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CTA PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS-1969

THE YEAR 1969 will be an exciting and challenging year for Chicago Transit Authority. Our new rapid transit extensions to Ashland avenue on the Englewood route, in the median of the Kennedy expressway, and in median of the Dan Ryan expressway being constructed by the City of Chicago, will open this year.

The extension of the Englewood route will eliminate an antiquated and inadequate station at Loomis boulevard and be replaced with a new station, off-street bus terminal and park 'n' ride facilities. Construction is well on the way.

The Dan Ryan route will be 9.8 miles long from the 95th street station to its connection with the existing elevated structure at 18th street and Wabash avenue. An exclusive bus bridge and covered waiting areas have been provided at the terminal for interchange of CTA and suburban bus riders. Nine stations are being built along the route, and construction is progressing rapidly. Some of the stations will have entrances from both sides of the street and the 69th street station will have a bridge for exclusive use of buses.

The track being laid for the extensions is welded rails on concrete ties. This is the first application of this kind for a rapid transit system. The rails are laid in 858 foot lengths.

The Kennedy rapid transit project will serve the northwest sector of the city by extending the present West-Northwest route five miles beyond the existing Logan Square terminal. Six stations, including the terminal station at Jefferson Park, will be located along the route. The CTA terminal station will have a direct connection to the adjoining North Western railway station and a bus terminal for CTA and suburban buses.

New Cars Ordered

One hundred and fifty new stainless steel, air-conditioned cars are being purchased for the lines.

The costs of these major improvements are being borne by the City of Chicago and the Federal government. The contracts are being let and supervised by City departments. Once completed, the facilities will be turned over to CTA for operation and it will be our responsibility to meet all operating expenses from CTA revenues.

The Kennedy extension will benefit about 70,000 passengers daily and the Dan Ryan route will be used by about 95,000 daily passengers. These will not all be new riders. Many of them will be diverted from other CTA bus and "L" routes. In time, we anticipate that new riders will be drawn to these services because of their convenience, speed, and modern, attractive facilities.

Bus Routes Revised

This Chicago Transit Board has approved ordinances revising some 40 bus routes to serve the new stations on the Englewood, Kennedy and Dan Ryan extensions. Bus lines in the vicinity of the stations are to be routed directly to the stations where a convenient transfer may be made to continue trips via rapid transit. As an example, at Jefferson Park nine CTA bus lines will serve the station. Riders will save 30 minutes or more in traveling to and from their destinations.

In most cases buses will pull up at the station off-street area where there will be under-cover protection and then escalators will carry people to and from the train platform. Some bus routes, such as serve the 95th street station, will be cut in two to serve the station, thus minimizing bus delays which occur on long bus lines. All this is being done for the convenience of riders to speed their trips to all parts of the city.

This year, CTÀ will receive delivery of 67 new buses to complete an order for 176 buses placed in 1968. This will bring the total of "New Look" buses purchased since 1961 to 1,377--almost one-half of our fleet of buses being replaced in eight years.

In my opening statement, I said that this will also be a challenging year for CTA. Yes, challenging because we are being forced to find additional sources of income. We have just increased our fares and we feel that we cannot raise them again. We recently have adopted a deficit budget for 1969 of 15 million dollars. We will not have this 15 million dollars which is necessary by trust agreement for deposit into the depreciation reserve fund for keeping our facilities up-to-date.

What are some of the reasons for CTA's present financial condition? They are--wages, cost-of-living, and inflation in general--the same things that are affecting all businesses these days, plus loss of riders.

An Address by George L. DeMent, Transit Board Chairman,
on Thursday, February 6, 1969, at the 65th Annual Meeting
of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry

In the past twelve years the number of employes have been cut substantially and yet our total payroll costs have skyrocketed. In 1968, 76.6¢ of our revenue dollar went for operating labor costs. This leaves very little for other costs of operation.

Since World War II, CTA riding has been on the downgrade. This is understandable because of the availability of automobiles after the war, the building of Chicago's excellent system of expressways and superhighways, and now the popularity of two-car and even three-car families. In 1960, there were 62 million automobiles in the United States and now we have 83 million automobiles.

However, even with our financial problems, we are going ahead with some of the plans that we have been studying for some time. One of these is a reduced fare for senior citizens that we intend to institute in April on a trial basis for several months. If this causes a loss of revenue, then some social agency should be responsible for that loss if the community feels a reduced fare for senior citizens is necessary.

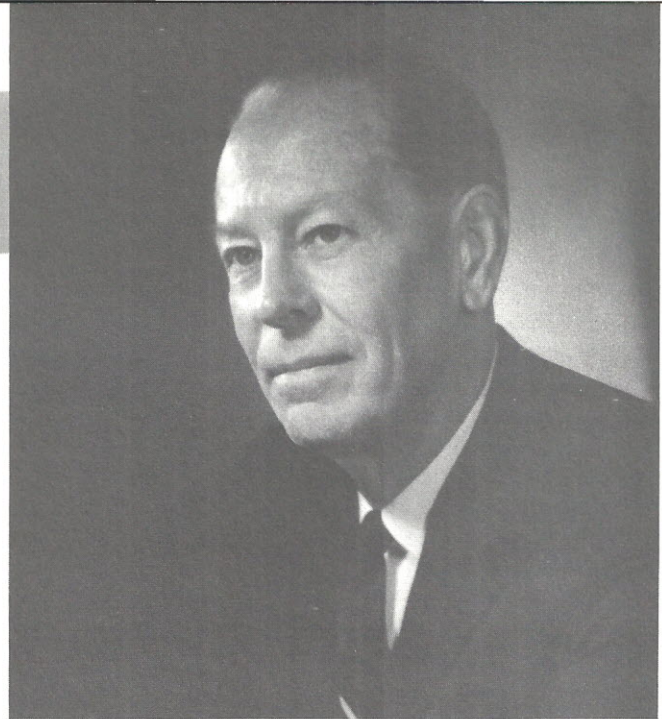
Capital Budget Cut

We had originally set up a desired capital budget of 31 million dollars and this has been pared to 15 million dollars. You will note that even in our 15 million dollar deficit budget we did not include much needed new equipment, renovation of "L" stations with escalators and modern conveniences, or brand new facilities.

Chicago is fortunate to have an established and comprehensive mass transit system. It is one of the best in the country because we have both bus and rapid transit. We cannot let it deteriorate. The movement of people is as essential as police and fire protection, water and sanitation, and other vital services. We know that it has to grow because of our expanding population and we also know that it has to be improved and modernized. This cannot be done through the fare box alone. And we cannot keep increasing fares to meet our needs.

CTA is essential to our Central Business District, to outlying areas and our community in general. It is necessary for carrying people to work and school, for shoppers and for recreation. Our streets and expressways cannot possibly do the entire job.

We realize that we must do all we can to keep our present riders and attract new riders because public



transportation must flourish in our city and metropolitan area. We are going to enter into an extensive marketing campaign conducted by a Citizens' Marketing Advisory Committee of experts from the business community. Their function will be to advise Chicago Transit Authority on ideas and suggestions for marketing CTA services. I am happy to announce that Mr. Carl Guldager, vice president of Sales Promotion, of Marshall Field and Company, will head the committee.

In addition, we are forming a Citizens' Customer Relations Committee which will advise on matters of improving service and ways of pleasing our riders. Mr. Warren Logelin, vice president of AMSTED Industries, will be chairman of this committee. These committees will certainly be a great asset to us.

But from where will the money come to meet our financial needs to keep our service and equipment adequate and up-to-date. This year we find it necessary to ask the state legislature for financial assistance. We are preparing our suggested program and will meet with legislative leaders within two weeks. We will need your support.

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S&E Employees Pocket Big Share of March Suggestion Awards

SHOPS & EQUIPMENT Department employees stepped into the spotlight in March, accepting both the largest amount of cash awards and the greatest number of gift certificates presented by the Employees Suggestion Plan during the month.

Named in the Suggestion Committee report as the month's biggest cash award winner was Andrew Hodorowanic of Skokie Shops, who received a check for \$200.

For their adopted ideas, Patrick J. Nally of South Shops was awarded \$125 and Henry E. Redman Jr. of Operations Control in the General Office was awarded \$100.

Seven employees who submitted their second adoptable suggestion within a year and received \$25 cash awards include: Shops & Equipment—Angelo Falbo, Vernon Howe, and Maurice F. O'Connor, all of South Shops. General Office—Joanne M. Fenn, Insurance Department; Leonard R. Skrine, Office Services, and Diana L. Wood, Public Information. Transportation—Erol T. Murphy, North Section.

For submitting their first adoptable suggestion, these 11 employees each received a \$7.00 Jewel-Osco gift certificate: Shops & Equipment—Leroy J. Albers, South Shops; Patricia A. Dunek, Skokie Shops; Gay L. Jenkins Jr., South Shops; Charles Qualiardi, Skokie Shops, and R. L. Smith, Kimball Shops. General Office—James E. McCoy, Real Estate; Leonard R. Skrine, Office Services, and James M. Toolis, Traffic Planning. Engineering—Malcolm C. Simpson, West Shops. Stores—Henry Brandenburg, South Shops. Transportation—Edward Federowicz, Limits Station.



OUR COVER: Proving that it measures up to expectations, Karen Hoffman (left) of South Shops and Diana Wood of Public Information hold a tape rule to bus 3700 - - the narrowest bus purchased by CTA in 20 years-- as Instructor John White looks on.

Special Buses Arrive for Lake Street Route

THE FIRST of 30 new buses for the No. 16 Lake street bus route was received April 18 from the manufacturer, The Flxible company of Loudonville, Ohio. Buses in series 3700-3729 are tailor-made for Lake street service and because of their distinctive size differ from other modern CTA buses.

Before being placed in service the buses must undergo inspection in CTA shops; however, several of the new buses will begin operating early in May and by the end of the month the Lake street route will be entirely served by new vehicles. Being replaced are a like number of 21-year old buses which were retained specifically for Lake street service.

The 30 buses are the last part of a \$5,335,223 order for 176 new 50-seat diesel-fueled buses. Delivery of the first 146 buses was received between November 8, 1968, and January 28, 1969. The interruption in deliveries since then was necessary to permit the manufacturer to retool its plant for production of the special buses.

Unlike all other buses produced for CTA since 1950--which are 102 inches wide--the 30 latest buses are only 96 inches wide. The limited passing clearance between "L" columns on Lake street necessitates the use of narrower buses.

The buses differ from other new buses in items relating to width only--windshield, axle, roof and floor panels, and seats. The extra-large 36-inch wide seats which have been standard in all new CTA buses and rapid transit cars since 1961 are replaced by 34-inch wide seats in the 30 special buses to maintain adequate aisle space.

FOR THE fourth time since 1956, Skokie Shops had been awarded the coveted American Transit Association Bronze Certificate for safety achievements. The facility was awarded the certificate for logging 296,620 consecutive man hours without a lost time injury between November 11, 1967, and August 9, 1968. Displaying the ATA award are, from left, W. A. Ashley, superintendent of Insurance and Pensions, E. R. Hendrickson, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, and J. F. Dudley, S&E coordinator of fire and safety. Skokie Shops won the Bronze Certificate previously in 1956, 1962, and 1967.

Board Approves Senior Citizen Fare, O'Hare Airport Bus Service

ACTION TAKEN by Chicago Transit Board at the April 10 meeting included approval of a reduced senior citizen fare and an agreement with the City of Chicago to establish bus service between the Kennedy rapid transit extension and O'Hare airport.

The special senior citizen fare, which is identical to child/student rates, became effective Sunday, April 20, and will continue throughout a test period.

The reduced fare for all persons 65 years and older applies Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays and certain holidays from 7 a.m. to Midnight. The holidays are: New Year's day, Memorial day, Independence day, Labor day, Thanksgiving day, and Christmas day.

To qualify for the reduced fare, senior citizens must show their Medicare card or special CTA identification card when paying fares. Only those persons not possessing Medicare cards are issued the CTA senior citizen reduced fare permit.

During the test period, periodic checks of senior citizen riding will be made within the specified hours to evaluate gain or loss of revenue as compared with checks made prior to the start of the program. These riding checks will determine how long the program is to continue and whether a subsidy will be necessary in order for it to continue.

"CTA welcomes the opportunity to serve the 400,000 senior citizens in the Chicago area with our reduced fare plan," said George L. DeMent, chairman of Chicago Transit Board. "Despite our financial problems, we feel that we owe it to our golden-agers to give them this opportunity to ride during non-rush hours at a reduced fare."

The proposed CTA express bus service will link the soon-to-be-completed Jefferson Park terminal of the West-Northwest rapid transit route and O'Hare International airport.

The Mayor's Committee for Economic and Cultural Development of the City of Chicago was authorized by the Board to make an application to the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for a Federal grant to finance CTA express bus service between the terminal and O'Hare airport to transport workers from areas of high unemployment within the City to job locations at the airport not otherwise served by local mass transportation.

If approved, DOT will provide 90 per cent of the net costs (project costs after deducting revenue) and the balance will come from interested businesses at the airport arranged through the Mayor's Committee for Economic and Cultural Development.

Beginning at the Jefferson Park terminal, express buses would operate southeast in Milwaukee avenue to Lawrence avenue, east in Lawrence avenue to the Kennedy expressway, and in the Kennedy expressway to O'Hare airport. Stops at the airport would be in the terminal and cargo areas. Buses would return to the Jefferson Park terminal over the outbound route.

Twenty-four hour service, seven days a week, would be provided at intervals of 30 minutes from 4 a.m. to Midnight and hourly between Midnight and 4 a.m. The charge for this service would be the same as CTA's outer-zone rates of fares.

Service would begin coincidental with the opening of the new rapid transit service in the Kennedy expressway to Jefferson Park.



FOURTH QUARTER winners of the Interstation Safety Contest in 1968 were Lawndale Station with a score of 67.26 and 61st Street Station with a 60.28 score. Accepting the award for Lawndale Station from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn, at left, are H. P. Braun and J. S. Petrosius. In the picture at right, G. A. Riley, superintendent of operating stations, is presenting the plaque to 61st Street Superintendent R. W. Meisner.



MEDICALLY SPEAKING

METABOLISM OF THE BODY

METABOLISM IS the sum of all the physical and chemical processes by which living organized substance is produced and maintained. Also, metabolism includes the transformation of substances, such as chemicals, foods, and tissues, into energy for the use of the body.

During the metabolic reaction of our body cells, oxidation occurs and heat and energy are produced. Also during this reaction, or process, waste products--mainly water and carbon dioxide--are given off.

Body metabolism is determined by taking the basal metabolic rates. This test measures the amount of oxygen consumed per minute and is prorated and calculated according to age and body weight.

The thyroid hormone, which is produced in the thyroid gland, is the main controlling factor of metabolic rate. It should be noted that every cell and every organ in our body--as well as all food substances, chemicals, and minerals--have different metabolisms.

The energy our body requires for living and working is accordingly derived, by metabolism, from the foodstuffs we eat. Metabolism, sometimes referred to as the "process of life," is very complicated and calls for teamwork among the machinery of the human body. Furthermore, the complexity of metabolism is increased because each food substance as mentioned above such as carbohydrates, protein, and fat have different metabolic rates or processes. Likewise, all minerals such as potassium, chloride, calcium, salt, etc., have different metabolisms. Finally, the various tissues of the body, including arteries, nerves, muscles, and bones, have their own special kind of metabolism.

From the above remarks one may realize the magnitude of this subject of metabolism. You will also understand why we can only mention a few outstanding aspects in such a brief article. I trust a few examples will help for a better understanding.

Carbohydrates present in the starchy foods are converted into sugars of their own type of metabolism. When this process is normal, our body is healthy and full of energy. When the metabolism of carbohydrates is abnormal, diseases such as diabetes develop.

Proteins, more than fats or carbohydrates, are used to build up cellular structures and tissues. The tissue waste products resulting from the wear and

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CTA Medical Consultant

tear of living, are replaced by the new stances of protein metabolism. Though tissue repair is one of the chief functions of proteins, they are also burned for energy. Proteins contain many nitrogen compounds and are present in common foods such as meat, eggs, and cheese.

Fats, present in all fatty foods, such as fatty meats, butter, ice cream, etc., enter the blood as droplets largely via the lymphatic vessels. In the normal metabolism, oxidation is the main process by which fats are burned to carbon dioxide and water. When the combustion or metabolism of fats is not normal or complete, fat droplets are deposited in various parts of our body producing overweight.

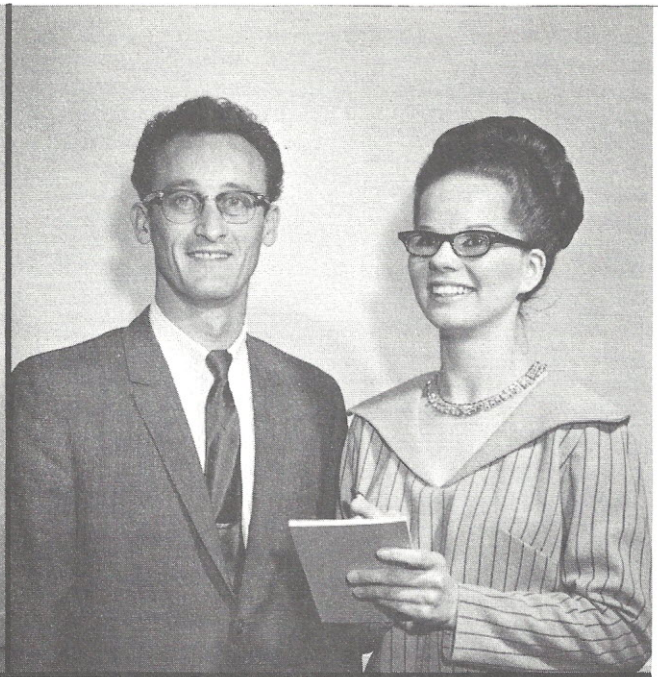
THE LIVER - ITS ROLE IN METABOLISM

Probably no other organ or tissue in the body is so chemically versatile or so metabolically indispensable as is the liver. It is the most amazing and dazzling chemical plant ever known. At all times it keeps a 24 hour supply of glycogen or starch. Part of this is converted into glucose which is fuel for muscle action and is fed into the blood stream. Each second 10 million red blood cells die and these must be disposed of. The spleen breaks them down and then the liver helps salvage the components and build new red blood cells.

Among its many jobs--500 or more--the liver manufactures bile which is then stored in the gall bladder and is used for aiding digestion at meal time. It also has an important role in the digestion or metabolism of protein-carbohydrates and fats. The liver acts as a storage bin for many vitamins.

We constantly consume lethal poisons such as alcohol, nicotine, and various drugs. The liver is always on the job and detoxifies them so they are harmless. It also has to do with production of cholesterol. One other very important function of the liver is the production of fibrinogen and prothrombin which help clot the blood. One might cut their finger and bleed to death were it not for this important liver function.

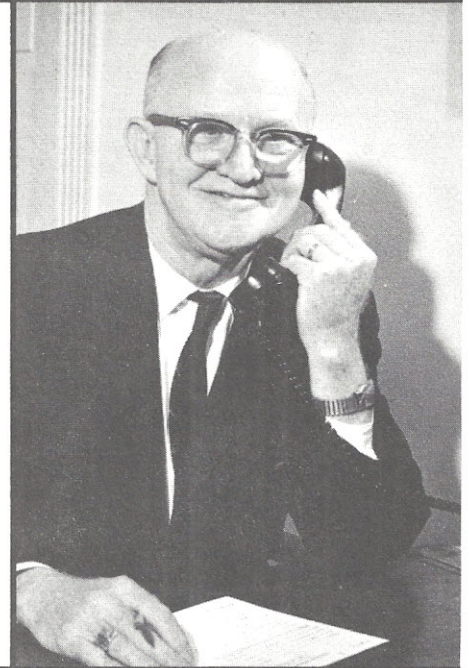
In conclusion: Remember metabolism is the process of life. It is an important factor in the general build of our body, how we look, feel, and work. It is most important in our general health and in how long we live.



QUESTION:
What is your favorite
type of entertainment?

INQUIRING REPORTERS:
Peggy Hallahan
& Shari Pupa

LOCATION:
Claim Department



JACK CHUNOWITZ, auto damage examiner (with reporter Shari Pupa): "My favorite form of entertainment, besides watching my wife and daughters enjoy life and making them happy, would be attending the theatre or seeing shows like those that took place at McCormick Place, trying new restaurants, and traveling when we can. I also like to bowl and just relax in front of the TV with some homemade popcorn."

SAM VAUGHAN, locator: "My favorite type of entertainment is visiting points of interest in various cities on the weekends. My wife, Willie, and my daughter, Joyce, are always ready to take a short sightseeing trip to a new city. Upon arrival, my daughter's first point of interest is the nearest ice cream parlor."

RAY TIERI, legal investigator (with reporter Peggy Hallahan): "My favorite forms of entertainment are bowling, dancing, and fishing, with the latter being even more fun now that my wife is interested in it."

VINCE MOORE, adjustor: "My favorite entertainment is baseball. I don't believe there is any finer thrill than being present at the ball park. It's the last half of the ninth inning--the home team is trailing by three runs--and on the next pitch the batter hits a grand slam home run to win the game. There's nothing like it."

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Tabulating) -

Sympathy is extended to CLARENCE BUTHMAN and family on the death of his father-in-law, Mr. EDWARD PLAGÉ, who was buried in Waterloo, Illinois...MARION SUTHERLAND journeyed to sunny California for a delightful two weeks and took part in a beautiful housewarming party in Long Beach. During a lovely drive to Palm Springs she became ecstatic about the 78 degree weather, the mountains, and the sun. She also paid a visit to San Diego and went into Mexico where she spent some time shopping.

- Evelyn Lee

(Revenue) -

Welcome to new Revenue employees: JACQUELINE BIZEK, comptometer operator; ARLENE SPATZEK, key punch operator, and REBECCA WILSON, comptometer operator, who transferred from agent on the rapid transit system.

- Clotilde Mrazna

(Payroll) -

We regret losing our "star" reporter, EILEEN NEURAUTER, to the Public Information Department, but we wish her much success and happiness of her new position as service representative. Confidentially, she is still on Cloud 9 since her promotion...CHRISTINE CAMERON flew to Colorado Springs and spent a delightful week with her brother and his family...Leaving plenty of space in their suitcases for their winnings (?), DENNIS ROGUS and BILL SHOLDICE, Training & Accident Prevention Department, set out for that fabulous place—Las Vegas—where they enjoyed many of the big shows and basking in the sun during the day. They went on to Vail, Colorado, for a little skiing before visiting friends in Denver...JOANNE PARIS' active Hustlers Ski Club flew to Aspen, Colorado, to enjoy their favorite sport and while there they met a Singing Group also called the Hustlers, who were performing at the Red Onion. This was too much, so they immediately initiated the group into the Club and a good time was had by all...To dodge a bit of winter, CLARA LAWRENCE sojourned to Scottsdale, Arizona, for two weeks to enjoy some fun in the sun and cheer the Cubs on to victory. The weather was great, but leaving Arizona where it was 86 degrees at 2 p.m. and arriving in Chicago at 6 p.m. in 26 degree temperature was quite a shock.

- Clara Lawrence

BEVERLY -

Florida, the sunshine state, has again increased its population as one of the last of the "Red Devils" now resides there. He is better known as Pensioner BILL RADLOFF. Bill's new address is: Royal Stewart Arms, Apt. 204 Clyde Bank, 3 Gates Head Drive, Dunedin Beach, Florida 33528. There are only a few of us left, Bill, and I sure hope to see all of you lucky pensioners some day...Thanks to Pensioner BERNIE ZESCH and his lovely wife, FRANCES, for the Easter mass card and wonderful letter. Glad to hear you are feeling better, Bernie, keep up the good work...We work all our lives while we are here for this short visit on earth

and only a few of us are allowed to enjoy a few years of happiness, that is why we must "keep the faith"...We express our sympathy to the families of the following: HELEN SHEEHAN, the sister of Pensioner PETE FLAHERTY of 241, GEORGE WAGNER of 69th, and our old buddy Operator HARRY DeLORME who passed away...Clerk MIKE AKAI is a wonderful artist and should make better use of his talents, not waste it.

- Tom Daniels

CONGRESS (Agents) -

Spring is here and one of Agent FAY CAPRIO's passengers went so far as to write a poem for her...The latter part of this month, Agent GEORGIA BURGEE and her husband, PAUL, are leaving for Mexico where they have made many friends. They will attend a fiesta in Jiminez and are planning to have a good time. They will come home via the southwest part of the country where they will stop and visit relatives...Security Officer JAMES TRUHLAR is confined at McNeal hospital in Berwyn and wishes to thank his co-workers and friends for their kindness...Agent CHARLES SNYDER is in St. Elizabeth hospital. Charles can't chase the nurses around because of his broken leg, but he can dream...Trainman FRANK SVICUZZA took a vacation starting April 13 and didn't come back. The fellows at Desplaines had a nice pension party for him. Frank always started and ended his work day with a smile. Good luck and good health...Bus Operator JACK WILLIAMS of Kedzie Depot is retiring as of May 1. He got a most unusual job opportunity--lots of fresh air, sunshine, and no uniforms. It's just great he says and if you are interested he'll be glad to tell you about it. It beats bird watching...Congratulations to MARY CLARKE on her retirement. We wish Mary many happy years and hope that we'll see her from time to time...Desplaines Clerk THOMAS GUNN is on vacation. He's doing what a lot of us do--catching up with things we always put off doing or can't find time to do when we are working...Porter JAMES CLARK is out fishing every chance he gets. He catches them and the neighbors eat them. Sunday, April 13, he caught seven blue gills and a northern pike.

- Julia Brousek

ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -

On St. Patrick's day all of us at Blue Island enjoyed a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner which was prepared by HANK GABAUER. Hank has taken over most of the kitchen duties and since doing so has hurried to complete the Red Cross first aid training. We wonder if he is trying to tell us something about his cooking...Best of luck to MIKE BATTISTO who retired on April 1. Among the many who wished him well at a farewell breakfast were Pensioners ED BOYLE, CLYDE PETERSON, JAKE BERNSTEIN, and LEN FRANCISCO...Welcome back to N. WALLACE who has just returned from sick leave. W. LOOS, L. DONOFRIO, and W. STAUNTON are still out and we wish them a speedy recovery...Our sympathy is extended to the

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families of FRANK REGAL and MAX MUCHA, and to HARVEY HEIDE on the loss of his father...The following men all celebrated birthdays in March: J. FRIEDMAN, W. GLASSNER, A. WILLIAMS, E. SUPERZYNSKI, P. KENNY, B. CZANSTKOWSKI, J. McDERMOTT, J. BRONDON, A. FENNEMA, F. McDERMOTT, N. WALLACE, R. NELSON, C. CUDEK, and G. EGGERS. Congratulations and best wishes to all of you...The ice is gone from the lakes and streams and we are looking forward to some lovely spring weather, but the one sure sign we have that spring is here is the fact that ZIGGY, COOK, and ROCH are changing all conversations to boating...Received a card from BARNEY TOAL who vacationed in Florida. He visited SCOTTY JOHNSON and AIDENS KENNY and found them both well and really enjoying retired life...To all pensioners--remember the coffee pot is always on and the fellows here at Blue Island enjoy your visits.

- William Rehder

ENGINEERING—RESEARCH & PLANNING -

Congratulations to ROY SMITH and his wife, MARY-ANNE, formerly of Executive. A second son, ROBERT GERARD SMITH, arrived at Christ Community hospital on March 26 weighing in at 6 pounds 11 ounces...A farewell luncheon was held on March 21 for PEGGY LEONARD who left CTA to await a blessed event. More than 25 employees gathered. Peggy received some very nice gifts...Our condolences go to ROBERT HODGETTS whose father passed away recently...Welcome back J. B. O'REILLY. It is good to see you back on the job again...We welcome YOLENNE CLAUDE to the department...We are all happy to see HELEN LOFTUS back on the job again. Helen wishes to thank everyone for the wonderful cards and notes sent to her during the time of her illness...Our condolences to GRACE IACONO and her husband, FRANK, South Shops, on the passing of Mrs. FILOMENA IACONO on March 14. She was Frank's mother...We welcome Co-op Trainee MARK TUSHINSKI to the department...Best wishes go to JEANNE FITZGERALD, our former scribe, on her new position in the Public Information Department.

(West Shops) -

JOE RUZICH, track foreman, retired on April 1 after 44 years of service. Joe worked at 61st Street. He plans to



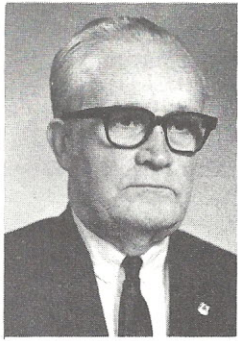
HOLDING HIS weapon at ready is SP/4 KEVIN J. HALLEN, the son of Repairman JAMES HALLEN, Forest Glen, and the grandson of Pensioner EDWARD SCHMIDT. Kevin is presently assigned to the 51st Infantry Division, stationed in Illesheim, Germany.

take it easy and do some traveling. Fellow workers had a luncheon in his honor and presented him with a lovely gift... Laborer TONY VITTORIO, who has been with the company for 27 years, retired on April 1. He was taken out to dinner by fellow workers and presented with a check. I, among many others, will certainly miss seeing Tony riding in his yellow jeep. When asked what his future plans were, he simply replied, "I've got lots of grandchildren." I guess that adequately answers the question...Speaking of grandchildren, congratulations are in order to BILL GILLIGAN, assistant steamfitter foreman, whose daughter had a baby boy recently...A proud father indeed, is Steamfitter ALAN DOWNING, for his son, ALAN, appeared in the Albert J. Horan St. Philip concert honoring Edward V. Hanrahan our States Attorney. Alan Jr. did a solo of "Climbin' Up the Mountain" and "Ole Man River." The concert was held at Orchestra Hall and many people of importance graced the audience. Among them was Mayor Daley...JIM BEATTY, laborer, plans to bear hunt at Sault Sainte Marie in the upper peninsula of Michigan during the first week of May. Jim is quite a hunter. He has gotten himself two deer this past year alone. On this trip he hopes to bag a bear so that he can have a bear skin rug. Let's hope he doesn't come up with a bare skin. Lot's of luck, Jim...WILLIAM HASKINS, steamfitter foreman, spent four glorious weeks touring Florida. Everyone who knows Bill knows that he owns a beautiful Harley-Davidson motorcycle, but he didn't go to Florida on his bike. He drove his car. However, he said he enjoyed the trip and the sights...WEST SHOPS FLASH: What stalwart old steamfitter comes to work with a lady's gold change purse?

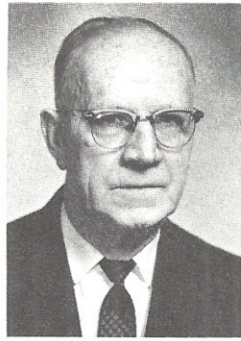
- Jeanne Fitzgerald & Mary Gallon

FOREST GLEN -

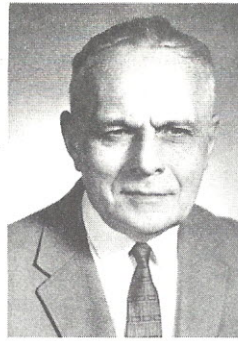
Hi men! ERNIE GRUDEL says he had a fine vacation when he and his wife spent several weeks in Florida. They did a little fishing, catching a few sea bass, but didn't have too much luck as the weather wasn't too good. He spent a day with Pensioner GEORGE KREHL and his wife where they are enjoying retirement in their lovely home. The four of them went to the dog races, but our friend, Ernie, just went to the dogs for he lost every race...The annual Division 241 golf tournament will be held on July 7 at the St. Andrews Country Club at North avenue and Route 59. Our par shooters, ANTON SONJU, ANDY LEE, and of course, "MOOSE" NIMTZ, are starting to practice along with WALTER PONDEL. Please see the committee for any more details. Good luck to all...Driving to Florida this month is Receiver EDWARD O'KEEFE and his wife and sister-in-law, Mrs. HARTUNG. Ed says, "Wait until I try my hand at fishing in those coastal waters, in fact, I believe I'll outdo all the others." Anyway, Ed, I'm looking for a good story for next month...Flash--HOLLY RODERICH is expecting the stork in late June or early July. No wonder Operator RODERICH is walking around with his chest out a mile. The best to you two kids, and be sure and let us know if it's a boy or girl...Seems there is a certain group that buys coffee and rolls on their birthdays. Well, a few weeks ago TOM MEAGHER had a birthday and what did he do? He took off so we didn't get any coffee and rolls from him. What some guys won't do to save a few cents. Oh well, we'll get even with him...Operator THOMPSON was recently in the hospital because of his back. He is well now and has returned working the Austin line. I don't believe you could find a nicer fellow, one who is so well liked around



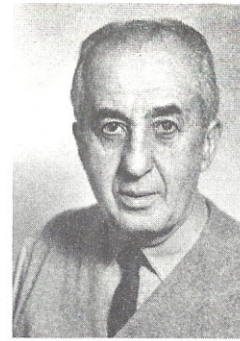
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41 Years



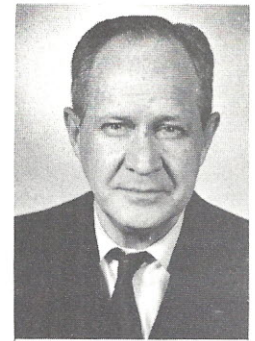
J. H. DRAUS
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G. J. BROUCEK
44 Years



J. S. RUZICH
44 Years



L. C. DEVLIN
41 Years

MIKE BATTISTO, Lineman,
Electrical, Emp. 4-10-39
JOHN P. BENNIS, Traffic Clerk,
Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 9-7-27
GEORGE F. BRAZINGTON, Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-6-43
GEORGE J. BROUCEK, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 2-11-25
MARY E. CLARKE, Statistical Sec. Supvr.
Train. & Acc. Prev., Emp. 6-4-23
WILLIAM F. CLAUSSEN, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 10-19-36
LAWSON C. DELVIN, Chief Clerk,
North Section, Emp. 5-10-27
JOSEPH H. DRAUS, Upholsterer Foreman,
South Shops, Emp. 2-20-29
JOHN B. FITZGERALD, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 6-8-39
PATRICK J. GAFFNEY, Carpenter,
South Shops, Emp. 8-8-27

NEW PENSIONERS

CLEMENS HAMMERSCHMITT, Elec. Worker,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 7-2-42
EDWIN E. HARDER, Collector,
Keeler, Emp. 10-29-29
JACK M. HILLMAN, Inspector,
Special Investigation, Emp. 7-10-29
CHARLES J. HUCK, Janitor,
77th Street, Emp. 9-12-42
PATRICK J. KETT, Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-27-42
CARL A. LILJEHORN, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-7-33
WALTER C. LINDEMANN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-8-28

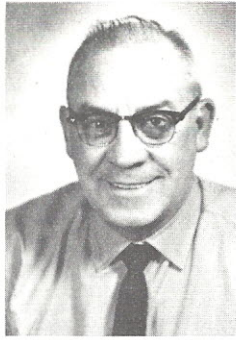
the depot...Operator JOE MURPHY retired on March 1. He is planning to enjoy life by taking it easy for a while. Good luck, Joe, from all of us...Operator TERRY SMOCZYNSKI reports the birth of a son, ERIC, on December 12, 1968, weighing 6½ pounds. They now have two children...CLIFFORD LAST finally received his first letter of commendation and he was sure proud. I do believe he showed it to all who would stand still long enough to hear the story...Don't forget your credit union, fellows. They are ready to be of service when you need them...Have any of you noticed the sideburns some of our boys are sporting? Oh yes, and what do you call it, the thing that grows under your nose? Well, take a good luck at Operator PETE PETERSON. He needs some black shoe polish for his blonde mustache. I do believe it would show up better. TOM HICKEY is sporting the sideburns. Well, fellows, I'd say they do something for you...Supervisor GALLAGHER is now wearing the new gray uniform, and let me tell you he looks great. The old boy looks younger everyday.

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

KEELER -

Being proud is something to be proud of, and Keeler Station is no exception. Our record speaks for itself. One of the reasons for this is Station Instructor J. HENDERSON. Just to enlighten you, here are a couple of tips Mr. Henderson so graciously submitted: (1) The light poles on Addison and Diversey have been numbered. The number at the top

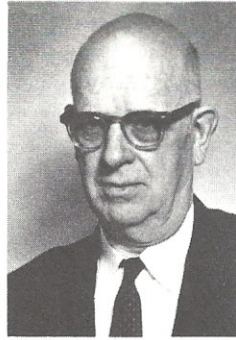
tells you what hundred block you are in, so by watching the numbers, you can tell when to change transfer zones and also call streets. (2) Better relations can be had by talking more to the passengers. Not in the sense of holding a conversation, but by the use of the following phrases: watch your step, hold on, move to the rear of the bus, and to be sure and say please. Also, call the streets. The above can be practiced at home on the wife, all except calling the streets...Our warmest congratulations go out to Co-reporter ERNEST CARTER and his wife, VIRGIL, who celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on April 27. I would like to extend my personal wish for 31 more years of harmony... Little PAUL DANIELS Jr., the son of Operator PAUL DANIELS Sr., celebrated his fifth birthday on April 15. We also extend belated birthday greetings to Mrs. FLORENCE NELSON, the wife of Operator JAMES NELSON, who celebrated on March 29...Welcome back to Operator JOE COCHRANE and L. KUZYK who recently recovered from their illness. Things will return to normal now. Hey, hurry back, FREY. Sorry to hear of Operator SAM HIGH-SMITH's recent accident. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery and hope you return soon...I took a walk through the repair department a couple of weeks ago, and the guys are really together. Talk about spirit! Talk about teamwork! Talk about harmony! Baby, they've got it. I would like to salute all the mechanics and garagemen on their high degree of efficiency and great capabilities...Garageman ALBERT ANDREWS is packing his fishing rods, reels, and camping gear to take that long and well-deserved vacation. Have a good trip, Al, and hurry back...Well, I guess every-



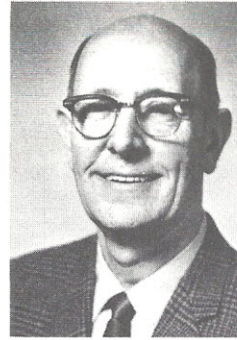
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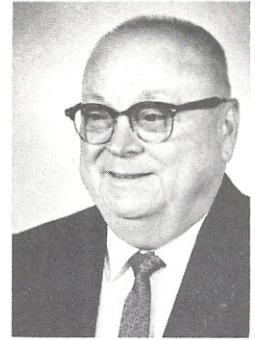
H. P. TROUTMAN
40 Years



M. McCORMACK
42 Years



G. VAN DERHAEGHEN
40 Years



J. P. BENNIS
41 Years

FOR THE ten CTAers pictured here, April 1 became an important date - - it was their first day of retirement. Each of the new pensioners had been in the employ of CTA and predecessor transit companies for more than 40 years.

WILLARD L. LUCAS, Blacksmith-Welder,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 2-7-39
ALEXANDER LUCE, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 2-13-36
MAURICE McCORMACK, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-15-27
JOSEPH R. McCOURT, Janitor,
77th Street, Emp. 1-23-46
EUGENE J. MERSKI, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-27-45
GEORGE W. NELSON, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 7-24-29
FRANK J. OSTERBERGER, Transf. Counter,
Accounting, Emp. 4-10-42

HARRY T. RUBY, Repairer,
Limits, Emp. 4-3-36
JOSEPH S. RUZICH, Track Foreman,
Engineering, Emp. 6-12-24
HAZE P. TROUTMAN, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 7-27-28
GEORGE A. VAN DERHAEGHEN, Trainman,
North Section, Emp. 1-5-29
ANTHONY VITTORIO, Laborer,
Building, Emp. 8-14-46

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

COLONEL A. DIGGS, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 12-16-48
ANDREW J. KLICH, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 8-24-37
HILTON C. STEWART, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 6-22-48

one knows JIMMY SYLVESTER is back, especially the operators. It seems that things can't go smoothly without Jim downstairs. Welcome back, Jim; stick around for awhile, okay?...Mechanic GUS PAVALKA is hospitalized. We all would like to wish him a speedy return. Don't worry, Gus, because your job is in reliable hands according to Mechanic SCHMIDT...Well, this being my first column with my co-reporter of long standing, Ernest Carter, I hope everyone can bear the mistakes, errors in punctuation, and any other discrepancies you may find. But remember, "Rome wasn't built in a day."

- Ernest C. Carter & Anthony Berry

KEDZIE -

The office is newly painted, the atmosphere is more pleasant, now all we have to do is cut down on accidents so we can win a new plaque to hang on the wall. To do this, let's all just try a little harder and remember to drive defensively...The Little Flower had their breakfast and mass and the turnout was great...I heard from a reliable source that Board Member William Larson and Pensioner MIKE KENNY are going to chip in and buy Operator GUY DI MEO a road map so he can find his way home after an outing. Guy, on the way home from Little Flower made a wrong turn on the expressway and was heading for Wisconsin. He went about 30 miles before he realized he was going the wrong way...Loader GEORGE BUTLER at Union Station will open the doors of his new church at 2429 W. Roosevelt

road. He held his first service on Easter, and the turnout was good. Reverend Butler invites everyone to his church, and any of you operators living in that area stop in and say hello to George...At the St. Patrick's Day parade I saw supervisor WALTER WENTZEL rerouting buses. He looks good and likes his job very much. Walter is a former conductor out of the old Armitage Depot. He went to North Avenue when it closed. He says hello to everyone...I was down to the General Office last month and stopped in and said hello to our editor, BOB HEINLEIN. While I was in the hall I met SID JACOBSON, formerly of Armitage. He's working in the mailroom. Jake looks real good for himself and says hello to all. Also in the mailroom is Former Operator MEL SKINNER. He likes his new job and says hello to everyone at Kedzie...We send our deepest sympathy to the WAGGONER family on the loss of Street Collector GEORGE WAGGONER who worked at the 63rd and Kedzie terminal.

- Raymond Graham

LIMITS -

Supervisor WALTER STONE, who is stationed at the Union Station and doing an excellent job of starting the buses from there, is a very happy and proud man since his wife, BETTY, presented him with a handsome baby boy. This makes two boys and two girls in the Stone family. Congratulations to the proud parents...Operator HERMAN TRIMUEL and his dear wife, BETTY, celebrated their first wedding anniversary last month. Congratulations to this

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fine couple...M. ROUBINEK, who retired eight years ago, paid a visit to Limits Station last month. He is now living at Lake Delavan, Wisconsin, where he is in good health and enjoying his retirement to the fullest. He sends his best regards to all the men he worked with...TIM RIORDAN, who was superintendent of the repair department at Limits, has been promoted to supervisor of north side garages. Congratulations to this fine man...Happy birthday to our chief maintenance man, EDWARD FEDEROWICZ, who celebrated on April 3. He refuses to divulge his age (except that he is JACK BENNY's age, 39)...We are happy to see BOB COLLUM back on the active list after undergoing surgery...W. O. McDANIEL and BENJAMIN EVANS enjoyed a fishing trip up in Sioux Narrows, Canada. They reported that they got their quota of fish and are looking forward to more of it later this summer. Evans is formerly from Lawndale, but is now taking life easy since he had a heart transplant...DALE KOEHNKE is all excited about the home he is in the process of building in sunny Florida. He expects it to be completed sometime this summer. Koehnke is the brother-in-law of Supervisor JOE DAQUILANTE who is doing an excellent job of keeping the buses on schedule...Our sincerest sympathy to the family of Clerk JOHN GILMORE who passed away last month after a long and lingering illness. The mother of FRANK PRADZINSKI passed away last month and our sincerest sympathy is also extended to him.

- R. S. Benson

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

We are glad to see Lake Street Trainman LEO FORD and Clerk DAN DOYLE back from the sick list...Our condolences to Agent MILDRED DOYLE and her family on the death of her mother in March...Agent MINNIE DIKEMAN is still on the sick list at this writing...We had a wonderful time at the Met Credit Union dinner. The smorgasbord at Nielsen's on North avenue was delicious, as always. We saw quite a few friends, among them Former Agents MADELEINE HAYS and VERONICA NICHOLS...I want to say goodbye to all my friends as this is my last column. Your new scribe will be Miss KATIE MORIARTY. Please give her all the cooperation you can.

- Helen Pallister

LOOP -

Agent MARY WIXTED was off work for several weeks with a very bad cold. Now she's back and we are all glad. Why? Because she's a swell gal!..Not too long ago a janitor was asking for "Effie." He asked up and down every line, but no one could find her. No one even knew her. One of our older agents got to thinking and at last "Effie" was found. Want to know who she is, Agent FAY CAPRIO... Agent JOHN COSGROVE had a birthday on March 16. How old? Well, he's getting up there and says, "Let's skip that question." He has also celebrated his fifth anniversary with the CTA as a ticket agent. By the way, John is top man on the part-time agent's list. A little more news about John--he is going to leave us soon and tour Europe. When he comes back he may take a job as a G-man. Well, good luck in whatever alley you travel...Hey! Hey! Agent JOHN FILIPEK got a new three-year old car and he said it's a jim dandy, when his wife and daughter let him drive around the block...TOM STEVENS left as an agent to become a bus driver. While driving Tom will be waiting for the police to

IN WHAT could be a precedent for others was the wedding of GLORIA J. PETERSON, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. EARL PETERSON, when her marriage to CHALMERS M. POWELL Jr. was the first to be held in the Atomic Energy Commission chapel in Mercury, Nevada, where they both are employed. Earl is a bus operator at Beverly Depot.



call him--for the academy. Good luck, Tom...Agent SUE SMYCH just returned from New York. She was visiting a friend, and a grand time Sue had. Welcome back, we're glad you didn't go to work for the New York transit system. ..Agent MIKE AHERN is scouting around for a school. Have you tried New Mexico, Mike? They may consider taking you in. Your dear friend said you better sign up by mail and send them a check first before you go out and talk to them. Why, Mike?...Since there's not much work around, a fellow called TED is getting plenty of use out of the platform phone, but we won't say where. Ted's jolly friend let this slip. "Just joking," this jolly one said...Oh, how pretty. It's lime green and not one dent on it, yet. That's Agent J. GEORGE's new Ford Galaxy 500. He has told all of us to park one car length in back of him, so we won't fence in or dent this beauty...Agent J. MATTRAN likes her booth floors nice and clean. So does Janitor JIMMY CIVITO. So that's why the Austin station floor always has a sparkling look about it. Sometimes Jimmy will tell you to take your shoes off so you don't dirty the floor. Is that really the only reason, Jimmy?...Agent TARHITIA MARTEN has troubles by the dozen. First, she went to the hospital with gallstones, and when she arrived she found she only had an upset tummy. She came home very happy. Then a few days later she had three teeth pulled. Well, we are glad you are back and feeling great...Let's say so long for awhile to Agent HELEN PALLISTER who is retiring on May 1. Helen has bought a lovely home in Salem, Wisconsin. She said she is going to enjoy her family, and above all her grandchildren. Helen has worked as an agent, in the assignment office several years, and as a Transit News reporter. She was a big help to many new agents. She would help them when they were all mixed up and thought the world was at an end. She spoke very well of everyone and felt very bad if she found out someone misunderstood her. All in all, Helen is a fine girl and may she have many years of health, happiness, prosperity, and success in all she does.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Many happy returns of the day to Pensioner AKSEL WINDFELD who celebrated his 80th birthday March 13... Congratulations to VINCENT SCURTI, repair department, and his wife, SHARON, on the birth of their baby boy, VINCENT Jr...We received a welcome letter and Easter card from Pensioner BILL ECHOLS. Bill has been having some trouble with his war leg, but it is progressing well and he expects to be up and around soon. I think Bill enjoys life in

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Hot Springs too much to stay sick long. We were happy also to receive a letter from Pensioner ART MOILANEN. Art was laid up with the flu, and his wife had surgery. We are glad to report that all is well now. Art also has been doing some fishing. A card from Pensioner ERNEST PEARSON and his wife, ANNA, reports good fishing at Norfork Dam near Mountain Home, Arkansas. They are looking at homes in that area...Repairman GEORGE BRAZINGTON took his pension April 1 after 26 years of service. He plans to live in Lake Worth, Florida, a good place for fishing and golfing. PATRICK KETT, Repair Department, also joined the pensioners on April 1. Best wishes to both. Keep in touch, boys...We are sorry to report that Operators VIGGO WINDFELD and HAROLD GERTZ are still on the sick list. Get well, boys...We welcome our three new foremen--day foreman JOSEPH FIORITA, p.m. foreman THOMAS GECAN, and night foreman ALEX PALA. We're happy to have them with us...Former Operator MIKE CARPINELLI is now associated with Imperial Realtors, 6315 Milwaukee avenue, Chicago...Operator JERRY VANEK lost his wife March 18. Operator EDWARD MENTH passed away March 21. Operator RALPH and MIKE CARPINELLI lost their father, RALPH Sr., March 7. Our sympathy goes to these bereaved families...The Memorial day weekend is coming up. Be careful on the highways and come back safe and sound.

Navy Lieutenant GENE A. SCHARFENORTH, the son of Pensioner and Mrs. ROY SCHARFENORTH, recently received the U.S. Navy "outstanding performance of duty" award in ceremonies aboard the USS Lowry at Norfolk, Virginia. Gene served as the ship's damage control assistant and repair division officer during combat operations off the coast of Vietnam. Roy was a bus operator at North Avenue. Congratulations, Gene.

- William Miedema

NORTH PARK -

Remember the date--Monday, July 14. The event, the annual Division 241 golf day at St. Andrews golf club. Golf, dinner, and prizes for all are on the agenda. So, make your reservations for this big day...Operator WALTER LINDEMANN retired on April 1 after 41 years of service. Walter and his wife, ELEANOR, who are residents of Antioch, Illinois, are planning to do some traveling and spend a lot of time pursuing their hobby of fishing. Operator JOHN O'MAN retired on March 1 after 40 years of service. We at North Park wish these two fine gentlemen many years of leisure living...Pensioner CHARLES KERR spent a week visiting in Chicago, and while here purchased a new automobile. Mr. Kerr was a happy visitor at the depot and had a ball talking over old times with his many friends...Operator JOHN COSGROVE and his wife, HELEN, flew American Airlines to New York City for a week's vacation. On the agenda were visits to Rockefeller Center, the Statue of Liberty, the U.N. Building, and a day at Irvington, New Jersey, to visit Helen's cousin...Operator TOM DIVER and his wife, HERMAINE, spent a week's vacation visiting Tom's sister, Mrs. FRANCES TROTTER, who resides in Escanaba, Michigan...Pensioner JOE KARASEK jetted to San Francisco, California, to visit his son, Doctor MARVIN KARASEK, who resides in Palo Alto, California. Joe reports that the meals and go go girls were the greatest... Pensioner JOE GRASSL, who live in Edgerton, Wisconsin, has done it again. Joe was named the "Volunteer of the

Year" by the Sertoma Club of Madison, Wisconsin. Joe and his wife, FLORENCE, come to Madison once or twice a week to entertain hospitalized vets and orphans. Our congratulations are extended to Florence and Joe...Pensioner LEROY PEDERSON reports from Decatur, Michigan, that he is living the life of Reilly. The hunting and fishing seasons in Michigan are the greatest. Leroy's address is 310 John street, RR 1, Box 21C, Decatur, Michigan 49045. Anyone in the area is invited to stop and receive the red carpet treatment...Operator LEN BAEUCHLER spent his annual vacation in Phoenix, Arizona, where his brother, EDWARD, resides. Len reports considerable time was spent on the golf courses and also watching the dog races. He also visited with Pensioner JOHN (Jake) JACOBY who lives in Scottsdale, where Len and Jake took in a couple of days watching the Cubs play ball. Mr. Jacoby sends his regards to his many Chicago friends...Operator HENRY SCHRAMM and his wife, BETTY, spent two weeks in Portland, Oregon, visiting Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM SCHRAMM. Henry and Betty were very impressed with the beauty of the great northwest...Operator and Board Member LESTER BATES has a '67 Cadillac De Ville and will be happy to demonstrate the luxury of the automobile. Lester was elected president of the Southern Illinois Educational club. The club sponsors scholarships for needy children to Southern Illinois university in Carbondale. With Les at the helm we know the coming year will be successful...Operator ED NEWTON served two weeks on the Criminal Court jury and reports it was a very educational experience...Our loss is Limits Depot's gain where JUAN FUENTES began a new career as a clerk V. We hope to see Juan back at North Park soon...A hearty welcome is extended to TERRY BOLE who is working at North Park as a clerk V...ROBERT NEWTON, the son of Operator EDGAR NEWTON, was inducted into the U.S. Army and is receiving his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri...JAMES ANHALT, the son of Operator FRED ANHALT, is rated the number one student of the Chicago Police Cadet program. Jim, who will be 21 years of age in January, 1970, will then become a patrolman...JOSEPH GUZZARDO, the foster son of Operator IRVING SHER, made the Dean's list at Von Steuben High school where he is a freshman...At this writing, Operator GARY NOONAN is confined at Edgewater hospital. Our prayers are with you, Gary, and we hope to see you back soon...The Division Street reunion and Old Tymers night was held Saturday, February 22, at the Eagles Hall on North Western avenue. The music and dancing was approved by all attending...Operator ELY PESTINE and his wife, RUTH, became grandparents for the second time when their son, HARVEY, and daughter-in-law, GAIL, became parents of a daughter named HEIDI LYNN born on March 1 weighing 7½ pounds at the Skokie Valley hospital. Ely reports that he spent his week's vacation at Gail's home baby sitting...Operator PETER DOLAN and his wife, ROSALEEN, celebrated their 12th anniversary April 30. The Dolans dined at King Arthur's Pub and went to the Schubert theatre...Happy anniversaries are extended to Operator JACK KOVITZ and his wife, SHIRLEY, their 38th, March 15; Operator JAMES PATRICK and his wife, ROSEMARIE, their 18th, April 1; Operator CLARENCE VAN MIDDLESWORTH and his wife, SHAREN, their 4th, April 6; Operator IRVING SHER and his wife, MILDRED, their 34th, April 10; Operator THOMAS WILSON and his wife, BONNIE, their 11th, April 16; Pensioner ALBERT NAGELE and his wife, ANNA, their 33rd, April 12; Operator HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, their 35th, April 28; Operator P. J. SMITH and his wife, MADELYN, their 16th, April 30,

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and Operator ADOLPH JENDRYCZKI and his wife, JEAN, their 31st, April 10. Congratulations are extended to the above couples...Happy birthdays are extended to: Operator LEROY CONKLIN, April 5; TOM KURCZEWSKI, April 5; AGNES ERICKSON, April 7; MATTHEW DOLAN, April 6; MARY KIRKWOOD, April 12; Operator JOHN MEDINA, April 12; HAROLD JULITZ, April 12; ADOLPH JENDRYCZKI, April 28, and Operator LOUIS SCHWARTZ, March 9... Our sympathy and condolences to the families of Pensioner CHARLES GERSCH, Pensioner EDWARD MILLER, Pensioner LEE BORGSTROM, Clerk JOHN GILMORE, and Operator LEO HARA on the loss of his mother, Mrs. HARA... Operators ROY RIPKA, CARL HANSEN, TOM WILSON, and TOM SMITH are attending supervisors training school and we wish these gentlemen the best of luck in the future... Gentlemen: North Park Depot is one of the few garages that has parking privileges and we are asked to comply with the rules that are posted in the areas. Be sure that you observe the 7 p.m. parking area as buses are parked there.

Repair Department chit chat--North Park Repairman JULIUS MERSCH and his wife, AGNES, vacationed in Miami, Florida. Also on the agenda were stops at Allmonte Springs, St. Petersburg, Dade City, and a fishing trip at Sylcanga, Alabama...Assistant Foreman JOE COUGHLIN and his wife, DOROTHY, vacationed at Fort Lauderdale, Florida...Foreman CHARLES DUNNE is enjoying the oranges and grapefruit that Joe brought home for his friends...Repairman JOHN NEE has resigned and is now working for the Wisconsin Highway Department. John lives at Camp Lake, Wisconsin, and invites his many friends to visit him when they are in this area...Repairman BOB LORENZ had a busy time on his vacation roping steers on his ranch. Bob is accepting orders for sides of beef and will be happy to dress out and package all orders...Repairman PAUL SCHREVES has been seen getting ready for his organ concerts by cleaning and clipping his nails...The sympathy of the garage is extended to Foreman and Mrs. CHARLES DUNNE on the loss of their brother-in-law, Mr. CONVEREY.

- *Melvin Horning*

NORTH SECTION -

JIM DOHERTY is taking L. C. DELVIN's place as receiver at Kimball and LOUIE LOUBBAKA is the midnight clerk at Kimball. H. DAVIS will be chief clerk at Howard, LARRY GENENDER was made a clerk on April 6...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR H. KRAUSE who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 29...JOHN ZUPKO spent five days in New York City studying the transit system. He enjoyed the trip, but missed his family very much...JIM SWEENEY, retired platform man at Howard, visited Howard Street recently and is looking real good, having visited California, Mexico, Texas, and Central America since retiring last year...ELIZABETH DONOHUE would like to thank all of her friends and co-workers who sent cards and flowers and also those who called while she was in the hospital...Condolences to ROSE O'CONNELL on the death of her aunt who raised her and her sister. They accompanied the body to McLeansboro, Illinois, and her son, MICHAEL, went with them. Her aunt was 80 years old...HAL STAATS is the southbound platform man at Howard, replacing GEORGE VANDERHAEGHEN who retired...RUTH HUBER would like to thank Mr. Zupko and all her co-workers for helping make her retirement a happy one.

Hope she has a long and healthy one, too...EARL STEVENS is out of the hospital and recuperating at home, but won't be back for a few weeks...MARIE TOWNSEND sent TED BRENNEN a picture of herself, in fact, a rather snappy one. He showed it to the boys in his outfit and they have chosen her as 517th military intelligence's favorite pin-up girl. Ted has been in Viet Nam for nearly a year now. He sent Marie a lovely Vietnamese doll for Christmas as she has a collection of dolls from different countries. We all wish Ted good luck and will be glad to see him back with us again...T. IRWIN and TOM QUINAN had a seige of flu the first of April, but are back to work now. L. WILLIS is back to work after a lengthy illness. Glad to see you all back. JOHN HUIZENGA is still in Wesley Memorial hospital, 250 E. Superior street, Room 987. A few cards would help to cheer him up...FEDELMA HENRY is missed at Howard street by passengers and co-workers...The party for GEORGE VANDERHAEGHEN and GEORGE BROUCEK was a big success. It was given by fellow workers with EVELYN LANZ in charge. EMMA RENNHACK and FEDELMA HENRY were the hostesses. It was a pleasant surprise to see Dr. IRWIN and his nurse among the crowd. Mr. Vanderhaeghen had 40 years' service and plans to move to Little Rock, Arkansas 72203, P.O. Box 3013. Mr. Broucek had 44 years of service...W. BALK is the a.m. receiver at Howard street...J. C. WILLI is out of the hospital and staying with friends in Morton Grove until he is well enough to go to Florida. JOE KORAL is back to work after a long illness. Glad to see you back, Joe...MARVIN HARRIS bought his son a new Dodge Dart for his graduation...Retired CTA policeman L. L. SMITH stopped in at Berwyn to say hello and was looking good after five years of retirement...GEORGE HENKE is recuperating at home after a week in the hospital. Hope you will soon be back George...L. C. DELVIN retired April 1 and we wish him a long and happy retirement. ANDY GAERTNER is taking his pension on May 1. Hope you have a long, happy and healthy retirement Andy...The North Side "L" Athletic Club was organized last January by a group of conscientious employes at Howard Street who recognized the need for boosting the morale and providing wholesome recreation for employes. The following officers were elected: Operator ARLISS JONES, president, Motorman ARTHUR HUBBARD, secretary, Motorman ALFORD THOMAS, treasurer, and Switchman WALTER LINDBERG, business manager. Through its program of physical fitness, the club will provide various recreational activities, wholesome fun, and promote a sense of teamwork among employes. High on the agenda for spring activities was the formation of a softball team--spring training started April 1 and the team is expected to be in high gear during the summer months. The club receives its financial support from the members. Membership fee is three dollars per year. Plans are being made to incorporate activities and games for female employes who are desirous of joining the club. All members of division 308 are eligible for membership.

- *Grace Mounts*

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

Sugar and spice and everything nice, that's what little girls are made of. On March 24, SHIRLEY (a former CTA employe) and MARTY LUKES announced the arrival of their first daughter, TERESA JO, who weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces. The proud grandfather is CARL SCHMOOK, an operator out of Archer Station...GEORGE RILEY was all smiles while

telling everyone about his fourth grandchild. On March 16, his daughter, PAT, gave birth to a baby girl named LYN-NETTE PATRICE. If the number of grandchildren increases much more, ELSIE SMITH won't be able to count them on her fingers. On the 16th of March her daughter, MARGIE, who lives in Montana, brought a new little girl into the world. BECKIE is Elsie's 8th grandchild, bringing the count to 7 girls and 1 boy. Congratulations to all the new parents and grandparents...I'm happy to say that JOSEPH J. HEMZACEK is back on the job after his recent surgery and is feeling pretty good...Easter was not a time of peace and quiet at the QUETSCHKE home. Bob's son, PHIL, came home from Central Missouri State college for the weekend and brought several of his buddies along with him. They had what you call a full house, but everyone enjoyed themselves and had a very happy Easter...JOHN HUI-ZENGA, retired line supervisor, has recently undergone tests in the hospital. We hope that he is now feeling fine.

(Traffic Planning) -

FRANK BARKER is a proud father indeed. The reason is because his son, FRAN, finished in third place in the half mile in the west suburban high school track meet. Fran is 16 years old and a sophomore at Oak Park High school. His efforts paid off for him as the points he gained in this meet enabled him to obtain his school letter. His fastest time in the half mile is 2.09.3. If he continues at the rate he is going, I'm sure he will be winning many races. Congratulations and best of luck in the future...A new face to be seen in this department is that of NANCY HAGEMEYER who transferred from the Public Information Department. We wish Nancy the best of luck and are happy to have her with us.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

N. GWELKE vacationed in Nevada for two weeks. He returned home with a real nice tan and stated that he had a good time. However, he didn't say whether he won, lost, or broke even at Las Vegas. There always seems to be someone spending a vacation in that sunny State of Florida. This time the lucky man was D. BOAL...The two newest employees in our department are HERMAN WOODS and EDWARD KENNEDY who transferred from Beverly and Archer Stations, respectively...J. BEUFORD, C. GAGE, and S. KAM-INSKI attended first aid classes at the Red Cross and are ready, willing, and able to render their assistance when necessary...Assistant Superintendent O. W. JOHNSON was recently appointed to the CTA Fire and Safety Committee.

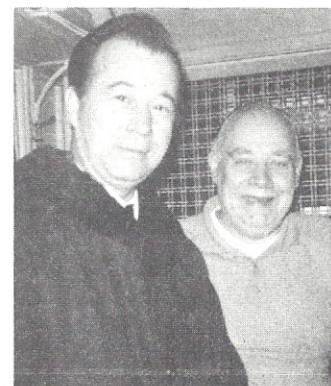
(Equipment Research & Development) -

GEORGE CLARKE was a very busy man the week that his two grandchildren, DAVID and ELIZABETH, stayed with him. He took them to both Lincoln Park and Brookfield Zoo and other places of interest. To say the least they all had a very good time...Congratulations to CINDY, DICK SCHNEIDER's daughter, who made her first holy communion on Easter Sunday...Taking advantage of the opportunity, MARLENE DAY and her husband, JOE, took a short trip to Iowa to visit with her family.

- Colette Szyzpanek

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

With poles and bait in hand, Superintendent of Purchases, Specifications and Stores G. S. GRAYBIEL and Superintendent of Stores J. T. HARTY decided to take a jour-



PICTURED HERE with JOHN ZUPKO, superintendent of agents and janitors, North Section, is MARLIN CUNNINGHAM, ticket agent, who retired on March 1 after 28 years of service.

ney to the sunny south (Tennessee) and catch a barrel of fish on Kentucky Lake. Well, seems they found the south not so sunny and returned sooner than planned. You might say the weather wasn't too cooperative, and it just so happens neither were the fish. DAGMAR McNAMARA, Mr. Graybiel's secretary, had put in her order for a flounder before they departed, but that's a fish of another color. You know the Old Angler's saying, "Should have been here yesterday, they were really biting (mosquitoes no doubt)." All kidding aside, sorry to hear things didn't turn out as planned, but then there's next time and I'm sure the sun and fish will be waiting for your return...From our reporter on the hospital scene: ANNE GUSICH of Purchasing had a recent stay in Holy Cross hospital for minor surgery. Anne is home now and we hope to have her back behind her desk soon, all rested and well...TERESA DeLEONARDIS is back and up to her old tricks again after a brief stay at Mother Cabrini hospital. Good having you among us again Teresa. ..From FRED LOITZ, our man in the Stores Department, we learned that his mother, who is 93 years young, is in Resurrection hospital with a broken leg. All of us in the office hope she'll be home soon and walking before you know it...The new receptionist in the Insurance Department will be none other than our LYNNE KLOPP. Lynne has been with us in Stores for about a year and a half as a clerk-typist. What can we do but wish you the best of luck in your new position Lynne. It's no wonder GEORGE LINDEN has had that sad look recently...Our new girl in Stores is MARY PONTRELLI. Mary is not unfamiliar with the CTA since her father, ROCCO, is assigned to the Track Department and her brother, VITO, is an electrician at Skokie Shops. Glad to have you aboard, Mary...From our foreign correspondent across the pond: CAROLYN, the daughter of IRENE PETERSON of the Stores Department, is living in Okinawa with her husband stationed there with the army. Carolyn likes the country except that it's very humid. She reports they also have Japanese hippies--long hair, tight pants, and high heels (these are the boys). Carolyn works for the General Development corporation over there. Thanks for the report...Mrs. SANDRA DALES-SANDRO, steno in the Specification Department, spent a couple of days on temporary duty at the mid-year ATA convention which was held at the Palmer House this year. Sandy acted as a receptionist and typist...Well, we have another wedding forthcoming: DARLENE VERHECK of Purchasing has announced that she'll be losing her independence on July 4th, 1970. The lucky fellow is Mr. BILL JANSEN, a photographer for Color Technique. We figured something was in the making when Darlene came into the office one morning sporting a beautiful shiny diamond ring on her left hand. Congratulations unlimited!

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T. MADIGAN and his wife trained to California and finally made it to San Diego despite the storms, mud slides, and washouts. They enjoyed visiting with relatives and spent a little time in Palm Springs trying to find the elusive sunshine. Also took time out to have dinner with ED BRUCKNER, a retired CTA employe living in San Diego. Upon hearing about the spring-like weather in the Midwest, they took the easy way out and flew home...It's a bright red 1969 VW "Bug" JIM ZAZULA will be sporting around soon. Here's hoping he'll have better luck with it than the Buick convertible...Here's wishing JOHN DUNNE of SR 43 a speedy recovery after surgery at St. Francis hospital in Evanston. Hurry back John, it's been a long time.

- Jane Urso & Rod Rusakiewicz

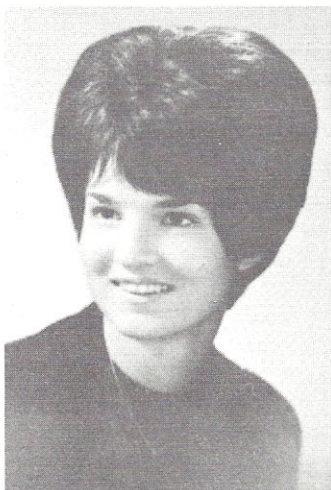
SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

JOSEPH CAPPELLETTI celebrated his birthday on March 19 which also is his namesake's day...JOE DeGRAZIA and his wife drove down to Florida...BERNIE KINCANNON and his family drove down to Florida to celebrate Easter with his mother...SHIRLEY LUKES, formerly of the Schedule Department and the wife of MARTIN LUKES, Transportation Department, gave birth to a baby girl, TERESA...ED JURIC joined the grandfathers club when his daughter gave birth to a boy on March 23. Congratulations, Ed...We welcome MARY ANN COX to the department. Mary Ann is taking the place of KAREN COLLINS who resigned to await the stork...EILEEN O'REILLY became the bride of ROBERT TYRRELL at a nuptial mass on Saturday, March 22, at St. Bernadette's church in Evergreen Park...Best wishes are extended to JOHN BENNIS who retired on April 1 after many years with the CTA. He celebrated his 65th birthday on St. Patrick's day with much festivity. John started as a conductor on September 7, 1927, and entered the General Office on April 25, 1947, as a traffic checker. John will take life easy now with his wife, MAME. An open house was held for him on March 28.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

Congratulations to HARRY FREYER, blacksmith-welder, and his wife on the birth of a daughter. DORIS MONIKA arrived March 30, weighing in at 5 pounds 12 ounces...AL-



THIS LOVELY young lady is PEGGY BARRY, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN BARRY, who was united in marriage to Mr. ANTHONY MARCINIAK on April 26 at St. Basil church. John is a clerk on the rapid transit South Section.

VIN KRZEMINSKI, machinist, just returned to work after being off with a sprained ankle which he got while playing basketball. His doctor gave him a prescription which said, "Bowling, golfing, and fishing." That's all the sports for you, so take it easy, Al...JOSEPH FANO, shopman, finally got his new Buick. Happy riding, Joe...Come on fellows, let's get that news in.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

Happy springtime to all!..Towerman PHILIP AURIEM-MA was grinning from ear to ear when he told us about the birth of his little baby girl named MONIQUE RENEE, born on April 2. The happy Auriemma family also has a little boy...Congratulations to Motorman DAVID MARTIN who was promoted to supervisor March 30...Greetings to transferred conductors from the West and North Sections: SCOTT GIVENS, RAY RHONE, and CHARLES MILLER, and to newly-hired Agent ANNA MAE SCOTT and to re-hired Part-time Agent EUGENE DAWSON...Our hearts were saddened when we heard that Supervisor THOMAS STANTON, who had been on the sick list, passed away. Mr. Stanton was an excellent supervisor and will be missed by all his co-workers and friends. Our condolences are extended to Mrs. Stanton...Received a card from Retired Conductor EDWARD HOPKINS who is enjoying the sandy beaches and sun bathing in Miami Beach, Florida. He sends his regards to everyone...Agent ANN O'CONNOR, who had been on the sick list, is back working now and wishes to thank everyone for the cards and good wishes she received while she was ill...Congratulations to Conductor GERALD and Mrs. GORE who recently announced the birth of their third child, a baby girl named SHARON...The 61st Street men are bursting with pride. In 1968 they beat their previous safest year, 1966, with 10 fewer accidents than 1966 and 19 less than 1967. Free coffee and rolls were served at 61st Street and free coffee was served on the whole rapid transit system because of the overall improvement. Keep up the good work you South Siders...We were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Agent LEO DILLON recently. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family. The 47th street station won't seem the same without him...A big welcome back to Conductor ROBERT JACKSON who just returned from a two-year stint in the U.S. Army. Bob said he was sure glad to be back at work...Our retirees sure get around. Received a card from Retired Towerman FRANK DIMMICK from Honolulu. He also toured San Francisco and Las Vegas. He likes Hawaii with its warm temperatures and beautiful girls...Hip-Hip-Hooray--back working and off the sick list are: Towermen ALBERT RAKESTRAW and ROBERT BLACK, Clerk JOE O'CONNOR, Supervisor WILLIAM NASH, and Agents RUTH LOVELL and WILLIAM SHEEHAN...Also telling us about his first born, a baby boy named CORTZ who arrived March 22, is proud poppa, Motorman JOHNNIE ROBINSON...Conductor JOSEPH MOYLAN, who had been on the sick list for many months, passed away. Our sincere condolences to his family...Agent RUTH LOVELL's son, WILLIAM, is home on leave and she is so happy to see him. He was wounded in Viet Nam, but is okay now...Another Florida visitor this early spring was Supervisor DONALD MURPHY and his wife, GEN, who basked in the sun on the Ft. Lauderdale beaches. ..Agent BESSOLA JAMES wishes to thank everyone for all the kindnesses extended to her when her father passed away recently...Congratulations and best wishes to Agent DOR-

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

FRANK BONDI, 64, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 8-24-29, Died 2-23-69

LELAND J. BORGSTROM, 73, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-18-19, Died 3-2-69

VINCENT J. BREZINSKY, 68, Lawndale,
Emp. 3-10-26, Died 2-21-69

MAX C. BRIEST, 92, West Shops,
Emp. 9-12-21, Died 2-10-69

EDWARD BURK, 51, Forest Glen,
Emp. 8-15-60, Died 4-11-69

FRANK J. CASHMAN, 72, Treasury,
Emp. 5-1-23, Died 2-24-69

WILLIAM J. CONNOLLY, 84, Claim,
Emp. 11-8-23, Died 2-22-69

VINCENZO CORONA, 85, South Division,
Emp. 11-20-20, Died 2-19-69

LOUIS C. COSMEN, 88, Elston,
Emp. 9-25-20, Died 2-19-69

CHARLES J. CULLEN, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-10-19, Died 3-3-69

JOHN H. DeLORME, 61, Beverly,
Emp. 10-31-33, Died 3-14-69

LEO DILLON, 54, South Section,
Emp. 1-7-46, Died 3-11-69

CATHERINE FARRELL, 71, South Section,
Emp. 6-2-42, Died 2-15-69

JOHN A. FISHER, 86, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-7-11, Died 2-14-69

MICHAEL P. FORD, 71, Wilson Shops,
Emp. 4-30-29, Died 3-2-69

FRANK G. GERCHECK, 74, 52nd Street,
Emp. 5-4-25, Died 2-8-69

STEPHEN GIBBONS, 68, West Section,
Emp. 5-6-25, Died 2-21-69

JAMES J. GILLIGAN, 70, North Section,
Emp. 8-11-23, Died 2-24-69

JOHN GILMORE, 50, Limits,
Emp. 1-14-44, Died 3-18-69

EMIL P. GLATZ, 76, South Section,
Emp. 2-11-13, Died 1-26-69

NARCISSUS D. GOEDERT, 84, Devon,
Emp. 4-1-09, Died 2-27-69

MAURICE J. HALLER, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-10-23, Died 3-5-69

JOHN HOLBAY Jr., 61, Skokie,
Emp. 7-5-45, Died 1-17-69

PATRICK HORAN, 63, Forest Glen,
Emp. 12-13-28, Died 2-18-69

JOSEPH HROSDOVEX, 51, Security,
Emp. 5-15-59, Died 3-8-69

ELMER C. JACOBSON, 72, North Section,
Emp. 1-14-24, Died 2-22-69

JOHN KEATING, 75, Lawndale,
Emp. 8-15-23, Died 2-13-69

JOHN KOBES, 76, Lawndale,
Emp. 10-20-15, Died 2-21-69

LOUIS KOKAN, 70, South Division,
Emp. 10-25-23, Died 2-18-69

CHARLES KUCAN, 70, North Division,
Emp. 3-23-29, Died 2-27-69

WILLIAM M. LYTTLE, 58, Archer,
Emp. 8-13-36, Died 2-21-69

ALEXANDER McERLEAN, 69, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 4-10-41, Died 2-1-69

JOHN J. McGARRY, 82, Limits,
Emp. 6-29-07, Died 2-23-69

JERRY E. McGUIRE, 77, Devon,
Emp. 7-24-23, Died 2-4-69

EDWARD MENTH, 60, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-12-36, Died 3-20-69

JOHN J. MORTON, 84, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-19-16, Died 3-2-69

JOSEPH MOYLAN, 58, South Section,
Emp. 12-7-45, Died 3-12-69

MAX MUCHA, 49, Electrical,
Emp. 5-27-46, Died 3-10-69

PAUL NEWMAN, 39, Electrical,
Emp. 1-23-67, Died 3-1-69

CHARLES PETERSON, 86, West Section,
Emp. 11-17-43, Died 2-23-69

NORBERT PIECYK, 41, Research & Planning,
Emp. 12-26-46, Died 4-11-69

MARTIN POLICH, 71, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 6-21-27, Died 2-27-69

PETER RAUDONIUS, 85, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 8-25-20, Died 2-13-69

FRANK REGAL, 52, Electrical,
Emp. 8-15-49, Died 3-27-69

JOHN SANDIN, 92, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-13-10, Died 2-21-69

DANIEL J. SCANLON, 73, Lawndale,
Emp. 1-3-96, Died 3-3-69

MICHAEL J. SCHOFIELD, 73, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-6-22, Died 2-20-69

HUGH SMITH, 76, West Section,
Emp. 11-20-16, Died 2-7-69

JOSEPH J. STANTON, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-30-14, Died 2-11-69

THOMAS J. STANTON, 63, Rapid Transit District,
Emp. 4-1-25, Died 2-21-69

JAMES A. STRAKA, 70, West Section,
Emp. 8-26-42, Died 2-4-69

JAMES TENUTO, 69, South Shops,
Emp. 12-5-41, Died 2-10-69

WILLIAM B. WELCH, 70, West Section,
Emp. 5-12-22, Died 2-15-69

OTHY (McGee) HARRIS who was married recently...Some of our pensioners passed away recently which causes us much sadness having to report their names to you: Retired Conductor WILLIAM MANNICH, Retired Clerk WILLIAM GALLAGHER, and Retired Agent MARIE PETERSON...Received such an interesting letter from the ELMER STEVENS family (retired yard foreman) from Scarborough, Australia. They are still traveling around like wandering

gypsies enjoying the land and sea and have yet to find a place where they care to settle down. They love Australia. They camp, fish, sun bathe, and just enjoy life. The "Aussies" are wonderful to them. They are going further north to their next stop, Great Barrier Reef...Agent MARCELLA BITTERLIN wishes to thank everyone for all the cards and sympathy shown her when her brother passed away recently...Conductor WINSTON MOONEY decided to resign re-

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cently, as did Part-time Agents KATHLEEN HARRIS and SANDRA FARMER. Good luck to them...Our champions of passenger commendations for their unusual and entertaining announcements are still rolling along. Conductor VERNON ROBINSON, from Loomis street, now has a total of 32 as of this writing, and Conductor JOHN WRIGHT at 61st Street has 19. Keep it up, men...At this writing Conductors JIMMIE WHITTAKER and GEORGE PEDERSEN, Janitor JOHN CURTIS, and Agent CORRINE DALMAS are on the sick list. Best wishes for a quick recovery and then back to work...Passenger commendations have come in for Conductor ROBERT BRISCOE who held his train for a passenger to board, and to Agent CLEO NEWSOME for being courteous to his passengers. The South Section is getting better all the time.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations to JOHN JANKUS for the outstanding job he did. The credit union party was a success even though we had some rebellious men. The evening started out with the introduction of a few of the officers, then RALPH KEANE read the minutes from the last meeting. Nominations for new officers were made. It reminded me of other meetings I've attended; before you knew what happened, the election was over. Then the festivities started, the drinks were plentiful, and dancing began. ROY HAGEN was at his best tiptoeing around the dance floor, that goes for John too. One thing about the two of them; no matter what tune CHARLIE STARR played, they both used the same steps. Just kidding fellas. Hope we have a better turnout next year...TOM JONES, Paint Shop, is proud and has a good reason for it—his grandson, LENON CAMPBELL, has won a highly coveted scholarship, the Valerie Percy Scholarship of \$10,000 which enables him to enroll in any college of his choosing. Lenon is a senior at Waller High school. Good grades are not his only attributes, he is a dancer, organist, pianist, and clarinetist. It's great to hear of these good things happening to young people.

- Frank Sprouleri

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. FRANK FAWCETT, Kimball, on the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Best wishes for another 25 years of marital bliss... A hearty welcome to A. MOORE, new car serviceman at Howard, and to D. LASIEWICZ, new car serviceman at Linden...Congratulations to F. LEWIS, Wilson, on his promotion to car repairman...Sorry to hear that CLIFF VANDERVEST, Wilson, is off on the sick list. Best wishes for a speedy recovery...A. ODROWSKI, Kimball, has been appointed to the CTA committee of the St. Joseph Branch of the Little Flower Society. Tony will meet with CTA and union officials at St. Clara church for mass and breakfast meetings. The organization raises funds to send deserving boys to study for the priesthood in the Carmelite Order... Enjoying midseason vacations are J. FOLAN, Kimball, and G. KLEIN and L. COLLINS, Wilson. The last of the big time spenders, J. DANIELS, Congress, spent his vacation in Las Vegas. John says the machines are crooked and the girls are better to look at...Best of luck to J. MADIGAN who resigned from Congress to try his hand in the carpentry business...Best wishes for speedy recoveries are sent to

the wife of J. CANNELLA, the wife of L. RICCIARDI, and the wife of N. PARRILLO, Congress. Each little lady underwent surgery and is presently recuperating. Your husbands hope that each of you hurry and get well, they are getting dishpan hands...Welcome to J. HOBBS who transferred to Forest Park from Congress...Glad to hear that F. RIO, Congress, is out of the hospital...N. SUERO, Congress, is training to become a Red Cross first aid instructor. The only drawback to his training is Nick can't find anyone willing to cooperate in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation practice...Congratulations to L. MONAHAN, Congress, on the purchase of his new home in Park Ridge. The boys want to know when the open house will be held.

- Ray Bryczek

69TH STREET -

Mrs. YOUNG, do you make MICKEY's breakfast for him? GUS MELANDER's wife informed me that she gets up in the wee hours of the morning, like FRED STAWINSKI's wife does, and makes his breakfast. She believes every husband deserves this treatment. Three cheers, a new dress, and a big box of candy to all you good wives, and I hope my wife reads this. You other girls, stand up and be counted...S. J. (Sam) VALLONI and his wife celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on April 7. I know Sam took you out for dinner, Mrs. Valloni, so congratulations and many happy returns...June 29 will be quite a day for the ENSWORTHS. They will be married 40 years then. It is the same date his mother-in-law was married, and his two sons were married on the last Saturday in June. This adds up to a big blowout, fella, and the best of everything to all of you from all of us at 69th Street. The Ensworths also have nine grandchildren, seven boys and two girls...Running a close second are ANDY and ALICE KOHLSTEDT, when a 7 pound 8 ounce blue eyed blonde baby girl, VICTORIA JEAN, was born on February 27 to their son, ANDY, and his wife, JEAN. This evened him up with their other son, BOB, with two girls and a boy...JOE PLANT will never match this the way he does other things. On March 10 at 9 p.m. he married VERA SCOTT and checked for his run the next morning at 5:15 a.m. Besides that, he was married in Michigan City and now commutes...Supervisor STONE at the Union Station is the proud father of a 8 pound 4 ounce baby boy born in March...From the 50th state, Hawaii, ELSIE and ED TIERNEY send greetings. They toured most of the islands and had a grand time...GEORGE SANDERS was up at Indian Head Mountain skiing in February. Although he sprained a thumb and had a sore seat, he claims to have wiped out all 20 people in his group...When ARTHUR JOE accused "Preacher" SMITTY of running ahead of time, he replied, "On my word of honor, sir." Joe said that didn't mean anything to him...Home on a two-day leave from the U.S. Navy during March was GEORGE MEYER, the son of ED MEYER. He will be serving for eight months on the U.S.S. Kennedy, an aircraft carrier, touring the Mediterranean following the Russian fleet around...Former Operator W. T. CHIBE is buying a new ambulance. For fast cut-rate service, call Thompson, 776-1000...I had Pensioner JACK HEAVEY on my bus one day and he looks good and says hello to everyone. He retired in February, 1963...Who, but "Curly" HORNING, would trade in a new Chrysler for a Mercedes?..J. P. JAROLEK is now working the terminals as a janitor. A. G. NORRIS is now at South Shops as a janitor. Did I overlook something, or what is this janitor bit?..We would like to extend our deepest and sincere sym-

pathy to the families of J. DE LORME and GEORGE WAGNER who passed away recently...With vacations in full swing, how about you fellows who can afford one, dropping me a card or line or two. To all you pensioners, how about dropping a line, too...Please don't anyone take offense with my news lines as they are only meant to be in good humor. As you all know, news is news, and old Hedda just has to report it.

JIMMY AHERN of the repair department reports that MIKE MORAN, BILL SIEJA, and FRANK ANDREK are on the sick list. We wish them a speedy recovery...We offer our condolences to Assistant Foreman BILL LAMBERT and his family on the death of his mother recently. We were sorry to hear that Pensioner MIKE DUGAN passed away in Ireland...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. MARTY GRIFFIN and Mr. and Mrs. JIMMY LEE on their wedding anniversaries. They didn't say how many years it was but we wish them many more in the future...CHARLIE WILLIAMS went on a fishing trip. I hope he remembers that some of us like fish and doesn't let the big ones get away... All you fellows in the shop, please give my ace reporter, Jimmy, the news or drop me a line and I'll get it in print... The biggest news of all times, believe it or not, is that the old bachelor, Receiver WILLIAM MURPHY, was married on April 19. He is certainly a lucky man, and the best of luck to Bill and his bride. All you fellows 47 and over, may you get lucky, too.

- Arthur P. Buesing

WEST SECTION -

March came in like a lamb, but she really left like the old fashion lion that she is known to be...There was a little roaring in M. BLOUNT's household when his wife, DOR-

OTHY, gave birth to a cute little baby girl. It's funny to hear the young parents now saying they know the meaning of the generation gap. As in the case of M. TRICE, whose 7 month old daughter, ANGELA, with her wits at such a young age, never seems to stop amazing him...Motorman B. DAVIS surprised his charming wife, LAURA, with a birthday party. As they entered the room filled with relatives and friends she broke out in tears and used all the tissues in the house to wipe away the tears of joy. Another popular employe of the company was Ticket Agent PAT WILFORD who celebrated her birthday at the Skyway lounge. Ticket agents, porters, motormen and other personnel from all over the system came by to make it a very happy occasion, one that she will long remember. Many happy returns to both of these ladies...On the same night, Foot Collector J. WILSON collected himself a bride. Also that night, Conductor E. HAYS conducted the festive reception held for him and his new bride that he had married earlier. The best of luck to both couples, and may all your troubles be small ones...Our sick list consists of: C. J. JONES, J. HOOD who is out of the hospital and is now home recuperating, and R. CRAWFORD who is in the hospital after a freak car accident which left him with minor injuries. Bob is cheerful because better days are coming and he will return to work soon...Some of us will wear clothes bought for the Easter holiday, but Conductors T. KING and W. GREGORY will walk sharp in their conductor's uniforms...Best wishes to Conductor J. McPHEE on his new job with the company...Motormen J. McCURTIS is back to work after being off with an arm injury...Sorry to miss JOHN WINIEKE's name with the men that are on the sick list. John had an eye operation and he is coming along just fine...Janitor ISAAC CHRISTMAS wishes to thank everyone for the beautiful gift and his retirement party. He was really touched by all their kindness. As I said before, Christmas was and always will be a fine person to have known...Say, ART JAHNS was up from Florida for the Easter season and looked like a million with his tan and healthy look. He told us of seeing DAVE ARNOLD and Brother CARD. I sure wish I was down there getting myself a tan. My partner, PAYNE, says he has enough tan, so he doesn't want to go.

- Santo Scilliano & Lou Payne

77TH STREET -

To SONJA and REMEL JONES, a happy birthday. They are the teenage daughters of Operator ULYSSES JONES. Don't be alarmed, they aren't twins, they're a year apart, March 5 and March 14. Sonja will be graduating from Thomas J. Keller Jr. High school in June. His oldest daughter, REMEL, will be a proud graduate of Dwight D. Eisenhower High school, in May. She will also be going on an educational trip in April to Washington, D.C., and New York city. Everyone is happy about the trip except her father—he has to pick up the tab...Operator DICK LANE, one of the South Side's top outdoorsmen, is now breeding Egyptian quail and other game birds...Operator CECIL EVANS and his wife, MARY, became the proud parents of little ODETTA EVANS on March 20...Operator HENRY MARTIN left a note to say happy anniversary to his wife, MARILYNN, March 27...Our condolences to Operator ERNEST E. BROWN who lost his father on March 5...The Cubs are off and running, see you at the old ball park.

- Amos Foster & Julius Brazil

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