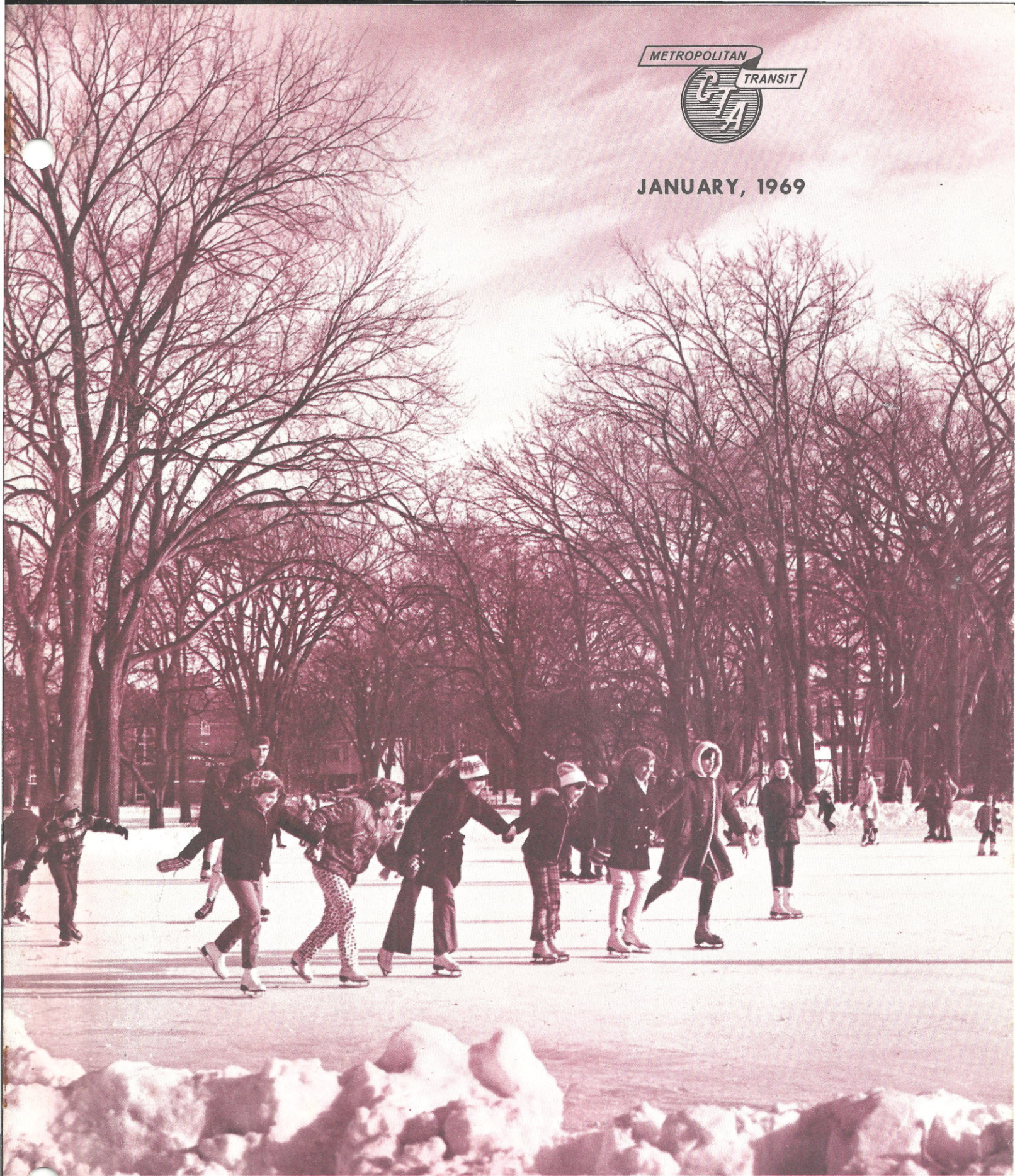




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Transit Board Dedicates H. S. Anthon Memorial Library

DEDICATING THE Harold S. Anthon Memorial Engineering Library on January 7, were members of Chicago Transit Board. The library at CTA's General Offices is named in honor of Harold S. Anthon, former general superintendent of engineering, who died in December, 1967.

Mr. Anthon, who was an employe of CTA for 19 years, was instrumental in the establishment of the technical library and the Engineering Department central filing system. In addition, his widow, Mrs. Barbara Anthon, donated her husband's personal collection of some 300 books and manuscripts to the library.

Pictured above at the dedication (from left) are: R. J. Peacock, Board member; E. J. Sullivan, librarian; Mrs. B. T. Van der Vries, Board member; G. L. DeMent, Board chairman; Mrs. Barbara Anthon; J. R. Quinn, vice-chairman; J. E. Rutherford, Board member, and T. B. O'Connor, general manager.

A framed copy of the resolution passed by Chicago Transit Board at its November 7 meeting was presented to Mrs. Anthon. The text of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the late Harold S. Anthon, General Superintendent of Engineering, was instrumental in the establishment of the Chicago Transit Authority Technical Library and Engineering Central Filing System; and

WHEREAS, he was active in staffing the Engineering Department with personnel of high caliber for CTA and he constantly urged those employes under his direction to improve themselves through education; and

WHEREAS, he worked continuously to improve the character and quality of CTA Engineering as evidenced by the development of CTA's Engineering Standards during his tenure as General Superintendent of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, he inaugurated a program of integrated engineering and planning within CTA and he was responsible for the adoption of many modern engineering tools and techniques by CTA engineers and construction personnel; and

WHEREAS, he gave completely of himself in the performance of his duties during his nineteen years of service to Chicago Transit Authority and instilled in others his sense of dedication; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barbara Anthon, knowing of her husband's wish to further the education and knowledge of his staff and of young engineers in the employ of CTA, donated Mr. Anthon's personal library of some 300 books and manuscripts to the CTA Engineering Library in order that they be available to all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD OF CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

That the Engineering Department Library be dedicated and named THE HAROLD S. ANTHON MEMORIAL ENGINEERING LIBRARY, during a suitable ceremony with Mrs. Anthon, Members of the Board and the Staff in attendance and that an appropriate plaque be prepared and displayed in a prominent place in the Library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Barbara Anthon.

1968 Suggestion Plan Report

Shows Record-Breaking Year

MARKING ITS biggest year in terms of cash awards given to employees, the Employee Suggestion Plan announced in its 1968 annual report that a total of \$6,183 was shared by 182 CTAers.

Receiving the largest cash award during the year, and since the inception of the Plan in 1952, was James Forrestal, bus overhaul shop foreman, South Shops. Sixty-six other adoptable suggestions were submitted by Shops and Equipment employees during the year and they won \$2,078 for their efforts—making a total of \$4,078 won in the S&E Department. With 52 suggestions adopted, General Office employees won \$950, and with a total of 17 adoptions, Engineering Department employees won \$480.

An evaluation of the merits of suggestions adopted during the year indicates that savings resulting from their being placed in effect would approximate \$40,635.

Participating in the suggestion plan during 1968 were 1,042 employees who submitted a total of 1,349 suggestions. In all, 23,378 suggestions have been received since the present system-wide suggestion plan was established on October 1, 1952. During the same period, to December 31, 1968, a total of 2,075 suggestions have been adopted and \$40,813 has been paid out to employees in awards. Total savings realized since the plan went into effect amount to \$291,160.

Among the last to receive cash awards for suggestions adopted during 1968 were Cornelius DeBoer, Utility-South Shops, who won \$50; and Edward Gertz, Engineering-South Shops, John Gritis, Reproduction Services, Vernon Howe, S&E-South Shops, and George Munyer, S&E-Forest Park, who won awards of \$25 each.

Five other employees who submitted their second adoptable suggestion within a year and received \$25 cash awards include: General Office—Marlene Day, Equipment Research and Development, Bernadette Kizior, Electrical, and Joseph Sabol, Schedule-Traffic. Shops and Equipment—Winmon Lewis Jr., South Shops, and Thomas Tadevic, South Shops. Each of the above cash award winners also received a \$7.00 gift certificate.

Four employees who received supplemental cash awards for suggestions adopted during 1967 are: Charles Jurkus, Stores-South Shops, and Ralph Keane and Henry Kolar, S&E-South Shops, who received \$10 each. Max Kuchan, S&E-South Shops, received supplemental awards of \$10 and \$15 for two of his adopted suggestions.

Those named for Honorable Mention awards because they submitted their first adoptable suggestion, making them eligible to receive gift certificates, are: Transportation—Myrtle Apitz, North Section; L. P. Arseneau, Beverly; Charles Banser, Desplaines; Mildred Doyle, Forest Park; James Martinek, 61st Street; E. T. Murphy, North Section; Kathleen O'Donnell, North Section; Bernard Pyzik, Congress, and Edmund Vaisvilas, Lawndale. Shops & Equipment—Thomas Coates, South Shops; Herman Izzo, Douglas Terminal; Max Kuchan Jr., South Shops; Winmon Lewis Jr., South Shops; Gerald McLaughlin, 69th Street; Henry Peterson, South Shops; Frank Soluri, South Shops, and Richard Zajac, South Shops. General Office—Regina Daren, Medical; Joanne Fenn, Insurance; John Gritis, Reproduction Services; Nancy Hagemeyer, Public Information; Gerald McManamon, Employee Relations; Joseph Sabol, Schedule-Traffic; Mary Traxler, Claim, and W. H. Vigus, Engineering. Stores—Charles Jurkus, South Shops, and James Zazula, North Division. Electrical—William F. Glassner, Blue Island. Engineering—James Nagel, West Shops.

Acting upon all suggestions received from CTA employees is the four-man coordinating committee consisting of R. T. Warnstedt, suggestion coordinator; J. R. Blaa, superintendent of rapid transit operations, Transportation Department; R. H. Martz, Equipment Research and Development, and J. F. Urbaszewski, Engineering Department.

Determining the merit of each suggestion and the amounts of awards is the Executive Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan. The committee consists of Chairman C. E. Keiser, operating manager; Executive Secretary F. C. Knautz, superintendent of public and employee relations; L. G. Anderson, superintendent of shops and equipment; D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation; P. J. Meinardi, manager of finance, and E. E. Olmstead, superintendent of engineering.

Foreman Cited for Saving Life of Shopman

QUITE OFTEN, CTA employees are praised for acts of alertness and diligence beyond the line of duty. The performance of such an act, calling for great presence of mind, recently brought a commendation to Matthew Coyle, assistant day foreman, Congress Terminal Shop.

On Monday, December 30, 1968, at approximately 11:08 a.m., Car Repairman Albert A. Long apparently suffered a heart attack or stroke in the repair pit at the Congress Shop. Mr. Coyle, cognizant of the situation, immediately applied mouth to mouth resuscitation in an attempt to revive him, and continued to do so until the arrival of the Forest Park Fire Department pulmotor unit.

Mr. Coyle, an 18 year employee and a graduate of the 1966 Red Cross first aid instructors course, was commended by General Manager T. B. O'Connor for his actions. Because of his quick thinking, he was instrumental in saving the life of Mr. Long. Mr. O'Connor in a congratulatory letter said in part: "I am sure that I speak for Mr. Long when I extend our heartfelt thanks to you. We are proud to have men of your caliber in our employ."

The appointment and reassignment of supervisory personnel in the Transportation Department was announced in bulletins issued recently by D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation, and approved by C. E. Keiser, operating manager.

SUPERVISORY ASSIGNMENTS AFFECT THREE DEPARTMENTS

IN BULLETINS issued recently, appointments affecting supervisory personnel in the Engineering, Shops and Equipment, and Transportation Departments were announced.

Assuming new posts effective February 1, were G. Millonas, who became superintendent of buildings and construction, C. G. Kalogeras, who was named superintendent of design, and E. Siegel, who became engineer of bridges and structures. The appointments were made by E. E. Olmstead, superintendent of engineering, and approved by Operations Manager C. E. Keiser.

Named in appointments effective January 5, were J. A. Ward as day assistant foreman at Kedzie Garage, D. J. Sturenfeldt as day assistant foreman at 77th Street Garage, H. Johnson as P.M. foreman at 77th Street Garage, and W. E. Toomey as relief foreman at 69th Street Garage. The bulletins issued by J. W. Dain, superintendent of garages, were approved by J. J. Repplinger, superintendent of surface system shops and garages, and L. G. Anderson, superintendent of shops and equipment.

Appointed to new posts at surface districts effective December 1, were V. Lauletta, district superintendent-District C, W. Prosen, relief district superintendent-Districts B and C, and W. Mazieka, district supervisor-District A. Reassigned as district superintendent-District D, was J. Stanton.

Assuming new assignments at surface system operating stations on January 12, were H. P. Braun, assistant superintendent-Lawndale Station, F. J. Vitek, relief superintendent-52nd Street and Beverly Station, and F. Zeiger, senior station instructor. Reassigned as assistant superintendents were J. W. Dauts, Kedzie Station, and G. D. Peyton, 77th Street Station.

Surface district personnel named in assignments effective February 1, include E. W. Novak, district superintendent-District B; R. Jones, relief district superintendent-Districts A and B; J. Millette, district supervisor-District B, and W. Rohl, relief district supervisor-Districts A, B, and C. Reassigned as district superintendent-District A, was E. R. O'Connell.

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MOVING?

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WINTER MEANS, among other things, the renewal of combat with Mother Nature—who always finds it in her heart to drop an abundance of snow in the laps of Chicagoans. And transit employes have traditionally been among the first to arm themselves and join the battle to rid the streets of the white stuff.

Of course, the snowfighter's job will never be an easy one, but as the tools of the trade have been improved, the job has been simplified. If you don't believe it, glance over the pictures on this page dating to that era which some people insist on calling, "The Good Old Days."

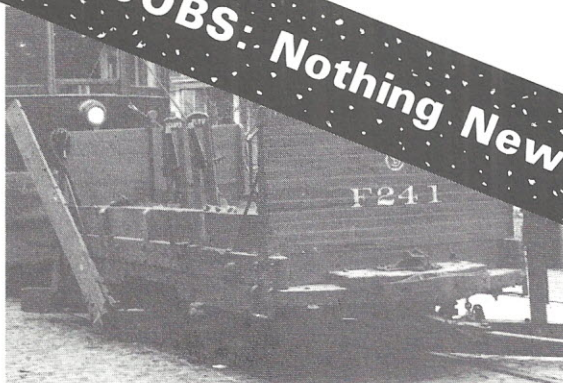
Before the advent of the cable car it took a pick, shovel, and a strong back to clear a path for horse cars, but with the mechanization of transit service in the 1880's came a new innovation, a rail borne snow plow. Four-wheelers like the F241 were weighted down with brake shoes and coupled to the front of a cable grip car or streetcar. Controls for the rail scraper and plow were manned by a hardy individual who had to bear the elements on his open-air ride.

As streetcars began to serve the old horse and cable car routes, improved types of snow equipment appeared on the scene. Sweeper cars like E53 had motor-driven rotary brooms which did a good job of clearing the car tracks, but didn't win the favor of motorists parked along the line. Former sprinkler cars like D207 found a new use in the thirties when they were rebuilt to serve as snow plows. A second trainman riding with the motorman controlled both the front and wing shears from his station at the side window. Cars like these remained on standby until the last streetcar route was replaced in Chicago, and saw service as late as during the 1957-58 winter.

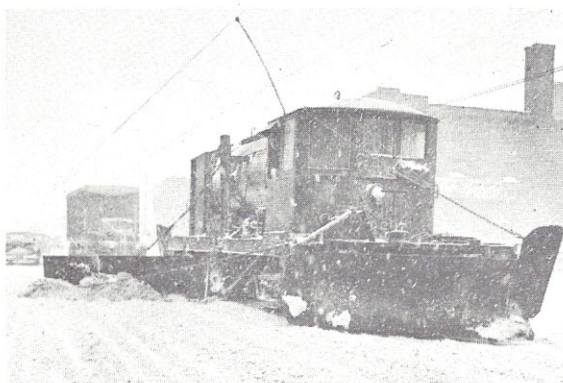
As the motor and trolley bus system began to take shape in 1930, the need for rubber-tired snow fighting equipment developed. Initially, the job was filled by dump trucks which received frames and winches for carrying plows, and an automatic sanding attachment connected through a universal to the drive shaft. In succeeding years, automotive equipment improved continually with the development of hydraulic and automatic devices with controls in the driver's cab.

If you still think methods haven't improved, put yourself in the place of the supervisors and streetcar trainmen who had to clear the groove for the tongue of an electric switch.

SNOW JOBS: Nothing New to CTAers

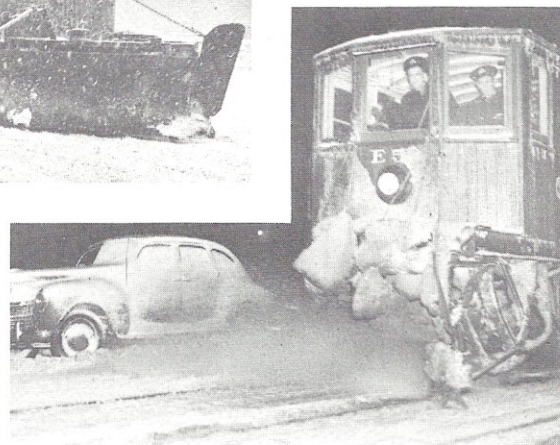


Snow plow-scraper F241



Snow plow D207

Sweeper E53

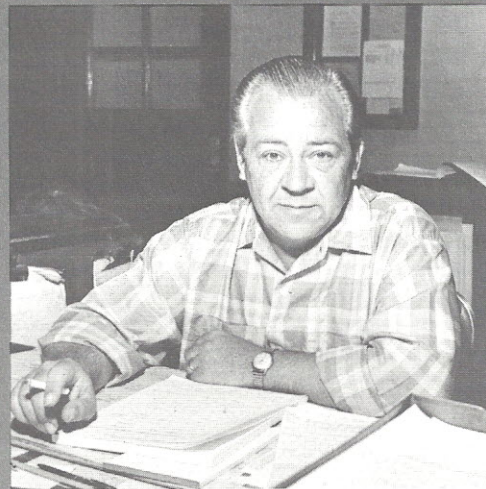


Keeping the switch open



Snow plow-sander 554





QUESTION:

What was your most memorable experience or event of 1968?

LOCATION:

Operations

INQUIRING REPORTER:

Colette Szczepanek

ROBERT L. DESVIGNES (top left), line supervisor, Operations Control: "To me the most memorable event of 1968 was the day my daughter, Denise, was graduated from Fenger High school with honors and in the upper quarter of her class. She is now attending the University of Chicago on a state grant."

ELSIE SMITH (top right), information clerk, Transportation: "Being with all seven of my grandchildren at one time and place, especially at Christmas, was quite an occasion for me and will be long remembered."

BOB QUETSCHKE, assistant to the superintendent of operating stations, Transportation (with reporter Colette Szczepanek): "The most memorable event for me happened on January 16th, the day I celebrated my 25th wedding anniversary. We had a small dinner at Plentywood Farm for our family to celebrate the occasion."

MARLENE DAY (bottom left), stenographer, Equipment Research & Development: "It was my visit to Pearl Harbor and the awesome feeling one experiences when at the U.S.S. Arizona Monument upon realizing the great number of men who died for our country and are entombed there. It was a most impressive day for me."

W. J. "Pat" PORCELIUS (bottom right), clerk, Utility & Emergency Service-Blue Island: "1968 had not one but two memorable events. The year began with a three-week vacation in Hawaii and ended with a two-week vacation in the beautiful Virgin Islands."

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin, CTA Medical Consultant



JOGGING HAS become one of man's most helpful types of exercise. And according to Dr. Paul Dudley White, noted heart specialist, exercise is the best medicine.

Jogging has been practiced in many countries, but no one knows for sure where it originated. It has been said the Greeks were the first to jog. They were fond of physical exercise and especially of running. Before it became popular in this country it was done in New Zealand by many people.

In recent months, jogging—which is alternate trotting and walking along a roadside or "in place" in one's home—has gained widespread popularity as a simple and effective form of exercise. Most of our employes have heard about it and may be wondering whether they should take it up. Therefore, this article is being written to emphasize a few facts about jogging. It will be pointed out briefly why it may be wise to begin a healthful jogging program and also prevent the possibility of harmful overexertion.

WHY EXERCISE? In the past 50 years, the great proliferation of labor-saving machines, especially the automobile, has greatly reduced the physical exercise which used to be incidental to our work days and to many of our leisure hours. We have learned that lack of this exercise, for which our bodies are designed, not only results in loss of muscle strength but more importantly may produce deleterious effects in our arteries, and in turn on the vital organs such as the brain and the heart which the arteries supply with blood.

WHY JOGGING IS A GOOD FORM OF EXERCISE. Without claiming to be the only way to get needed exercise, one can offer a number of reasons which might make it the best choice for many of us. For one thing, unlike lifting, isometric exercises, and some other calisthenics, the emphasis is not on build-

ing muscle power but more in improving the lungs, heart, extremities, and general circulation. Added to this, I want to mention that jogging is free—it requires no special equipment or facilities. It is quick and requires a minimum of time from a busy day's schedule and it is easily adjustable in degree and duration and suited to all ages. One does not have to waste time getting on a schedule in the gymnasium or on the golf course. Finally, most people enjoy it. It is also safe if you follow a gradual work-out schedule and do not overexert yourself. All of the above reasons, plus the fact that it may prolong a useful life, make it a desirable form of exercise.

CAN IT BE HARMFUL? The answer is yes, if persons in poor condition do not begin gradually enough and if increases in activity are not properly scheduled. The longer a person has been out of condition and the older he or she may be, the more important it is to follow a gradual build-up schedule.

It is also recommended, especially for those over 30 years of age, that your personal physician be consulted before beginning a jogging program.

Sometimes, when one first starts the jogging program, aches and pains will be noted. It takes time for muscles, ligaments, and tendons to adjust to the new stresses. The wearing of properly padded shoes or jogging on sod or grass instead of cement walks will minimize the soreness. If shortness of breath or chest pains are noted as a result of jogging, a doctor's examination should be arranged.

Anyone interested in jogging to improve their health may get detailed information on the technique and schedule from many booklets on this subject. It is good for most people and it may be good for you. Finally, as stated previously, if you have any doubts about your ability or physical condition, check with your family doctor first.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING -

The Christmas season was certainly a happy one this year, with the various sections having their individual Christmas parties at their preferred restaurants. The Payroll and Revenue sections held their parties at the M & M Club in the Mart. The Revenue Section had an interesting party with community singing led by Revenue Accountant Mr. F. C. PALILUNAS, who is an accomplished pianist. At this party, there were three retired employees: THERESA HAYES, HELEN FRANSON, and IVAN MILLER, of the Real Estate Department. Other invited guests could not attend due to illness and previous commitments...Retiree MAE BUJNOWSKI dropped in to extend Christmas greetings to her former co-workers...We want to welcome Mrs. YVONNE ZAJAC, comptometer operator, and JERRY LALLES, who returned from military service...World traveler LOIS JAHNKE visited Spain, Morocco, and Gibraltar on a recent thrilling vacation...We are sorry to report that Mrs. ANNA WEINSTOCK, Revenue, fell and broke her arm, and Mrs. BEA FRANKE broke two ribs in a fall...There has been a considerable amount of illness caused by the Hong Kong flu...Retiree NAOMI BOHLIN fell Christmas eve suffering a broken pelvic bone. She is confined at St. Francis hospital, Blue Island, Illinois.

- Eileen Neurauter & Clotilde Mrzena

BEVERLY -

Thanks to everyone for all the Christmas cards and letters, and especially to the pensioners who dropped us a line or two...Pensioner TERRY NICHOLSEN's wife, ROSE, sent us Christmas greetings and it's nice to have friends who don't forget you...Pensioner BERNARD ZESCH, who now lives at 4671 41st Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33714, also sent us seasons greetings. Drop Bernie a line...The flu epidemic has most of us down in bed and we could use a few weeks of sun in the sunshine state of Florida...We wish a speedy recovery to Superintendent JOHN FARRIS and JACK VAUGHN of the Repair Department...We express our sympathy to the family of Superintendent LEO TAMUL who passed away, also to Operator GEORGE WEATHER in the loss of his father...We take our hat off to Clerk JOHN KIRBY, Operator JOHN (Mighty Mite) MAHONEY, Operator JOHN METKE, and La Rabida Council, Knights of Columbus, who donated cigarettes, candy, and clothing to the patients of Tinley Park State hospital. Thanks, also, to all the men who helped deliver Christmas baskets to the poor people of Chicago's Southside. We are sure the man upstairs will reward all of you some day.

- Tom Daniels

CLAIM -

BERNIE and MARY ANN JAGODZINSKI have returned from Japan, where they went on a tour and viewed the largest Buddha in the world and attended a few geisha parties...Welcome back to NORA CRONIN who has recently returned to work after being on the sick list for some time...Congratulations to Superintendent of Agents and Janitors PAT

HALLAHAN, and his wife, BETTY, who celebrated their 25th anniversary last month by renewing their marriage vows and attending an anniversary dinner party. One of their sons, Tracy, 10, commented that he was glad he could finally see his mom and dad get married...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of ED HEALY, who passed away last month...Welcome to JOE KUNZER, formerly of the Mail Room, who recently joined our department...Congratulations and best wishes to FLORENCE GRAY, who retired January 1. Florence says she is just going to take life easy and enjoy her retirement, but she'll be back to visit us and let us know how good it feels not to have to get up before the sun does...JOHN DALY's son, BUTCH, was home on leave and has recently left for Germany for an 18-month stay. Good luck, Butch. Watch out for the frauleins.

- Peggy Hallahan & Shari Pupa

CONGRESS (Agents) -

I hope that everybody had a most enjoyable holiday season and that the new year will be the best ever...In November, I was on jury duty and then on the sick list for almost a month with the flu. Thank you for the many cards and remembrances...Pensioner MARIE SCHOOS' family celebrated her birthday, November 29, with the usual grand dinner, followed by card games. On the next day, which was November 30, it was 10 years since Marie retired. It was also the day that all the pensioners received those large welcomed checks, but Marie never had the pleasure because she passed away before it came. Marie did not only believe in her faith, but she was a good example of how it should be lived. Let us not forget this wonderful lady, Marie Schoos...Agent VALENTINE SYKES' will celebrate her birthday February 24. She is married to WILLIAM SYKES of 69th Street Depot. William decided that



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their 12th Christmas should be something special. It was, and she had a chance to put on a mink coat that was out of this world...Porter TAYLOR BENNETT was in the Veteran's hospital. He is doing very well...Switchman CLAUDE KINARD celebrated his birthday on January 6 with his wife, JUNE, and their darling children...Pensioners, share your happy times with your old friends by letting us mention you in the column.

- Julia Brousek

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Congratulations and best wishes to our retirees. Mr. S. S. DANECKE, superintendent of construction and maintenance, started the year right as a January 1 retiree after 39 years of service. He will be missed by all, but thought of often with wishes for a wonderful retirement. Mr. Dan-ecke and his wife are known to be quite the travelers, but when home, they are kept quite busy by three wonderful grandchildren. What a great way to spend a retirement!.. February 1 finds Mr. FRANK E. JONES, testing engineer, sitting back and thinking of the wonderful carefree years which are now his to enjoy leisurely. After 46 years of service, he had made many friends, all who have expressed their sorrow at seeing him leave, but wish him a happy retirement. Best wishes, Frankie!..BERNADETTE KIZIOR's father, Operator FRANK S. KIZIOR, Lawndale, is starting his retirement on February 1 after 36 years of service. Many household projects are awaiting him which he is really looking forward to. Bernadette's mother is presently in the hospital due to a very bad case of the flu, but we all express our wishes for a speedy recovery so this retirement can be shared by both. Best wishes for many happy and healthy years together...It has been quite a long time since our department has extended engagement congratulations. Mr. RAY BIENIASZ presented Miss JOAN SCHULGET with a wonderful Christmas present—a diamond ring! June 14 is presently being considered as the big day. Congratulations, Ray, and please extend our best wishes to your fiancée...With just a few months of winter left, let's try to make them healthy ones.

- Donna Kaminski

LOCAL 713 electrical workers with more than 25 years' continuous service were honored at a pin night ceremony on November 19. Pictured at left on the winding stairway at Robert Allen Caterers on West Diversey avenue are 30 CTAers and the Local business agents, who are identified by corresponding numbers on the illustration at the right: (1) Leon Kajpust, Skokie Shops; (2) Joseph Bednarik, Skokie Shops; (3) Harry Weaver, business agent; (4) Matty Kaupas, retired; (5) Tony Salkas, South Shops; (6) Eddie Roberts, South Shops; (7) Andy Unicof, retired; (8) Joseph Brzoska, Skokie Shops; (9) Al Samaska, South Shops; (10) Tom Hoey, Skokie Shops; (11) James Marron, South Shops; (12) Roy Egbert, South Shops; (13) Frank Delaquila, Skokie Shops; (14) Tony Arini, Skokie Shops; (15) Eddie Morris, Skokie Shops; (16) John Witkus, South Shops; (17) Paul Spolec, South Shops; (18) Marko Dundovich, Skokie Shops; (19) William Taylor, business agent; (20) Eddie May, Skokie Shops; (21) Joe Christoi, West Shops; (22) Bill Novotny, South Shops; (23) Frank Horvat, South Shops; (24) James Lamont, South Shops; (25) Bob Binnie, Skokie Shops; (26) Gene Rymke, Skokie Shops; (27) Walter Sundquist, South Shops; (28) John Dundovich, Skokie Shops; (29) Bob Hackbarth, South Shops; (30) Bill Hansen, South Shops; (31) Nick Simonetti, South Shops, and (32) Roy Ellerbeck, South Shops. The two retired employees, Andy Unicof and Matty Kaupas, had completed 50 years of service each before taking their pensions.

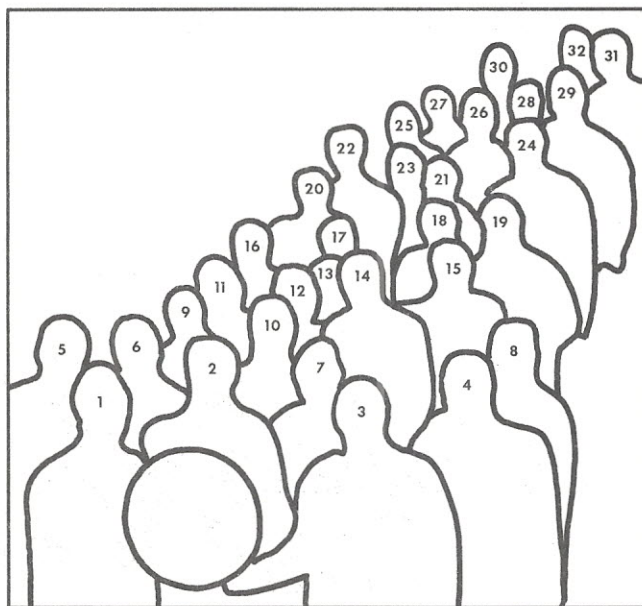
(Blue Island) -

Well, for the month of January, there's not much to write about. I guess everybody was too busy with the holidays, and five out of six being bitten by the flu bug. We wish a happy retirement to ART HANSEL who retired on December 1 and who now resides at Route #1, Box 603, Homosassa, Florida 32646, and to FRANK JONES who surprised just about everyone by taking an early retirement... Retired men who visited Blue Island during the holidays were: BENNY KIRCHENS, JAKE BERNSTEIN, EDWARD O'BRIEN, CLYDE PETERSON, and C. J. WOLF...On vacation at this time are CHARLES and JULIA DUGO, who vacationed in Acapulco, Mexico; WILLIAM and BEATRICE McDONALD, who had their first airplane ride and vacationed at Las Vegas; Mr. and Mrs. WALTER BANICKI, who spent a week in New Mexico and visited Mr. and Mrs. HARRY ESSINGTON, retired electrical engineer; R. PRIESBE, and R. SIERS...Birthday greetings are extended to the following: L. ANASENES, J. PIENTO, DONOFRIO, J. DARCY, J. RUSNAK, L. BEEMSTERBOER, C. MATUSZEWSKI, E. R. SMITH, J. WALLON, D. REED, R. FERGUSON, P. SAUVE, A. SMITH, BILL (Porky) PARK, G. A. UNWIN, R. T. NORTON, W. J. TOWNSEND, and W. C. McDONALD...Our deepest sympathy to the CZANSTKOWSKI family in the loss of their brother, HARRY CZANSTKOWSKI, and our sympathy to the MORAVEC family in the loss of ANTHONY MORAVEC.

- William Rehder

ENGINEERING—RESEARCH & PLANNING -

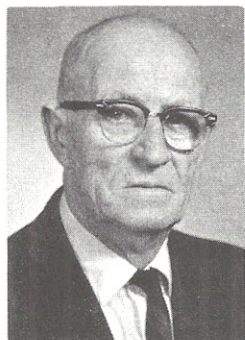
CHARLEY MANTHEY and JACK GUARIN, Engineering Department, retired January 1 and were honored at a dinner on Friday, December 27, at Georgia restaurant, 6339 S. Central avenue. Short speeches were made by GEORGE MILLONAS and RUSS SHANKLIN about Charley and Jack. They were both presented with beautiful portable AM-FM radios. Also, to add a little humor to it all, WALLY GAEDTKE presented JACK GUARIN with a gold stake and JOE O'CONNOR, from the Real Estate Department, read a testimonial to Charley about his 45 working years with the CTA. Music and refreshments followed and the evening was en-



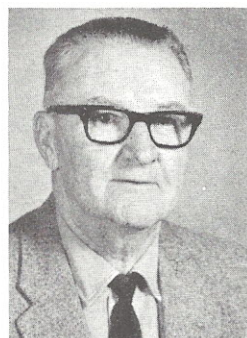
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F. H. GRAY
44 Years



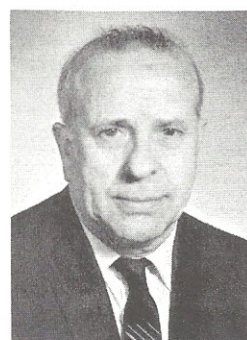
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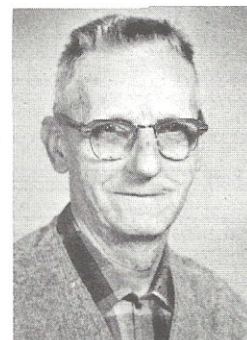
T. L. PRITCHARD
42 Years



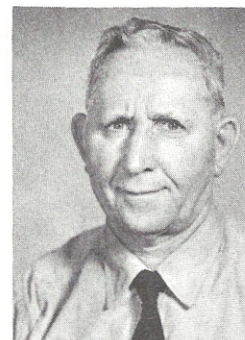
O. SURANNO
41 Years



R. T. GRAY
44 Years



I. J. PETERS
41 Years



A. M. SATZKE
41 Years

JOHN AARDEMA, Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 11-29-33
DAVID H. ARNOLD, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 4-19-24
FRANK A. CESAFSKY, Repairer,
Kedzie, Emp. 12-19-29
CHARLES CONRAD, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-24-37
HENRY A. CRESCIO, Operator
North Avenue, Emp. 10-12-37
THOMAS A. CUMMANE, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-5-29
SHERMAN DICKSON, Trackman,
Track, Emp. 8-19-47
WILLIAM T. DOWTIN, Personnel Investigator,
Special Investigations, Emp. 1-20-38
LOURING M. EATINGER, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-9-29
NORA E. FAHEY, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 8-11-43
ANTON FRANCISCOVICH, Track Foreman IV,
Track, Emp. 8-27-29
FLORENCE H. GRAY, Stenographer V,
Claim, Emp. 3-21-24
RAYMOND T. GRAY, Assistant to Trustee,
Division 241, Emp. 10-15-24
JACK GUARIN, Chainman,
Engineering, Emp. 4-10-34
WILLIAM J. HANNON, Traffic Checker,
Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 7-14-37
GEORGE L. HOFMANN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-25-36
THOMAS A. HOUGH, Accident Record Clerk II,
Train. & Accid. Prev., Emp. 4-26-29
EUGENE J. HOWARD, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 8-30-26
GEORGE H. JAHN, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 4-17-42
JOHN F. KAWA, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 5-2-42
SAMUEL T. KELLEY, Information Clerk,
Transportation, Emp. 1-18-34
MILTON A. LaCLOCHE, Stock Clerk I,
South Division, Emp. 11-2-36
HELEN A. LARKIN, Wrapper & Stitcher,
South Shops, Emp. 3-7-45
ARTHUR E. LAUTER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-19-28
FRANCIS T. MALONEY, Supervisor,
District "C", Emp. 6-3-29
CARL G. MANTHEY, Survey Party Chief,
Engineering, Emp. 4-20-23
JENNIE L. McCLAIN, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 6-30-47
ALEXANDER McFALL, Serviceman,
Archer, Emp. 1-18-44
JOHN F. McLAUGHLIN, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-23-23
MICHAEL F. McNICHOLAS, Serviceman,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-19-42
FRED MELAU, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 6-24-29

PICTURED HERE are eight employees who retired on January 1 with 40 or more years service with CTA and its predecessor companies.

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THOMAS A. NASH, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 11-15-29
JOSEPH A. NOLAN, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 8-17-37
EDMUND NONA, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 3-6-34
DANIEL O'BOYLE, Asst. Foreman,
Kedzie, Emp. 7-8-43
JOHN J. O'CONNELL, Switchboard Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-11-36
HERMAN C. OLSON, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 2-6-43
LESTER M. O'SHEA, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-5-29
IRVIN J. PETERS, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-13-27
RICHARD H. POWERS, Traffic Checker,
Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 1-5-34
THOMAS L. PRITCHARD, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 1-7-26
ARTHUR M. SATZKE, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 10-10-27
THOMAS J. SHEEHY, Collector,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-27-28
ONOFRIO SURANNO, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 5-13-27
RALPH J. TILL, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 8-18-37
RICHARD C. WARNING, Custodian of Stored Records I,
Office Services, Emp. 9-14-27

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

SYLVESTER S. DANECKE, Supt. of Constr. & Maint.,
Electrical, Emp. 8-13-29
STEVE J. GECAN, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 8-21-44
TIMOTHY J. HEFFERNAN, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 8-24-37
GEORGE C. LaMONT, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 8-2-48
LeROY J. MORRIS, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 8-8-42
JAMES NORRIS, Motorman,
61st Street, Emp. 1-11-50
SYLVESTER A. PATELSKI, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-6-43

PICTURED HERE receiving a farewell gift is R. C. WARNING, custodian of stored records I, who retired after 41 years of service on January 1. Shown are, left to right, front row: R. HYNES, supervisor of Office Services, Mr. Warning, A. LATHOUWERS, assistant revenue accountant, and J. KLEIN. Back row: I. JOHNSON and L. LOHN.



joyed by all...We extend a welcome to ASHWIN PATEL, graduate student, to the Engineering department...ALICE WIENSKI, former employe, came to visit us during the Christmas holidays with her darling little daughter who had a smile for everyone. It was good to see her looking so well...Get well wishes to JACK O'REILLY who has been ill in the Little Company of Mary hospital and is now recuperating at home. We all miss you, Jack...Our deepest sympathy goes to JOE DUGO and his family on the death of his sister, Mrs. MARIE MUSCARELLO, who passed away on Saturday, January 4...GRACE IACONO spent a week's vacation moving from one apartment to another, and getting settled. She is still in the same block...Congratulations to BUD WOOL on the birth of his second son, BRIAN JOSEPH, on December 24 at Little Company of Mary hospital...HERMAN ANDERS' son, WAYNE, who will graduate from the University of Northern Arizona this month has been home for the holiday season.

(West Shops) -

TOM WOLGEMUTH, superintendent of structures, had a week's vacation at home doing what his wife told him to do. Smart man. Incidentally, he recently became a father for the second time. Tom said he couldn't have received a nicer Christmas present than his new baby girl, KATHRYN LEE...ED HESS, chief clerk, also spent a week of leisure vacationing at home...Track Foreman TONY FRANCISOVICH retired January 1. He worked for the company 39 years. The men thank you, Tony, for the cigars you gave them, and Ginny and I greatly appreciate the boxes of candy your wife so beautifully wrapped for us. We're sure your retirement will be both a pleasant and happy one...Speaking of retirements, what two hard working laborers are counting the days until their retirement?

- Jeanne Fitzgerald & Mary Gallon

FOREST GLEN -

Hi men! We are now well into our new year, and I hope this year brings joy and happiness to all of you. This year we have a new contract which will last for three years. It shows what a fine firm and union we have when both labor and management can come to an understanding so fast... The loss of Supervisor JOHN ANDERSON was quite a blow to all of us. This fine gentleman passed away just before Thanksgiving. The corner of Milwaukee and Central will never be the same. This man was able to operate his post so well that he hardly ever had to use his running cards. He knew when a man was late or ahead of time. He never had a hard word for anyone, was always willing to help, and then he'd do more than was expected of him...A happy and belated anniversary to ED and JUNE SCHURZ, who celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary December 3. Like Ed says, it seems like only yesterday that June agreed to become Mrs. Schurz. Yours truly can't believe that you have seven years behind—of course these past few years you have looked better, so June keep up the good work on the old boy...By the way, RAY GRAY had a birthday December 3. Here's hoping for many more for you Ray...A double celebration was held at the home of BILL DEVITT on November 30. It was North Avenue Operator HERB LINDEMAN's birthday and Bill and his lovely wife, ETHEL, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary which was on December 2. Bill's son and three daughters and their husbands treated mom and dad to a dinner and theater party later...One of our fine young relief clerks was married

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November 9. MICHAEL HOFFERT and the beautiful LINDA RODGERS became one fine couple on this grand day. They had their honeymoon in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. I'll say married life is agreeing with this young man because he sure looks ever so happy. Lots of luck, kids...Our fine friend, BART DAVIS of Forest Glen, has raised 19 foster children in the past six years. At the present time Mr. and Mrs. Davis have four children: PATRICK, 9, WILLIAM, 5, ANDREW, 4, and SHERRY, 6. It's wonderful to hear of a couple with such room in their hearts to be able to share what they have with less fortunate ones. Also, Bart started the new year out as a grandfather. His daughter, GLORIA, had a little girl and the baby was named PAMELA BEDGOOD. Keep sharing Bart, I know the Lord will look over you and yours...Now fellows, let's start letting me have some news this year or else I'll have to give up writing for you.

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Training & Accident Prevention) -

Best wishes for a happy and healthful retirement were extended to THOMAS HOUGH, accident record clerk II, at an open house party on December 30. Tom's wife, JULE, and their son, LARRY, who is a staff member with Blue Cross and Blue Shield, were present and enjoyed their visit with us on this occasion. Tom worked with the former Surface Lines as a conductor-operator from 1929 to 1966. He then transferred to the General Office, working first in the Claim Department and then in the Accident Statistical section. Tom and his wife plan to retire at Lake Havasu, Arizona, where they will find companionship with many other CTA pensioners who have also chosen Arizona for retirement.

(Training) -

WALTER GARBUTT and his wife, BLANCHE, drove to Fort Collins, Colorado, to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with their daughter, KATHLEEN O'BRIEN (formerly with CTA Technical Services), and her husband, JOHN. Walt reports that this was the best Christmas ever, what with beautiful weather in Colorado, roasting chestnuts in an open fireplace on Christmas eve, and an enjoyable hike to the top of the mountains. Kathleen was anxious to hear all the latest news at CTA and sent back best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all her friends at CTA...JOSEPH O'SULLIVAN, training assistant, announced the birth of his third grandchild, a little girl. She was born on December 18 and baptized SUSAN DIANNE on January 19. Her father, JAY O'SULLIVAN, who formerly worked for Methods and Procedures, is the father of Joe's other two grandchildren, DENISE, age 3, and RICHARD, age 2. Jay and his wife, JUDY, arrived at Little Company of Mary hospital at 2:46 a.m. and the baby was born at 2:56 a.m. No wonder little Susan O'Sullivan's initials are SOS.

(Employment) -

JUDY MARTIN was welcomed as a new CTA employee. We are happy to see JACK O'CONNOR back at work after his recent operation.

(Insurance) -

JOANNE FENN returned to Chicago recently from California to be employed again at CTA as a stenographer while her husband is serving with the U. S. Navy. Joanne was awarded a Christmas turkey for submitting a suggestion.

(Employee Relations) -

JERRY MC MANAMON, our enthusiastic railfan, heartily recommends riding the California Zephyr west this year before the month of June when the Zephyr is expected to be retired. Jerry says the scenery is fantastic, especially west of Denver; that the train crews are extremely courteous, and the meals exceptionally good. The points of interest on the Rio Grande railroad segment between Denver and Salt Lake City, plus the scenery on the western end will make this a memorable trip. If you're undecided about a vacation trip in 1969, consider this tip from Jerry.

Sympathy is extended to Transportation Superintendent ROBERT KEAG and his family on the death of his son, ROBERT Jr., who was killed in Viet Nam while serving with the U. S. Marines. Also to the family of Assistant Superintendent LEO TAMUL whose sudden death shocked his associates.

We were pleased to receive greetings from many of our pensioners and to know they are enjoying their retirement. To mention a few, formerly from the General Office: WALTER HELMER, Specifications; MAJOR MELVIN W. BRIDGES, Employment; CHARLIE KERR, Transportation; RUTH SOUTTER; MARIE KRAUSMAN, Transportation, and COLONEL EDWARD J. BLAIR, Engineering.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEDZIE -

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. Your reporter's Christmas was on the sad side. Our son, AUGUST, left for Viet Nam on December 15, but we had an early Christmas party, which was also a farewell party for him...Superintendent E. K. PETERSON had his daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren home for the holidays. They drove in from Twin Falls, Idaho, and by the time this issue is out, they'll be back home...Operator J. FOLEY had his daughter, BARBARA, spend the holidays with him. Barbara is from Cleveland, Ohio, and she is very pretty. I met Barbara downtown; she was enjoying her stay in Chicago very much. That's what makes the holidays wonderful when friends and relatives get together...Kedzie is not doing to good on accidents. We are falling behind, but if we try a little harder and remember defensive driving at all times, I'm sure we can make a strong comeback in the In-

THIS HAPPY little girl is six month old ANDREA STOLTMAN, the granddaughter of Information Clerk ANDY STOLTMAN. Born on July 3, Andrea is Andy's first grandchild.



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terstation competition. So, let's go...Supervisor ROSSIE had a bad mishap. Just how it happened I don't know. He lost part of one finger and smashed two other fingers on his right hand. They said he was checking his automatic snow blower. We wish you a speedy recovery, and all the operators at Union Station say hello to you!..Our deepest sympathy to the following operators and their families: Operator E. SCOTT on the loss of his mother, Mrs. MAT-TIE SCOTT, who had endured a long illness. Mrs. Scott was laid to rest in Claxton, Georgia; Mrs. F. DAVIS in the loss of her husband, Operator F. DAVIS, who was laid to rest in Queen of Heaven; Operator C. MATTOX in the passing of his wife, after a long illness; Operator J. RICHARDSON in the loss of his mother, Mrs. E. RICHARDSON, who was sick with the Hong Kong flu. She died in Riverside hospital in Kankakee, and lived in Momence, Illinois. She was waked in Chicago, Illinois, and Mr. A. RIZZUTO, foreman of the Repair Department, in the loss of his brother, ANTHONY RIZZUTO, then two days later his father, ANGELO RIZZUTO, passed away...If you want to know why there's a big smile on the face of Repairman M. ROMAS, he just bought a 1969 Caprice Chevrolet. It's a sharp looking car. Happy motoring to you plus loads of luck with your new car.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Hi, all you Keelerites. Here's hoping that the New Year grants you your fondest wishes. Personally, I have it made already. There are three big companies after me continuously: the gas and light company, the telephone company, and the finance company. Just hope the New Year will allow me to stay two steps ahead instead of the usual one... I think Operator GEORGE BRIESCHKE had better take a quick side step after his wife, PEARL, learns how he has been crowing so loudly over the arrival of his son, GREGORY, December 13. Honestly, I had to ask for mama's name, and remind George that Pearl was remotely involved in the blessed event...Can you imagine some years back when Operator DON SEGAR was considered as a blessed event too? He birthdated December 20...It's no surprise really, but Operator JOE ESPOSITO's birthday was December 30 (almost the last day in the year)...Operator LEE HALL requested the birthday chimes be sounded for his wife, BERTHA, January 18...Operator A. L. BOOSE soft pedaled his birthday activities January 20. The big happenings weren't til January 27 with all the goodies going to his daughter, SYBIL, on her second birthday...Proud papa LOUIS HAYNES wishes extra loud birthday week for his daughter, JACQUELINE's, her ninth, January 26...Many happy returns to shy (ha-ha) Operator EZEL LINZY, January 27...Boy, is it really one year already for little LAURIE MULCAHEY on January 30. I guess papa, Chief Garage Clerk PATRICK, knows, eh?...Get well wishes from all the fellows to Garageman "Little Dave"...I goofed again. Last month I personally received a request from our only gal, WILLIE B. NAUDEN, to thank each and every Keelerite for their various and numerous considerations during her illness. With Willie B's disability retirement, Keeler has lost its last vestige of glamour...The garage crew has produced two top notch promoters—namely LOU OLANDESE and TONY PORTERACKI. Their latest venture is a big blowout honoring three retiring garage foremen. Again, it's a good deal including a huge family style dinner and all the fringe refreshments you desire. This time even the ladies

can participate...Say, I almost forgot to blow all the bus horns, January 29, for the third birthday of SALVATORE A. SCIARA. If I had forgotten, papa SALVATORE M. SCIARA would have seen that I got cold buses all winter...Operator H. BECKER is still beaming because his son, JOHN, a Camp Pendleton leatherneck, was able to spend Christmas with the folks...Some guys have all the luck. Operator FILIPEK returned from a Florida vacation all tanned and rejuvenated, and was greeted with the news that his daughter, DIANE, had become engaged Christmas eve...How's this for company loyalty. Viet Nam Purple Heart ALLEN JANITO, the son of Operator ALEX JANITO, will be wed January 25 to LYNN TILLS. Lynn is the daughter of Operator HARRY TILLS of Limits...Trainroom interior beautifying technician SY GOLDMAN commemorates 25 years of CTA longevity on February 2...Hey that reminds me, I was 14 CTA years old, January 6, and will be 19 actual years old, February 1. Funny thing, too, since my granddaughter, ADRIENNE, was five years old December 21...Did you hear the latest news? Scheduleman C. FOLKEN went to the barber shop and asked one of the barbers if he was the one who cut his hair the last time. The barber looked Folken over carefully and humbly replied: "O' no sir, I've only been working here three months..."Well gang, till next time.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

There was a happy reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN DANIEL when their son, Corporal DONALD J. DANIEL, returned home from his tour of duty in Viet Nam. He served with the First Field Artillery Group...Mr. and Mrs. BILL MOSER became grandparents for the "umpteenth" time when their son, JAMES, and his wife presented them with a darling grandson named MARK ANTHONY...Our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT KEAG in the loss of their son, ROBERT K. KEAG, buried December 23. He was killed in action in Viet Nam. Also, to the families of Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT WEST in the loss of his brother, RALPH WEST, buried December 20; CHARLES FABIANO, buried December 7; FRANK DAVIS whose funeral was December 14, and DAVID WHALEN, buried December 31...With the new pension plan in effect, we are losing some of our men. Receiver DAN EIERDAM and Operator LOUIS MAGILL took their pensions on December 1, and ART SATZKE took his pension on January 1. Many happy days of retirement, men. Drop in to see us once in a while...See you later.

- Larry Keating

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Agent JUNE BAREKMAN enjoyed the Thanksgiving holidays in Florida. The weather was beautiful and she and her girl friend spent some time poolside...Agent DOROTHY FORD and her husband, Conductor LEO FORD, spent their Thanksgiving with a cousin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin...Agent LOUISE DREWS and her husband are enjoying the new mobile home they moved into around Thanksgiving...Porter LESLIE BYRNES is the proud grandfather of an 8 pound 2 ounce baby girl born to his daughter...Our deepest condolences to the family of Agent HAROLD EVANS who passed away suddenly. He always had a smile and a cheery word. We knew him, and know that he was well thought of by his teenage passengers...Agent MILDRED DOYLE enjoyed a

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turkey dinner, compliments of the CTA for a suggestion... Clerk DAN DOYLE, Mildred's husband, had surgery on his arm twice in 26 days. He was in the hospital four weeks and is home now recuperating. We hope the New Year will bring him good health...Our long time ticket agents who knew Pensioner MARGE ARNOLD were sorry to hear of her death. She had been ill for many years...MARY DOYLE had a vacation in December but contracted a cold, so she had a nice rest...Douglas route Trainman DARRICK PICKETT has been one proud father since his wife, HELEN, gave birth to little RAQUEL last September 23...At this writing the holidays and all the merry making are over, so now to the snow and cold. That, too, will pass and before you know, we will be picking vacations. We hope everyone has a happy and healthy New Year.

- Helen Pallister

LOOP -

Agent KATHRINE McKENNY is spending the sub-zero weather in sunny Florida. Lucky you!..Twas the night before Christmas and all was quiet round Tower 18, when all of a sudden a clomp, clomp was heard coming up the stairs and jingle bells were ringing. No, it wasn't Santa, it was jolly JOE VARGO with his big black boots and a reindeer collar around his neck. He was wishing all his friends a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The same to you, Joe, from one and all...Just received word that Agent ANN CINCETTI has been quite sick; hope by the time this issue is out, Ann is back to work and feeling fine...Really feel sorry for Agent FAY CAPRIO. Her daughter and family moved from Hawaii to Alaska. No more nice warm vacations for you, Fay...Janitor C. H. DOTSON spent a few days visiting his cousins in Wisconsin...May I take this opportunity to introduce a new addition to the GEORGE ROHRHUBER family. The little one arrived in time for Christmas eve. She was named HOLLY JOY. She is the cutest little black French poodle. Now George spends his free time training Holly...Ring out the old, ring in the new, ring happy bells across the snow. On New Year's eve at Lake and Wells, an air whistle was heard that sounded like it had a bad cold. We know JOE tried his best, but the whistle was a little frozen. Better luck next year.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Specialist 4 JAMES PARSON, the son of Operator EINAR G. PARSON, has been in Viet Nam for the past four months. Einar's son, WILLIAM, and his wife, JUANITA, gave birth to a son November 15. That makes three grandchildren for Einar. We pray for the safe return of James. We congratulate the family on the birth of the new baby...Congratulations to Operator JAMES DAVIS and his wife, PATRICIA, on the birth of a 7 pound 14 ounce son...Sanitary Engineer JOSEPH HIEBEL took his pension on December 1 after 26 years of service. He plans to take a vacation in Waterville, Maine...Collector THOMAS SHEEHY took his pension on January 1 after 40 years of service. Other January 1 pensioners are: Operator LESTER O'SHEA, Operator HENRY CRESCIO, and Operator LOURING EATINGER. Our very best wishes to all. Be sure to let us hear from all of you...Pensioner ERNEST BOCK and his wife, EMILY, are happy to have their son, BILL, home to stay after his tour of duty in Viet Nam with the U. S. Navy...Our sym-

pathy to Pensioner MAX STRUWE who lost his mother, December 20...We received a welcome letter from Pensioner GUS MAY who is enjoying his pension in Winter Haven, Florida. He says "hello" to all his friends here...Thanks to all my fellow employees who sent me Christmas greetings. Also, I was happy to receive cards from Pensioner ELMER DEEGAN and his wife; Pensioner JOHN SENKO and his wife, JEAN; Pensioner GUS MAY; Pensioner LEO PLUSKOWSKI and his wife, EVELYN; Pensioner ART MOILANEN and his wife, BETTY; Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN and his wife, JOSEPHINE; Pensioner FRANK COLEMAN and his wife, MARIE; Pensioner HUGH GARRY; Pensioner ARMIN KOEHN and his wife, GENE; Pensioner HAROLD LEMIEUX; Pensioner BILL ECHOLS, and GERHARD KLAMP, former operator at North Avenue now living in California.

- William Miedema

NORTH PARK -

The personnel at North Park Depot and Garage extend their sympathy to Superintendent and Mrs. ROBERT KEAG and family on the loss of their son, Pfc. ROBERT T. KEAG, who was killed in action while serving in Viet Nam...RONALD CONNOR, the son of Operator JIM CONNOR, received two presidential citations with the bronze star, plus a medical conduct medal for bravery while serving in South Viet Nam. Ron is serving with a medical corps airmobile unit...S/5 FRANK VON SCHWEDLER Jr., son of Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER, was released from the U.S. Army after three years of service. Frank served 18 months in Viet Nam, where he was awarded the air medal with 28 clusters, plus the valor and service medals...BARRY BENNETT, the son of Supervisor LARRY BENNETT, returned home for a 30-day furlough from Okinawa where he was serving with the U. S. Army. Barry will return to Sinay, Turkey, after his furlough, where he will be assigned to army intelligence...LAWRENCE BLADES, the son of Supervisor WILLIAM BLADES, was named dean of the University of Kansas Law school. Lawrence, who is 35, has been on the faculty at Kansas since 1964. A graduate of Dartmouth university, he was a baseball and basketball star while attending that school...Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUE, vacationed at Bonita Springs, Florida, where they had the pleasure of staying at the home of Pensioner CHARLES KERR and his wife, ANN. Sidney reports the Kerrs were gracious hosts. Also on the agenda were stops at Miami, Key West, and considerable time spent deep sea fishing...Operator SEYMOUR HOFFMAN was presented a beautiful Thomas Bel Aire Organ by his wife, FLORENCE, as a Christmas gift. Cy, an accomplished musician, is fast mastering this grand organ. BRUNO MENCARINO is now working at North Park as a sanitary engineer and he looks like a natural at his new position...Pensioner E. H. BURT returned from a hunting trip to Wyoming, where he bagged a large buck deer. E. H. will be happy to serve a dinner to his friends that stop by at Fox Lake for a visit...Pensioner JOE GRASSL and his wife, FLORENCE, report from Edgerton, Wisconsin, that they are still working and serving at the Veterans hospital located at Madison, Wisconsin...Pensioner JOHN ALBERT JOHNSON was hospitalized at Swedish Covenant hospital for major surgery. Mr. Johnson, who resides in St. Petersburg, Florida, is staying with his son, VERNON, while recovering...Mrs. DOROTHY BERROTT, the wife of Collector AL BERROTT, was hospitalized at Illinois Masonic hospital for eye surgery...Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK, who suffered a broken finger during a

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robbery, had surgery on the finger when it failed to respond to treatment...Operator JOHN WINKLER became a father for the third time when his wife, PAT, gave birth to a son named WILLIAM KARL, born December 9 at Edgewater hospital, and weighing in at 6 pounds 2 ounces...Operator BURT SCHWARTZ was married on Sunday, November 24, to Miss LINDA ROBBINS at the Fontainebleau hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. The reception held at the hotel was attended by 100 guests. The young couple honeymooned in the New Orleans area...Operator IRVIN PETERS retired January 1 after 42 years of service. Irvin and the Mrs. will be doing much traveling and expect to find a new home in the future. Operator GEORGE HOFFMAN retired January 1 after 32 years of service. Mrs. Hoffman plans to keep George busy around their suburban home, and we hope Elly isn't too hard on you, George...Happy anniversaries are extended to Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS and his wife, MARY, their 32nd, November 26; Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, their 30th, January 1; Operator BOB WALTERS and his wife, DORCAS, their 32nd, January 1; Operator JOHN EISELT and his wife, LOUISE, January 9; Supervisor LARRY BENNETT and his wife, JULIA, their 28th, January 11; Operator WALTER LINDEMANN and his wife, ELEANOR, their 41st, January 19; Operator DAVE ARREGUIN and his wife, THERESA, their 12th, January 26, and Operator ELI PESTINE and his wife, RUTH, their 34th, January 14...Happy birthdays are extended to Mrs. IDA WEINER December 25, Mrs. EULALIE DOWEY January 10, and Mrs. MARY HOLZMAN January 19...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Operator ROBERT KUHFAL, ARNIE MARSCH, Pensioner HENRY WILSON, and Chief Clerk HADDON PHILLIPS...Repairman PAUL "on the ball" SCHREVES entertained his neighbors with his annual Christmas concert on his theatre organ.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

Now that the holidays are over, we can go back to our regular routine. Hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...The annual meeting of the North Side "L" Federal Credit Union will be held on February 9 at 3900 N. Damen Avenue at 2 p.m. with dinner and dancing until 6 p.m...We have a few new faces on the North Side which are: Agents L. RODRIGUES and G. HUBBARD; Janitors F. WASHINGTON, J. GRAY, R. GLOVER, and P. MONGE. Those transferring West were: A. RYKACZEWSKI, J. HUNT, and W. GOOCH. Those who came North are: V. MARTIN, H. FALLEK, M. RAFTERY, V. BRADBURY, and L. CAUSEY...Mr. ZUPKO's son, JOHN, made the honor roll recently. Congratulations, John Jr...Many of our agents are having trouble calling the assignment office. Here are some additional numbers to call: 2411, 22411, 411, and 2412...Condolences to the E. MURPHY family on the loss of his mother, also to GEORGE and TINA HENKE on the loss of Tina's aunt...The Murphy family greatly acknowledges with thanks the many kindnesses and mass cards sent from the North Side agents...MARIAN SPARKS was home for three weeks during the holidays with the Hong Kong flu, but is back to work now. She is still weak from it, so we hope no one else gets it...Your scribe called her brother and sister in Florida, and found them all in good health even with the cold weather they have had. Her brother-in-law, DICK BROMBERG (former surface and rapid employe), says hello to all his friends and wishes them a prosperous new year...Agent ANTHONY GRAFFEO and

his cousin, ANTHONY HURLEY, Forest Glen bus operator, spent the holidays with their uncle, CHARLES GRAFFEO, "B" Inspector at North Avenue Garage. JO O'SULLIVAN wishes to thank all who sent cards, mass cards, and said prayers while she was in St. Francis hospital...I think it would be nice if some of the old timers who new MAE HANUM would send her a card at the Illinois State hospital, Ward C. W.-18, c/o Mrs. Abbott...Retiring agents on January 1 were NORA FAHEY and JENNIE MC CLAIN. Good luck to both of you...Former student Ticket Agent 2nd Lieutenant JOHN McEVILLY was home from the marines recently...Last October GLADYS RADCLIFFE who retired about 1960 was in an accident in Minneapolis, and was taken to the hospital with minor injuries. While she was there a pensioner of about 16 years came in for a check up and seeing she was from Chicago began to ask about several agents, FRANCES BINNIE, MAE HARLOW, EVELYN and PAUL LANZ, M. COOK, JO SULLIVAN, and BETTY HAWKINS. His name was HERBERT SWARTZ, who is in his 80's, and showed his riding card which he uses when he comes to Chicago for a visit about once a year. Gladys said he looked good for his age...L. RICHARDSON was transferred from a janitor to a bus operator at North Park. R. STEWART was made a clerk at Kimball. Good luck on your new job, fellows...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JIM ZEPP, Mr. and Mrs. CLEO DONALDSON, and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM FITZGERALD on the birth of their babies, all boys too...ORLANDO MENICUCCI is back to work after a long illness. We're glad to see you back...Condolences to Collector STOUT on the death of his sister...Mr. and Mrs. FRED VECK, who now live in Phoenix, Arizona, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 21. Congratulations.

- Grace Mounts

OPERATIONS -

When the deer season opened, red was a very predominant color. Sporting the colors of the hunters were RALPH TRACY and his son, RANDY, and seven of their relatives. With this group of men working together the deer didn't have a chance. Between them they got 5 bucks and 2 does. It didn't take Ralph but a few days to set his sights on an eight-point buck and bring him down. He was quite thrilled and even has the pictures to prove it. His son didn't come home empty handed either, as he got himself a doe. All this took place near Rhinelander, Wisconsin...Coming from far and near—California, Carbondale, Illinois, and Villa Park—KEN WILLIAMS' sons, daughter, and their families brought loads of holiday cheer. His home was a very busy but happy place, and a wonderful Christmas was had by all...If you noticed the buttons popping off of THOMAS M. STIGLIC's coat, it was because he became a grandfather for the second time. His new granddaughter, LORA MARICE MOISAND, was born on November 24 and weighed in at 7 pounds 11 ounces. The Christmas season is very joyous, and it was especially so for ELSIE SMITH. She became a grandmother for the seventh time when her daughter-in-law, CONNIE, and her son, FRED, announced the arrival of 6 pound 11 ounce MERI CHRIS SMITH on December 26. Congratulations to the new babies and their families...While we were shivering in our boots and heavy coats, ROBERT TALBOT and his wife, FERROL, and his daughter, DIERDRE, were enjoying the warmth of the sun and beautiful weather in Fort Meyers, Florida. Robert said he spent six delightful days playing golf and got some pretty good scores. They just took it easy, drove around sightseeing,

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and hated to return to the cold and snow in Chicago...Starting out the new year as a man of leisure was Information Clerk SAMUEL KELLY who took an early retirement beginning January 1. We wish him the best of luck and much happiness.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

DON, the son of DON EDWARDS, is presently serving in the U. S. Navy. For approximately six months he will be on the U.S.S. Columbus in the Mediterranean and then it will be only one more year before he returns to civilian life...Some of our friends who are sick and off from work are C. DeBOER and D. BOAL. We wish them a speedy recovery and want them to know that we miss them. It makes us happy to know that F. BECKER, H. MACKEY, M. CUMBERLANDER, and R. O'GORMAN have returned to work, and we hope they are feeling much better...Thanksgiving was a very happy day at the home of JAMES J. ROCHE. His daughter, JEAN, and her family returned from Germany where her husband, RICHARD, was stationed while in the U. S. Army. The center of attraction was not the turkey, but little CHRISTOPHER, Jim's grandson...If your looking for a nice place to spend the holidays, just ask Mr. and Mrs. "Pat" PORCELIUS. They vacationed in the beautiful Virgin Islands where the sun was brightly shining and where they didn't have a care in the world...A warm welcome is extended to W. CRIGLER and S. JAVORSKY who just transferred into this department...Wedding bells were ringing in December when MARY EILEEN, the daughter of MARTY DALEY, became Mrs. DANIEL BADON. Congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds...Our condolences are extended to the families of W. RAKAUSKIS whose mother-in-law recently passed away, and C. GAGE on the death of his father.

(Traffic Planning) -

THOMAS G. LORENZ Jr., traffic planning technician, received that famous greeting from Uncle Sam saying "We Want You." We wish him the best of luck during the two years he will spend in the U. S. Army.

(Transportation Instruction) -

On December 18, Supervising Instructor RAY PRYOR, Surface-South, received the news that his sixth grandchild had arrived. His daughter, AUDREY MC CAIN, a former CTA employe, gave birth to a 6 pound 7 ounce boy named KENNETH RAYMOND.

(Equipment Research & Development) -

MARLENE DAY and her husband, JOE, spent Christmas in Phoenix, Arizona. From there it was on to the beautiful State of Hawaii and 17 days of enjoyment. They visited Honolulu and other neighboring islands, renting a car wherever they were able to so they could see as much as possible everywhere they went. The island of Maui seemed to rate the highest with them. They kept busy by going deep sea fishing, swimming, seeing the marine show, and taking loads of pictures. For the majority of their vacation they had lovely weather. While Marlene was having fun, PATRICIA DUNEK, from Skokie Shops, was filling in for her at work. It was nice to have you with us, Pat...Having a full office force has been pretty difficult lately. Just as JOHN LIPKA returned from checking over the new Flixible buses in Loudonville, Ohio, TOM LYONS and GLENN ANDERSEN left to inspect the new rapid transit cars at the Budd company in Philadelphia...TOM LYONS finally broke down and

bought a new car. He is now driving a pale blue Chevy station wagon. With the luggage rack on the roof, he will be able to take more camping equipment on his trips.

- Collette Szczepanek

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

CAROL PETERSON, the daughter of IRENE PETERSON of Stores department, became Mrs. RICHARD SEEGER on December 8. Richard, who is presently in the army, will be leaving for duty in Okinawa and his new bride will be accompanying him. So, best wishes and lots of luck to the newlyweds, and congratulations to you, Irene...It's good to see that smiling face of VIRGINIA RZEZNIK again. Virginia returned recently after undergoing surgery. She wishes to thank everyone for all the wonderful cards and get well wishes she received...MARGE HANSON wishes to express her thanks to all who sent cards and gifts to her grandsons who were injured in an automobile accident...The song goes, "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays", so JANE BELL and her hubby, GEORGE, motored up to Beloit, Wisconsin, to spend Christmas with Jane's sister. Jane is a Badger by birth, specifically Janesville, so anywhere in Wisconsin is home so she says. I have to agree with you, Jane, Wisconsin is a beautiful state. New Year's day also means something special to Mr. and Mrs. G. Bell besides noise makers and Old Father Time—for wedding bells had sounded off for George and Jane on January 1, 27 years ago. Happy, happy anniversary to you both and may there be many, many more New Year days in your lives. Congratulations...One of our buyers, M. FLANAGAN, has a special smile on his face these days. The reason—Marty's son, ROGER, was home on leave from his duty station at Fort Knox, Kentucky. P.S. Marty, how's your cold?..Seems Mr. EDWARD CUMMINGS, Purchasing department buyer, has been making all the news lately. First of all, he spoiled his perfect 40 year service record when the King Kong, oops, Hong Kong flu caught him. Well, Ed, guess you'll have to start on another record. Secondly, Mr. Cummings thought he'd give his wife a hand in the kitchen and show her the correct method of opening a canned ham. Things were going fine until the can got away from him. He tried making a mid air catch of the can, instead the can caught him—he received 14 stitches for his great catch on two fingers of his glove hand. So, Ed, we all hope you're back in shape shortly, and by the way, LEO DUROUCHER says he doesn't need another outfielder. Sorry!..While we dressed like Eskimos and built our fires, REBECCA COUSIN of the "jet set" spent a gloriously warm Christmas holiday with her brother who presently resides in Hollywood, California. ..Our deepest sympathy goes to JUDITH HATON who recently announced her engagement to RODNEY R. RUSAKIEWICZ, our brand new reporter. No, all kidding aside, congratulations Rod and Judy and best wishes always. P.S. They plan to strut down the aisle on September 20, 1969, and I mean strut because they're as happy as can be...Our deepest sympathy goes out to STEPHEN FLAHERTY, Storeroom 48, on the recent death of his son, PETER. Also to KEVIN BARRETT of Stores, South division, on the recent death of his father...The boys in the Stores Department, South division, said goodbye to one of their fellow employes, M. LaCLOCHE, who took his pension on January 1. Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. LaClocche for a long and happy retirement.

- Jane Urso & Rod Rusakiewicz

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

HARRY L. ALBERS, 73, Way & Structures, Emp. 10-13-41, Died 11-29-68
 MARGARET M. ARNOLD, 61, West Section, Emp. 3-2-44, Died 11-18-68
 ROBERT BARSANTI, 82, Wilson Shops, Emp. 7-2-23, Died 11-20-68
 CHARLES F. BAUER, 79, Lawndale, Emp. 2-17-15, Died 12-7-68
 WALTER F. BERGMANN, 81, 69th Street, Emp. 2-1-16, Died 11-20-68
 FRANK W. BRAMAN, 68, North Avenue, Emp. 12-15-26, Died 11-3-68
 JAMES E. BROWN, 72, 77th Street, Emp. 2-1-16, Died 11-20-68
 MICHAEL CHUCAN, 77, West Shops, Emp. 3-20-23, Died 2-25-68
 AUGUST L. CIROCKE, 74, South Shops, Emp. 4-16-29, Died 9-24-68
 JOHN G. DUGGAN, 68, 77th Street, Emp. 9-21-25, Died 11-9-68
 CAMILLE M. GILLIES, 83, Accounting, Emp. 2-5-20, Died 9-24-68
 PATRICK GRADY, 79, 69th Street, Emp. 11-23-21, Died 11-24-68
 JOSEPH S. GURGA, 71, Devon, Emp. 10-28-19, Died 11-8-68

HAROLD G. JOHNSON, 68, North Park, Emp. 9-27-27, Died 11-10-68
 GILBERT KELLER, 69, Archer, Emp. 12-13-43, Died 11-16-68
 CLARA S. KOCH, 69, Accounting, Emp. 1-5-16, Died 11-17-68
 VITO LATROFA, 66, Building, Emp. 2-18-43, Died 11-12-68
 PATRICK F. MCCOY, 50, 69th Street, Emp. 3-19-47, Died 12-8-68
 ALBERT J. McMULLAN, 75, 77th Street, Emp. 9-14-25, Died 11-18-68
 BERNARD M. MILKE, 73, Loomis Street, Emp. 8-23-40, Died 10-21-68
 GEORGE C. MISKELL, 75, Cottage Grove, Emp. 2-3-20, Died 11-25-68
 JOHN J. MOLONEY, 81, 69th Street, Emp. 3-20-17, Died 12-6-68
 ERNEST R. MUELLER, 78, Devon, Emp. 3-4-19, Died 11-7-68
 VINCENZO PETRANCOSTA, 89, Track, Emp. 11-7-23, Died 11-10-68

HOWIE R. PRATT, 77, Devon, Emp. 3-6-12, Died 10-23-68
 FRANK REYNOLDS, 64, South Section, Emp. 6-11-26, Died 10-11-68
 ANGELO RIZZUTO, 81, 77th Street, Emp. 5-5-09, Died 12-2-68
 MATT RUDDEN, 78, West Shops, Emp. 3-13-43, Died 11-9-68
 WILLIAM H. SANDER, 81, West Section, Emp. 4-6-45, Died 12-6-68
 ALPHONSE J. SCHMITZ, 64, Skokie Shops, Emp. 11-19-27, Died 11-25-68
 MARIE K. SCHOOS, 77, West Section, Emp. 3-11-27, Died 11-20-68
 DAVID WALSH, 70, North Avenue, Emp. 12-15-26, Died 11-8-68
 CLIFFORD A. WHALEN, 77, North Park, Emp. 1-24-13, Died 11-22-68
 THOMAS F. WHITE, 68, West Section, Emp. 7-1-20, Died 11-9-68
 HENRY WILSON, 69, District "C", Emp. 7-3-29, Died 11-9-68
 MICHAEL ZAWIERUCHA, 81, Wilson Shops, Emp. 11-25-10, Died 11-10-68
 AUGUST ZBORIL, 86, Cottage Grove, Emp. 5-29-17, Died 11-16-68

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

CLARK JOHNSON and his wife drove down to Florida to soak up some of that good sunshine...JAKE SUMNER spent a one-week vacation with his sons who were home for the holidays...WALTER THOMAS' daughter, MARILYN, and her husband were home for the holidays...We wish RICHARD POWERS and WILLIAM HANNON many wonderful years of health and happiness. They retired from CTA on January 1...We welcome W. SCOTT and H. HARRIS to the department as outside checkers...Pensioner GEORGE BRYAN sent us a nice letter for Christmas. Thanks, George, we hope you have a nice New Year...The sympathy of the department is extended to the family of RENE PRIMEAU and LOUIS HENDRICKS. Sympathy is also extended to FRANK CORBETT upon the death of his mother.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

Skokie, like everywhere else, has its flu victims. Among those recently returned were GEORGE ARENDT, electrical



BROTHER MICHAEL HOGAN, F.S.C., who entered the Order of Christian Brothers four years ago, is now assigned to a teaching post at DeLaSalle High school. Brother Hogan is the son of THOMAS P. HOGAN, relief district superintendent, Operations Control.

worker, IVO DI PIERO, carpenter, AL SAMASKA Jr., electrical apprentice, and many others. Our sick list is still long and we wish a speedy recovery to everyone on it... Congratulations to KATHRIN and THOMAS TORREY upon the birth of their second son, GARY JOSEPH, born December 4 and weighing in at 8 pounds 4 ounces. Their other son, PAUL PHILIPPE, was born March 28, 1966...PAT DUNEK, technical services' "Gal Friday", is sorely missed at the Skokie Shops these days. Pat has been filling in for MARLENE DAY, Equipment Research and Development, who is on vacation. Hurry back, Pat.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SHOPS -

On October 20, Mr. and Mrs. HENRY KOLAR became grandparents for the third time when their daughter, DONNA, presented them with a granddaughter, SHARON ANNE. Their other two grandchildren are ROBERT, age 2, and JAMES, age 1...A son, MICHAEL JOSEPH, was born to Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY KRUSZYNSKI Jr. on November 24, making Welder STANLEY KRUSZYNSKI Sr. a grandfather for the fourth time. Michael is the first boy...Selected as "Soldier of the Quarter" for his outstanding performance of duties was Specialist 5 JAY MAGEE, the son of Mr. and Mrs. DAVID W. MAGEE. Jay is stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, and expects to be discharged in December, 1969.

- Frank Spruener

SOUTH SECTION -

Happy New Year to everyone! Now that the holidays are over, let's hope we don't have too severe of a winter...Congratulations to Motorman DONALD KNIGHT who became the proud papa of a baby girl, ANGLIA TRACY, born November 29. This is the first child for the happy Knights...

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Here's some good news—Motorman LARRY DeYOUNG, who was on the sick and inactive list for an extended period of time, was finally able to return to work and was transferred to the surface division as a janitor on December 8. Good luck, Larry!...A hearty "hello" to the newly transferred conductors from the North and West Sections: ANTHONY HORN, JOHN KENNEDY, RICHARD SIMS, LEMUEL KEMP, and RONALD COSLEY...Retired Conductor ERNEST HARDWIDGE and Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT stopped in to see the men at 61st Street on their way downtown to the pensioners meeting. They both looked good and send their regards to everyone. Leonard said he won a Thanksgiving turkey from his bowling league for the umpteenth time...All our hearts go out to Motorman LEONARD BEATTY and his wife, Agent MILLYE, in their sorrow over the loss of their son, Leonard Jr., age 19, who was killed in action in Viet Nam. Pfc. Beatty was a reconnaissance scout with the First Air Cavalry Division and was wounded three times during the 21 months he spent in Viet Nam. He received the Purple Heart with 2 citations, and was decorated by the Vietnamese government. Words cannot express how sad we feel for the Beatty family...Congratulations to Switchman VAN MIMS who was promoted to yard foreman on December 8...Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY was up from Florida for a Chicago visit and he dropped in to see all of us and we had a nice visit. Hugh looks wonderful and he enjoys living in Florida...The Agent's Pension Club held their Christmas and pension dinner at the Beverly Woods restaurant on December 8 and the honored guest was Agent MAE DRISCOLL who retired in March. Mae's family came and helped her celebrate at the party. Mae had 39 years service and a huge crowd came out to wish her luck and happiness. A remembrance was given to Mae from all her friends. The food was good, and there was a grab-bag, and all the pensioners looked healthy and in good spirits...After being on the sick list for some time, and now back at work are: Motorman DOMINIC CESARE, Work Train Conductor THOMAS SCHWARZ, Conductors JOHN KALTSAS and ROY BOETTCHER, Switchman JOSEPH TRIBETT, and Agents WILLIE WARREN and CHARLES GRIFFITH...Congratulations to Retired North Section Conductor FRED BECK and his wife, ETHEL, on their 50 years of married bliss, December 21. The Becks live in Phoenix, Arizona...Agent ALFRED HYLAND, who was on the sick list for several months, passed away recently. All his co-workers will miss him. Our sincere condolences to the Hyland family...Good luck to Agent MARION LOVE who was transferred to the Shops and Equipment Department recently...Motorman JOHNNIE TOLSON is mighty proud that he is head football coach of the Ascension Warriors team of Harvey, a group of boys 10 to 14 years old. His son, VALENCIA, plays back on the team and his younger son, MERWIN, is team mascot. The Warriors ended the season with a record of 4 and 4. Johnnie says next year will be even better...Agent GERALDINE RAYMOND wishes to thank everyone for being so kind and helpful to her after her house was destroyed by fire. She said everyone has been just wonderful to her...We were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Retired Motorman PAUL BOETTCHER. Everyone will miss seeing Paul around Loomis Street. Also, Retired Conductor ROBERT WARFORD passed away recently. Our sympathy goes out to their families...Hi, to newly hired Agents: SHIRLEY ANDERSON, ANNIS ANDERSON, CONSTANCE MURPHY, MARY HURDLE, WILMA TOLBERT, LOWENA MARTIN, and ALESIA ROUNDTREE...Received a card from Retired Assistant Station Superintendent ARTHUR ANDERSON and

his wife, HELEN, from Sun City, Arizona. They really like Arizona. Then they were off to California for the holidays to see the Rose Bowl parade and game on New Year's day, and then return to Phoenix for a few more weeks. Doesn't that sound like a nice winter vacation?...Condolences to Clerk JOHN MULLIGAN on the recent loss of his mother, and to Supervisor DONALD MURPHY on the loss of his mother...Received a nice letter from Mrs. GRABE, the wife of Retired Motorman ALFRED GRABE, and she told us that Al was recently in the hospital for an eye operation and is now home and doing fine. He will return to the hospital in several months for another eye operation. He would like to hear from all of his friends. Here's his address—Silver Saddle Motel, 128 N. College Street, Mt. Home, Arkansas 72653. Before his operation, they had a visit from ARTHUR ANDERSON and his wife on their way to Arizona. The Andersons also visited Retired Motorman CHARLES McMORROW and his wife...Conductor RONALD McKINNEY received a passenger commendation recently for finding a woman's lost purse, and Agent DOROTHY McGEE was commended for her thoughtfulness and courtesy...Received a nice card from Retired Switchman ROBERT JOHNSON and his wife who live in St. Petersburg, Florida. They said to say "hello" to everyone and that they are getting along OK...At this writing Collector RAY NORMAN and Agent ANN O'CONNOR are on the sick list. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery.

- Verna Hartney

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Welcome back to A. KUNZ, Congress, who was off on the sick list...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to A. COSENTINO, Congress, who is off for a double hernia operation...Everyone at Congress is waiting for their invitation to the open house at LARRY MONAGHAN's new home in Park Ridge...To prepare for the holidays and for time to recuperate from all the eating and parties, C. HASLAM and W. THORNTON, Congress, took vacation leaves...EDWARD IZZO, the son of H. IZZO, Congress, was graduated from Great Lakes Electronic school and was assigned to submarine service at New London, Connecticut. Herman is awaiting the arrival of his other son, RONNY, from a tour of duty in Viet Nam...Welcome to Repairman J. HOBBS who transferred from Forest Park to Congress...The CTA American Legion Post held their annual Christmas party for the members and their children. Santa stopped in with presents for all, and special goodies for the kids, and "pop" for the adults.

- Ray Brzeznek

WEST SECTION -

Though it's past Christmas time, here's hoping that your Christmas was a joyous one. We had our Christmas party on the Lake Street and it turned out a success. Not even a crumb was left for old jolly St. Nick. Speaking of the old, our own father time, SANTO SICILIANO, has turned the hour glass upside down. To ring out the old year, he has allowed this kid, LOU PAYNE, to help him to ring in the new year. So, we both wish to extend the very best to all for a (we got a raise) prosperous new year...Now for items of the past and the present. First of all, our congratulations go out to J. COAKLEY on his marriage to a cute young lady named WINIFRED. The best of luck to both of you...F. MEAD was off for an operation. But as Fred says, it was not a removal of his knowledge knot, but an improve-

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ment to his appearance...That nasty flu bug made in Hong Kong bit D. WILSON, S. KOSMA, and J. PRINCE. The guys have made it back to work now...Best wishes to DAVE ARNOLD on his retirement to his new home in Florida...R. RAMSEY, along with his wife, BARBARA, celebrated his birthday. LAURA and B. DAVIS, with CAROL and J. CLAY helped to make it a happy event...Now for a sad note. We lost one of our finest when HARRY SAFRANEK passed away. It was a privilege to have worked with him. We all extend our condolences to his wife and family. Pensioner FRANK FALVEY recently passed away and we would like to send our condolences to his family. Our condolences to J. HOLAKOVSKY on the recent death of his sister...A man with the words is our own G. CLARK who was the toastmaster for the Toastmasters International's dinner recently...How about C. J. JONES who made a radio appearance for the CTA and did a great job. Now he wants to join the entertainers union...After looking under a magnifying glass, we found what was hidden above Supervisor JACK TAGLER's upper lip. I better say it looks good or I won't get any more students...Hear this, Switchman CANO spent his holidays in Mexico visiting relatives and he met Pensioner GLEN KINZIE traveling through Mexico. Cano is telling everyone what Kinzie ran over—and it's not a chicken or a dog, but a horse. We can't get over it, a horse...Guys who got their Christmas presents early were P. HUGGINS and J. JOVANOVIH. They both got real cars, but they act as if they never had a toy before. T. PATTERSON got a cute little compass with the high top boots he bought...I have to apologize to ZIG KOPCZYNSKI for not adding his name to the fine Polish workers we have. He keeps insisting he is a fine worker and we agree. And let's hope his wife gets out of the hospital soon, as Zig sure misses her...In case you haven't notice that the column is better, it's because I have LOU PAYNE writing it with me. He didn't have to march in front of my train so he could help write this column. After reading what he wrote, I might have to do something, for he really is good. So, send items to Lou and me so we can do a better job of reporting.

- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne

69TH STREET -

It has been lean pickings for news Mrs. YOUNG, but old Hedda gave it a real try...The credit union appointed TOM REILLY and TOM COOK to the supervisory committee. Although I'm writing before the big meeting of January 17, I just know everything turned out fine and all had a great time...A big hand to our Union (241) and CTA for the best contract we have had to date. So what do you say we give our riders the best transit service in the country...The weather has been rough but let's drive defensively and cut down the accident rate. Instructor SWANSON says he might buy coffee for every one if we do...Poor WALLY NEWTON had to wash down the pantry for his wife one Monday. He said his wife had more food stuff in there than a super mart...It certainly was good to see CHARLEY POWERS, collector, back to work in December. He had been off since June...Everyone who saw M. J. HENEHAN said he looked as fit as a fiddle. You know, he had to go all the way to Ireland to have his heart attack...FOSTON was struck by a police squadrol in front of the depot one morning. He is doing fine now, but let's all be a little more careful...Even HANK RESCH had to get into the act. He broke his leg but is doing fine. All you fellows on the sick book hurry and get well because little MIKE and FRALE can't work all the

runs...You could hardly talk to R. DAVIS last December 17. You see, his son had just become a daddy. Many happy returns, fella. TOM PRICHARD took his pension the first of the year. We hope that everyone on pension is in the best of health and enjoying themselves. That includes JOE BRADY down there in sunny Florida. Drop me a line fellows and get your name in print in this column...The saddest part of this job is to try to say how much you and I are going to miss those who have gone on to see their maker, such as C. E. COUGHLIN and LEO TAMUL. All we can say is that their families have our deepest sympathy...JIMMY AHERN of the repair department told me that CHESTER LEWANDOWSKI paid a visit and is looking fine. Chester retired recently and had gone to Wisconsin where he caught a lot of big fish...GENE BOSCO, HENRY QUINN, and TONY KAZAITIS also paid a visit. To them and all the other pensioners, like JOE GAMEN down in Florida, many happy New Years for years to come...To Mr. and Mrs. JERRY KRASOWSKI, who were recently married, congratulations and many years of happiness and health...We offer our sincere sympathy to JIM DONALDSON who lost his brother, BILL, and to the families of GEORGE ROSAEK and JOHN-NY (Baldy) MALONEY, our former board member. Our condolences also to the DON SCHEID family. He passed away in California. He is the brother of RAY SCHEID...Let's all work together in the repair department and keep the buses in tip top shape so that the operators have only the best equipment to drive. Who knows, maybe they'll invite us up for coffee when they win the safety award. Keep 'em rolling.

- Arthur P. Buesing

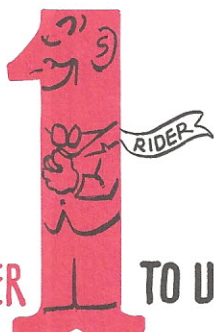
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Happy New Year to all of you from all of us at 77th Street. First, let us thank all who came to the rescue of Mrs. MOSS just before Christmas. You see, Operator MOSS was shot in the head during a robbery, and at this writing, he is doing fine in Hines hospital...Assistant Station Superintendent LEO TAMUL passed away January 1. We at 77th Street send our deepest condolences to his family. Mr. Tamul had been with CTA since March 13, 1943...Mrs. BEVERLY ARMSTEAD, the daughter of Operator OLIVER CHILES, was operated on December 10. We hope it was a success...Operator HEZEKIAH KNOWLES lost his mother at the age of 88. She lived in Jamaica, West Indies. ..Operator L. SANDERS is back. He was off a year and a half because of acid being thrown in his face...Between NICHOLSEN and HUIZENGA, the sisters at St. Xaviers college are praying overtime. We heard on good word that some of the nuns are threatening to leave the order...We were glad to see former Dispatcher JACK KRAUSE looking hale and hearty on his recent trip from Florida. WANDA is a brave girl to let him go alone...Supervisor WILLIE FLYNN is taking driving lessons on how to pull in and back out of his driveway without tearing up his lawn...Operator MICHEL BAPTISTE is back after a two-week bout with the Hong Kong flu. Don't know who won, but he seems to be a bit faster on the street now...Operator ROY SHORES took his son, JEFFERY, on a shopping trip to celebrate his seventh birthday, January 12. He found that he didn't want much, just a diamond ring with his initials in it...Boy, the car thieves are still operating around this station, so please lock your car and take the keys with you. Don't do like AMOS Jr., he locked his car and left the keys inside. Guess who missed?

- Amos Foster & Julius Brazil

This year,
more than ever...

WE MUST SHOW EACH
RIDER THAT HE IS **NUMBER** TO US!



WE DEPEND ON HIM, AS
NUMBER ONE TO MAKE OUR
RECENT FARE INCREASE



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