

# TRANSIT NEWS

DECEMBER, 1968



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# UNFARE.

Well, it's official. 40¢ to ride the CTA.

And hard as we try to explain or apologize, a lot of people won't listen.

To some it will be one more indication that "The System" is out to get the little man.

To some it will be the last straw. They'll stop riding.

And to some it will be one more strain on an already over-stretched budget. Well, we don't like it any better than you do.

But if we don't like it and you don't like it, why raise the fares? A good question.

In the first place, the CTA is required to meet expenses from income. We're not supposed to make a profit, but we're not supposed to lose money either.

Second, expenses are up. A new wage agreement with our drivers is the largest part of generally increased operating costs.

Third, ridership has declined. If use of CTA facilities had increased proportionately to our expenses, we wouldn't be operating at a deficit. But it didn't and we are.

In a nutshell, that's why the

fare is 40¢. Well, at least transfers are still a nickel.

What can you do about the fare increase? Several things:

1) Grit your teeth and put up with it. Just like you put up with the increased cost of everything else these days (car insurance, parking rates, cab fares, and new car prices for example).

2) Ride the CTA as often as possible. In the long run, the more you use it, the less it will cost.

3) Here's the hard part. The CTA operates under the limitations of existing statutes. We must find other sources of income, such as subsidies. We will propose a program, but we will need your support. Frankly, we can't do it without you.

Certainly there should be better ways for a public service to increase income than by fare increases that put the heaviest burden on those least able to pay.

Once more, we're sorry. Please remember this as the new fares go into effect at 4 a.m. this Thursday.

And remember, we're in business to serve you.

We have to be. It's a cinch we're not in it for the money.

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# BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?

We hate to ask. But we really didn't have a choice.

The Chicago Transit Authority is set up on a pay-as-you-go basis. By law, we're not supposed to make money, but we're not supposed to lose it either.

So if our costs go up and more people don't use our services, then we have to raise fares. Even though we know that some of you will decide not to ride the CTA because of it.

It sounds like a vicious circle, but there is hope.

Service is getting better all the time. We're adding 150 new air-conditioned cars. In spring, the CTA starts down the middle of the Dan Ryan. This summer, we open the Kennedy extension.

We're extending the present Englewood service to Ashland, and building a new terminal. Also, a connection to the North Western Station.

Meanwhile, traffic congestion is getting worse and parking prices are going up even faster than fares.

But most important, we hope people realize that the way to prevent another fare increase tomorrow is to use the service today.

For example, if everyone reading this paper had used the CTA just five more times this year, we wouldn't have needed the fare increase. Think about that.

And give some thought to helping us find other sources of income, such as subsidies. We are currently preparing a program. But, frankly, we can't do a thing without you. We need your support.

Or we can keep on going the way we're going, with people riding less and paying more.

It's all up to you. We just work here.

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Wednesday, December 18, 1968

CHICAGO'S AMERICAN  
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS  
CHICAGO SUN-TIMES  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Friday, December 20, 1968  
THE CHICAGO DEFENDER

Friday, December 20, 1968

CHICAGO'S AMERICAN  
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS  
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# WE'LL TRY TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU.

40¢ to ride the CTA.

And the only bright spot in this whole mess is that transfers are still a nickel. We don't like it any better than you do.

But we really didn't have a choice.

The Chicago Transit Authority is set up on a pay-as-you-go basis. By law. And while tax dollars pay for many major improvements, we are required to meet our operating costs from the people who ride.

That's you.

So when costs are up, and they are, then either we have to charge more, or find other sources of income, such as subsidies. It's as simple as that.

Fortunately, because of already subsidized improvements, you'll be getting a lot more service with that one extra dime.

New rapid transit lines down the Dan Ryan and the Kennedy. 150 new air-conditioned cars. Better facilities at Englewood. Better bus service on the Northwest and South sides to serve the new rapid transit. A closed connection to the North Western station.

We can hardly wait to get rolling. It's a little hard trying to run the CTA on love and sympathy.

Come to think of it, these days we're a little short on that, too.

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Monday, December 23, 1968

CHICAGO'S AMERICAN  
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS  
CHICAGO SUN-TIMES  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

COINCIDENT WITH the fare increase effective December 19, 1968, CTA embarked on an unprecedented advertising campaign in Chicago newspapers. The three ads shown here appeared in the newspapers named over a five-day period beginning December 18, the day before the fare increase took effect.

Although the same newspapers carried front page stories giving new rates of fare and telling of economic conditions which forced the Transit Board to unanimously approve a 10-cent fare increase, CTA management felt that it owed the riding public an explanation. The newspaper advertising program was the means chosen by which CTA would tell its side of the story.

The headline on the third and last ad, "We'll try to make it up to you," also appeared on seat distribution fliers and advertising cards in buses and rapid transit cars. Speaking of the statement in his letter of December 24 to all employees, Transit Board Chairman George L. DeMent said, "There is a way to do this immediately. We all must put forth our best efforts to show our riders that they are Number One to us. I know I can count on all employees, regardless of their job, to make improved service their personal responsibility."

# CTA Suggester Wins \$2,000 Award

FOR A suggestion that will save the Chicago Transit Authority \$15,680 annually, James Forrestal, bus overhaul shop foreman, South Shops, received \$2,000, the highest amount ever given under the Employee Suggestion Plan.

Mr. Forrestal, a 20-year employee, in a ceremony in the office of T. B. O'Connor, CTA general manager, received the award for his suggested design for a new system of loading and dispensing salt in CTA's fleet of salt-spreading buses.

Prior to the development of the new style salt-spreading system, 49 vehicles (retired buses) were the principal means of salting bus routes. With the introduction of the new system, only 29 units are needed to accomplish the same amount of spreading. The new system is comprised of a salt hopper constructed in the center of the bus and extending through the roof to facilitate loading; a motor-driven spreading blade which is centered under the bus, and operating controls located at the driver's panel.

In a previous presentation, Riley A. January, machinist, South Shops, received a \$250 cash award for his suggestion for exact proportioning in the re-boring and tapping of water pump impellers on the Twin Coach buses. The adoption of this suggestion resulted in a savings of approximately \$1,681 per year to the CTA.

When Eugene J. Sullivan, records supervisor, Engineering Department, suggested a simplified method for filing, cross-filing, and indexing referral cards, saving the CTA approximately \$800 a year, he was given a cash award of \$80.

Cash awards were also presented to three other shops employees-- Frank Sprovieri, \$75; Walter Hallford, \$100, and John Provenza, a supplemental award of \$178.

Since 1952, when the Employee Suggestion Plan was expanded to include all employees, about \$35,000 has been awarded for adopted suggestions.

In the picture at the right, James Forrestal is shown receiving a check for \$2,000 from General Manager T. B. O'Connor. Viewing the presentation are C. E. Keiser, operating manager, and J. J. Replinger, superintendent of surface shops and garages.



Holding checks they received for their adopted ideas are, from left, Frank Sprovieri, Walter Hallford, and John Provenza, who are pictured here with Mr. Replinger, Mr. O'Connor, and Mr. Keiser.

For his suggestion, Eugene Sullivan (right) is shown receiving a check for \$80 in the picture at left, below, from E. E. Olmstead, superintendent of engineering. Proudly displaying his suggestion award check for \$250, at right, is Riley January, who is shown here with C. Karko (left), general foreman, and L. G. Anderson, superintendent of Shops and Equipment.





**Greetings**  
fellow CTA workers:

May the spiritual warmth  
of **Christmas** fill your home  
and bring to you and yours  
the season's richest blessings

*Thomas B. Orlando*  
General Manager



# Claim, S&E Personnel Named in New Supervisory Appointments

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

Effective December 12, E. F. Weingartner was appointed general superintendent of investigations and claims. The appointment was made by P. J. Meinardi, manager of finance, and approved by T. B. O'Connor, general manager.

In bulletins issued by Superintendent of Garages J. W. Dain, 13 Shops and Equipment Department employes were named to new foreman assignments. The appointments were approved J. J. Repplinger, superintendent of surface system shops and garages.

Named in appointments effective October 13 were A. G. Rizzuto as day foreman at Kedzie Garage, T. M.

Satkus as night foreman at Archer Garage, T. J. Donnelly as assistant day foreman at 77th Street Garage, and H. G. Gerali as P.M. foreman at Kedzie Garage.

Effective December 8, R. F. Vance became day foreman at Forest Glen Garage, P. O'Connor was named assistant foreman at Keeler Garage, R. E. Biard became P.M. foreman at Limits Garage, F. S. Lercara was appointed P.M. foreman at 52nd Street Garage, W. H. Bailey was named relief foreman at Lawndale Garage, Q. D. Clark became relief foreman at Keeler Garage, and J. W. Guinee was appointed relief foreman at North Park Garage.

Assuming new assignments on December 22 were W. H. Bailey, who became relief foreman at Archer Garage and J. W. Rochette, who was named relief foreman at Lawndale Garage.



GRADUATION CERTIFICATES were awarded to 13 Shops and Equipment Department employes who recently completed the Shop Instructor Training Program and have qualified to train apprentices at South Shops. Members of the graduating class and Shops supervisory personnel include, from left, front row: J. McNamara, C. Pipowski, W. Miller, F. Stolars, E. Myskowski, V. Howe, and J. Kurgan. Second row: N. Simonetti, electrical area foreman; J. Bolech, superintendent of surface shops; L. G. Anderson, superintendent of Shops and Equipment, and J. Repplinger, superintendent of surface shops and garages. Back row: G. Drey, A. Haas, L. Drinka, S. Mazurek, J. Cervenka, and A. Deering.

RECEIVING THEIR Certificates of Completion of Apprenticeship recently were 15 Shops and Equipment Department employes. In accordance with U. S. Department of Labor standards, each employe successfully completed his apprenticeship which consisted of on-the-job training and related technical instruction. The graduating class includes, from left, front row: T. Culkin, J. Gassaway, R. Bryar, and E. Manuel. Second row: R. Jareckas, J. Carlyon, R. January, J. Ware, and O. Ross. Back row: L. Jareckas, T. Domikaitis, W. Lyke, C. Coffey, and C. Dolton. The fifteenth member of the group, R. Sherman, was not present when the picture was taken.



## Death Takes E. J. Healy, 50-year Transit Veteran

REQUIEM MASS for Edward J. Healy, 65, general superintendent of investigations and claims for CTA, was said Saturday, December 14, at St. Thecla church, Oak Park and Devon avenues. Mr. Healy died December 11 in Resurrection hospital.

A 50-year transit employe, Mr. Healy began his career with the former Chicago Surface Lines on August 26, 1918. He advanced through the ranks of the Claim department, serving in various capacities as an investigator and adjuster, until his appointment as assistant su-

perintendent of that department in 1950. During 1956 he was named general superintendent of investigations and claims, the position held at the time of his death.

Survivors are his widow, Esther; two sons, Thomas and Edward; a daughter, Mary Ann; two grandchildren; two brothers, Robert and Steven, and two sisters, Mrs. Betty Taylor and Mrs. Jane Reeg.

Interment was at All Saints cemetery on River Road in Desplaines, Illinois.

# MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin, CTA Medical Consultant



**GLAUCOMA IS** a serious disease of the eye characterized by an increase in fluid pressure within the eye. The front portion of the eye between the lens and cornea holds a clear, watery liquid called the aqueous. This fluid helps nourish the cornea. It is ordinarily drained out through a minute natural canal. Sometimes, for reasons not completely understood, this little canal becomes blocked. When this occurs the increased pressure of the fluid is transmitted to the retina. The result is a destruction of the cells and a loss of vision which is permanent.

The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness estimates that more than 1,702,000 American adults 35 years and older have glaucoma, and half of them are not aware of it.

The exact cause of the increased fluid pressure is not known. It is generally believed that heredity is a significant factor. It is also thought that emotional strain of any kind contributes to the increased pressure of the fluid. Incidentally, the increased fluid pressure in the eye has nothing to do with "high blood pressure."

Today's Health, a publication of the American Medical Association, says that glaucoma causes more than 12 per cent of all blindness. It is estimated that one of every 50 persons over the age of 40 may have the disease. Incidentally, much of the information in this article comes from Today's Health.

**SYMPTOMS** -- Glaucoma, as a rule, seldom warns of its presence. Usually there is no pain, and often the disease is in its advanced state before the patient becomes aware of the impaired vision. In a few cases,

however, there may be an acute attack and then the pain is severe, constant, throbbing, and almost unbearable. At first the pain radiates all over the head but later is confined to the eyes. Sometimes nausea and vomiting accompany the pain. There may also be swelling of the lids and increased lacrimation, or production of tears. With the above symptoms marked reduction of vision occurs and it, of course, is the most important symptom. The pupil is usually dilated and fixed. As a rule, glaucoma affects only one eye.

Certain danger signals or a tip-off to presence of glaucoma may be inability to adjust to new glasses, blurred or hazy vision, or seeing rainbow colored rings about lights.

**TREATMENT** -- Proper medical treatment for glaucoma can stop or alter its progress but cannot restore sight already destroyed. The essential treatment consists of the use of drops, an operation, or both.

A routine examination for glasses will not detect glaucoma symptoms. Measurement of eye pressure will show presence of glaucoma. An eye physician will make this examination, especially if you are over 40. It is a good plan to consult your eye physician at least once every two years even though you have no eye symptoms. Of course, if you have the symptoms previously described in this article you must see your eye specialist immediately.

By these eye-screening examinations the disease can often be detected in its early stages and in this way the failing vision can be controlled and saved. Taking advantages of the sight screening examination is much better than waiting until the vision is completely destroyed.

## RECENT CTA ADDITIONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

BELL, L. E., Serviceman, North Avenue  
CACINI, R. W., Operator, Forest Glen  
CARWELL, R. E., Conductor, West Section  
DOLAN, T. J., Serviceman, Congress  
FULTON, F. L., Serviceman, North Park  
HOWE, K., Serviceman, North Avenue  
JACKSON, L., Operator, North Avenue

## RECENTLY RETURNED

BURIAN, T. A., Repairer, Archer  
BURLOCK, C., Repairer, North Avenue

LOMAX, F. A., Operator, 77th Street  
SCHUMPP, J. R., Ticket Agent, South Section  
SPIEGEL, A. R., Operator, Keeler  
TALLAKSEN, D. J., Operator, Kedzie  
WALKER, L. A., Serviceman, 77th Street

LALES, G., Clerk III, Accounting  
McINTOSH, M., Car Cleaner, Wilson  
MONAGHAN, L. J., Repairman, Congress  
POWELL, W. J., Serviceman, North Avenue  
ROBBINS, R. R., Extra Guard, West Section  
STUMBRIS, N. A., Repairer, 69th Street  
WATSON, D. R., Repairer, Tire Repair

# THE INSIDE NEWS

—AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -

CLYDE NORTH, former assistant comptroller, was in the office recently to see his old friends. He was enroute to Michigan to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with his brother and family. He recently sold his home in Colorado and now resides in Sun City, Arizona . . . We were happy to see retirees OLIVE BATTERSBY, MILDRED HUMES, ERNA KARGE, MARIE KRAUSMAN, MABLE MAGNUSON, MABLE POTTHAST, BETTY SULLIVAN, and WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS at RUTH BUSSE's Open House Party on October 31 . . . We were sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. CLAIRE KOCH, former payroll clerk who retired in 1964 after 48 years of service. She will be missed by her many friends . . . MARY CARNEY flew to Mexico with CLOTILDE MRZENA for a terrific winter vacation . . . Your scribe visited DORIS STAHL, retiree, and she sends her holiday greetings to all . . . May we wish you all the happiest of holidays and good health for the coming year.

## (Tabulating) -

PAT SCHOENBAUM enjoyed her vacation with her brother, DON, who was in on leave from Greece . . . Belated best wishes to Newlyweds JERRY and BARBARA DEN HAMER (formerly Barbara Koscienski) who were married September 7 . . . Get well wishes go to PHIL TORREY, husband of PAULINE TORREY.

- Eileen Neurauter

## CLAIM -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to MARION KLAUER whose husband recently passed away, and to PAUL TWINE whose mother passed away . . . HARRY BONESS and his wife, ANNE, just returned from Boston where they visited their son and daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Harry looks as though he came back to work to get a vacation. He tells us his son, HARRY Jr., put him to work while he went gallivanting . . . Since this is our last article of the year, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all next year.

- Peggy Hallahan & Shari Pupa

## ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

C. R. BELL, Accounting Department, and C. M. GACA, Reproduction Services, have joined our department as Apprentice Testing Technicians. Welcome to you both and good luck in your new jobs . . . Condolences are extended to DON WORCESTER on the loss of his wife, and to LEN WIKSTEN on the loss of his father-in-law . . . Seasons greetings to everyone and their families in the Electrical Department and to all our fellow employes with wishes for a wonderful New Year.

- Donna Kaminski

## (Blue Island) -

I will start the column this month with an apology to JOSEPH CONNELLY who retired on July 1, and we neglected to make mention of it. Best of luck, Joe . . . We had a few visitors at Blue Island, namely, CARLO VENIZIO, JOSEPH SKIRIS, and GILBERT ANDREWS . . .

Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH BANICH had a nice visit with HARRY M. ESSINGTON, electrical engineer, who retired about 13 years ago . . . The WILLIAM COYLE family were blessed with a little girl, ELIZABETH ANN. She was a nice present, November 11, which was Bill's birthday also. While on the subject of birthdays, we would like to mention a few and extend best wishes to R. PRIESBE, S. SEVERSON, W. HOOVER, H. ANDERSON, W. COYLE, P. CALIFF, and W. REHDER . . . HAROLD COYNE celebrated 40 years of service with the CTA by bringing in a treat of homemade apple pie. Thanks, RO-SIE, it was delicious . . . A big welcome back from sick leave to R. DORGAN, WILLIAM STAUNTON, J. LACKI, H. STOREY, and W. HOOVER. Still out sick at this time are S. DANECHE, J. O'DONNELL, B. CZANSTKOWSKI, and TONY MORVEC. I'm sure that those who are still out would appreciate a card or visit . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of JAMES ROCHE who passed away on October 30 . . . And to all in the CTA, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- William Rehder

## ENGINEERING—RESEARCH & PLANNING -

LEO LIZAK travelled to Closter, New Jersey, and stayed at the home of his brother. Everyday he visited his mother at a nursing home where she has been ill for some time . . . Congratulations to co-reporter JEANNE FITZGERALD on the birth of her ninth grandchild, MICHELE MARIE FITZGERALD, born on November 2 at Resurrection hospital . . . We wish to congratulate PAUL SWANSON on the birth of his first child, a son, SCOTT RICHARD, on November 11 . . . HERMAN ANDERS enjoyed an exciting two weeks when his daughter and granddaughter, who reside in Mexico City, came to visit. Herman took a two-week vacation to be with them more often. Herman's son, WAYNE, will be graduating from the University of Northern Arizona in January . . . JOAN GEORGESON returned from an exciting trip in the Orient. At all times they had an English speaking guide. She travelled with a group and they learned to speak a few native words which enabled them to get around alone at times. Points of interest were: Honolulu, Hawaii; Tokyo, Hakone, and Kyoto, Japan; Taipei, Taiwan (Chinese for Formosa); Hong Kong; Singapore; Bangkok; Thailand, and back to Honolulu and San Francisco where she visited sisters who reside there . . . We extend our sympathy to the family of BEN ROGLIN, retired plumber, on the death of their son, BILL. Ben would appreciate hearing from his friends at his new home which he says is situated alongside heaven on Route No. 1, Box 133 H, Nokomis, Florida, a suburb of Sarasota, area code phone number 333555.

## (West Shops) -

JAMES MCTIGUE, painter, celebrated his 32nd anniversary with his wife, ELEANOR, at Ferrara Manor with some of his Legion buddies. Congratulations to you and your spouse, James . . . JIM SINCLAIR, bricklayer, spent a week's vacation working at home and waiting for his recently (house painted) stolen car to be repainted and re-equipped with hub caps. The last I heard it looks as good as new with the new paint job . . . PAUL ANDERSON, clerk, is sporting a new black and white job, a

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'69 Ford. Quite a color contrast from his last car . . . West Shops Flash: What young steamfitter of dubious Indian ancestry misplaced two large wrenches, five feet long, and then pushed the panic button until they were found again? . . . Congratulations are in order for Engineer PAUL SWANSON whose wife recently presented him with a baby boy, their first . . . EDGAR SHAW, trackman, has a daughter, REBECCA, who is attending the Wesley Memorial School of Nursing. She hopes to become a registered nurse or a nursing administrator after completing her schooling. It does one's heart good to know that there are still young people who have other goals in life than attending the next demonstration or riot . . . SAM PINCICH, trackman, with 39 years, retired on November 1. Good luck and best wishes, Sam.

- Jeanne Fitzgerald & Mary Gallon

### FOREST GLEN -

Merry Christmas 1968. Have you ever asked people the definition of Christmas? If you did, you would probably receive a few different answers. Yet, they would all be the same. It's our childhood memories, love of our home, the Christmas tree, the gaily decorated houses, the stockings hung from the mantle piece, our holiday feast, the gathering of all the kinfolks -- this makes a joyful holiday. Here at our house, the spirit of Christmas is the same. Remember, we are all really children at heart. So let's all be good and do good. A very Merry Christmas to all from yours truly (WILBUR) and his family . . . SHARON MARIE SPORLEDER, the daughter of Operator GEORGE and MARY SPORLEDER, was married to ROBERT PRUITT on October 5. George says that was the last of his kids, now he and Mary will take their second honeymoon . . . Operator TOM CHESTER and his lovely wife recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary November 18. Tom says there are no young ones yet, but don't give up old boy . . . The "Traveling" TIGNACS had a wonderful vacation in Hawaii, and of course, rubbing it in to all of us here. They had their second honeymoon in the penthouse of the Reef hotel, and toured the Island in a Toyota. Lou is our wonderful clerk who always has a smile, and wears the most beautiful shirts. Yes, they are from the Islands . . . Operator R. E. THOMPSON received a card from his daughter who was vacationing in Berlin, Germany. Barb states West Berlin was very nice and modern, almost like home, and East Berlin is awful. Hardly any people on the streets and no one ever smiles. She also visited Denmark . . . Operator SNYDER, who was on vacation in the North Woods this past summer, suffered a heart attack. I am happy to report that the old boy is coming along very well and expects to be released by our company doctor sometime this month. So, we'll be seeing our friend around, maybe not as an operator, but in one capacity or another. Good luck, Snyder, we all miss you . . . Instructor JOHN BORK seems to have lost his car a few weeks ago. Now we are wondering if it was John or his Mrs. who misplaced the auto. We would all like to hear more. How about it, John? . . . Forest Glen is getting to be known as the depot that started parties for our "young" men (60 and over) leaving us for a well earned rest. This happened to be our third party and by far the best. Now if this follows true, each one will improve. All the men who attended said it was a huge success. One reason for its success was having Supervisor ED CHAPLESKI supply the music. Of course, he had his old friend PAUL WINKOWSKI helping to arrange the songs for all the fellows. Chapleski played his accordion for hours and never tired. The dinner was given in

honor of ten Forest Glen men who retired. Of those attending were: LEE MUSSARED, P. JONES, H. KRUEGER, ED VANDERFLUTE, F. SABATKA, J. HOWE, C. PLATT, and LEO RATKOWSKI. These young men enjoyed themselves along with their favorite singer "Wilbur." Mr. O. MULLARD and G. KREHL were unable to attend as they were on vacation at the time. I would like to thank the committee who arranged the affair and the men who helped to make it such a success . . . Seems like C. LAST has found a part-time job. It's none other than house-sitting for Supervisor M. (Sweet Lips) LOFTUS while he and his wife attended a wedding. What next, Mr. Last? . . . Happy belated birthday wishes to Mrs. RUTH MAHNKE. JOHN says after all these years he has finally taught her how to use a paint brush. He had her painting the storm windows . . . LEE "The Arizona Kid" MUSSARED and his wife, ADELIN, spent their 43rd wedding anniversary in Honolulu instead of Phoenix. Upon arrival in Honolulu and receiving the traditional Hawaiian welcome, they were walking through the airport when Lee said to his wife that he knew that fellow standing there with those people they just passed. His wife said he was crazy, they didn't know anyone this far from home. When they were checking in at the Surf Rider hotel in Waikiki, guess who was right behind them? WARD CHAMBERLAIN and his charming wife, MARGARET. What a small world after all . . . Happy New Year to all.

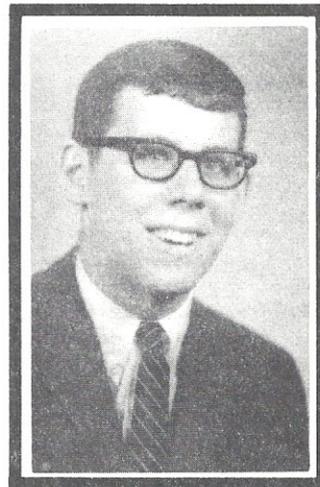
- W. A. Henry (Don't call me Wilbur!)

### GENERAL OFFICE (Employee Relations) -

JEAN ANN DAYTON became the bride of WILLIAM H. BOLDEKE on Saturday, November 30, at a "guitar" Nuptial Mass celebrated at 11 am in St. Ferdinand church, Barry and Mason avenues, Chicago. A reception was held at the Hyatt House in Lincolnwood. Bill received his accounting degree attending the University of San Diego and Loyola university. The newlyweds will live in Oak Park, Illinois.

### (Accident Statistics) -

Deepest sympathy is extended to Edward Henry, supervisor of accident clerks, on the death of his son, Edward Richard. He died November 14 in Presbyterian-St. Lukes hospital after suffering a severe illness dating back to last July. Eddie was 16 years old and a senior at Quigley Preparatory Seminary South. His courage and patience during his illness will long be remembered by those who loved him, especially the priests and boys at the seminary. Over 500 Quigley students participated in the liturgical singing of the 'White' Mass said at St. Thomas More church, as well as at St. Mary's cemetery where they formed an honor guard at the graveside. It is the hope of all at CTA that his parents and friends will find consolation in knowing that Eddie has now attained everlasting peace and joy. Edward, his wife, LORETTA, and their daughter, ELAINE, wish to express their grateful appreciation to the General Office employees for their many expressions of kindness during their bereavement.



# NEW PENSIONERS

MILTON D. ABRAHAMSON, Car Cleaner,  
61st Street, Emp. 8-11-42  
EDWIN C. ANDERSON, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 11-2-33  
MATT BASSO, Repairer,  
69th Street, Emp. 5-12-26  
JEREMIAH J. BLAKE, Collector,  
North Avenue, Emp. 9-27-26  
STANLEY M. CHURYLO, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 5-25-26  
HENRY J. CIRRINCIONE, Janitor,  
North Avenue, Emp. 9-10-25  
STEFANO D'ANNA, Laborer,  
South Division, Emp. 5-9-36  
LOUIS DEITCH, Mail Clerk,  
Office Services, Emp. 4-4-31  
DANIEL C. EIERDAM, Receiver,  
Lawndale, Emp. 12-5-21  
JOHN S. GENDALONE, Trackman,  
Track, Emp. 6-9-28  
JOHN M. GIFFORD, Motorman,  
North Section, Emp. 2-16-24  
ARTHUR P. HANSEL, Chief Substation Oper.,  
Electrical, Emp. 3-18-30  
JOSEPH J. HIEBEL, Janitor,  
North Park, Emp. 11-28-42  
JOHN N. JACOBY, Superintendent,  
District D, Emp. 2-5-29  
HUBERT A. KELSYNSKI, Collector,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-25-37

FRANK KRUZIC, Carpenter,  
South Shops, Emp. 9-9-41  
KATHRYN C. LEAHY, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 10-4-41  
JOHN LORIS, Upholsterer,  
South Shops, Emp. 8-1-24  
ARTHUR W. MAAS, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 2-25-37  
LOUIS MAGILL, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 2-1-44  
EDWARD J. MARSH, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 5-18-28  
FRED C. OHNESORGE, Supervisor,  
North Section, Emp. 1-29-25  
JOSEPH REDA, Shopman,  
Skokie Shops, Emp. 5-28-42  
WILLIAM L. WOEBEL, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 1-23-34

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

WILLIE J. KANADY, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 5-17-50  
EDWARD A. NOWICKI, Cleaner & Repairer,  
Campaign Area, Emp. 9-5-47  
EDWARD M. SCHNEIDER, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 5-5-42

PICTURED HERE are nine employees who retired recently with 40 or more years service with CTA and its predecessors.



J. LORIS  
44 Years



F. J. LUKIS  
41 Years



J. S. GENDALONE  
40 Years



J. M. GIFFORD  
44 Years



E. J. MARSH  
40 Years



S. M. CHURYLO  
42 Years



J. J. BLAKE  
42 Years



F. C. OHNESORGE  
43 Years



M. BASSO  
42 Years

## INSIDE NEWS



PICTURED HERE is KEN KAMKA and his bride, the former IRENE CHELMINSKI of Norridge, Illinois, who were married on October 5 at Our Lady Mother of the Church. Ken is the son of Forest Glen Operator BEN KAMKA.

### (Employment) -

DOROTHY COUGHLIN, clerical supervisor, and her husband, JOE, assistant day foreman at North Park, spent an enjoyable vacation recently in Albia, Iowa, visiting Joe's mother and dad.

### (Training) -

JOHN MC KENNA, training assistant, announced the birth of a new grandson, SEAN FRANCIS, born October 26 and baptized on November 24. The baby's parents are MARLENE and DENNIS MC KENNA. Dennis is John's eldest son. This makes three grandchildren for the senior McKennas. Their two little granddaughters are the children of MICHAEL MC KENNA, formerly of CTA's Electrical Department.

- Mary E. Clarke

### KEDZIE -

I apologize for having such a short column in last month's Transit News. I was on vacation and got back right on the deadline . . . Congratulations to Corporal JAMES FIORITO who just returned from Vietnam. He has some good memories and also some bad experiences, but like Jimmy, he won't talk about any of them. When I talked with him, he just said, "Uncle, it's great to be back home." James is on leave from the CTA Law Department and when he is discharged he will return there. James will go to Fort Meade, Maryland, to serve his remaining time in the army. Mr. and Mrs. ADAM FIORITO, his parents, had an open house for Jimmy and all of his relatives and friends were on hand to welcome him home. A good time was had by all. While Jimmy was overseas, he became an uncle again when his sister, CAROL, and her husband, RONALD McLAIN, had their second child. This also makes Adam and Violet grandparents for the second time. Adam is supervisor of garage instructors at South Shops . . . Congratulations to Operator FRED ANHALT and his lovely wife, ANN. Their sons had a surprise party for them to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The food was good and the drinks flowed like water. Fred is a member of a German glee club and they sang some German songs and English songs also. Many more years of happiness to you both . . . Also celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary was Operator FRANK KAISHER and his lovely

wife. They drove to California, and on the way they stopped at Las Vegas and did a little losing but it was fun. They also drove to San Francisco to visit his sister. His sister had a party for them with about 40 people attending to help them celebrate their anniversary. It was like a reunion with relatives they hadn't seen in years. Frank took pictures like mad. They drove to Old Mexico where they took in all the sights, spent a day at the race track and lost. Many more years of happiness to you both . . . Congratulations to Operator DAVE CLARK who took his pension on November 1 and travelled to the West Coast. Dave has a farm in Canada where he will spend a lot of time. Mrs. Clark had a party for Dave. His bowling team, their wives, and his relatives were among the well wishers. Hope you enjoy many happy years of retirement, for you now have time to do all the things you always wanted to do. Good luck to you, Dave, for you will be missed at Kedzie . . . We at Kedzie welcomed ANDY RIZZUTO as the new day foreman of the Repair Department; HANK GERALI, night assistant foreman; JOE WARD, assistant day foreman, and JAMES PANKONEN, relief foreman. I hope I hear from you men and the men in your department with a little something for our column . . . Superintendent E. K. PETERSON and Night Superintendent G. PEYTON wish to extend to all operators, the Repair Department, and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year that will bring to all good health and happiness . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following families and friends: Mrs. W. FRANZ on the death of her husband, Operator WILLIAM FRANZ, who died of a heart attack on September 30; Street Collector PETE ZACCARIELLO in the loss of his brother, TONY, and to Mrs. MARGARET GILIO on the loss of her husband, Operator KELLY GILIO, who was laid to rest on November 4. His brother, Operator JOSEPH GILIO, wishes to thank all who paid their respects and expressed their sympathy.

- Raymond Graham

### KEELER -

Ho - Ho - Ho. A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all you wonderful people of Keelerland. Please be a bit more considerate of poor old Santa if he fails to fill all those requests. Remember the poor guy has quite a route to cover and his budget isn't helped by the current inflationary trends. If the old year didn't fulfill all your expectations - pause awhile

UPON HIS arrival at O'Hare Airport, Corporal JAMES FIORITO was greeted by his brother, CHARLES, his fiancée, KAY, and Kay's mother. James, who formerly worked in CTA's Law Department, is the son of ADAM FIORITO, Supervisor of Instructors, South Shops.



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and jot down some of the blessings old '68 did afford you - quite some list isn't it . . . All of Keeler is truly saddened by the loss of former Operator FRANK NEUMANN. Frank recently made traffic supervisor and was one of the most liked fellows at Keeler. So, our most sincere condolences to the bereaved family . . . Get well wishes to Garage Foreman DAN CLARK who underwent surgery . . . It makes us happy to know that both Operator LLOYD KUMBERA and his wife are no longer hospitalized and are doing fine . . . Mr. and Mrs. SY GOLDMAN are still showing photos of their granddaughter who awakened mama, ROSETTE STRUBE, at 5:30 a.m., October 22, to be admitted into the family . . . Operator CHARLES BOWEN, so I'm told, rented the Playboy Club to celebrate the birthday of his daughter, SONYA LYNNESE, December 17. After all, it was her first one . . . Received a giant postcard postmarked Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, and signed by Operator ED GRAHAM. Looking at Graham, the card (king-sized) seemed most appropriate . . . Anniversary greetings to two very, very nice people -- Operator JOHN MCGHEE and his wife, ESTELLA. I think their marriage has become of age -- 21 years . . . Poor Mrs. JACKSON must really stay pretty busy sewing buttons on Operator ALLEN JACKSON's shirts. The latest outburst was caused by his 16 year old daughter, ARLENE, who has been awarded semi-finalist standing by the Illinois State Scholarship Commission. Arlene is a senior at Hyde Park High school . . . MARY G. JONES decided the best Christmas present for Operator ANTHONY D. BERRY would be a gift wrapped Mary G. Jones. The date of the merger, December 21 . . . While on the subject of marriage, just lately heard of the fantastic discovery of the reason why King Solomon was the wisest man on earth. "He had so many wives to advise him." . . . God bless all of you.

- Ernest C. Carter

### LAWNDALE -

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from us at Lawndale . . . At our Little Flower Society communion breakfast on October 20, Lawndale came through with a winner of first prize in the raffle, Mrs. LORRAINE PLUTA, the sister of our own BILL KLECKA. Congratulations! . . . Congratulations are in order for Former Superintendent ROBERT KEAG on his appointment as station superintendent at North Park . . . Congratulations to MIKE CUSAK on his appointment as our chief clerk. We are glad to have you with us . . . At a shindig one night, Mrs. CORNELIUS O'CONNOR and



BETH ANN, the new addition to the CANNON family, is pictured here with mom, DENISE, and dad, JIM. Denise, who formerly worked in Stores, South Division, is the daughter of JOHN SPRINGER, Stores, and Jim's dad, PAT, works at South Shops.

THIS CATCH of lake trout, caught by Pensioner ARTHUR MOILENAN at Lanse, Michigan, will make mighty fine eating. Art, who formerly worked at North Avenue, is just relaxing and will fish the year around.



Janitor EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI were seen cutting a mean rug . . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of JOHN P. BARRY who was buried on Monday, October 14. He was the father of ED BARRY, formerly of Lawndale. Our sympathies also to families of Retired Operator E. VOSS, buried on September 24, and Retired Operator JOSEPH GURGA, Blue Island, who was buried on November 11. Joseph was a past commander of CTA American Legion Post 1216 . . . Mr. and Mrs. EDMUND VAISVILAS made the headlines when she gave birth to their 10th child. Congratulations to a happy family . . . In a Sunday newspaper, they had a picture of a streetcar stopped at State and Madison in the year 1949. There is a supervisor in the picture and it is none other than our former Night Superintendent and now Station Superintendent at Keeler, STANLEY BITEL. That double-breasted uniform used to be a familiar sight when we were working streetcars in the Loop . . . Mr. and Mrs. WALTER STEPANEK had a great surprise when their son, ANTHONY, returned from Vietnam on a furlough and is back in the States to stay. What a happy reunion . . . FRANK HALOP took his pension on November 1. Many happy days of retirement, Frank . . . See you later.

- Larry Keating

### LIMITS -

Operator JOHN GRUBISIC and his wife, IRENE, wish to announce the arrival of their fifth child, a baby boy whose name is MICHAEL. Congratulations to the proud parents . . . Operator LUCAS DANIELE has returned from his vacation after spending an enjoyable time in Los Angeles. Operator CLARENCE LIND also spent an enjoyable time in Los Angeles where he visited some of his relatives . . . On November 16, CONNIE FEDEROWICZ, the daughter of EDWARD FEDEROWICZ, became the bride of ALEXANDER SEDEN. Congratulations to the happy couple . . . Superintendent GEORGE MAY wishes to thank all the men at Limits who pledged to the Crusade of Mercy. This makes it almost 100 per cent at out station . . . Our sincerest sympathy to the families of P. MURRAY, AL O'SHAUGHNESSY, Supervisor Mc CARTHY, and THOMAS GUINAN who passed away during the month of October . . . Operator NEUGEBAUER returned from his vacation after conducting and acting as a guide for a large group of tourists through his native land, Germany . . . Operator DAN O'LEARY and his wife had an enjoyable vacation visiting parts of Kansas, Texas, and the Southwest in general . . . Operator EDWARD DAPPEN is back on the active list again after being off for several months due to illness . . . Our sincerest sympathy to TOM SHANAHAN, District "D", in the loss of his dear mother, and to the family of JAMES

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FINNEGAN who retired some time ago from Devon Depot where he worked as a repairman . . . A very merry and joyous Christmas to all of the men and their families.

- R. S. Benson

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

Clerk DAN DOYLE entered Billings Memorial hospital on November 8 and had surgery on his shoulder, November 11. The surgery is a result of an injury he received as a small boy. Dan is the husband of Lake Street Agent MARY DOYLE. We hope he is well on the road to recovery . . . Agent BERNADETTE HAYES is convalescing after surgery at St. Annes hospital on November 19. We hope all is going well . . . We are glad to see Agent CELIA ROPA back on the job after an extended illness . . . Your scribe's grandson, BOB BRANDT, is on the wrestling team at Salem Central High school . . . Agent DOROTHY BROWN was on the sick list in November, but is now back and doing well . . . It seems like all we have to report in the winter is bad news and the sick list. Please start the new year by sending in some news. I am at East avenue on the Congress. This column is fading away for lack of something to write about . . . Happy New Year.

- Helen Pallister

### LOOP -

Agent DOROTHY FORD and her husband had a two-week vacation in November . . . Agent A. CARLSTROM spent a nice vacation in Ireland. Only one thing, he couldn't find any Irishmen who could talk with him in Swedish . . . Romeo Agent T. ZDEB has his eye on a pretty miss whom he follows around Circle Campus . . . Our dear Collector SPIRO LAMPROS and his wife had a wedding anniversary in November . . . Congratulations and we hope you have many more . . . Sorry to hear that the daughter of Agent GEORGE ROHRHUBER was rushed to the hospital for surgery. Before she came home, George's wife had to be rushed to the same hospital. We hope at this writing they are both up and at it and feeling fine . . . Agent JOHN S. FILIPEK and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 20. They had a big dinner at Becker Hall, 2524 West 51st street, with over 80 guests in attendance. Congratulations to you both and may you celebrate many, many more . . . All the student agents gave a surprise party for SUE SMYK on November 16. A grand time was had by all . . . Agent JIMMY GEORGE has been on the sick list for several weeks. We do hope you are getting along fine and will be back to work soon . . . On the sick list at this time are J. KINARD, L. MORRIS, C. ROJA, J. COLLIER, D. HARRINGTON, H. STEWART, C. CHANDLER, J. GEORGE, L. BYRNES, D. DOYLE, V. MARTIN, E. SHEA, and H. DOLL. We do hope by the time this issue is delivered you will all be back to work.

- Mildred Doyle

### NORTH AVENUE -

Operator FRANK PONZIO became a grandpa when his daughter and son-in-law, DONNA and FRANK SCHMIDT, became the parents of LAURIE ANN on October 18 . . . Operator EINAR PARSON also became a grandfather when his daughter, PAULINE LICHT, gave birth to BRIAN EDWARD on October 19. Congratulations to all . . . Our November 1 pensioners were Operator JEROME McCANN, Operator PATRICK CARROLL, and Operator

C. O'SHEA. Three more men joined the ranks of pensioners on December 1. Collector JERRY BLAKE left us after 43 years of service. Jerry is a former board member for Division 241. He also retired as a director of the North Avenue Credit Union. Operator HENRY CIRRINCIONE retired after 42 years of service. Operator WILLIAM WOEBEL took his pension, too. Our best wishes to all of you and let us hear from you . . . Pensioner WILLIAM MORAN spent some time in Columbus hospital. We hope he has had a speedy recovery . . . Pensioner GEORGE WYERS dropped in for a visit. He says, "Hello" to all his friends. We received a welcome letter from Pensioner BILL ECHOLS. He is very happy at the Park Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It is owned by John Asimos and is operated by Charles Lavin, who operates Lavin's Retirement Homes all over the country. Bill thinks some of you pensioners may be interested in the following information. All rooms are air-conditioned, carpeted, have a private tub or shower, maid service, telephone, walk-in clothes closet, sun deck, library, rumpus room, large lobby, beautiful dining room, manual and automatic elevators, switchboard service, running ice-water, and are beautifully furnished. The cost includes three, well-balanced meals a day. The monthly rate for two in a room is \$86.50 each. A private room, which Bill has, is \$133.00 monthly. The hotel is handy to everything, including lakes, and the scenery is beautiful. We heard from Pensioner ART MOILENEN that we just finished our fishing and came home in time. They've had some bad weather, snow and cold . . . Operator KENNETH METTLER won a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond from the Town Hall Assembly autumn ball and dinner. Some of our other boys who attended were Operator AARON AMOS and his wife, Pensioner ERNEST BOCK and his wife, Repairman CEDRIC DRAPER and his wife, Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA and his wife, and Forest Glen Clerk BILL MIEDEMA and his wife. None of the others held any winning numbers but all had an enjoyable evening . . . Honors go to Operator CHARLES STROKIS who caught an 11 pound coho salmon at Platt river in Michigan. He is the first from our depot to report a coho salmon this year . . . We offer our condolences to the family of Pensioner FRANK BRAMAN who passed away on November 3. Before his death, Frank overruled his wife, CATHERINE, on where they should go for their 50th wedding anniversary. Catherine wanted to go to Ireland, but Frank was relentless, and so they went by jet to Hawaii and returned to California by boat . . . Pensioner LEO STEPHANOWSKI passed away October 19. Pensioner E. MUELLER departed this life November 9. Supervisor CHARLES OLCIKAS lost his mother November 8. Operator JAMES HEALY passed away November

MULTI-TALENTED LINDA GORSKI, a member of the National Thespian Society, is demonstrating her dramatic ability in this scene as leading lady of her high school's spring play. Linda, the daughter of Line Supervisor BRUNO GORSKI, is also a member of the National Honor Society, National Forensic Society, and the Quill and Scroll. She is now attending Purdue university.





THIS GROUP of pensioners recently gathered at the Hollywood, Florida, home of ALEX MUSCATO to reminisce over the good old days. Pictured left to right are: OWEN SMITH, FRANK WAGNER, GEORGE GUSTAFSON, and Alex.

5. Pensioner BRUNO SCHULTZ departed this life November 6. We extend our deepest sympathy to these bereaved families . . . During the blessed Christmas season and as we start a New Year, remember our boys in service, many on the other side of the world, and pray for them, for their safe return, and for Peace on Earth.

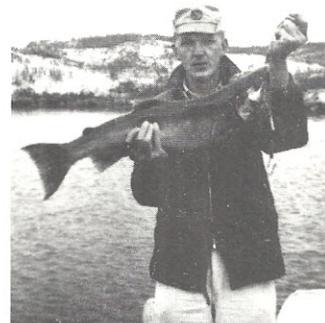
- Bill Miedema

**NORTH PARK -**

The North Park Credit Union annual business meeting will be held Friday, January 10, at the River Park fieldhouse, 5100 North Francisco avenue, at 8 pm. Dividends will be declared and refreshments will be served. There will also be a drawing for door prizes. All members are urged to attend. . . North Park Depot was well represented at the Little Flower communion breakfast held Sunday, October 20. Father Quentin and Paul and the committee members wish to thank everyone for their help in getting North Park over their quota . . . Operator ED JENKINS and his wife, KATHRYN, motored to Abbeville, South Carolina, to visit Mr. and Mrs. JAMES CALLAHAN who reside there. The Jenkins spent considerable time visiting relatives where they were wined and dined. . . Operator FRANK WEISHAAR and his wife, MARTHA, spent their vacation with the CTA group in Hawaii. Frank and Martha were very impressed with Hawaii and would like to make their home there . . . Operator ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION, vacationed at Lake Norfolk, Arkansas. They had their usual luck at catching bass, trout, and catfish. Also on the agenda was a two-day visit with Pensioner ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH. The Lemkes are counting the days until they can permanently live in the great Ozarks . . . Operator ROY WALDROP and his wife, SHERLE, vacationed around the Ozarks country. Highlights of their trip were visits to Hot Springs, Bagnell Dam, Potaau, and Oklahoma, with the 52-mile drive over the Talhemie scenic route through the Quachita mountains . . . Instructor ED WESTON along with his friend, Mr. DON JOHANSEN, vacationed at Sioux Narrows, Ontario, Canada. Ed proudly exhibited a five point 185 pound buck deer that he shot. Also on the agenda was a record catch of walleyes, trout, and northern pike . . . Operator AL PARADISE and his wife, FAYE, have decided that Mesa, Arizona, will be the place to live after August of 1969. Al and Faye looked all around the country and finally found a beautiful home in Mesa where we can all make a stopover point . . . Operator ED DAPPEN has returned to work after being off sick four months. Stay healthy, Ed, and we are happy to see you back . . . Operator RAY DONESKI is convalescing at home at this writing and we hope to see him back soon . . . MIKE CUSACK is the new Chief Clerk at Lawndale Station, and we at North Park wish him the best in his new position . . . GREGORY SANSONE, the son of Operator TONY

SANSONE, is now a civilian again after four years of navy service. Gregory, who had 11 trips to Viet Nam, is now working for the Teletype corporation in Skokie, Illinois . . . Pensioner BEN GEACH is a proud man these days. A picture of him taken in 1914 at the age of 21, alongside his street car, is on display at the currency exchange at Lunt and Clark streets . . . Operator FRANK WEISHAAR and his wife, MARTHA, became grandparents for the third time when their daughter, Mrs. JUDITH LYTTLE, gave birth to a daughter, BETH ANN, on October 23 at Ravenswood hospital . . . Operator ULISES RUIZ became a father when his wife, MILAN, gave birth to a daughter, MILAN LEIGH, on November 6 at Grant hospital . . . Miss CAROL CIESLA, the daughter of Operator BOB and EMELIA CIESLA, was married on Saturday, October 19, to Mr. HUGH COLBURN at Transfiguration church. The reception was held at Sokol Hall and attended by 390 guests . . . Mr. WILLIAM CHRISTIAN, the son of Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN, was married on Saturday, October 19, to Miss JUDITH TOENINGS at St. Paul of the Cross church. The reception, held at Schneiders Pavilion was attended by 250 guests. The young couple honeymooned throughout the West and will be at home on the Northwest Side . . . Miss BARBARA TABEL was married on Sunday, October 20, to Mr. ARTHUR ERICKSON at Nebo Lutheran church. Miss Tabel's hand in marriage was given by her uncle, Instructor ARTHUR TABEL. The reception was held at Shirley's Banquet Hall and attended by 300 guests. The happy couple honeymooned in the Bahama Islands . . . District Superintendent JOHN JACOBY retired on December 1 after 39 plus years. John and his wife, BERTHA, are planning to make their home in Scottsdale, Arizona, after they do a lot of traveling to make up for lost time . . . Street Collector HUBERT "Kelly" KELSYNSKI retired on December 1. We will all miss Kelly at Logan Square where he was the fastest loader CTA had. Kelly and his wife, HELEN, are going to do a lot of fishing and hunting around Lake Villa where they have a cottage . . . Operator SAM BAKER and his wife, HELEN, celebrated their 28th anniversary on November 17. The Bakers dined at Jimmy Wong's restaurant with Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. ABRAHAM SHAPIRO, as guests . . . Operator STANLEY ZALE and his wife, MARIE, celebrated their 40th anniversary on November 22. Stanley's son, GLENN, took the Zales to the Brown Bear restaurant for dinner and an evening of entertainment. Happy anniversaries are also extended to Operator ALLEN LICHTER and his wife, JUDY, their 9th, December 27, and Operator IRVING WEINER and his wife, IDA, their 37th, December 25 . . . Happy birthdays are extended to the following: JIM KURCZEWSKI, December 1; Operator PETE MARCHISOTTO, December 2; DEBORAH AYOTTE, December 2; Operator ROY LEMKE, December 14; Operator MEL HORNING, December 17; Operator TOM CONROY, December 23; LOU BIELSKI, Decem-

PROUDLY DISPLAYING his 11 pound Coho calmon is Operator CHARLES STROCKIS, North Avenue, which he caught while fishing in the Platt river near Honor, Michigan.



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ber 24; BARBARA ANDERSCHAT, December 18; Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHAT, December 25; MONICA AYOTTE, December 29, and Operator CARL SANDBERG, December 29 . . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Pensioner HAROLD JOHNSON, Pensioner HOWARD PLATT, Instructor ARTHUR HIGGINS on the loss of his father, Mr. ARTHUR D. HIGGINS, Pensioner FRANK DIDIER, District Superintendent THOMAS SHANAHAN on the loss of his mother, Mrs. SHANAHAN, and Operator JAMES DENTLEY on the loss of his mother, Mrs. BERTHA DENTLEY . . . Clerk BOB PETERSON was honored at a grand farewell party by the other clerks. He is now out of their hair and working as a day receiver at North Park. The receivers say there will be no welcome party here for Bob . . . Foreman CHARLEY DUNNE is now receiving peanuts from Operator JUAN FUENTES and promises to supply peanut butter to the fellows for their lunches . . . Repairman LEN TROZANOWSKI went on his annual duck hunting trip on the Mississippi river near Galena, Illinois, and bagged his quota . . . Repairman H. HALVERSON spent his vacation around home, sleeping late and resting . . . The gang at the garage welcomed ERNIE LOTITO who replaced GEORGE BENNISH as clerk . . . Repairman PAUL SCHREVES vacationed at the Wisconsin Dells and also attended an organ convention held at Chicago Heights, Illinois . . . Repairman FRANK SCHENDEL vacationed at Waterloo, Iowa, where he has a farm. Frank raises hogs and returned to Chicago with slabs of bacon and hams for Repairman JULIUS MERSCH. Julius Mersch and his wife, AGNES, went on their annual trip to visit Grant's home in Galena, Illinois. A trip to the Trappist Monastery located in Dubuque, Iowa, where Julius stocks up on Monks break, was also on the agenda . . . The sympathy of the garage is extended to the families of Repairman JOHN CYGIELSKI and Pensioner JAMES FINNEGEN . . . All of the office personnel, Superintendents ROBERT KEAG, ROBERT CHRISTIAN, WARD CHAMBERLAIN, Instructor GEORGE RELSTAB, VICTOR JOHNSON, ART HIGGINS, ED WESTON, and the receivers, clerks, and janitors, wish to extend Seasons Greetings to all the employes of this station and their families . . . I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men in each department who have helped me with news items each month.

- Melvin Horning

### NORTH SECTION -

Pensioner FRANK WAGNER and his wife, PAULINE, enjoyed two wonderful weeks in Hollywood, Florida, visiting with former board member ALEX MUSCATO. They all wish their former co-workers happy holidays . . . The unsung heroes, Freight Motorman JOHN GIFFORD and Linden Supervisor FRED OHNESORGE, took their



ASTRIDE HIS trusty tractor type mower at his home in Tennessee Ridge, Tennessee, is Pensioner and Mrs. ED CORDA. Ed, a former repairman at North Park garage, has about 100 apple trees on two acres of land, which keep him active and busy.

pensions on December 1. Fred's wife, MARY, is a Loop agent. It's your turn to work now, Mary, as Fred has supported you long enough . . . Well what do you know! JOE GOLDBERG had a birthday on November 21. How old are you, Joe? . . . SARA SIMMONS and ED PLATH are now back to work. Sara spent the weekend of November 23 with her mother in Atlanta, Georgia . . . BRIDGETT O'DONNELL, MARVIN HARRIS, H. LANG, C. BRISOLARA, DARLENE BOHANNON, and PAUL LANZ are still on the sick list . . . J. SCHUMPP is going into the marine corps for two years . . . Condolences to the families of Retired Towerman VERN SIGLER who passed away in October, to ED BLICHARZ on the death of his sister, and to GEORGE and LENA HENKE on the death of her aunt . . . Your scribe and her husband took a trip to Michigan, November 2, to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, and moved her daughter and granddaughter in from Lansing. She will be working in the North Suburban Post Office where her step-father works.

- Grace Mounts

### OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

Just recently, one of the flying KRAUSES, JACK, came to Chicago for a visit. A very enjoyable occurrence was the surprise gathering held for him at FRED LIMMEL's home. Many of his friends, including radio dispatchers and supervisors and their wives, were there to talk over old times with him. His time was well taken up with dinner dates and visiting with many friends. Jack sends his thanks to everyone for making his stay in the Windy City so nice . . . ELSIE SMITH flew to Montana to help her granddaughter, CINDY, celebrate her third birthday. She spent a good deal of time driving up into the mountains, going to Glacier National Park and to the Hungry Horse Dam. Did Elsie have a good time? She sure did, especially visiting with her family . . . AUDREY and HOWIE PETERSON were on the move again. They went to Brown County State Park and Turkey Run to see the last of the fall colors. Taking advantage of the beautiful weather they walked up and down many trails in the State Parks hearing the sound of the leaves crunching beneath them. Another place for taking pictures was at the Rockome Gardens in Arcola, Illinois, which is the heart of the Amish country. It was interesting and enjoyable to go through this area and see how these people dress and live . . . Brother MICHAEL HOGAN, F.S.C., the son of THOMAS, Operations Control, entered the order of Christian Brothers four years ago. He is now teaching at De La Salle High school . . . Our sympathy is extended to the family of HENRY WILSON, retired Superintendent, Central District, who passed away on November 12 . . . My sincerest wishes are sent to everyone for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and a very joyous holiday season . . . Some people find the game of golf easy to learn while others find it difficult. Not too long ago, Relief Superintendent EDWARD NOVAK, Districts A and B, gave this game a whirl and found it easy. The first time out he sunk a 150 yard approach shot. The second time out, now with instructions and confidence, he sprained his left arm.

### (Utility and Emergency Service) -

Congratulations and best of luck to TOM DAVIS who recently got married and moved to Washington, D. C., to take a new job . . . A. CANDELLA and S. McCULLER, who were off sick and taking it easy, are now feeling fine and back to work. Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to FRANK BECKER who underwent surgery. We hope it won't be long before he is feeling fine and fit

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

GORDON ACKERBERG, 53, North Park,  
Emp. 8-12-41, Died 9-29-68  
 THORVALD ANDERSEN, 78, North Section,  
Emp. 9-16-47, Died 10-27-68  
 JOHN I. ANDREWS, 72, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 11-9-25, Died 10-13-68  
 MARIANO ANGLIERI, 75, Track,  
Emp. 11-20-23, Died 10-4-68  
 STANLEY A. BABINSKI, 66, West Section,  
Emp. 1-18-44, Died 11-4-68  
 ANTHONY P. BANIZINAS, 75, South Shops,  
Emp. 6-15-29, Died 11-4-68  
 HUGH L. BURNS, 86, Police,  
Emp. 4-4-46, Died 10-27-68  
 LEON DANZ, 74, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 2-5-48, Died 9-20-68  
 FRANK DIDIER, 74, Devon,  
Emp. 1-22-19, Died 10-23-68  
 EDMUND FEIL, 59, South Section,  
Emp. 8-31-45, Died 10-4-68  
 JAMES F. FINNEGAN, 75, North Park,  
Emp. 4-29-26, Died 11-5-68  
 WILLIAM FRANZ, 62, Kedzie,  
Emp. 7-24-28, Died 9-30-68  
 ANDREW J. GROSS, 74, Devon,  
Emp. 10-9-20, Died 11-4-68  
 THOMAS GUINAN, 57, Limits,  
Emp. 3-7-45, Died 9-27-68  
 JOSEPH C. HEIDEL, 72, Logan Square,  
Emp. 12-31-18, Died 10-15-68  
 MAMIE L. HENDERSON, 85, Lake Street,  
Emp. 9-18-12, Died 10-27-68  
 CLARENCE R. HOSANG, 65, Electrical,  
Emp. 4-12-22, Died 10-13-68  
 HOWARD JOHNSON, 53, North Section,  
Emp. 6-8-26, Died 9-25-68  
 JOHN H. JOHNSON, 95, 77th Street,  
Emp. 2-20-01, Died 10-14-68  
 CHARLES W. KAMIN, 82, 77th Street,  
Emp. 6-30-09, Died 10-20-68

GEORGE KATSOOLIS, 76, South Shops,  
Emp. 3-20-14, Died 10-23-68  
 JAMES KINAHAN, 63, North Avenue,  
Emp. 11-16-25, Died 10-19-68  
 ARTHUR J. KREUTZ, 72, 77th Street,  
Emp. 7-2-23, Died 11-4-68  
 FRED H. LEYH, 82, North Section,  
Emp. 1-9-20, Died 11-3-68  
 EMIL LIPPMAN, 78, Shops & Equipment,  
Emp. 7-28-14, Died 10-30-68  
 LAWRENCE H. MANNING, 69, Shops & Equip.  
Emp. 10-19-28, Died 10-9-68  
 LOUIS MANSCH, 56, 69th Street,  
Emp. 3-6-43, Died 10-18-68  
 TERESA M. OBERLY, 77, West Section,  
Emp. 2-8-43, Died 10-30-68  
 GEORGE M. ROZAK, 68, 69th Street,  
Emp. 4-4-24, Died 10-30-68  
 DANIEL RUBIK, 79, West Shops,  
Emp. 5-8-23, Died 11-6-68  
 BRUNO W. SCHULTZ, 74, West Section,  
Emp. 5-2-23, Died 11-3-68  
 VERNON A. SEGELING, 67, North Section,  
Emp. 3-7-42, Died 10-23-68  
 CLAUD R. SIMCOX, 88, Chicago Motor Coach  
Died 10-14-68  
 WILLIAM C. SINGER, 73, North Section,  
Emp. 4-7-43, Died 10-19-68  
 JOHN SPIKES, 69, 77th Street,  
Emp. 12-7-43, Died 10-30-68  
 THOMAS A. SPRATT, 68, 69th Street,  
Emp. 10-17-29, Died 10-21-68  
 LEO STEPHANOWSKI, 67, North Avenue,  
Emp. 3-20-29, Died 10-17-68  
 PETER STORCZ, 51, Archer  
Emp. 5-12-43, Died 10-2-68  
 JAMES J. WALSH, 83, North Avenue,  
Emp. 12-24-12, Died 8-23-68

as a fiddle . . . The State of Florida is in the news again. JOHN KLIMA vacationed at Daytona Beach and Jacksonville and had a wonderful time . . . RICHARD BRADY made several attempts to acquire a dog through the Tribune dog-of-the-week articles without success. His patient waiting finally paid off and he was rewarded with a French poodle named Huron . . . Our condolences are extended to FRANK GOODRICH whose brother passed away, and to A. WRIGHT whose mother passed away.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

Good luck to GERRY DALTON who resigned on October 25. His friends honored him with a luncheon and gave him a parting gift with their best wishes. At this time we would like to welcome THOMAS LORENZ who is replacing Gerry. Best of luck in your new job . . . Congratulations to ANNETTE and HARRY HEFTER and to ROSE and JIM TOOLIS who recently celebrated their wedding anniversaries.

**(Equipment Research & Development) -**

In case you haven't noticed, RALPH MARTZ has returned to work after an extended illness. We're glad to hear that he is feeling fine and back to work again.

- Colette Szyzpanek

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

During my recent illness, the Purchasing, Specifications & Stores column in the Transit News was taken over by JANE URSO and ROD RUSAKIEWICZ who did a beautiful job of reporting. Thanks so much for everything, Jane and Rod, I sincerely appreciate it. In fact, you've done such a good job reporting, that I'm turning my column over to you permanently. Thanks again, and here's to more clever reporting! Signing Off - D. Jane Bell.

Our Mr. G. S. GRAYBIEL, General Superintendent of Purchasing, Specifications & Stores Department, accompanied by two friends and his newly acquired hunting dog, Dawn, motored to Nebraska to take in a little pheasant shooting. They did manage to bag 20 birds. Mr. Graybiel also spent some time visiting with his mother and some old friends while on his little expedition. All in all, the trip was pleasant, restful, and enjoyable. (P.S. Does bag mean you caught the birds alive and put them in a sack?) . . . Would you believe? BARNEY GAGNON, clerk in the Purchasing Department, is a grandfather for the 13th time, and he doesn't look a day over 29! It was a baby girl, DEBORAH ANN, who was born to Barney's son and daughter-in-law. Congratulations, Barney, from all of us . . . Yes, we have another lucky winner in the Purchasing Department, ANNE GUSICH,

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had two suggestions approved and received a check for \$25.00. Any more suggestions, Anne? Congratulations! . . . VIRGINIA RZEZNIK, Purchasing Department, had to undergo surgery recently. Our get well wishes and a speedy recovery go to you, Virginia. Hope to see you back at your desk soon . . . All the boys in the Specification Department are sadly singing, "That Old Gang of Mine", as their fellow Engineer, GEORGE CHRISTOFIDIS, is leaving to take a position with a new firm. George hasn't been with us too long, but we will all miss him. George, hurry back and visit us sometime . . . Lumberman ROD DAUGHTERTY, Specification Department, and his lovely wife recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. For the occasion, Rod made it a night on the town with soft music and candlelight and ended the evening by presenting his wife with a beautiful diamond ring . . . BOB PIEPER, Stores Department, is a very happy fellow these days for he's a proud new grandfather. To celebrate the event, Bob and his wife traveled to the State of Washington to await the baby's arrival. Their journey had its rewards when Bob's daughter was blessed with a bouncing baby boy, MATTHEW ROBERT. What did Matthew think of the rocking-horse, Bob? . . . Our girl LYNN HARRER is doing her part for our boys in service. Lynn has been involved in the U.S.O. for a year now and states she enjoys every minute of it. Her latest project is a candy sale from which the proceeds will go towards sending two area volunteer workers to the annual U.S.O. convention in Detroit where projects are discussed by U.S.O. volunteers from all over the nation and abroad. So, to Lynn, we all salute you . . . Our Stores Office South has a new Typist II, JACQUELIN LEE HUIZENGA, who replaced JOAN THOMAS who resigned to await the arrival of the stork.

At this writing, Mrs. HALL, the wife of STANLEY HALL, Divisional Storekeeper of Storeroom 48, is in the hospital. All the fellows in the Stores Department wish her a speedy and healthful recovery . . . And to Jane Bell goes a "Job Well Done" for your writing of our column in the Transit News. We hope we can keep up the good work . . . Since it's that season "to be jolly", your new reporters, JANE and ROD, would like to wish everyone a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Jane Ursu & Rod Rusakiewicz

### SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

WALTER THOMAS and his wife drove down to New Orleans and then to Pampano Beach, Florida . . . DAVID JACOBS' wife met good fortune by winning a color television set . . . Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE HANUS also vacationed by making a motor tour similar to that of the Thomases . . . At this writing JOHN BENNIS is convalescing at home from a fall. Hurry back, John . . . W.P. DEVEREUX flew down to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and spent Thanksgiving with his daughter, Sister Margaret . . . Congratulations to GERMAINE VELCICH, the niece of your scribe, upon her engagement to EDWARD WELLS. . . WILLIAM F. WORCESTER, the son of BILL WORCESTER of Schedules, was notified recently that he had been selected as a semi-finalist in the 1969-70 State scholarship program . . . Pensioner TED COWGILL writes that he is busy four days a week on his Jordan Valley, Oregon, ranch, and then spends the rest of the week with his family in Nampa, Idaho . . . On November 14, GEORGE P. LEAHY, the father of PHILIP LEAHY, was honored at a special meeting of the National Letter Carrier Association with a pin marking his 60 years in the union . . . KATHRYN BATINA, your scribe, enjoyed a

wonderful week of sunshine and surf in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. It was her first traveling vacation in many years, but she claims it was well worth waiting for . . . I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

- Kathryn Batina

### SKOKIE SHOPS -

Recent pensioners visiting Skokie Shops were ROY NUBIE, electrical worker, LESTER H. REICHARD, superintendent of Rapid Transit Shops and Terminals, GEORGE ROTH, laborer, and WILLIAM FLOWERS, electrical worker. All were looking well and enjoying their retirement . . . NELLO (Jim) PAOLICCHI, machinist, and his wife went to Phoenix, Arizona, to visit relatives, and on their way back they stopped at Las Vegas to watch the gambling . . . AL SCHMITZ, retired carpenter, was released from the hospital and is recuperating at home . . . JOHN KALINOWSKI, painter, and his wife took a wonderful cruise from New York to Bermuda. One thing about John, he really knows how to spend a vacation.

- Everett E. England

### TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Welcome back to LARRY MONAGHAN, Congress, who returned from the army . . . The latest word from Pensioner RALPH DANIELSON came while he was touring Michigan . . . Loads of luck to N. HUNT, Congress, who resigned to begin his carpentry apprenticeship . . . Our condolences to the family of H. IZZO, Congress, whose father-in-law passed away . . . Best of luck to T. DOLAN, Congress, who traded his civvies for a brand new marine uniform. Keep us posted on your promotions . . . A hearty welcome to D. FABIAN and R. TALO, new car servicemen at Congress . . . Pensioner G. SPEERS paid a surprise visit to all the boys at Congress . . . Double congratulations to J. CAPACCIO, Congress, and his wife on the celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary, and John's birthday . . . Sorry to hear that A. KUNZ, Congress, is on the sick list. Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent his way . . . On his way to new and better things is L. RICHARDS who transferred from Transportation to Congress as a car serviceman . . . Our sympathy to the family of JOE LELAKES who passed away after a long illness . . . Condolences to the family of C. VANDERVEST, Wilson, on the passing of their mother . . . Our sympathy to the family of ED MIZEROCKI, Wilson, whose mother passed away . . .

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS and many other good things were bestowed on TERRY MNICHOWICZ, Insurance Department, when the girls in the Medical Department presented her with this giant card on her birthday. Well, it isn't polite to tell a lady's age.



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**THIS GRIMACE** is only one of the facial expressions used by **SHEILA SMITH** when she is emoting in many of her stage plays. Sheila, who has a masters degree in theatre arts from the University of Illinois, is the daughter of **WALTER SUNDQUIST**, Vehicle Wiring Section, South Shops.

Welcome to **M. McINTOSH**, Howard, on his return from service . . . Congratulations to **LINDA COLOMBO**, the daughter of **P. COLOMBO**, Congress, on her selection as a finalist in the homecoming queen contest at Chicago Circle Campus . . . When son speaks, father listens, especially if your son answers to the name of **KEN SANDUK** and dad is **DON SANDUK**, Congress. Ken, who tips the scales at 295 pounds, is a tackle at Addison Trail and is also a candidate for all-state honors . . . A visit through sunny California and the casinos of Las Vegas was enjoyed by your scribe, **RAY BRZECZEK**, and his wife . . . Soaking up the Florida sunshine is the way **D. BRODIE**, Wilson, enjoyed his vacation . . . A holiday vacation was enjoyed by **H. YOUNG**, **G. COLOMBO**, **F. VELINSKI**, **G. DAVIS**, **W. SUDDUTH**, **R. COLLINS**, **N. SCIMECA**, **M. NETZEL**, **G. LEPORE**, **Z. ZIELINSKI**, **M. DUKE**, and **G. ANDERSON** . . . A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

*- Ray Brzezczek*

### SOUTH SECTION -

Has everyone got their Christmas shopping done, the presents wrapped, decoration in and around the house, and the tree almost trimmed? Time is flying and the long-awaited Christmas day will be here soon. A very Merry Christmas to everyone from myself and my hubby, Clerk **ROLAND** . . . Another one of our employes has done us proud. Yard Foreman **ARDIS MORRIS** was promoted to supervisor on October 27 . . . Hi, to the newly transferred agents from the Surface Division, **THOMAS BROWN** and **JAMES PATTERSON**, to **BEN WALLER** from train service on the West Section, and to newly hired Agent **ANNIE McCARTER** . . . Our sincere condolences to Agent **LEO DILLON** on the loss of his father . . . Agent **ANN** and Clerk **JOE O'CONNOR** took an early winter vacation. They are down in Florida for three weeks to soak up some sunshine and visit some of their friends who live in St. Petersburg . . . Congratulations to Motorman **ERVIN HARMON** who was promoted to clerk on the North Section, November 17 . . . I met retired Motorman **HARRY EITEL** and Mrs. Eitel in a restaurant recently and they both looked wonderful and are enjoying their retirement . . . Motorman **WALTON BELL** is so very proud of his daughter, **SHIRLEY ANN**, former part-time agent, who received a masters degree in education at the University of Illinois . . . It was so good to see Motorman **JAMES NORRIS**, who has been on the sick list for a few months, up and around and his health starting to improve. Here's hoping he'll be able to return to work soon . . . Retired Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations **GEORGE ROESING** and Mrs. Roesing

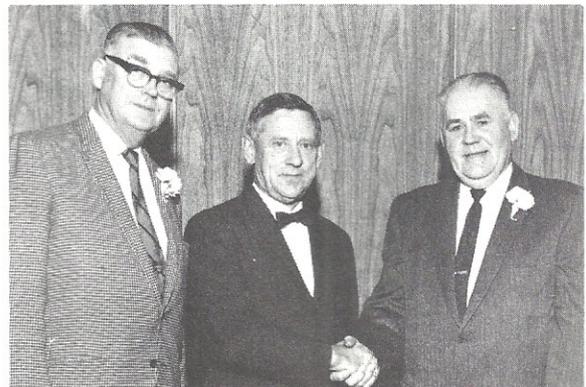
came up to Chicago from their home in Clearwater, Florida, on a two-week visit with their family. They had a nice time phoning and seeing all their old friends and co-workers . . . Two more of our good agents decided to resign for other positions. Best Wishes to **TOMMIE CLARK** and **RAYMOND CASTRO** . . . Agent **DOROTHY McGEE**, who was on the sick list recently, wishes to thank everyone for all their kindnesses and cards while she was ill . . . Heard the story that Retired Motorman **LOUIS GRYGIEL** finally was talked into purchasing a French poodle by Mrs. Grygiel. Louis, who never liked dogs for years, really likes the dog and says the dog even likes him . . . Retired Conductor **BERNARD MILKE** passed away recently, and Mrs. **FRANK BONNEY**, the wife of Retired Motorman **FRANK BONNEY**, passed away. Our sympathy is extended to their families . . . Some more nice passenger commendations have been received by our South Siders: Conductor **GEORGE PEDERSEN** was commended for his clear and audible station announcements; Conductor **MARION COLEMAN** was commended for his gentlemanly conduct in which he handled himself when an unpleasant incident took place on his train, and Conductor **FRANK PONZIANO** was commended for finding a passenger's lost eyeglasses . . . Retired Supervisor **BOB BROWN** was in to see the boys at 61st Street and he said, "Don't forget to see your representative and get your new 1969 Blood Bank Card." . . . On the sick list at this writing are: Motorman **EARTHON JOHNSON**, Conductors **ROY BOETTCHER**, **JOSEPH MOYLAN**, and **JOHN KALTSAS**, Switchman **JOE TRIBETT**, Clerk **THOMAS O'HARA**, and Agent **WILLIE WARDEN**. Let's all give them three cheers for a quick recovery and return to work . . . Good luck to Trainman **EDWARD TOWNES** and Part-time Agent **MELVIN THOMAS** who resigned recently . . . Stopping in to see us one day was Retired Motorman **JOHN BURKE** and he looks in tip-top shape and says "hello" to everyone . . . Again, a very happy holiday season to all!

*- Verna Hartney*

### 69TH STREET -

Well, old Hedda got the low down on the news, and editor please take note of this too, as **W. J. DONAHUE**, Badge 2286, has had a change of address. He now resides at 2754 W. 108th Street. Bill has open house every Saturday and Sunday and says come one and all . . .

**BEST WISHES** for long and happy retirements were extended to District "D" Superintendent **J. N. JACOBY** and District "A" Superintendent **T. R. MARTIN** by Operations Manager **C. E. KEISER** at a luncheon in their honor at the M & M Club. Mr. Jacoby retired on December 1 after 39 years of service, while Mr. Martin, who has 32 years of service, will take his pension on February 1.



## INSIDE NEWS

Operator TIERNEY is quite concerned about DAKE. He thinks Dake may have problems getting a tailor now that he has put on weight. MICKEY YOUNG also says hello. I guess Dake should watch W. T. CAVANAUGH and follow his example. You see, Bill is just coming into his prime. He says a good clean life and the proper exercise is all one needs to enable them to shoot a 78 at the West Gate Golf Club. Sock it to them, Bill . . . LEO-DIS PITTMAN, formerly of 69th Street and now at Beverly, has been observed hanging around the clerk's window lately. He says he is lonesome to be back with all his old friends. Your friends here are watching you, Leodis . . . Our Chief Instructor SWANSON says that BIRMINGHAM has been carrying a lot of weight here of late. He isn't worried though as the new CTA cars have racks on top for salt if there is no room inside . . . Supervisor A. SCARBROUGH is doing a fine job on the corner of 69th and Ashland. Even KELLY won't admit it . . . By the way, that golden voice with a lot of conversation on the phone at 95th and Ashland is none other than good old PATTERSON . . . We lost some good men when HOGAN and RYAN took their pensions. Ryan had 40 years on October 4 . . . Operator H. BELL went to work for the City, and you could hear his followers cheer for a mile . . . For a cut rate ride in an ambulance, call former Operator W. T. CHIBE who now has his own business. Lots of luck to you now and in years to come . . . Everything is back to normal on Damen avenue now that SAM JAVORSKI is back to work after two weeks of illness . . . SCOTTY HIGGINS' son, FRANCIS, has been promoted to SP4. He is now serving in Pleiku, Vietnam . . . We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner GEORGE ROZAK. He will always be remembered at 69th Street . . . Well that's all Mrs. YOUNG unless you have something else to add . . . JIMMY AHERN of the Repair Department says that MIKE MORAN, MATT SAPIKAS, and J. R. SHEPP are still on the sick list. Hurry and get well, fellows, as we



THIS SMILING young lad is little MARIO MARSICO, the son of Mr. and Mrs. SAM MARSICO, and was born on June 4. Mario's dad is a garageman at Kedzie Station.

really need you now that the bad weather is here . . . We welcome H. JOHNSON as the new relief foreman . . . M. WAUGH, BENDT, and SUMBRIS returned from the military service. You fellows were really missed and it is good to have you back safe and sound . . . Pensioners JIM KENNEDY, JOHN KILMARTIN, PETE O'REILLY, and BILL RYAN, all of the Repair Department, and JIMMY (Scotty) BURNS, Engineering, paid us a visit. It certainly was good to see them and may they enjoy every moment of their leisure time for years to come . . . MATT BASSO retired on December 1 after 41 years of faithful service . . . We wonder if Pensioner JOE GARMEN has recovered from his illness and is able to get out in that Florida sunshine and fish? . . . We all wish JOHN GUINEE, our ace repairman, good luck in his new assignment as instructor. Also, to DANNY O'ROURKE who transferred to the Campaign Area . . . JIM WOJACK joined the Police Department . . . We hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and is ready for the big holidays coming up . . . Congratulations to JERRY KAROWSKI and his new bride. Jerry was married on November 16 . . . To all, let's keep them rolling in tip top shape.

*- Arthur P. Buesing*

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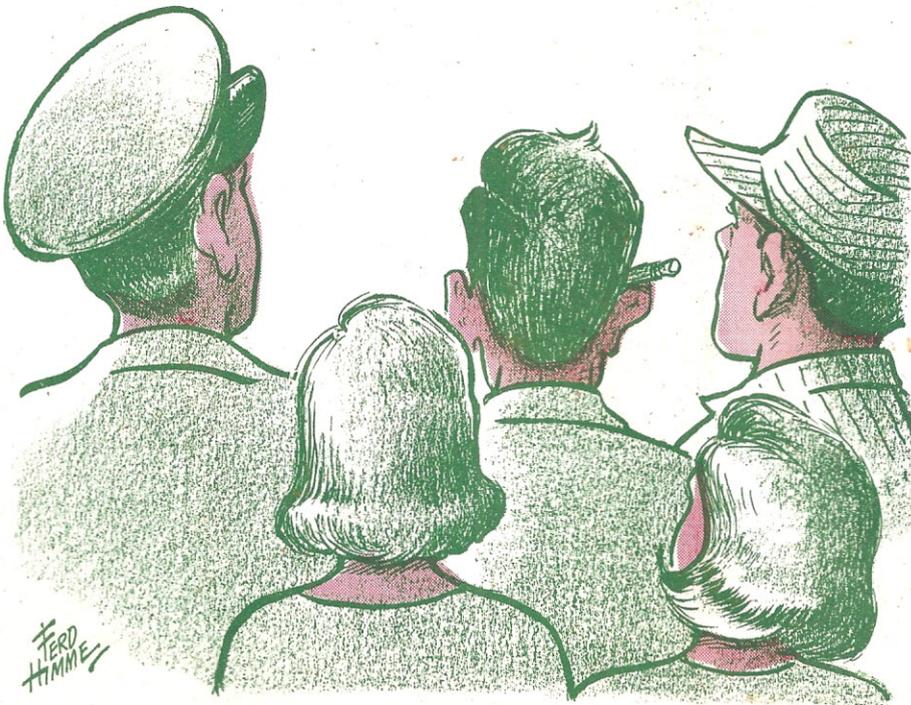
Hip, hip and a hearty welcome to all. I guess by the time this issue comes out, everyone will have had their fill of that old Thanksgiving bird . . . By the way, I guess you are tired of one excuse after another, but this is real. Co-reporter JULIUS BRAZIL had the misfortune of having his car stolen and most of our news was in it . . . CWO RONALD GIBES, the son of Assistant Superintendent C. GIBES, has returned from Vietnam after one year of flying helicopters. He is presently an instructor of helicopters at Fort Luke, Alabama . . . Operators ROBERT BARCLAY and DIDDIE JAMES spent the weekend of October 26 at Hugh Hefner's Playboy Club in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, with their wives, DORA and VERA, and they all had a ball. Sorry, fellows, but you can't keep the bunnies . . . That big raffle was a success at the Kaz Bar. The only disappointment was that this scribe failed to win that big color TV, but maybe CHUCK will let me watch football on his . . . Operator RICHARD GILMORE became a proud father on November 16 when his wife, DORIS, presented him with twin girls . . . RUTH has put up with me for another year on November 18 when we celebrated our second anniversary . . . See you next month.

*- Amos Foster & Julius Brazil*

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