and Larry send their best regards and stated that they are enjoying their retirements here in Chicago . . . Representing the Transportation Department in the annual fall golf tournament were THOMAS M. STIGLIC, who won a dozen golf balls, and MARTY LUKES, who won a tool box. Both said they had a good time but refused to disclose their scores . . . RAY DAGENAIS and his wife and family drove to Rawlins, Wyoming, and from this point on began sightseeing. They went to Reno and Las Vegas where Ray said he won some money, lost some, and was lucky enough to leave breaking about even. Yosemite National Park was their next stop. During their three-day stay there they were troubled with some bears in the camp, and of course, Ray got into the act and helped chase them away. Just recently he was given a little surprise at home when his son, RAYMOND, and

his daughter, MARY, both announced their engagements within a period of three days . . . WALLY OQUIST and his wife (4 Queens) were on vacation and did a little traveling, but it wasn't all fun. They helped move their daughter to St. Louis, Missouri. He was given a few days off and went through the Meramic Caverns which he enjoyed very much . . . Westward Ho! These were the words heard from ELI FREEDMAN and his wife, MOL-LIE, who took a train (not a wagon train either) to California. They spent an entire month traveling through California, went on the cable car and boat rides, and were taken around Los Angeles by some friends. They found San Francisco the most interesting of all places they visited. This wonderful vacation came to a close by taking the scenic route home . . . A trip to far away places of interest, beauty, and numerous other things was taken by CHARLES E. KEISER, operating manager, and his wife, MYRA. They spent a number of days in Morocco visiting some of the more important cities and also some of the more remote sections. From there it was on to the Canary Islands, stopping at Tenerife and Gran Canaria. They continued on to Medera, which in-

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cidentally was very beautiful, and then to Portugal. Capturing their interest was the way the people of Morocco dress, live, and work . . . RALPH TRACY and his wife drove to Dallas, Texas, to attend the Association of American Railways Convention. Taking advantage of the opportunity, he went to the Dallas Transit offices and examined their radio dispatchers quarters and the radios in the buses. Homeward bound they enjoyed stopping and visiting with some relatives . . . Your scribe drove to Springstead, Wisconsin, for a week-end in hopes that the fall colors would be in their height. I found that the colors were absolutely beautiful and gave my camera a good work out. The fishing hasn't improved any, nor have the fish grown since my last trip up North . . . Congratulations and best wishes to GEORGE A. RILEY and his wife, MADGE, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on October 12, and to Mr. and Mrs. ART ROEPKE who celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary on October 23. It seems as though the number of years together is sure increasing and so is their happiness.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

JAMES J. ROCHE and his family vacationed in Pennsylvania for approximately ten days. His vacation wasn't all fun though, because he had to do some work when they moved into a new home. Beginning his freshman year at Illinois State university is his son, JAMES, who worked as a car cleaner during the summer . . . There were a number of men who recently returned from vacations stating they had a good time, but didn't disclose where they went.

- Colette Szezepanek

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

REBECCA COUSIN of the Purchasing Department took the big bird West to California where she visited with her brother who lives in Hollywood. While there she was met by her mother and father who flew in from Tennessee. Becky toured Olvera street, the oldest street in Los Angeles, and while browsing in the Farmers Market she saw actress and singer Lena Horne. She also managed to visit Disneyland and Santa Monica . . . DAGMAR McNAMARA and SARA McDONNELL's daughter, NANCY, flew out to New York to take in a little sight-seeing and a few Broadway shows which included Mame, Lovers, and Sweet Potato. They also ferried out and toured the Statue of Liberty . . . Another girl from Purchasing who headed west was DARLENE VERHEECK. She visited with JOANNE FENN (nee Pytlewicz), formerly in the Steno Department, and her husband, RON, who now live in San Diego. The three of them managed to sneak down to Mexico and enjoy a little fun south of the border. Darlene finished off her trip with a stop in Las Vegas where she stayed at the Stardust. While in Vegas she saw Harry Belafonte and Jack Jones who were both appearing on stage at the time . . . There must be something out West because NATALIE KOCZKOWSKI of the Purchasing Department headed for the Lone Star State of Texas. Natalie stopped over in San Antonio and viewed the Hemisfair and then moved on to Houston and Galveston . . . How about this for some sort of record? J. Y. GUINTER, retired supervisor of the Addressograph Section in Stores, left for Europe on October 1. This will be Guinter's 20th trip to Europe. He'll also be celebrating his 68th birthday while crossing the Atlantic on this trip. By the way, Guinter, everyone in the office says "thanks" for the birthday candy and have a happy birthday and a wonderful trip. When will number 21 be coming up? . . . Mr. HARTY, superintendent of Stores, is walking around these days with a big smile on his face. The reason be-

ing his daughter, MARY ANN, has presented him with a grandson, JOHN HARTY BRANDENBERG. He states he spends all his free time with little John and enjoys every minute of it. Congratulations, Mr. Harty . . . Someone once said, "Go West Young Man", so Mr. E. J. CUMMINGS did just that. Ed traveled 7,200 miles by automobile stopping off and visiting such places as--get ready now--Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, Disneyland, and Forest Garden Burial Ground in Los Angeles, then he viewed Grand, Rice, and Zion Canyons in Arizona. He traveled by cog rail 14,900 feet to the top of Pikes Peak in Colorado Springs. Ed also had time to make the scene in Las Vegas and stayed at the Dunes. He viewed the famous ski area Heavenly Valley, which is just outside of Lake Tahoe on the California and Nevada borders, and saw a little of Reno. Tell me, Mr. Cummings, what brought you back?

CHUCK SCIMECA and his wife enjoyed a scenic vacation in Estes Park, Colorado, and stopped to see the famous "Grotto of the Redemption" in West Bend, Iowa, on the return trip . . . Here's wishing a speedy recovery and hoping surgery will not be necessary for TONY DI GIOVANNI who is confined at the Northwest hospital . . . Our condolences to the family of SAM CANELLA on the passing of his father who was 83 years old . . . HELEN SLATTERY and her husband visited Glacier National Park in northwestern Montana until stormy weather drove them south to seek the sunshine in the Ozarks and Hot Springs, Arkansas . . . Our deepest sympathy goes to Mr. HARRY HOSANG, laborer, Storeroom 48, on the loss of his brother, CLARENCE . . . Our deepest sympathy to Mr. DON BUDOFF, Stockroom Clerk II, Store-room 48, on the loss of his father . . . The Stores Department welcomes back Mr. GEORGE CROFOOT, Stockroom Clerk II, Storeroom 57, upon his return from a long illness.

- D. Jane Bell

SKOKIE SHOPS -

Congratulations to VITO PONTRELLI, electrical apprentice, and his wife on the birth of their second son, October 2, whom they named MICHAEL. Also proud parents of a second son are JOHN SARA, electrical apprentice, and his wife, CLAUDIA, when DAVID KENDELL was born on October 9 . . . A hearty welcome back to WALTER KEEVIL, Technical Services, Rapid Transit Division. Walter, who was with us during summers in the past, is now a permanent member of the staff . . . PAUL VENTICINQUE, the son of PAUL VENTICINQUE, machine shop assistant foreman, and MARIA VENTICINQUE, typist, was recently operated on for a hernia. At this writing, we hope he is well on the road to recovery . . . Glad to see WALTER GANDOR, painter, back at work again. JOSEPH MICHALSZUK, electrical worker, is also back. JAMES O'SHAUGHNESSY, shopman, is still limping around, but has returned to work too . . . ALYCE MAY, clerk, and her husband, EDWARD, electrical worker, recently returned from California where they visited their daughter, KATHRYN, and her husband. Kathryn, who formerly worked in the Mart, now resides in California. Also on the itinerary were stops at Knotts Berry Farm, Las Vegas, and Phoenix, Arizona. They traveled by air and had a wonderful time . . . MARGE DUNEK, the sister of PATRICIA DUNEK, Technical Services, is the second in her family to become a horse owner. Her horse, Socks (so named because of his four white feet), and Barney, her nephew, KEN's, horse, are stable brothers out at Sundance ranch. Socks is a quarter horse and has a top speed of about 40

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mph. Marge experienced such a speed only a few weeks ago on a Friday night, when in a crowded outside arena her trainer advised a slow jog. Needless to say, Socks had a different idea of what slow meant. Marge had a wild ride for a few minutes, and so did the other riders trying to get out of the way, until she brought him to a halt. I'm afraid she will just be walking the horse for a few more weeks!

- Everett E. England

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

JIM McBRIDE and his wife drove to New York and Washington, D. C., for their vacation. . . Mr. and Mrs. JOE DeGRAZIA drove down south to get some sunshine and mileage on their new air conditioned Buick. . . KAREN DUDEK transferred to the Schedule Department which was our gain and the Employment Department's loss. Karen changed her name when she was married to DENNIS COLLINS at St. Attracta church on August 31. A honeymoon at the Wisconsin Dells was enjoyed by the newlyweds. May your bliss be endless. . . SHIRLEY LUKES, a former employe, came in to visit us and brought along her baby boy, DAVID. . . ESTHER O'BRIEN flew to Spain, Portugal, and Majorca for her vacation. She thought the Spanish cuisine was superb. . . WALLY SCHWEINFURTH and his wife flew to California to visit with his mother. . . JOHN URBAN is no longer a home owner; he moved into an apartment in Berwyn. . . HAROLD HIRSCH, assistant superintendent, took a real busman's holiday while on vacation in the East. While staying in New York City, he visited officials of the New York City Transit Authority and Port Authority Trans-Hudson, as well as saw a couple of Broadway and off-Broadway plays. In his spare time he went sight-seeing by subway and the elevated, as well as the Staten Island ferry. Spending a couple of days in Washington, D. C., Harold rode the two Senate subway lines and Washington's mini-bus and took tours of the Capital buildings and Smithsonian Institute.

- Kathryn Batina

SOUTH SHOPS -

GILBERT F. DRAUS, the son of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH DRAUS, South Shops, was united in holy matrimony to REGINA J. WOLOWIEC on August 17 at St. Salomea church. A reception was held at the Beverly Woods restaurant following the ceremony. Gilbert, who is a teacher at Elizabeth Seton High school in South Holland, Illinois, and his bride, Regina, honeymooned at Pheasant Run. . . No news is good news, so they say, but it doesn't help your scribe in compiling the news for this column. So, how about getting together and put some good news items in the Transit News boxes which are situated around the area. Have a happy Thanksgiving everyone and I'll see you all next month.

- Frank Sproueri

SOUTH SECTION -

Here it is Autumn again with the beautiful yellow and red trees, the smell of burning leaves, the children in their gay Halloween costumes, and the coming of Thanksgiving with the turkey bird and all the goodies to eat. . . The welcome mat is out to the new trainmen from the North and West Sections: WINSTON MOONEY, LAMONT HARRIS, SAMUEL NASH, ALEX ROSADO, GERALD GORE, PATRICK WILLIAMS, GEORGE REYNOLDS, ROBERT BRISCOE, WALTER HORST, and FREEMAN PIC-

KETT. . . Our hearts were saddened when we received word that Switchman EDDIE FEIL, who had been on the sick list for a few months, passed away recently. Our condolences to Mrs. Feil and the family. To us at work, Eddie signified the excellent employee; always prompt, cooperative, and friendly. All of his co-workers will miss him. . . Assistant Station Superintendent MICKEY O'CONNOR and his wife, ALICE, took a motor trip to Tucson, Arizona, and down in to Mexico. They fell in love with Arizona and say that it is the ideal place to live. . . Back working from the sick list are Motorman OGDEN WILCHER and Conductor JIMMIE WHITTAKER. . . Received a nice postcard from Retired Conductor HARRY "Tony" ANTONION who was visiting his daughter up at Pokegama Lake, Minong, Wisconsin, for a month. . . Also "hello" to transferred Trainman from the North Section and now an Agent, EDGAR FRILLOUX, and to Part-time Agents KATHLEEN HARRIS, SHELDIA HORN, MAURICE COLEMAN, EDWARD HUGHES, and DAVID DANIELS, and to newly hired Agent KATHERINE BRYANT. . . Agent JOSEPH MURPHY, who was on the sick list for a few months, took an early retirement, October 1. Best wishes and good health to Mr. Murphy. . . The BOB ROESINGS, superintendent of agents and janitors, vacationed recently in Scottsdale and Phoenix, Arizona, and they also liked the State of Arizona very much. . . Congratulations to Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT who became a grandpa again when his son's wife gave birth to a baby girl. . . Good luck to Graduate Trainee DENNIS PENEPACKER who was working as a trainman for a few months and transferred back to the General Office. . . Received a card from Retired Conductor JOSEPH WARSHAW who was vacationing in Los Angeles, California. He visited with Retired Conductor JOHN LOUGHLIN and they both say "hello" to all the boys. . . Back to school went our Part-time Trainmen WILLIAM WHITENHILL, DONNIE REEVES, LEE TOWNES, and Part-time Agents BEVERLY ARCHIE, DOROTHY PENN, and KAREN ASHLEY. . . Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK and his wife, DOROTHY, are vacationing in California seeing all the sights in Los Angeles, Hollywood, and San Francisco. They also visited Yosemite National Park and Las Vegas. From their postcards, they sure are having a good time. . . The passenger commendations keep coming in for our South Siders. Conductor STANLEY KIELDYK was commended for holding his train for a running passenger, Agent FLOYD SCHREIBER for calling a passenger's attention to change left behind, and to my better half, Clerk ROLAND, for his help in finding a man's lost wallet. . . At this writ-

RECEIVING THE Air Medal with oak leaf cluster and "V" for valor was Specialist 4 VINCENT A. FIORITO, the son of SAM FIORITO, South Shops. Vincent was cited for this award for his valiant action as crew chief aboard a UH-1D helicopter under heavy fire while on a re-supply mission in Viet Nam.





LONGING TO try their hands at the wheel of this double-decker bus in Victoria, B.C., are these two Forest Glen Operators **WILLARD LYONS** and **GEORGE MEYERS**. Along with their families on a busman's holiday, Willard and George drove over 5,000 miles visiting the northern section of the United States and parts of Canada.

ing Work Train Motorman **DOMINIC CESARE** and Work Train Conductor **THOMAS SCHWARZ** are on the sick list. Also, Agents **CHARLES GRIFFITH** and **ARTHUR HYLAND**. Let's keep our fingers crossed that all these men will be back to work real soon. . . Part-time Agent **VINCENT ZIOLOWSKI** was transferred from the South Section to the West Section. . . Well, the **ELMER STEVENS** family, retired yard foreman, is finally off to Australia. Received a card from New Zealand where they spent some time and they liked it very much. Next stop, Australia, to live. . . Welcome back to Janitor **ACIE CHEAIRS** who transferred back to the South Section from the West Section on October 20.

- *Verna Hartney*

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

LENORA SANCHEZ, the daughter of **FULTON NEALY**, 61st Street Shops, and her husband, Sergeant **VICTOR SANCHEZ**, recently stopped at Fulton's home while on a 20-day leave enroute to Memphis, Tennessee, where Victor will undergo training on navy jets. Their son, **FULTON Jr.**, who is also in the navy and has served two years in Vietnam, is scheduled to return home around February 1. Fulton Sr. recently started his two-week vacation by rushing his brother, **BEN NEALY**, 61st Street Shops, to the hospital.

- *Ray Bryczek*

WEST SECTION -

Yard Foreman **GLEN KINZIE** and Switchman **JOHN VAN HILST** went on pension and a good time was had by all at their party. Glen bought a fabulous trailer and he and his wife will travel to all parts of the U.S.A. As for Van Hilst, he lives near Crooked Lake and will spend a great deal of time fishing. So success to both men and may they enjoy themselves fully. . . Saw Pensioner **HOGAN** at the car house and he is now living in Wheaton. He looks great, but of course he always looked good. So come on you pensioners and visit us, for the men would sure like to talk to you. . . Congratulations to **MARTHA** and **VERNON MORRIS** on the arrival of a baby boy on October 4. They named him **VERNON Jr.**. . . Our good friend **CLARENCE JONES** is leaving the A.M. porters job and going to the P.M. It's a great loss to us early men for he kept us on the ball being clean. Watch out P.M. men, if you're not clean **JONES** will get you. . . Saw **LOU PAYNE**'s twin brother again and he is sporting

a mustache, and as **J. GORDON** said, he would do anything to not look like Lou. . . Did you hear about the two young Irishmen, **O'BRIEN** and **BROSNAN**, who went to Ireland to find some beautiful coleens? Well they came back empty-handed and will remain bachelors until they take another trip back home. . . I would like to apologize to **J. SCHUMACHER** for not writing about his illness, but didn't know about it. He was operated on for pinched nerves in the neck and has been off for three months. He is coming along fine, but it might be awhile before he returns to work. So, we all wish him a speedy recovery. . . This month I am saluting all the fine Polish gentlemen that work on the Lake Street. They have taken enough abuse with all the Polish jokes and it is a pleasure to name a few of them who have contributed a lot to our line. **J. HOLAKOVSKY**, **J. WINIECKI**, **W. RAFA**, **W. SZOFER**, **B. RADULSKI**, **C. VOJTA**, **C. GUZIK**, **R. SHONDER**, **J. RAFINSKI**, and **L. KUKOWINSKI**. So let's salute these fine gents. See you all next month.

- *Santo Scilliano*

69TH STREET -

Well here I go again, writing right out of that empty mail box of mine. Nothing much has happened except having my two daughters get married in August, within ten days of each other. Both girls are very happy, bless them, even the one that married the potato eater. . . In September, **JOHNNY BUTLER**, **STEVE CZERNIAK** and his wife, **GLADYS**, my wife and I, drank in and out of a reception for **GENE HOWE**'s daughter which was held at Chuck Cavalini's restaurant in Midlothian. . . As you know, I attended the annual scribes dinner which was held at the M & M Club in the Merchandise Mart on September 13. I was too late for the drinks, but I ate like a king. I met Mr. G. L. DeMENT, chairman of the board, and R. D. HEINLEIN, Transit News editor, and instead of telling them how to do a better job, I pulled a Hedda Hopper and just listened. Our own **ROY HORNING**'s brother, **MEL**, was there and said his brother saves any and all coupons where something is given away for free. How about that? . . Say, if you want to know what happens to the money that you invest in our credit union, just attend one of their annual dinner dances. I was invited to one at the Fontana D'Or restaurant on west Grand avenue. We had a fine meal and danced to the music of Andy Powell's orchestra. Cocktails were served before dinner and beer and highballs afterwards. We sat with the top man on the totem pole at 69th Street, Mr. PRITCHARD. He said that it is good to be number one because the boss even stands when he gets bawled out. Operator **E. W. TIERNEY** and his wife sat at our table, and he said that he had some old CSL transfers dating back to 1925-35. Contact him if you would like to add any to your collection. . . We at 69th Street wish a speedy recovery to **R. ORACKI**, **D. J. KENNEDY**, and **KANE**, who is in Hines hospital. I had **ALLIE J. HANSEN** on my bus one day. He showed me his 50 year gold membership card from Division 241. He is now 81 years young. His wife is fine and they have been married for 56 years. How about more of you retired fellows dropping us a line. We would love to hear from you. . . Well, Mrs. YOUNG, nothing more to report from here, but maybe **JIMMY AHERN** of the Repair Department could clue you in. He says that Pensioner **JOE GAMEN**, former foreman now residing in Orlando, Florida, is doing fine after his operation. Joe would really appreciate it if all the pensioners in that area would drop in and say hello. . . **MIKE MORAN** and his wife are both recovering from their injuries. Hurry back, Mike, before eve-

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rything goes to pot. . . Pensioner TONY KAZAITIS paid us a visit and is in good health. To MIKE CARR, LUKE MORLEY, AL DALY, and all the other retired fellows, we wish many years of health and happiness. To CHES-TER WILLIAMS, former board member, and his wife, we wish you both long and happy years . . . Congratulations to JOHN TIFFY on his new assignment as Division 241 recording secretary, and to our new boardmembers, EDGAR HIMEL and MELVIN TURNER . . . CHESTER LEWANDOWSKI took his pension on September 1 . . . We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of Pensioner DENNY CURTIN who was struck and killed by an auto while he was going to work. Denny was from North Avenue prior to his retirement and was a cousin to JIMMY AHERN and a dear friend of mine . . . Pensioner CLARENCE HOSANG passed away recently. He was an electrician and former trainman. To his family, we at 69th send our sincere condolences . . . Did any of you fellows see the muskies that Harvey Brock caught. He had some that weighed 15 pounds or more. So, to the big fishermen like RAY SCHIED, CHARLIE WILLIAMS, DICK DICKERSON, ANDY JONES, FRANK ANDREK, H. JOHNSON, and ED PRUEMER, you have your work cut out for you. No fish stories, only proof will do . . . To our two nice clerks, LARRY and JERRY, smile for the operators in the morning--you stone faces.

- Arthur P. Buesing

77TH STREET -

Well here it is news time again. Although it isn't much, I have a good alibi. You see, right after that good dinner given for the Transit News reporters, your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER, came down with the flu. He is back on the job now and as fast as ever . . . It's good to see Operator STANLEY McCLURE back in the saddle

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again. Stan was off for three months when he lost the vision in his right eye . . . On the lighter side, I think my leader lost his vision in both eyes. How about it Mr. H----? . . . Operator JAMES HODGE is still strutting around with his chest out like a proud rooster. His wife, RUTH, presented him with a baby daughter on August 20 . . . My son, AMOS FOSTER Jr., has been discharged from the air force, and guess what? On October 21, he started training as a bus operator at 77th Street. Some combo, huh? My daughter, JOAN, celebrated her 15th birthday on October 17. I think everyone at CVS was at the party . . . Operator BENNIE B. LONG got lucky and won an all expense paid trip to the Super Bowl game to be played in Miami, Florida. He and his wife, MATTIE, have big plans for the trip . . . Marriage teaches you loyalty, tolerance, understanding, perseverance, and a lot of other things you wouldn't need if you had stayed single. Operator ULYSSES JONES and his wife, HELEN, celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on September 24. They spent a nice evening at a show and later went to dinner. Their daughter, DEBORAH, reached her 17th birthday September 18. Deborah is a senior at Eisenhower High school in Blue Island . . . A baby boy found his way into the home of JOHN and EZELLA STOKES September 21. He will answer to the name of DORIAN CONAN. Congratulations . . . PEG and JAMES PRUITT celebrated their 11th anniversary on September 20 by going to the movies . . . Operator TOM WHITHERS celebrated his birthday October 13. He says he is still intelligent and extremely good-looking. While Whithers was still looking in the mirror, your co-reporter, JULIUS BRAZIL, celebrated his birthday on October 15. No comments from you, STOKES . . . Supervisor HARRY WILLIAMS has been transferred to District "B". He will be working out of Archer station. We'll miss you, Harry, for you added a lot of color to the depot . . . GILBERT and PATRICIA JOHNSON celebrated their 4th wedding anniversary on August 21. Gilbert also celebrated his birthday on November 11 . . . Operator GEORGE MOORE was a year older on October 24 . . . Operator WALTER DOTY had the occasion to celebrate two birthdays. His wife, SYLVIA, and his sister, BETTY, were born on the same day, October 10 . . . Co-reporter JULIUS BRAZIL's niece, LINDA ANN, wanted to be in this issue also. She came in from Urbana, Illinois, to celebrate her birthday, October 9 . . . Operator GEORGE H. JAHN and his wife, FLORENCE, will celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary on November 26, but are making all their plans for November 25. George hopes to retire the first of the year . . . Operator JOSEPH PHILIP will celebrate his birthday, November 18. His son, GARY, will meet his 16th birthday on November 25 . . . A belated happy birthday to ROSE DUFFIN, the wife of ODELL DUFFIN, who celebrated her natal day on September 23 . . . Operator JOHN STEVENS and his wife, WANDA, celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary September 1. They enjoyed an evening at the theatre and dinner at the Beverly Wood restaurant . . . Operator JAMES BOSTON plans to work his birthday and every other day from now on. He was a year older on November 9 . . . Operator THOMAS SWOOPE almost forgot his birthday, September 15. He started his vacation on October 20 for two weeks with plenty of chores to do around the house. He and his wife, LUZELLE, also celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on October 21. Their daughter, TERESA, was 14 years old on October 24 . . . ANTIONE, of Cottage Grove, tells us his wife, JOYCELYN, and his cousin, JOAN, have birthdays on the same day. They had a "together" birthday party.

- Amos Foster & Julius Brazil

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