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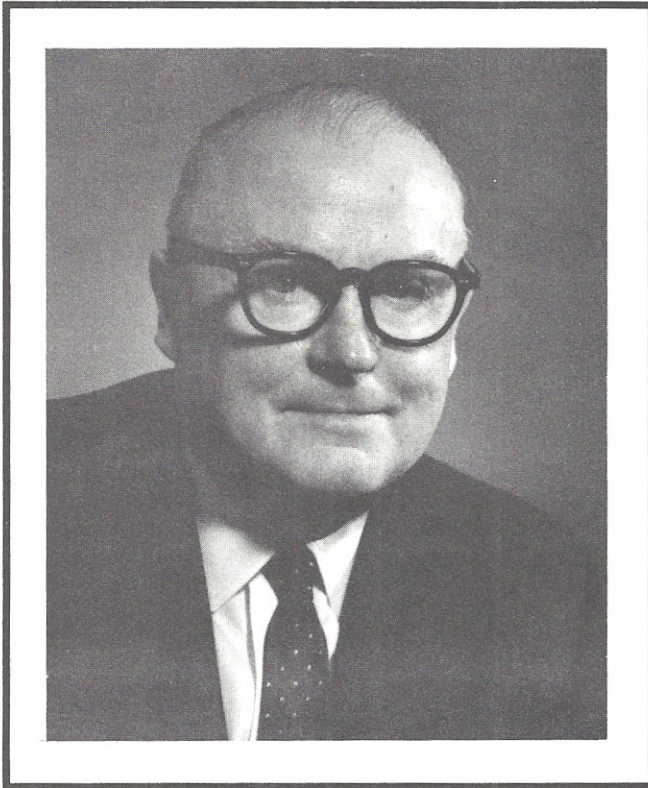
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J. D. Murphy,

Transit Board Member,

Taken by Death



JOSEPH D. MURPHY, 78, a member of Chicago Transit Board since 1958 and vice chairman of the investment banking firm of Stifel, Nicolaus & company, died December 11 at Presbyterian-St. Lukes hospital.

Mayor Richard J. Daley appointed Mr. Murphy for a seven-year term as a member of the Board in Octo-

ber, 1958. After expiration of this term on September 1, 1965, he was reappointed for another seven-year term expiring September 1, 1972.

Mr. Murphy started working in 1909 as a messenger with the Harris Trust & Savings bank. Three years later he left this field to enter the securities business. In 1931 he opened the Chicago office of Stifel, Nicolaus & company, became president in 1940, and was named vice chairman in February, 1969.

In 1933, he helped to work out the refunding of 86 million dollars in county bonds that were in default. He was instrumental in obtaining 7 million dollars in financing for the system of state armory buildings in small Illinois towns.

Mr. Murphy developed the financing of the new Mackinac Straits bridge in Michigan, and was one of a small group who developed the plan for financing O'Hare International airport.

In addition to his wife, Jane O'Connell Murphy, he is survived by a daughter, Jane (Mrs. Henry L.) Sanderson, and two grandchildren, Cynthia and Deborah Sanderson.

Mass for Mr. Murphy was said Monday, December 15, at St. Francis Xavier church in LaGrange, Illinois. Interment was at Queen of Heaven cemetery, Hillside, Illinois.

Six Named to New Posts at Operating Stations

SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL at surface system operating stations were affected by the appointment of six CTA employees to new positions effective December 1.

In a bulletin issued by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn and approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser, C. W. Gibes was named station superintendent of 69th Street Station, replacing T. F. Screen who retired. Also named to new posts were G. D. Peyton, 77th Street Station a.m. assistant superintendent; F. A. Wsol, 77th Street Station p.m. assistant superintendent; W. A. Schweitzer, 77th Street and 69th Street Stations relief superintendent; J. S. Petrosius, Lawndale and Archer Stations relief su-

perintendent, and A. C. Tabel, Lawndale Station senior instructor.

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Five CTAers Receive Public Service Citations

FIVE CTA employees recently received recognition for their contributions as public service employees during 1968.

Each of the five were presented certificates by the Superior Public Service Awards Program, which had considered the names of nominated employees from public service agencies throughout the United States for its top awards. Nominees for the award were screened by a planning committee and candidates in each of five categories were selected for further consideration by a panel of prominent citizens. The five categories include the professional, clerical, public safety, general service, and supervisory groups.

Nominees from CTA were not among the ten persons selected for top awards, but a certificate in each of the categories was awarded by General Manager T. B. O'Connor to the following CTAers:

Frank Misek, supervisor of transit research planning, was cited as the outstanding professional employee. He played an important part in the effective rearrangement of bus routes to serve the Dan Ryan, Kennedy, and Englewood rapid transit extensions.

Regina Daren, medical secretary, was cited as the outstanding clerical employee. She won the "Best Suggester" award for the years 1967 and 1968 by submitting the greatest number of accepted suggestions and has contributed 23 years of efficient service in the Medical Department.

Mary Clarke, retired supervisor of the accident statistical section, was cited as the outstanding public safety employee. Up to her retirement early this year she contributed almost 46 years of knowledge, enthusiasm, and effort to accident reduction. She deserves much of the credit for CTA's outstanding safety improvements.

Kenneth Peterson, iron worker, was cited as the outstanding general service employee. High skills are demanded of iron workers and he possesses them to an extremely high degree. He has performed his duties reliably and energetically and has shown considerable leadership on the job as well as in numerous civic organizations in his community.

Dwight Turner, assistant foreman of plant and equipment maintenance, was cited as the outstanding supervisory employee. His selection was based on a steady advancement to the position of assistant foreman plus considerable involvement in civic organizations.

Mr. O'Connor congratulated the five certificate recipients and expressed the pride which CTA has in them, as well as the many other fine employees of the Authority.

Nominations for the 1969 Superior Public Service Awards will be made in the near future and CTA management is hopeful that one of its employees will be among the top award winners.

Shown above accepting their certificates from Mr. O'Connor are (from left) Mary Clarke, Regina Daren, Frank Misek, and Kenneth Peterson. Mr. Turner was not available at the time of the presentation.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin,
CTA Medical Consultant

HARDENING OF THE ARTERIES (Arteriosclerosis) EVERYBODY'S DISEASE

THE TERMS above, in addition to atherosclerosis, essentially describe the same condition, so they will be used accordingly in this article.

Our arteries are essential for good health, because as pipelines they carry nourishment to the various organs of the body. If the arteries are clogged up or narrowed by deposits of cholesterol, calcium, or other minerals plus infection, they cannot carry the proper amount of blood to the organs. As a result, deterioration of the tissues begins and disease of the affected organs occurs. A very true but simple example can be drawn from poor farm crops when they do not get enough water. The same situation is seen when the plumbing in an old building gets clogged up.

Hardening of the arteries usually begins gradually in childhood and most of us have it. This condition dates back 5,000 years and yet it is surprising how little we know about this subject, especially since some 500,000 Americans will die as a result of it every year.

Arteriosclerosis is an important disease because it involves most of the arteries of the body at one time or another, most notably those of the brain, heart, kidneys, and extremities. For example, in the brain it may lead to a stroke or apoplexy, in the heart to coronary thrombosis, in the kidneys to a form of Brights disease, and in the legs to gangrene or pain even with moderate walking. Atherosclerosis is the basis of all these serious bodily ailments.

Some of the causes or factors to be considered in the development and prevention of arteriosclerosis are:

1. Heredity - we know heredity plays a part in its production. In certain families, generation after generation die early in life with coronary heart disease and elevated amounts of fat in their blood.

2. High blood pressure - this condition hastens arteriosclerosis because the increased pressure tends to force more of the blood constituents into the walls of the arteries.

3. Exercise - the evidence that exercise retards arteriosclerosis is not too convincing. Even in the absence of scientific proof about this matter, it seems sensible that our body hygiene will be better off if we

get regular and reasonably active exercise. It may be compared to taking a cocktail before dinner to dissolve the cholesterol in your arteries. It may not be true but it is relaxing.

4. Stress - seems to be a factor in this disease. Stress, both emotional and physical may, over a long period of time, produce contraction and narrowing of the blood vessels which favors clot formation and arteriosclerosis.

5. Sex - this factor is significant. Statistics prove that there is a difference in the death rate from arteriosclerosis of about three men to one woman. This is generally ascribed to the female hormones. However, after the change of life in women the development of arteriosclerosis incidence parallels that of man more closely.

6. Diet - is the most talked-about cause of this condition. It is generally assumed that excessive eating leads to obesity which in turn leads to arteriosclerosis. It seems that the kind of fat in the diet is one thing which helps to determine the level of cholesterol and fat in the blood. Briefly, the fats of vegetable origin tend to depress rather than elevate blood fats. These are known as unsaturated fats. On the other hand, the animal fats known as saturated fat tend to elevate blood pressure. There is a good deal of experimental work going on in this field and undoubtedly in the years to come we will have a better understanding of the relationship between diet and arteriosclerosis.

Treatment of arteriosclerosis in this article will be confined mostly to these preventative aspects: (1) Reduce your weight if you are obese--it can never do any harm and may help a great deal. (2) If cholesterol level is high see your doctor, who will outline the proper management. (3) Reduce blood pressure if it is elevated. (4) Reduce the proportion of solid animal fats to the liquid vegetable fat and then reduce the total quantity of both. A balanced diet is important. Avoid excesses of all kinds including cigarettes and alcohol. (5) Increase the amount of regular exercise. (6) Accept life's challenges with poise and understanding and learn not to worry--you will live longer. (7) Medical complications such as heart attacks, strokes and gangrene of the legs require expert medical care. In these circumstances call your physician without delay.



... to one and all
of our fellow workers~
May the joys of this season
never end-and the kindly
Christmas spirit
glow in our hearts all year!

Thomas B. O'Brien
GENERAL MANAGER

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

Joy and sorrow filled the hearts of many of JOSEPHINE TOLLAR's friends at a retirement luncheon held in her honor on November 21 at Henrici's. Along with her many friends from the office, numerous former co-workers, namely, LOIS ANDERSON, MILDRED BONOMO, HELEN FRANSON, MAE KEARNS, ISABEL MCGINNIS, MADALINE O'CONNELL, MABEL POTTHAST, MARY ROACH, MARGARET TIMMONS, IRENE WENKE, ROY WILSON, and MARILYN WRIGHT joined in wishing her extended happiness in her retirement years. Josephine was presented with an AM-FM clock radio and a check of a sizeable amount. Jo's party was saddened by the funeral of her dear friend and former co-worker, KITTY DWYER, which was being conducted at the same hour...ANNE ANGST became a great aunt for the eighth time when her niece, BARBARA UNGER, had a son, ANDREW, June 28...A glorious vacation was experienced by your reporter, JEANNE FITZGERALD, who travelled to Billings, Montana, to visit her sister and brother-in-law. The scenery was beautiful and the weather mild with sunshine all of the time. The only snow could be seen on top of the Pryor mountains...JOHN GEARY retired on December 1. An open house was held in his honor on November 28. Present were Mrs. Geary, a son, a daughter, a granddaughter, and two sons-in-law. Many former CTAers paid tribute to John. Among them were F. HODAPP, H. OLSON, J. ALLEN, E. C. BURKE, L. SALISBURY, W. WILLIAMS, R. BUSSE, T. TIMMONS, J. RUBERRY, O. STACH, A. O'BRIEN, R. WILSON, C. DWYER, M. KEARNS, B. SUHR, S. KOCH, J. SCHROEDER, B. O. RATNER, M. POTTHAST, and L. J. FRANCOEUR. The Accounting Department will miss John Geary...BERNARD KANE and his wife went to Miami Beach, Florida, on vacation. This was their first trip to Florida. They stayed at the beautiful Eden Roc where they enjoyed pool and ocean swimming, relaxation, and fabulous food. They made the rounds of the other hotels to see the shows. Hialeah Race Track, Coral Gables, and the Coconut Grove were places of interest they visited. Their hotel manager presented them with tickets to the taping of the "Jackie Gleason Show" at the Miami Beach Auditorium. They enjoyed being a part of the Miami Beach audience. They left Florida aboard the M/V Freeport, a four hour boat trip to the Kings Inn in the Bahamas, which is truly a paradise. They stayed three days and then flew back to Chicago.

- Jeanne Fitzgerald

(Revenue) -

"Lock Boxes" are not all that is new in Revenue Accounting at the present time! Heartiest congratulations are in order for DeLOIS HILL who announced the birth of a baby boy weighing in at 3 pounds 12 ounces one minute before midnight on Thanksgiving Day at the Illinois Research hospital...CLOTILDE MRZENA has been on cloud nine for the past few weeks, and especially when she became the bride of JAMES FRANKIEWICZ on Saturday, November 29, at St. Maurice church. We all join in wishing them both every joy and happiness in the future. We also take this opportunity to extend belated congratulations to ARLENE SPATZEK who exchanged vows with THOMAS PURALEWSKI

on Saturday, August 16, at St. Philomena's church...We are happy to announce that ALICE ARKIN is recuperating at home. We miss your smiling face, Alice, and send you best wishes for a speedy recovery...On her vacation, LOIS JAHNKE took a direct flight from O'Hare Airport to Zurich, Switzerland. She enjoyed the beautiful mountain scenery of Lugano, Lucerne, Mt. Pilatus, and the Gotthard Pass. Then she went on to Yugoslavia, to Sarejo with its Turkish influence and Mosques, and to Dubrovnik where she spent many hours walking on top of the wall of the old city and enjoyed a beautiful panoramic view of the city and its surroundings. She also drove to the top of one of the many mountain ranges with 26 switchbacks, cruised on the Adriatic sea from Dubrovnik to Split where the weather was almost perfect, and spent several days in Split before going on to Venice, Paris, and London. Comments Lois, "Yugoslavia is really a fascinating place to visit."

- Clotilde Frankiewicz

(Tabulating) -

HELEN ROMAS spent her vacation taking short but delightful trips, getting as far as St. Cloud, Minnesota. The weather was cool, but pleasant, which contributed to her enjoyment...DANNY FRUSOLONE spent his one-week vacation (?) with chores in and around the house. Were you glad to get back, Dan?...MARION SUTHERLAND also spent her vacation in Chicagoland but with a difference. She had a welcomed guest in the person of her daughter who visited from Long Beach, California. That's a recipe for a wonderful time...CARMELLA PETRELLA speaks well of the Miami Beach area. She says that for sun-bathing, it can't be beat. She had great weather, enjoyed sight-seeing, and came home reluctantly...FLORENCE PARROTT spent her vacation in Chicago--taking in all that Chicago has to offer and catching up on her chores...PAULINE TORREY and her husband, PHIL, welcomed a new little granddaughter, VICTORIA JEAN MEIER, born on October 20. The little darling weighed in at 6 pounds 10 ounces. Her mother is the former GLORIA TORREY who worked in the Electrical Department.

- Evelyn Lee

CLAIM -

Our deepest sympathy to GRACE JOHNSON on the death of her father, FRED SPRINGER, who passed away in October. We would also like to take this opportunity to express our sympathy to the family of SAMUEL N. FISHER who passed away on November 3 in California. Sam was a retired legal adjuster...JOHN DALY enjoyed a four-day fishing trip in Wisconsin. He didn't catch any fish, but it didn't make any difference because he was enjoying the company he was with. He was with his son, JOHN, who was home on a 30-day leave from Germany where he had been stationed since December, 1968. He returned to Germany on November 16...ROY SWANSON and his wife, BARBARA, just returned from a month's tour of Europe which included England, France, Switzerland, Holland, Germany, and Italy. According to Roy, he enjoyed most the visits to Paris, Nice, London, and Lucerne, Switzerland, and would like to

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return and spend more time...After 24 years of service, JOSEPHINE TOLLAR has become a member of the retired generation. Josephine was a temporary member of our department. She was originally with the Accounting Department for 21 years. Josephine will spend her time relaxing and traveling, a life which she fully deserves. Best wishes to you, Josephine, in your retirement bliss...Our department received a surprise visit from Pensioner VERNON THORNTON, our world traveler. He looks great and is enjoying himself immensely...CLARENCE CRAWLEY went to Mexico for his vacation where he visited Mexico City and Acapulco. He returned with a good tan, many experiences, and hopes of returning there next year...SOL GARRO and his wife, ROSE, spent three wonderful weeks in North Hollywood, Florida. While down there he enjoyed his three favorite pastimes...It was a happy occasion in the McDERMOTT household when MIKE and IRENE's son, Major MICHAEL McDERMOTT, returned from his second tour of duty in Viet Nam. Michael has been assigned to duty at Ft. Sheridan, so it will be much easier to get together with the whole family now...Everyone would like to extend their best wishes to EDITH RIDDLE who retired after serving the company for 41 years. Edith spent 5 years in the Medical Department and 36 years in the Claim Department. She plans on spending her time taking life easy, doing some traveling, taking in concerts and museums, and taking a commercial art course. In other words, doing just what she wants to do. We all envy you, Edith...Congratulations are in order for FELIX J. BLACK and GEORGE KAHLFELDT who recently became legal men, and to AL FOSTER who became a statement man...Our ART RACKY is very much alive and well and home from the hospital. Needless to say, the Claim Department and a lot of other people are breathing much easier. Hurry back, Art.

- Ruth Kaminiski & Terri Kramer

BEVERLY -

Received a nice letter from Pensioner JOHN J. O'CONNOR, former superintendent at Beverly, who plans to visit us in the spring. His address is, 5655 Sixth Avenue North, Apartment 74, St. Petersburg, Florida 33710, if you would like to drop him a line or send a card...Operator RUDY JOHNSON sure likes his work. He even shows up on his day off...We wish a speedy recovery to Operator ART PINELLI who is at St. Francis hospital, and to Operator GILBERT JONES who is recovering at Hines..."Operation Snowball" of the mental health program is rolling along and we wish to thank everyone who will help this worthy project get off to a good start. Thanks.

- Tom Daniels

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

It's a great feeling to get away from the dark, dreary days of late Autumn and follow the sunshine. KEN MIKOTA and his wife flew to Mexico. They spent a few days at the luxurious Maria Isbell in Mexico City then drove along miles of green mountains to the spa at Istapan. Taxco, seat of the silver industry, was the next stop. After touring the countryside, a week at the Elcano on the Beach climaxed a beautiful and memorable vacation...MARIE HAVLIK spent two weeks island-hopping and sightseeing on the Hawaiian Islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. The beauty of the flowers, beaches, and rolling waves convinced Marie

that this was indeed a wonderland...SANDRA CLAUSEN was married to RONALD PFEIFFER on November 1 at Queen of the Universe church. A reception at the Elks Club followed the ceremony. Sandy was honored at a luncheon given by her co-workers at the M&M club. Best wishes for the future.

- Kay McAlister

ENGINEERING -

ANNETTE HEFTER and her husband, HARRY, left on a three-week motor trip on October 3 for points west, traveling through several states viewing the fantastic scenery. They saw the Badlands, Rapid City, stopped to view Mount Rushmore, then went on to Yellowstone Park. Annette said it was a beautiful and interesting ride until they entered the gates of Yellowstone where it was snowing and they had to travel a winding mountain road which became very icy and treacherous. After that frightening ride, they arrived at Visitor's Center, where they were closing everything up at the end of the season. They enjoyed seeing the sulphur springs and the beautiful lake, but couldn't wait to get out of the chilly park and head south. They spent a week in Los Angeles visiting relatives and friends. Annette was thrilled when her aunt, who lives in Los Alamitos and is an artist, gave her two lovely paintings to take home to Skokie. They visited Annette's sister in Phoenix and spent a weekend with them in Las Vegas, where a third sister joined them, making it the first time they had all been together in 25 years. In Las Vegas they saw some shows and left their "donations" with the inhabitants, then headed for home, stopping at the Grand Canyon Caverns and revisiting the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest enroute...Congratulations to JIM JOEFFREY and his wife, JOSEPHINE, who celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on November 24. We wish Jim and his wife many, many more years of health and happiness...VINCENT J. SHUBAT, recently working with main office forces of the Engineering Department, retired on December 1 after 40 years of service, all spent in various assignments within the track division of CTA and Surface Lines. He and his wife, CECILIA, were honored guests at an open house held in 7-155 on November 28.

"HOW MANY push-ups did you say grandpa?" That's what six-month old JAMEY SCHWANK, the grandson of PAUL TWINE, Claim, seems to be saying. Jamey's mother, PEGGY, was formerly a ticket agent for CTA.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS The festive carols of the Christmas season are known in all parts of the world. Their origin is lost in many cases, but they are thought to be the spontaneous outburst of joyousness of ancient peoples at the Christmas season.	STOCKINGS No one seems to know the origin of hanging up stockings on Christmas eve...In Scandinavia, families place all their shoes together before the fireplace - the legend being that this will cause them to live in harmony throughout the new year.	WREATH Most popular of Christmas decorations is the evergreen wreath. It represents the crown of thorns which was pressed on the brow of Jesus as He hung on the cross. The red berries symbolize drops of blood He shed for us.	SANTA CLAUS The name of Santa Claus derives from Saint Nicholas, the son of a wealthy bishop. When his parents died, Nicholas gave away everything. After his death he was named as the patron saint of children whom he particularly loved. He was called "San Niklaus" by the Germans, and "Sinterklass" by the Dutch. Dutch settlers made it "Santa Claus."
<h2 style="text-align: center;">The Legends of Christmas</h2>			
DOWN THE CHIMNEY Why does Santa Claus come down the chimney - at least, on greeting cards and in the ads? The myth which old-time Englishmen favored was that Santa was thereby cleaning the chimney of soot, to allow good luck to enter the house at the New Year.	THE NAME Our name for the day, Christmas, dates back to the 11th century when it was called Cristes Maesse - literally, Christ Mass. The Germans call the day Weihnachtsfest - Holy Night Feast; the French call it Noel, which derives from the Latin Natalis, meaning birthday.	MISTLETOE In ancient times, before the Christian era, mistletoe was gathered during the winter solstice and revered as a symbol of future hope and peace. Enemies, meeting beneath a spray of it, would drop their weapons and embrace, in a gesture of friendship.	THE CHRISTMAS TREE Many legends surround the Christmas tree. One is that an evergreen protected Joseph and Mary and the Infant from Herod's soldiers; another is that the Lord sent heavenly messengers to earth to find a tree "as high as Faith, as eternal as Hope, and as widespread as Love" to symbolize the birth of Jesus. They chose the balsam fir.
CANDLES ON THE TREE Although today we use electrical substitutes to lessen the danger of fires, the use of lighted candles on the Christmas tree goes back hundreds of years to a legend that tiny lights appeared as by a miracle on the evergreens of the forest during the early celebration of the Nativity.	GIFTS It is interesting that Santa Claus is not widely known around the world as a gift-bringer. Mostly, it is the Wise Men who arrive bearing gifts. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the Stars; in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint, while in Denmark it is an elf - Jule-nissen.	THE CRIB Do homes all over the world have Christmas trees? No, it is the crib of the Infant Jesus which is more widely used as a symbol. It is the creche in France, the Nacimiento in Spain, and the Krippe in Germany. In many European countries the crib is carried through the streets by groups of singing children.	LIGHTING OF HOMES Among the ancient legends is that of the Christmas candle. It tells of a shoemaker who lived on the edge of a village. Although a poor man, he placed his candle in the window each night to guide travelers. Despite hardships and illness, his light never wavered. This inspired the villagers and at Christmas nearly every villager placed a candle in his window.

Many of his numerous friends throughout the system attended and presented him with a farewell gift, his lovely wife with a corsage, and capped it off with a carnation for Vince that gave him the distinguished look of a maitre d'. We wish them continued years of happiness and will be delighted to have them pay us a visit now and then...PAT McCARTHY and his wife, TERESA, are proud parents of a second girl, born on December 1 at Columbus hospital and weighing 7 pounds. Mother and baby are doing fine. She will be named FIONA MARIE. PAT tells us FIONA is a "common" name in Ireland. Now we are wondering if McCarthy is a common name in Ireland...Mr. and Mrs. JOE BARTUCCI, pensioner from the track division, were given a surprise 50th wedding anniversary dinner and party by their son, MARIO, and daughters, CARMELLA, ESTHER, IRMA, and GILDA and families to celebrate their golden wedding date of November 8, at the new Joseph's restaurant in Hillside. Your friends at the CTA wish you both many more enjoyable years of wedded bliss!..Thanks, again, to LOUISE SANDSTROM for gathering and submitting this news in the absence of your reporter who is recuperating at home.

(West Shops) -

The West Shops laborers, among others, wish a get well and a hurry back to JOHN BEDAME who was recently in the hospital and is now convalescing at home; to DAVE STEVENSON who has been off work recovering from a leg injury, and last, but not least, MICHAEL POLLIZZIE who

was in the hospital recently for a routine checkup. Hope to see you soon, fellows, we need our laborers...Proud papa JOE JOHNSON, tinner, has a son, GERALD, who recently displayed his 1951 Kaiser Golden Dragon at the first annual Antique Classic and Sports Car Show held at the International Amphitheater. Gerald is the director of the Chicago-area Kaiser-Frazer Owner's club. Last August, he drove his 1951 Kaiser sedan, which he restored himself, to Overland Park, Kansas, to the Kaiser-Frazer National Meet and won first place. Gerald, 20, already owns 5 Kaisers and does all his own restoration and mechanical work. He currently attends the Allied Institute of Technology and is majoring in Automotive Engineering...The CTA plumbers reaped a harvest recently at the annual turkey raffle held at the Plumbers Local Union No. 130. Here are some of the winners and their prizes: V. LaMARCA won French perfume, R. HAYES won a box of apples, E. PETERSON won sun tan lotion, T. HICKS won a \$10.00 Jewel certificate, H. KEANE won a tool set, J. NAGEL won a live pheasant, and C. SCAPPUCCI won a camping thermos set. It sure looks like that raffle made a lot of wives happy. ..MIKE FOSTER, bricklayer, retired on November 1 and the fellows took him to dinner at the Millionaires Club and presented him with an AM/FM transistor radio. He had been with the company for 32 years...CLIFTON WALKER, trackman on the night work train, resigned recently. He left the company to take advantage of a job opportunity offered by the school he had been attending. Good luck, Cliff...Our sincere condolences to JIM BARNES, brick-



CELEBRATING HER 80th birthday on September 4 was Mrs. ORPHA KING, the mother of OPAL YANT, Revenue Accounting. She was feted at an open house at the First Christian church in Watseka, Illinois, which was attended by 250 friends and relatives. Mrs. King has been a lifelong resident of Iroquois County, where she still cares for her home and bountiful garden.

layer helper, and his family on the death of his father-in-law recently...Track Foreman T. J. STAUNTON recently became a father when his wife gave birth to a baby boy. Of course his name is none other than Tom Jr. I'm sure Tom is glad that it is all over so the fellows will stop talking about his use of cocoa butter?..To refresh some memories, TONY KENNEDY, better known as the "bloke", who left the company some 20 months back for a stint in the U.S. Army, has returned and is sporting a golden blond dome that would make Lady Clairol users jealous. We're glad to see you survived Viet Nam, Tony, and wish you the sincerest and heartiest welcome back into our midst...We also welcome back Trackman WILLIE EARL WHITE who did his army stint in Korea. He said he could say many things about being in service, but the main thing he was happy about is being back on U.S. soil...Newcomers to the company are Machine Apprentices RONALD HAMPTON, EDWARD WOJTUSIK, and TERENCE KENT. Welcome aboard, fellows, and we hope you become full-fledged machinists soon...Track Foreman TOM QUALTER spent a week's vacation at home and returned to work sounding very vague and mysterious about his activities while off. Who are you fooling, Tommy, everyone knows your wife put you to work getting the house ready for the Christmas Season...ROY BAIRD, tinner, found a diamond ring and returned it after much mix-up and was given a reward. How much, Roy?

- Carol Radman & Mary Gallon

FOREST GLEN -

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you and your lovely families. Each year on this day, American homes celebrate with joy, love, and good will to man. Christmas is great, no matter where you celebrate it--with visits from friends, a roaring fireplace, good food, combined with a reverent gratitude for our God. So a Merry Christmas from my family to yours and may God bless you all...Sp/5 WAYNE MAHNKE, the son of Operator JOHN MAHNKE, was welcomed home by his family after 18 months with the army in Germany. Wayne, who was with the 35th Armored Division, was able to visit for 30 days and returned to Germany on November 9. There will be a wedding in June, 1970, as JOHN Jr. recently announced his engagement to KATHY WOGAN. Congratulations to this fine couple. John and his wife, RUTH, and son, ROGER, spent Thanksgiving visiting relatives in Southern Illinois. They reported seeing deer from the front porch of their cousin's home where they were staying...Operator SMOCZYNSKI wishes to say happy anniversary to his wife, De-

cember 28, and happy birthdays to his daughter, December 12, and his son, December 18...Operator and Mrs. BILL LYNAM celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on November 25. They have three children and five grandchildren. I would like to ask one question, how did you manage, Mrs. Lynam?...Receiver and Mrs. EDWARD O'KEEFE celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 18. They had a lovely party at Paolella restaurant in Broadview which was attended by friends and relatives. Who picked up the tab, Ed? The very best to this wonderful couple...NICK COSTANTINO Jr., the son of Operator NICK COSTANTINO, has recovered from a lung operation and is now stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Nick would like to thank everyone who was concerned about his welfare...Operator CHRIS PANTOS says his son, STEVE, is doing fine in Viet Nam. He says there is no place like home as he is presently staying in a mud-hole. God bless you, Steve...TONY YACOVACCI, whom we all think the world of, tells us that his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH YACOVACCI, are the proud parents of a lovely daughter, CHRISTINE ANN, weighing 6 pounds $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce and born on October 16. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. CARLISLE, are the proud parents of twin boys, MICHAEL JOHN, 4 pounds 9 ounces, and ANTHONY JOSEPH, 4 pounds 4 ounces, born on November 26...I guess this ends the year--the best to all--and please drop me a note in the box, anything, I'll handle it. If I forgot anything, just call me "WILBUR".

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

Pensioner CHARLIE SMITH recently paid us a visit and informs us that he and Pensioner RALPH UMSTOT have been viewing the city together. Charlie, you are getting younger looking by the day...Glad to hear that CAROL ARNDT is home from the hospital and well on the way to recovery. Hurry back, Carol.

(Treasury) -

A welcome is extended to CHARLES WROBEL and FRANK VYZRAL, token clerks...JIM VERTELKA, token clerk, was promoted to bond clerk. Congratulations!

(Employment) -

Congratulations to SUE HOLZER who announced her engagement to GEORGE HOLZMEISTER...The department welcomed back ANITA CURTIS who was on a leave of absence...Sympathy is being sent to the family of RALPH TADEVICH, the son of STANLEY TADEVICH, employment counselor, who died while in military service. Ralph was a former CTA employee.

(Reproduction Services) -

Wedding bells will ring on April 11, 1970 for SHARON DAUKSHIS who became engaged to WILLIAM HAMILTON from East Liverpool, Ohio. Besides sporting a diamond, she is also sporting a new 1970 Maverick. How does it feel to have money, Sharon?

(Law) -

FRED KINDERMAN, attorney, after 35 years of service retired on November 1 to settle down in sunny Arizona.

(Executive) -

KAY CORCORAN is the proud owner of a 1970 Oldsmo-

bile. She claims it is Sherwood green, but we say CTA green because she's a loyal employee.

(Public Information) -

How about the Service Representative who got stuck purchasing a 20 cent token from New York City and paid 40 cents for it in Chicago? Keep up the good work!..The Service Section welcomes a newcomer, KATHY SZATKOWSKI. ..The new Charter Service senior sales representative is WILLIAM PINASCO, formerly a receiver-clerk at North Avenue Station. Good luck, Bill.

(Employee Relations) -

EILEEN ARDELL and her husband flew down to sunny Florida for a week...The welcome mat was extended to EUGENE JENDRACH, graduate trainee.

(Research & Planning) -

HERMAN JAMES retired on December 1 after 36 years of service. An open house was held in his honor which was attended by many of his friends and co-workers. Good luck, Herman, and may you have many happy and healthy days ahead...JOHN O'CONNOR and his wife, LORRAINE, were co-chairmen of the Royal Music Hall in All Hallows Merri Old England's production at Divine Infant church in Westchester. John's CTA cohorts attended the production and enjoyed a great evening of entertainment...DALE MANGELSDORFF and his wife, COLLEEN, are the proud owners of a 1970 Dodge Challenger...FRANK MISEK had to brush up on his Japanese (Ah So) in order to meet with three visitors from the Japanese National Railways...The Illinois Railway Museum at Union, Illinois, wound up its 1969 operating season with a special CTA Saturday when it entertained guests and their families from CTA including JIM BLAA, BUD BUCK, BOB HEINLEIN, CHARLES KEISER, and GEORGE KRAMBLES. An old wooden "L" train and a red Pullman streetcar were operated over the mile-long track for the occasion. A number of CTAers devote their weekends to loving care and restoration of old railway cars at this museum and welcome your visit any weekend.

(Medical) -

Congratulations are in order for ROSEMARY SIKIERSKI (Becker) and her husband who became proud parents on December 5 of a baby girl weighing 7 pounds. Rosemary was formerly a Registered Nurse for CTA.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

KEDZIE -

Superintendents E. K. PETERSON and G.W. DAUBS wish all the operators and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...Congratulations to GEORGIANA PAPPAS, the daughter of Operator GEORGE PAPPAS, who announced her engagement to Mr. JAMES LEE NICHOLSON of Lombard, Illinois. They plan to be married at St. Simeon church in Bellwood, Illinois, on January 10, 1970, and will have their reception at Mary's Garden in Chicago...Pensioner BEN TAUSCH, formerly of the General Office and ex-board member, says hello to everyone. He looks good and retired life sure agrees with him...Retired Board Member CHARLIE SEEBOCK is home and doing well. He says hello to all at Kedzie. TED HEFFERNAN was over to visit him...On April 26, 1957, Mr. and Mrs. WILLIE SUT-

THIS HAPPY couple is DENNIS and ROSEMARY DANIELS, who were married on August 22 in Manti, Utah. Dennis is a graduate of Brigham Young university and the son of JOHN DANIELS, Congress Terminal Shop.



TERFIELD became parents of a daughter, ALTHEA, who is now 12 years old. She made a double-promotion from third to fifth grade last year and was an "E" student for almost a year. On October 17 she was elected president of the student council. Keep up the good work, Althea!..JOHN PASARELLO, Repair Department, took his pension on December 1 after 29 years of service. SAM RIVERA, John, and his lovely wife drove to New Mexico. On the way there they had a flat tire in the desert and when they stopped at a gas station to have the tire fixed, John's wife went to the ladies room. The gas station attendant came back with the tire and John and Sam drove off. After 20 miles or so, John turned to his wife in the back seat to ask a question and she wasn't there--they had left her at the gas station. They turned around and picked her up. John still hears about it today...Also going on pension is Operator F. MUSSATTO and Operator S. ENGELHARD. We send you both our best for a long and happy retirement...Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. F. FOURNIER on the loss of her husband, FRANK, who was laid to rest on October 26. He was a receiver at Kedzie...Our deepest sympathy to Foreman JOSEPH FIORITO, Forest Glen, your reporter's cousin, whose mother, Mrs. ANNA FIORITO, passed away and was laid to rest at Mt. Carmel Cemetery on December 10. While driving to the cemetery on route 83, a big trailer truck was northbound and my brother-in-law, ADAM FIORITO, instructor of mechanics, had a very close call. The driver of the truck lost control and began to sway. Adam slowed down when he noticed this and the trailer tipped over. My brother-in-law stopped about four feet from the trailer. If Adam hadn't been so alert, the trailer would have tipped over on his car crushing him to death. Adam still shakes when he thinks about it or someone mentions it to him... Your reporter and his wife are waiting to see our son who is coming home from Viet Nam. After a year overseas, he will be discharged and come back to civilian life.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

We'll "hi" again from your ole street-walker scribe, ERNIE. After helping the traffic supervisors get through the summer months, I decided to return to the saddle of a good old Addison bus for awhile. Dig that, I decided--by request of the company, that is...Co-reporter ANTHONY BERRY graciously left the column to me while he did his Christmas shopping. Incidentally, poor Berry has to double-up as his anniversary falls on December 21. Think you can hold out for another year, MARY G.?..It really seems odd that as loud mouthed as DON SEGAR is, he hasn't said anything about another birthday, December 20... Speaking of birthdays, I pity poor Garageman FRANK

INSIDE NEWS

TRIGG who had to buy a present for his lovely wife, HELEN, November 26, and also for his brother, WILLIAM, ditto same date...Another lovely HELEN, the wife of Operator A. JANITO, really put the bite on him--her birthday was December 25...Operator W. WORKS and his wife, ELOUISE, really had something to be thankful for when their daughter, KENYA, made her arrival November 13...Operator VERNON R. WENNERBERG was exceptionally thankful on December 1 because this is the date he retired and he still looks like a million bucks. May he have many years of happy retirement...Our Board Member would like to extend his thanks to all the fellows of Keeler for their contributions to the Little Flower Society...Looking in the pink after a heart attack is Operator C. PETERSON who dropped in to say "hi" to all the fellows...Haven't had the opportunity before to officially welcome to Keeler our new boss, Mr. CHRISTIAN. Welcome, "boss", and I hope I can quit paying you so many personal visits...The fellows in the garage tell me that Chief Garage Clerk PAT MULCAHEY went deer hunting, but returned with no visible signs of his trip. I sort of wonder what kind of "Dear" Pat was hunting for?.. Well, folks, here's hoping that Old St. Nick made all his deliveries on time and completely--for now the poor guy has to also make the moon run, too.

- Ernest C. Carter & Anthony Berry

LIMITS -

The annual business meeting and party of the Limits Credit Union will be held on January 25 at 3 p.m. at Weiglers Hall, Damen and Byron avenue. All members and their families are urged to attend. If there should be a change of time and place, it will be posted on the bulletin board at Limits Station...We were happy to see Pensioner EDWARD SHULSTAD pay us a visit at Limits. He reports that he was confined to the hospital for a short time but is well on the road to recovery...Operator RUFUS BOYD was confined to the hospital but reports he is feeling fine again. ..RUTH DE WITT, the wife of Night Superintendent M. H. DE WITT, is confined in Lutheran General hospital, Des Plaines, Illinois, at this time. We all wish you a very speedy recovery...Operator JOHN ODOM is in St. Joseph hospital. He should be leaving soon as he is well on the road to recovery...Operator SAM WILSON spent an enjoyable vacation in Georgia where he visited friends and relatives...Congratulations to JAMES HARRIS who won \$100 in the Jewel-Osco royal flush game. He said the money would



THIS YOUNG man is MICHAEL GRILLAERT, the son of GUS GRILLAERT, Congress Terminal Shop, who was the recipient of a State scholarship in recognition of his performance in the 1970-71 State Scholarship Program competition.

be put aside for his vacation...While Instructor JAMES BROGAN was on vacation, his daughter, DIANE, was married to GEORGE WAGNER. The beautiful wedding was followed by a reception for friends and relatives. Congratulations to the newlyweds...Supervisor HOWARD JOSETTI and his wife recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Their daughter gave them a wonderful party. Congratulations...JOHN WEBER reports that there was a big turnout for the Little Flower mass and breakfast at St. Patrick church with Father Quentin Duncan officiating...The Limits basketball team, headed by Captain O. DALE MARSHALL, finished in the first division. Congratulations!

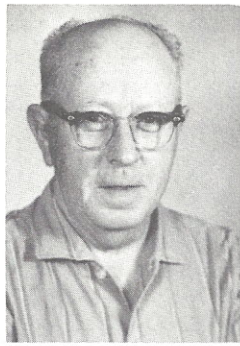
- R. S. Benson

LOOP -

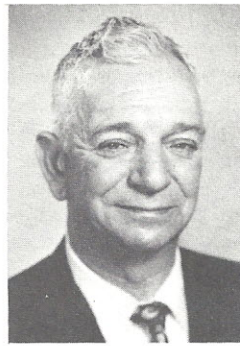
Agent J. GEORGE is on the sick list again. MORA HAASE said to hurry back, Jimmy, the Christmas rush needs you...Agent W. STRASSER you better hurry back or you will have to go into re-training. Let's hope you are much better and back to work by the time this goes to press...At this writing Agent C. SALA is home and not feeling too good yet. We all hope you get well soon and will be back in time for the Christmas rush...It's great to see Agents D. GROFMAN, M. WIXTED, and DOROTHY PARKER back on the job...Thanksgiving is long gone, but when there are two turkeys at one meal you don't forget so quickly. One of our janitors was talked into taking two chances from a co-worker at the car house. Well, ERWIN SCHULTZ was the winner. Early Thanksgiving morning he got up and stuffed both birds, prepared the trimmings, and at about three or four o'clock he and his three brothers and sisters-in-law sat down to a delicious dinner. This was an extra special day as it was the first dinner prepared in his new apartment. Oh, the other turkey, well here is what happened to it. Over in a corner of the new dining room on a nice table cloth was a turkey and all the trimmings. Who was enjoying it? None other than Mickey Albert Schultz, and believe me, he was sure glad he was Erwin's dog that day...A short time ago Retired Agent and Inside News Reporter HELEN PALLISTER wrote me a few lines. She is very happy and loves her new home, and working as a part-time typist. During the first few days of the opening of the Dan Ryan extension, Helen and a few of her lady friends in Wisconsin were watching the news on TV, when suddenly there was BOB HEINLEIN as clear as could be. Helen yelled, "Bob! That's Bob, our editor of the Transit News." Well, these friends of Helen couldn't get over seeing him on TV and they thought he was a young college boy. Helen suggests that you try for a TV star, Bob...Congratulations to Agent JOHN FILIPEK and his wife who celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on December 11...Platform Man PAT MCGOWAN will say goodbye to his friends and co-workers on December 31 when he will begin his pension January 1. He is so happy now that he will be able to stay home and enjoy it with his family. Good luck from all of us and we wish you many years of good health...Collector SPIRO LAMBROS is jumping with joy for he will also go on pension January 1. He didn't have any immediate plans but will just enjoy each day. We all wish you a long, healthy, and happy life. Now he will really spoil the grandchildren. ..A long awaited dream came true for Retired Agent MARGIE WHITE when she landed at Shannon, Ireland, airport. Her family met her there and she was so happy and delighted that she cried with joy. She will now make her home there. Margie would like to thank her friends and co-



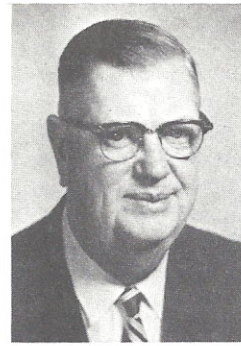
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46 Years



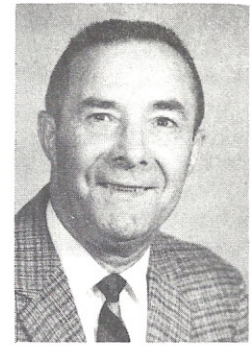
W. F. MULCAHY
41 Years



J. J. TRAFTON
42 Years



A. C. LEVIN
40 Years



V. J. SHUBAT
40 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

JOE S. ARNIERI, Trackman,
Track, Emp. 11-13-30

JERRY CHADWICK, Painter,
Building, Emp. 1-13-48

THOMAS J. CONNELLY, Janitor,
77th Street, Emp. 5-8-29

ELIZABETH A. DONOHUE, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 9-27-43

VINCENZO GARITI, Repairer,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-1-36

JOHN J. GEARY, Invoice Clerk,
Accounting, Emp. 8-16-43

EVELYN GILLESPIE, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 3-25-37

ELMER F. GOBEILLE, Receiver,
69th Street, Emp. 4-1-31

STANLEY A. GORSKI, Security Officer,
Security, Emp. 10-12-36

BYRON E. ISEMINER, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 10-19-33

HERMAN E. JAMES, Transfer Clerk,
Research & Planning, Emp. 10-20-33

WALTER JASTREMSKI, Pressman,
South Shops, Emp. 3-13-23

EDWARD C. KACZMAREK, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-26-29

ADOLPH C. LEVIN, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 4-16-29

PATRICK MCGOWAN, Platform Man,
West Section, Emp. 6-17-29

GEORGE P. MILLER, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 9-9-25

WILLIAM F. MULCAHY, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 11-23-28

JOSEPH O'TOOLE, Platform Man,
North Section, Emp. 10-10-29

EDWARD J. PALEN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-1-42

JOHN G. PASSARELLA, Repairer,
Kedzie, Emp. 11-11-40

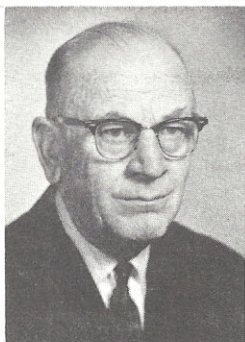
workers for the lovely dinner at Berghoff's the last Saturday she was in Chicago. She also appreciated the lovely gift she received. We all wish Margie the best of everything and many years of good health. You will always be remembered for you are a wonderful person to work with and have as a friend...Today a brunette, next day silver, and then a real pretty redhead. Well they all look good, FAY, and we can't say which one is the most striking. Let's say red, huh?...Agent DOROTHY FORD and her husband, LEO, Lake Street trainman, had a lovely two-week vacation. Dorothy had ten for Thanksgiving dinner and Leo really helped. Uh! Uh! To add a little more spice to her vacation, Dorothy bought an organ and a new 1970 Impala. Dorothy, you better stop taking vacations as they are sure costly. She returned to work on December 1 to rest. Can you imagine anyone relaxing on the a.m. at Central and Lake?...Our deepest sympathy to the family of Retired Superintendent J. DeLONG who passed away in November. Mr. DeLong will be long remembered by those who knew him and worked for him. He was a quiet, low-speaking, kind, and understanding boss. No matter what your problem was, big or small, he would first listen and then talk things over with you and help you if he could. He believed that one rule applied to everyone...Our deepest sympathy to the family of Supervisor E. VALENTA who passed away

suddenly...Our deepest sympathy to Agent JOHN S. FILIPEK and his family on the loss of his mother, December 1. She was the great-grandmother of 28 children...We were sorry to hear that Trainman and Board Member G. WEBB was in the hospital, and hope that he is doing well now.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

North Avenue looks like sure champs as each coach prepares his team for the station-to-station basketball tournament. North Avenue, with its towering 6 foot 4 inch average up front, will be hard to beat. This includes TOM COLLINS, W. BAKER, and EUGENE SMITH, with W. STEWART and J. L. JACKSON waiting in the shadows in case one of them gets cold. Bringing up the back court will be sharpshooting CURTIS BANKS, assistant coach, ball-handling ROLLAND CURETON, and smooth-operating HENRY MCKINLEY. The team wouldn't be complete without all-round center, forward, and guard RICHARD LONG. Directing the attack will be player-coach WADE L. SIMMONS. Whether it be from the sidelines or from the court, Coach Simmons will certainly be a spot in some team's eye. Also giving strong moral support is North Avenue



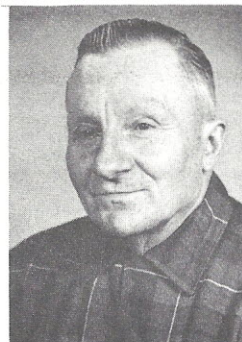
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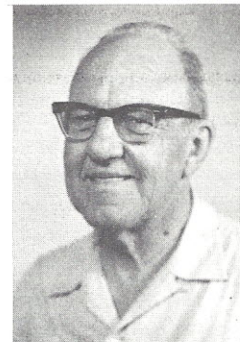
K. B. WILLIAMS
40 Years



J. O'TOOLE
40 Years



G. P. MILLER
44 Years



T. J. CONNELLY
40 Years

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

THOMAS L. PETERSEN, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-28-36
FRANCIS H. PIERSON, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 10-26-28
EDITH E. RIDDLE, Briefwriter,
Claim, Emp. 10-22-28
THOMAS F. SCREEN, Superintendent,
69th Street, Emp. 10-24-33
WILLIAM L. SEIFERT, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 3-24-42
ROBERT B. SEXTON, Trackman,
Track, Emp. 2-21-46
VINCENT J. SHUBAT, Track Clerk,
Engineering, Emp. 7-2-29
WILLARD B. SINGELMAN, Supervisor,
District "A", Emp. 3-26-34
JOSEPHINE M. TOLLAR, Clerk,
Claim, Emp. 3-4-46
JOHN J. TRAFTON, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 9-7-27

VERNON R. WENNERBERG, Operator,
Keeler, Emp. 8-26-36
MARGARET A. WHITE, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-16-43
KENNETH B. WILLIAMS, Radio-Telephone Disp.,
Transportation, Emp. 5-8-29

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

MICHAEL COLLINS, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 1-8-25
JERRY B. JORDAN, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 5-11-45
ALBERT W. MASULIS, Serviceman,
North Avenue, Emp. 2-1-39
JOE L. WEATHERSPOON, Laborer,
Building, Emp. 10-21-57

Credit Union, PETE DOWDALL, JOHN WEATHERSPOON, JOE CRISTY, and the rest of the group. If you are still not convinced, stop in the checker board room and talk to H. REESE, he'll make a believer out of you. General Manager A. WILLIAMS said, "Wait and watch, actions speak louder than words."...Repairman RICHARD HANDY and his wife, JO ANN, are the proud parents of SHERRY LYNN, born September 28 at 3:23 p.m. in West Suburban hospital weighing 4 pounds 7 ounces...Operator RAYMOND ZIELINSKI and his wife, ADELINE, of Northlake, became grandparents when SHERRY ANN was born to their son, JAMES, and his wife of Bellwood...Mr. and Mrs. ROMAN BUDNICK, Repair Department, became grandparents for the second time in six weeks when LISA MARIE BARTHEL was born to their daughter and son-in-law on November 4. The first time was September 23 when MARY KATE was born to their daughter-in-law and son. Congratulations to all!...Operator JOHN WASHINGTON and his wife, IRENE, had a birthday party for their one-year old son, JOHN Jr., October 19. Irene celebrated hers on November 21. John took her out to celebrate...We are happy and thankful to report the safe return from Vietnam of JAMES PARSON, the son of Operator EINAR PARSON, on August 9. He was there for 15 months...We were happy to receive a letter from Pensioner HANS HABBESTAD who is now living at Rt. 1,

Box 197, Eatonville, Washington 98328. We also received a welcome letter from Pensioner BILL ECHOLS now living at Benedictine Manor 219, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901...Operator HAROLD RENHACK took his pension on November 1 after 40 years of service with the company. He celebrated 39 years of service with his wife, MARGARET, on October 30. Our best wishes, and let us hear from you...We welcome RUSSELL GUNDERSON back to North Avenue as chief clerk...Operator JOHN LENORE lost his brother, EUGENE. Pensioner KELM LUSSEM passed away on October 11. Operator FERNN FOX departed this life October 21. Pensioner A. M. HANSEN, now living in Norway, lost his wife recently. Receiver FRANK FOURNIER passed away October 26. Operator LEO RAMEL passed away on November 17. Pensioner WILLIAM NAUGHTON lost his brother, TOM, on November 19. Operator ABRAHAM MORGAN lost his step-father, GEORGE GOLDIE BIRD, of Richmond, Virginia, on September 22. Interment was at Glendale National cemetery. Our sympathy to these families...The annual town hall assembly autumn ball at the Chateau Royale was attended by over 800 people. Among them at my table were: Pensioner ERNEST BOCK and his wife, EMILY; Operator AMOS AARON and his wife, CATALINA; Repairman CEDRIC DRAPER and his wife, MARY; Garage Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA and his wife, BONNIE;

INSIDE NEWS



POSING FOR her 100th birthday photo on November 25 is FILOMENA GIA-COBE, the grandmother of RICHARD VALLONI, Electrical Department, and the mother-in-law of SALVATORE VALLONI, a bus operator at 69th Street Station. She was fêted at a party attended by 200 guests and was able to recognize each one.

Forest Glen Garage Clerk BILL MIEDEMA and his wife, JACKIE; my son, DAVID, my wife, and myself. First prize raffle ticket belonged to eligible bachelor Operator EDWARD MURPHY, who also won a turkey at another raffle... Congratulations to Receiver BILL PINASCO who has transferred to Charter Service in the General Office... Operator FLORIAN DWIEL and I vacationed at Lanse, Michigan, to do some fishing. We visited Pensioner ART MOILANEN and his wife, BETTY, who have a home on Lake Superior. We enjoyed several delicious dinners at their home. We fished with Art one day and he provided the equipment for deep-water fishing. Florian had a good fish hooked, but after a fight the line snapped and he lost his rig. A sudden wind came up with 8 foot waves and we had to hustle ashore. That was our only sunny day, as the rest of the week was rain and more rain. We stayed at Otter Lake and met Pensioner ED SCHNEIDER, Operator BILL DI GIOIA, Receiver BILL PINASCO, and Ticket Agent GEORGE ROHRHUBER who were also fishing. George caught the biggest fish, an 8½ pound walleye. Bill Pinasco came in with second honors with a 5 pounder. The rest of us have nothing to brag about. The only luck we had was getting away before the snow fell... I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays. Many of you as you celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Savior, had heavy hearts because of a loved one in Vietnam or who made the supreme sacrifice. You were remembering happier Christmases when they were with you, and like all of us, wondering when this horror will end. We pray that before another Christmas rolls around the boys will be home to stay. May this New Year bring peace.

- William Miedema

NORTH PARK -

The North Park Credit Union annual business meeting will be held Friday, January 9, at the River Park fieldhouse, 5100 N. Francisco avenue, at 8 p.m. Dividends will be declared and refreshments will be served. There will also be drawings for door prizes. All members are urged to attend... North Park was well represented at the Little Flower communion breakfast held Sunday, October 12. Fathers Quentin and Paul and the committee members wish to thank everyone for their help. Prize winners were: Mrs. MARY McDONALD, Pensioner MIKE PHILBIN, GORDON RICE Jr., NICK MUENCHEN, TONY GRANAHAAN, ROY RUPP, PAT SULLIVAN, MARIO SCALES, and JOE "Charge" GRASSL were some of the pensioners in attend-

ance... Operator W. J. KLEPITCH retired on November 1 after 27 years of service. His quiet approach and congeniality will be sorely missed around North Park... Operator BILL SEIFERT retired on December 1 after 28 years of service. Bill and his wife, MIN, will be making their new home in Southgate, California. Being one of Bill and Min's many friends, I personally wish many years of good health and enjoyable living ahead for them. You operators in the vicinity of South Gate may visit Bill and Min at: 10144 Montara avenue, South Gate, California 90280... Operator ED PALEN retired on December 1 after 27 years of service and is going to do some traveling with his wife, EVELYN, before looking into several other opportunities that he has been offered... Operator CLARENCE "Overcoat" PETERSON retired on November 1 and will be moving to Clearwater, Florida. Pete extends a hearty welcome to his many friends to drop in and say hello when they are down his way... Operator LUIS ENDARA became a father for the fourth time when his wife, CARMAN, gave birth to a daughter, DIANA CARMAN, born September 30 at Wesley Memorial hospital weighing 7 pounds... Operator JOHN KACZAR and his wife, FRIEDA, became grandparents for the sixth time when their son, RICHARD, and his wife, SALLY, became parents of a son, JOHN, born November 5 at Aleoa, Indiana, hospital... Operator ZEKE JAGST, our most eligible bachelor, became engaged on Thanksgiving day, November 27, to Miss HILDA GEBHARD. The wedding is planned for February 20, 1971... Operator JIM RENTSCHLER and his wife, HAZEL, vacationed in Florida. Highlights of the trip were visits to Naples, Bonita Springs, Lehigh Acres, and a fishing excursion with Operator BILL NEHLS of North Avenue Depot and his wife, ETHEL... Receiver BILL CERKAN and his wife, LAVERNE, vacationed throughout the West. The Cerkans visited their son, FRED, who lives in Downey, California, and is working at North American Rockwell Space Center. Also on the agenda were visits to Las Vegas, Tijuana, Mexico, Los Angeles, and Hollywood... Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, vacationed at Los Angeles, California, where Ethel's mother, Mrs. MIN MOLL, resides. A few days at Las Vegas, and some night-clubbing in San Francisco were also on the agenda... Operator ROY LEMKE and his wife, MAR-

APPEARING AMIDST a host of friends and co-workers is Car Repairman SAM SELVAGGIO, Congress, who recalled "the good old days" as he was fêted at a party upon his retirement on November 1.



ION, enjoyed their annual fall fishing trip to Lake Norfolk, Arkansas. A visit to Forsyth, Missouri, to see Pensioner ART and RUTH MUIR, and FRANK HESS and his wife, MYRTLE, was also enjoyed...Operator DALE GILMER and his wife, OPAL, vacationed throughout the West. Highlights of the trip were a visit to Sacramento, California, to visit Mr. and Mrs. BILL BROWN. Stops were also made at Oakland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Long Beach, Disneyland, Lake Tahoe, Reno, Las Vegas, and Phoenix, Arizona. ..Operator JIM DOLAN and his wife, RITA, spent a few days visiting Pensioner JOE LEHMANN and his aunt, Mrs. LIZ GOTTSCHALK, of 109 Grindstone Road, Port Arthur, Michigan. The Dolans also visited Detroit and Flint, Michigan, where they had an opportunity to watch the Ford and Buick assembly lines...Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUE, vacationed in Florida. A visit at Pensioner CHARLES and ANN KERR's home in Bonita Springs was most enjoyable. Sid and Sue also enjoyed the blast off of Apollo 12...Operator GEORGE HAND and his wife, MERVA, vacationed at New Britain, Connecticut, where Merva's parents, Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES SNOW, reside. The Hands enjoyed the Amish Colony located in Pennsylvania where they purchased many souvenirs...Operator PAUL KOLSCH drove his motorcycle to Raccoon Lake, Indiana, where he spent ten days camping out. Paul reports the fishing was fair...Operator LEROY CARR spent a week fishing at Grand Maurie, Canada, where he stayed at Gunflint Trail Lodge. Leroy reports good catches of northern pike and large mouth bass...Operator AL SIEGEL and his wife, ESTHER, flew to New York City for their vacation. The Siegels then took a fall foliage trip through the New England States. A ski-mobile trip on the ski slope at Lake Placid was also a must...Operator PETE WILLEMSSEN and HARON RAMBO vacationed at Tullhoma, Tennessee, where the fishing reports were excellent...Receiver HERB SCHMIDT made his first trip to the Ozarks where Pensioner FRANK HESS gave Herb the "kings" treatment. A visit with Pensioner BLACKIE NELSON and his wife, MAYBEL, was also on the agenda.

Pensioner MARTIN BAKKA and his wife vacationed throughout the State of Florida. Marty reports they had a grand time and expect to return again soon...Operator GUS JONES and his wife, JUNE, would like to express their thanks to the many friends who expressed their sympathy and condolences on the recent loss of their son, ALAN... Pensioner MEL ZAHR and GEORGE ZELINKO were recent visitors at the depot and are looking great. To their many friends, whom they were unable to see, they extend their greetings...SUSAN STENZEL, the daughter of Receiver ED STENZEL, is now a member of the CTA family working at the Mart in the General Office...Operator PETE DOLAN played the part of a barman in the play, "The Plough and the Stars", held November 22 at the Hamilton theatre. Operator BRENDEN GREGG was also a member of the group working as house manager of the play...FRED ANHALT, the son of Operator FRED ANHALT, is attending Colorado State university where he will be majoring in electronic engineering. Fred, who is serving in the United States Air Force, is attending his third university at Air Force expense...KATHY ZAHN, the daughter of Operator NICK ZAHN, represented St. Benedicts High school in the election for the "Queen of State Street" in the annual Christmas Day parade...A hearty welcome is extended to Operator RAY CLONINGER who has returned to work at North Park after two years in another field of employment...TIM SEDIN, the son of Operator HAROLD SEDIN, has ended his

four-year tour of duty with the United States Navy where he was stationed in Japan and the Philippines...LAWRENCE J. COSTLEY Jr., the son of Supervisor LARRY COSTLEY, has been inducted into the United States Army and is serving his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri... Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator WILLIAM STINESPRING and his wife, DOLLY, their 40th; Operator JESSE GILMORE and his wife, ROSE, their 13th; Operator MIKE PARK and his wife, GLADY, their 16th; Operator JOHN WAIT and his wife, LUCILLE, their 31st; Operator SAM BAKER and his wife, HELEN, their 29th; Operator ALLEN LICHTER and his wife, JUDY, their 10th, and Operator IRVING WEINER and his wife, IDA, their 38th. Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS and his wife, MARY, celebrated their 33rd, November 26th. Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operator GEORGE HAND, PETE MARCHISOTTO, ROY LEMKE, MEL HORN-ING, TOM CONROY, HAROLD ANDERSCHAT, CARL SANDBURG, and MERVA HAND, JIM KURCZEWSKI, DEBORAH and MONICA AYOTTE, LOU BIELSKI, and BARBARA ANDERSCHAT...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Pensioner CHARLES and ANN KERR on the loss of his mother, Mrs. AGNES EDWARDS; Operator JOHN BURKE on the loss of his mother, Mrs. JOSEPHINE BURKE, and Operator HENRY HIGLEY on the loss of his mother, Mrs. HIGLEY...Board Member and Operator FRANK LASKE underwent major surgery at Resurrection hospital and at this writing is convalescing satisfactorily. Our prayers are with you, Red...Repairman "Sparky" SPARKS traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, via Greyhound bus on his vacation and had a wonderful trip...Repairman HERMAN AMBRUS vacationed around Chicagoland and finished all of his Christmas shopping...North Park Garage welcomes Servicemen R. RHODES, A. STEFFAN, A. MERTSKY, and M. DOMENQUEZ, a recent transferee from North Avenue...Congratulations are extended to the following who were turkey winners in the Thanksgiving raffle held at the Sportsmen Club: DENNIS CRONIN, FRANK CAHILL, ART CARLSON, FRANK CIONE, TERRY PLUTA, BOB LORENTZ, HENRY MADDEN, ED OLENDER, IRA BASHAN, and FRANK BUGLIO...The sympathy of the garage is extended to Repairman L. BOTH on the loss of his father, Mr. BOTH...All of the office personnel, Superintendents ROBERT KEAG, JACK MORRIS and WARD

SHOWN AS a motorman from North Avenue Station in 1921 and enjoying retired life in Norway today is ALFRED M. HANSEN. Mr. Hansen was with CSL and CTA from February, 1920, to January, 1948.



recent deaths

GEORGE W. ANDERSON, 72, Devon,
Emp. 8-12-26, Died 10-17-69
JESSE C. AX, 59, North Section,
Emp. 7-15-47, Died 10-21-69
GABRIEL F. BIORN, 74, West Section,
Emp. 1-18-22, Died 7-26-69
PATRICK BUCKLEY, 80, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-8-23, Died 10-30-69
PATRICK CAGNEY, 83, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-11-17, Died 11-10-69
MICHELE CAMPAGNA, 73, Track,
Emp. 12-16-41, Died 11-6-69
HUGH P. CAMPBELL, 80, Building,
Emp. 7-23-37, Died 10-25-69
LEONARD E. CARLYON, 64, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-25-36, Died 11-20-69
JOHN W. COLLINS, 88, Lincoln,
Emp. 8-21-17, Died 11-28-69
MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM, 80, Track,
Emp. 3-1-54, Died 11-6-69
FRED DAMKALN, 78, West Shops,
Emp. 11-5-19, Died 11-22-69
JOSEPH J. DeLONG, 74, West Section,
Emp. 6-1-14, Died 11-28-69
JAMES J. DOOLAN, 88, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-3-05, Died 11-13-69
HORACE T. DOUGLAS, 63, West Section,
Emp. 7-17-45, Died 11-14-69
WILLIAM J. DOWLING, 72, Auditing,
Emp. 9-16-29, Died 11-26-69
RICHARD DUFFIN, 92, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-8-07, Died 10-23-69
KATHERINE M. DWYER, 65, Stores,
Emp. 11-12-42, Died 11-18-69
WILLIAM R. FELL, 97, North Avenue,
Emp. 12-19-99, Died 10-31-69
MARIANO FERRARO, 76, Track,
Emp. 3-7-29, Died 11-20-69

JOSEPH L. FISHER, 84, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 12-1-18, Died 11-29-69
SAMUEL N. FISHER, 73, Claim,
Emp. 8-6-34, Died 11-3-69
FRANK FOURNIER, 63, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-30-37, Died 10-26-69
FERN FOX, 63, Accounting,
Emp. 8-17-45, Died 10-21-69
CHARLES FRANK, 97, 69th Street,
Emp. 7-22-07, Died 10-21-69
HARRY H. GEIER, 75, Electrical,
Emp. 5-6-10, Died 11-29-69
WILLIAM GRAY, 56, Archer,
Emp. 2-27-45, Died 10-24-69
JOHN P. GROTZ, 75, North Section,
Emp. 3-6-25, Died 11-28-69
J. YAZELL GUNTER, 69, Stores,
Emp. 7-3-18, Died 10-13-69
HARRY HAGAN, 87, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 8-25-19, Died 11-20-69
HENRY P. HANSEN, 64, Stores,
Emp. 10-12-28, Died 11-12-69
ALTON HAYNES, 39, Keeler,
Emp. 8-9-56, Died 11-1-69
THOMAS HILL Sr., 61, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-27-45, Died 11-25-69
JOHN G. HUMMEL, 95, North Section,
Emp. 11-16-03, Died 10-22-69
THERESA M. JARVIS, 63, West Section,
Emp. 11-20-46, Died 11-5-69
GEORGE JOHNSON, 79, 61st Street,
Emp. 4-3-08, Died 11-2-69
JOHN KEMPA, 79, Limits,
Emp. 5-3-44, Died 10-13-69
JOSEF KREMPA, 90, Armitage,
Emp. 12-20-08, Died 12-6-69

CHAMBERLAIN, Instructors BILL PARNUM, WALTER STEINBEISS and ARTHUR HIGGINS, the receivers, clerks and janitors, wish to extend Season's Greetings to all the employees at this station and their families. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men in each department who have helped me with news items each month.

- Melvin Honning

NORTH SECTION -

Here we are again with all the hustle and bustle of getting ready for Christmas, so the news is a little scarce at this time of the year. This should have been sent in before, but we will print it now. Mrs. GERTRUDE PETAK, the wife of Conductor ABE PETAK, went to Culver City, California, in August to await the arrival of their grandson who was born on September 3 and weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces. Congratulations!..MARION SPARKS is a grandmother again. Her son and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl, DIANE CHRISTINE, who was born on November 11, weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce and 20 inches long...In case no one has noticed, AL TAJIRI got a haircut and really looks sharp. Congratulations, Al...Janitor MITCHELL is back to

work after having an operation. PAUL LANZ is still on the sick list, and his wife, EVELYN, went on the sick list recently. Here's hoping they both have a speedy recovery... L. WILLIS was in an auto accident on October 19 but is back to work now...BETTY CARAKER was struck by an auto on October 18 and suffered a fractured foot...M. HARRIS was in an automobile accident on November 21. He was hospitalized and his wife, aunt, and uncle were injured...We had two agents retire on December 1, E. GILLESPIE who had 32 years of service and E. DONOHUE who had 26 years of service. We hope they both have a long and happy retirement...Motorman JOE O'TOOLE, Kimball, took his pension on December 1, and Conductor ADOLPH LEVIN, Howard, also took his pension on December 1. Good luck to both of you nice fellows...Our sincere condolences to WILLARD DOUGLAS on the loss of his wife and baby. May they rest in peace...Welcome to the following newly-hired agents: M. BARRETT, M. CIFAX, L. GRESHAM, D. HARRIS, D. PUGH, B. RUSH, C. GRIFFIN, C. MARTIN, D. PAYNE, A. THELIN, and E. FIFE. Miss Fife is the sister of Howard Conductor JOHN McCONVILLE...Conductor STEVE GARBO, Howard, left the CTA after 22 years to live in Ashville, North Carolina...DESMOND O'GRADY left the CTA after 10 years of service to work with his two sisters

among employees

JAMES W. LOAN, 88, Metropolitan,
Emp. 4-21-24, Died 10-26-69
JOHN H. LOFTUS, 73, West Section,
Emp. 4-21-26, Died 12-6-69
MARY I. MASON, 93, North Section,
Emp. 11-21-18, Died 10-9-69
JOSEPH MISZKOWICZ, 79, Devon,
Emp. 10-4-19, Died 10-18-69
HERBERT M. MITTEL, 72, Central Division,
Emp. 1-8-36, Died 10-13-69
JAMES J. MURPHY, 78, South Section,
Emp. 2-11-13, Died 12-8-69
JOSEPH MURPHY, 78, Transit Board,
Emp. 12-28-58, Died 12-11-69
CHARLES C. NESS, 81, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-8-07, Died 11-15-69
JOSEPH O'CONNOR, 48, Internal Auditing,
Emp. 1-4-52, Died 11-13-69
JOHN H. PAYNE, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-7-20, Died 11-22-69
PATSY PERRY, 53, Office Services,
Emp. 8-19-47, Died 10-27-69
JAMES P. PHILLIPS, 82, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 6-3-10, Died 11-17-69
CLARENCE POPP, 72, North Park,
Emp. 9-27-26, Died 10-23-69
MATHIAS RAABER, 90, West Shops,
Emp. 8-30-06, Died 11-9-69
GUS F. RADDATZ, 81, South Section,
Emp. 12-13-10, Died 10-30-69
LEOPOLD RAMEL, 48, North Avenue,
Emp. 12-10-43, Died 11-17-69
FERDINAND RATZEL, 83, West Section,
Emp. 10-1-06, Died 11-8-69
LAMAR ROBINSON, 48, Stores,
Emp. 1-6-53, Died 11-21-69

VINCENT ROSANOVA, 72, South Shops,
Emp. 10-14-41, Died 10-31-69
MICHAEL T. RUSSELL, 66, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-3-43, Died 11-28-69
MAURICE J. SCANLON, 66, North Section,
Emp. 7-7-25, Died 11-7-69
CHARLES SCAVUZZO, 76, South Section,
Emp. 2-20-43, Died 11-5-69
WALTER T. SCHANK, 75, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-13-20, Died 12-4-69
JOHN H. SCHMIDT, 88, North Section,
Emp. 3-20-43, Died 9-30-69
JAY SKINNER, 62, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-4-51, Died 11-21-69
LEO I. SMITH, 70, South Division,
Emp. 6-8-45, Died 11-7-69
CASS J. SNOW, 68, Accounting,
Emp. 6-15-43, Died 11-19-69
JACKSON C. SQUIRES, 82, Track,
Emp. 10-16-42, Died 9-6-69
EDWARD STEPNIKA, 56, South Section,
Emp. 8-15-41, Died 11-30-69
MARTIN SUCHY, 75, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-21-23, Died 11-17-69
EUGENE P. SULLIVAN, 87, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 6-13-16, Died 10-24-69
JOHN F. SULLIVAN, 74, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-20-23, Died 11-21-69
MICHAEL SZYMANSKI, 81, Devon,
Emp. 3-11-24, Died 11-6-69
ALEX TARVIDAS, 66, South Shops,
Emp. 8-26-29, Died 10-23-69
EDWARD VALENTA, 44, Rapid Transit District,
Emp. 11-25-46, Died 11-30-69
GORDON W. WALTERS, 79, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 10-20-17, Died 8-3-69
THOMAS J. WHITEFORD, 70, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-6-23, Died 11-9-69

in their nursing home in Milton, Massachusetts...In closing, how about sending some news to me, GRACE MOUNTS, 3535 N. Ruby street, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131...I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

- Grace Mounts

OPERATIONS -

The first day of December was the day that KEN WILLIAMS, radio telephone operator, began his retirement. Coffee and cake were served and many of his friends were on hand to say good-bye and wish him well, including LARRY STEPHENS, retired dispatcher. He and his wife plan to take it easy for a while and then, in the near future, do some traveling. Good luck and best wishes for a very happy retirement, Ken...JULIE WILLEM is now back at work and feeling pretty good after recently undergoing surgery...A warm welcome is extended to LORRAINE BRAZZLE, the new clerk-steno in our department, and a new employee with CTA. We are happy to have you with us and wish you good luck in your new job...RALPH TRACY and his son, RANDY, who is home on a leave before returning for reassignment

with the U.S. Marines, spent some time together deer hunting at a place a little north of Ladysmith, Wisconsin. The weather was ideal, there was only six inches of snow on the ground, and everything seemed to cooperate except the deer...There was only one vacation to report on from the General Office this month and I'm happy to say that it was that of your scribe and my mother, ROSE SZCZEPANEK. It was a good feeling to leave Chicago when it was cold and fly to Florida. We stayed at my second home with JACK and WANDA KRAUSE. We were only away for one week, but in that time we went swimming, shopping, visiting with friends, traveling all over sightseeing and went to places of interest and beauty, namely the Seaquarium and Parrot Jungle. Deep sea fishing was a must, and what a rough day we picked to go. My mother caught a mackerel and I caught a barracuda, but no sail fish. We went to some very nice restaurants, especially the Viking in Dania where we were joined by ART KRICKOW, HERMAN and MARTHA ERICKSON, the KRAUSES, and other friends for dinner and dancing. The weather was a little cool at first but then warmed up. To say the least, we had a wonderful time and I'm counting the days until I return to that little white house in North Miami, Florida...We would like to express our sympathy to AUDREY and HOWARD PETERSON on the loss of

Audrey's mother, Mrs. AGNES JOHNSON, who passed away on October 23. Services were held at Messiah Lutheran church on October 27. We would also like to extend our sympathy to the family of JOSEPH DE LONG, retired superintendent of agents and janitors, who recently passed away...At this time I would like to express my best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

DON, the son of DON EDWARDS Sr., just completed four years of service with the U.S. Navy. He served as a boiler-man aboard the U.S.S. Columbus which is a guided missile cruiser...JAMES J. ROCHE and his wife spent two weeks of fun and enjoyment in New Orleans. They even found time to attend the Notre Dame-Tulane football game which they liked very much...LEROY BUSH and his family vacationed in beautiful sunny Florida and had a great time...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JAMES ROCHE who recently celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary...Our condolences are extended to the families of WALTER JOHNSON whose father-in-law passed away, and STANLEY KAMINSKI whose mother-in-law passed away.

(Traffic Planning) -

DAVE, the son of VINCE DONOHUE, was involved in an automobile accident which resulted in his having a dislocated hip. We hear that he is coming along fine and wish him a speedy recovery...Congratulations to JIM and JEAN ROCHE who recently moved into their new home...A couple of new faces to be seen in this department are those of BILL WINTERS and DENNIS MURPHY. We wish both of you the best of luck in your new jobs...On November 1, NANCY HAGEMEYER was part of the bridal party at the wedding of SANDY PFEIFFER who works in the Electrical Department. The wedding was held at Queen of the Universe church.

(Equipment Research & Development) -

JOHN LIPKA is now home from the hospital and well on the way to recovery after undergoing surgery. We are glad to hear that you are progressing so well, John, and hope that it won't be long until your A-OK.

- Colette Szyzpanek

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

Please forgive me for not getting the news out in time for the last magazine. Since I lost my fellow reporter and partner in crime, JANE URSO, who suddenly left the company, I fell a little behind. So I'll try my best to bring you all up to date on what's been happening around here these past couple of months...September seemed to be the month to go to Europe, at least from the standpoint of our departments. DAGMAR McNAMARA boarded a jet which carried her to Portugal, Spain, and Morocco for her glorious three weeks. In Lisbon the main attraction is called Fado, which is a combination of sad songs and folklore acted out on a bleak stage accompanied by one guitar. Sounds interesting! Dagmar also celebrated her birthday while in Lisbon. In Madrid there was the Flamenco dancers, of course, and who did she happen to see while in Madrid, but Ingrid Bergman. Like all trips, Dagmar was sorry to leave, but happy to return home...And then along came KATHY RASCHICK, Stores Department, who also jetted to the old country for her three weeks. Kathy's first stop was the land of

ALL AGLOW like newly-weds are JOHN and VICTORIA CANNELLA, Congress Terminal Shop, as they prepare to step-out to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on November 11.



the Blarney Stone, Ireland. While at Blarney castle, Kathy decided not to kiss the famous stone--she said, "It was unsanitary". Next was "Merry Old England" with its House of Parliament (in the box) and the changing of the guards along with the fog and rain. In Copenhagen it was the Tivoli Gardens and some very good beer; Sweden by Ferry where it rained constantly; Switzerland with its Alps, where Kathy almost passed out from yodelling too much. And then from West Berlin through Check-point Charley into East Berlin. On to Italy--"Ah" Rome and Venice and a gondola ride. Then to Paris seeing the Lido and ending her trip in Spain where Kathy was proposed to by a Spanish bus driver (what else) and back on a jet to the good old U.S.A...Our sincere sympathy to Mr. E. COATES of the Purchasing Department on the recent death of his brother...DARLENE VERHEECK from hence shall be known as Mrs. WILLIAM C. JANSEN. Darlene was married to Bill on October 11, at St. Priscilla's church. This date is also Dar's birthday. Now I don't know whether to wish you a happy birthday or congratulate you on getting married, but I think the second is more important, so congratulations to you both...After 46 years of service, CARL JOHNSON, Purchasing Department, has taken his pension (or as he has said "Calling it quits"). His career started many years ago with the Chicago Rapid Transit company when there were nickel beers and dime sodas. We're all going to miss that famous, "They're off at Pimlico", when that 4:30 bell rings. As for what's in store for Mr. Johnson after retirement, he just hopes to rest and relax. The best to you, Mr. Johnson, from all of us. Good luck...RICHARD TESCH has separated from the Stores Department and has taken up a new position replacing Mr. Johnson in the Purchasing Department...We have three new pretty faces in the Stores Department these days: Miss TONY GALIC our new typist, MARY LABUS another typist new to our ranks, and our new steno, Miss MARY ANN WALLACE, who will be replacing LYNN BELL who left us in November to await the arrival of the stork. To Lynn, here's hoping it's a big bouncing bundle--boy or girl--we're not fussy. Getting back to Miss Galic, she also took a trip to Europe this year. That's three for our side. Tony visited her native homeland of Yugoslavia, also Austria and Germany. She had a chance to visit many of her relatives, a few sidewalk cafes, and even got in on a little street dancing. And in the old part of the city, along the Adriatic, she visited a few castles with their torture chambers in the basement. Tony said she enjoyed the trip very much...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT PIEPER on their 30th wedding anniversary. Gee, Bob, I've only got 29 years

INSIDE NEWS



PICTURED IN a happy mood are AARON and CATALINA AMOS and BILL MIEDEMA, who attended a dinner-dance held recently at the Chateau Royal for the Town Hall Assembly of Austin. Aaron and Bill are bus operators at North Avenue Station.

and 10 months to go to equal your mark...Well, I came back after spending my honeymoon on the Island of Bermuda. The Island with its moon gates and beautiful beaches is just an adorable place for a honeymoon. By the way, a moon gate is a cement archway at the entrance of each house or garden on the Island, and the legend goes that anyone who enters through the gate shall have love and happiness forever. Wouldn't this be a great world to live in if this could only be true? Not to take anything away from the beauty of the Island, their transportation company has painted their fleet of buses--would you believe, petal pink. How about baby blue for our fleet?..Sorry to report the recent deaths of KITTY DWYER, J. GUINTER, HANK HANSEN, LAMAR "Robbie" ROBINSON, and HERB MITTEL. Miss Dwyer, or "Sarge" as I used to call her, had only recently retired in August. The news was really a shock to us all who enjoyed Kitty's smiling face and spunk which she put into her work. The sudden deaths of Hank Hansen, Storeroom 15, and Lamar Robinson, Storeroom 59, Stores Department, were another shock to all of us. Mr. J. Guinter, retired, was supervisor of the old Addressograph Section. He passed away while in London on another one of his many trips to Europe. Herb Mittel, Storeroom 20, passed away after a short illness. Herb retired seven years ago and has been living in Long Beach, California. To all the friends and relatives of the deceased we would like to extend our deepest regards and sympathy...This is definitely not the type of news one likes to report, so let's see if some of you out there can come in with some really "juicy" news for our next edition...One of our summer employes, BOB ZAJAC, enlisted in the marine corps on September 15 and is currently in boot camp in San Diego, California. Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD ZAJAC, sheet metal worker at South Shops. Good luck, Bob...Had a chance recently to visit with a few of the fellows in the Storerooms at South Shops. Finally got to meet STEVE ZAHORA, Storeroom 59, and I was glad to see Steve was getting along fine after his knee operation last winter. ART HOFFMAN's wife is home after a serious hip operation which she encountered in a fall. BILL GERBER, Storeroom 56, DENNIS KUHIN, Storeroom 32, TONY VELCICH, Storeroom 30, JOHNNY MARASOVICH, Storeroom 60, and the rest of you fellows, I'll get you next time.

- Rod Rusakiewicz

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

RUTH HAVLIK flew to Hawaii and visited the surrounding Islands on her vacation...GEORGE HANUS and his wife drove to Florida to spend Thanksgiving day...We hear that STEVE LAWLOR, outside checker, has his eyes on Florida. For a vacation, Steve?...K. MAREK became a grandfather

for the fourth time. Congratulations!..Although it is now winter, ED JURIC still went out to play golf and picked a very cold day...BERNIE KIZIOR and KAY BATINA drove to Merrillville, Indiana, to visit with MARGE VIDAL and her baby. Marge, our former typist, is now residing in a new home in the suburb of Gary...The sympathy of the department is extended to PETE DONAHUE upon the death of his father, and to NORMAN OSWALD upon the death of his mother...A Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

Welcome to MARY JANE HARNETT, the sister of CATHERINE ANN, clerk, and PAT HARNETT, electrical apprentice, who recently joined the staff of Technical Services at Skokie Shops...The proud owner of a new 1970 Fury III is HAROLD TAIT, Electrical Department, and DOMINEC FASANO, welder, is the owner of a new Chevrolet...Newest arrivals to the families of Skokie Shop workers are: LAURIE ANN DUNDOVICH, born September 3, and the third child of MARY KAY DUNDOVICH, formerly of the Employment Department; MICHELE MARIE, the daughter of JOHN and NANCY THOMPSON, electrical apprentice, born November 18, and ROBERT LLOYD, the son of RICHARD and HOLLY FELDMANN, born on November 17. Congratulations to all the new parents...GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, and his wife, FRANCES, proudly announced the birth of another grandchild, LEONA FRANCES PERRY, born on August 30. Her father is S/Sgt. VICTOR PERRY who is now stationed at Myrtle Beach AFB, South Carolina. ..ROBERT BINNIE, electrical worker, and his wife, CAROL, are spending the holidays in Florida. Have a nice vacation, Bob and Carol.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

What a wonderful time of the year, the holiday season. After we've all had our fill of the turkey bird and all the trimmings on Thanksgiving, our thoughts turn to Christmas. A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year is wished to you and yours...Congratulations to Switchmen JOHNNIE TOLSON and ERNEST SANDERS, and Motormen ROBERT ADLER and CARL WHITE who were promoted to yard foremen recently...Conductor JERRY HANAFIN, Ashland Avenue, went on pension November 1. His son wrote a letter which appeared in the Bee-Line column of the Daily News on October 14 congratulating his father on his 65th birthday. A little gathering was held at Ashland for Jerry. May we extend our best wishes for a happy retired life to one swell employe...Best wishes to Motorman MITCHELL THOMAS who was promoted to supervisor on October 26...Greetings and salutations to our newly transferred conductors from the North and West Sections who came over to us when the Dan Ryan line opened: GENE SARGENT, WILSON HART, WILLIAM ARCHIE, OTHA ORR, HERMAN KILLION, DAVID LANGSTON, CHARLES McCASKILL, DAVID WILLIS, EDWARD BREWER, LEROY JOHNSON, WALTER WEAVER, CURTIS HOLMES, ERNEST SAUNDERS, JOHN LAGON, JOSEPH THURSTON, NATHANIEL SNEED, BILLY CRUMBLY, BILLY BUCKHAULTER, THOMAS MOORE, WILLIE SMITH, CARLTON DANIELS, and RAYMOND LOVE...Isn't this wonderful! Retired Clerk

*Best Wishes for Christmas
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INSIDE NEWS

CHARLES SASSO and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 2 with a mass at St. Margaret Mary church, and then a luncheon at the Hyatt House restaurant...Back to their posts off the sick list are: Motorman ANTHONY JAGLA, Conductors JOSEPH MITTLER and JOHN KALTSAS, Clerk JOSEPH BRENNAN, and Agent DAVID WINSTON...The O'CONNORS, Agent ANN and Clerk JOE, have just returned from a trip to Florida where they just took life easy and had a good rest while basking in the sun...Welcome to newly-hired Agents ELAINE CANDIFF, DOLORES ROTH, JUANITA WOODSON, CORETTA BRAGGS (wife of our Collector THOMAS), JOHNNIE GREER, and DELLA RICHARDS, and to transferees from the surface system and Track Department to janitors: EARL PETERSEN, JAMES DENNARD, and CLINTON HOLMES, and to newly-hired Janitors THEODORE BRITTON, MAX JONES, ALBERT DUCKETT, and WILLIE STEVENS...Retired Conductor GUS RADDATZ passed away recently. Our sincere condolences to his family...Division 308 election day in November brought out so many of our pensioners I couldn't begin to name them all. Many of them came up to the office and we had a nice visit with them. We haven't seen some of our pensioners for a few years and they all looked so healthy and youthful. To name a few: Retired Motormen PAUL SCHILLE, FRANK BONNEY, HARRY EITEL, COLEMAN JOYCE, JOHN HEADY, EDWARD HENNESSY, ANGELOS YPSILANTI, and JOHN BURKE, Conductors THOMAS WHITE, JOSEPH MASCOLINO, VERNON AMMONS, WILLIAM McWALTERS, EDWARD HOPKINS, JAMES MURPHY, ERNEST HARDWIDGE, JOSEPH KOLMAN, MICHAEL SULLIVAN, and WILLIAM RUEHL, Towermen PATRICK JOYCE, JAMES HARVEY, FRANK DIMMICK, and PAT HICKEY, Yard Foreman CLIFFORD BECKER, Supervisors CHARLES SPIELMAN, ED MUNRO, and BOB BROWN, Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS, and International Vice President PAT GANLEY. We enjoyed seeing everyone...Good wishes to Switchman TYRONE BROWN who was promoted to clerk, West Section, on November 2...Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT told us that he won the turkey again this year in his bowling league...Resigning recently were Conductor JOHN WRIGHT and Agents INEZ WADLINGTON and CORRINE DALMAS. Best wishes to them. Also returning to school in the late

DECEMBER'S RETIREES included the two CTAers who are pictured here receiving retirement gifts from E. F. WEINGARTNER, general superintendent of investigations and claims. EDITH RIDDLE (at right) had completed more than 41 years of service, mostly in the Claim Department, and JOSEPHINE TOLLAR (at left) had completed 23 years of service in the Accounting and Claim Departments.



fall were part-time Conductors MAJOR COLEMAN and JAMES THOMAS...Heard that the traveling ELMER STEVENS family (Retired Yard Foreman) have been all through Australia and have decided to reside in Redcliffe Peninsula, Queensland, and have bought a home there. They love living in Australia. Right now it is Spring there. They said it never gets too cold, even in winter. The Stevens' are really having quite an adventure...Our South Siders have received some more passenger commendations: Conductor NEIL SULLIVAN was commended for his alertness and pleasant manner; MAURICE GRANGENT was commended for the friendly manner in which he performs his conductor duties, and LEROY JOHNSON was commended for his clear and audible announcements...Received a call from Mrs. LESTER HICKEY, the wife of deceased Station Superintendent LESTER HICKEY. Mrs. Hickey, who lives in Panorama City, California, was in Chicago for a few weeks to visit her daughter. She says to tell her old CTA friends hello.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations are extended to Mr. L. G. ANDERSON, superintendent of shops and equipment, on his retirement, and also to Mr. FRANK HORVAT of the Technical Services Department...We would like to welcome Mr. G. J. CLARK, our new superintendent of shops and equipment. For those of you who don't know, Mr. Clark came to the shops from the General Office where he was chief equipment engineer of the Technical Services Division. We would also like to welcome NATALIE KACZKOWSKI who transferred from the Purchasing Department, and YOLENNE CLAUDE who transferred from the Engineering Department...Congratulations to EDNA MAGGARD who is now known as Mrs. RONALD WALKER. Edna told me that Ronald is also employed by CTA as a switchman...Everyone was glad to see KATHY O'BRIEN again. Kathy stopped in to visit South Shops while she was in town for the holidays. For those of you who forgot already, Kathy left the company in September, 1968, to live in Ft. Collins, Colorado...MAX HAMILTON, Engine and Axle Department, and his wife, ADELINE, spent two weeks in Hawaii. Max said the weather was wonderful and they had a good time. On the way home, they spent the week of Thanksgiving with friends and relatives and went to see the Joey Bishop show...JOE HULL, Paint Shop, is in Chicago Osteopathic hospital. Joe had an operation on his foot, and we wish him a very speedy recovery.

- Elaine Steward

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Congratulations to ARTHUR and JUDITH BOYACK, Congress, on the birth of their daughter, MICHELLE LEE, born October 14. Mother and baby are doing fine, but daddy is still a bit shaken from the big event...Our condolences to the family of P. SABADOSA, 54th Shop, on the passing of his brother, and also to the family of D. ROBERTSON, Congress, whose father-in-law passed away...Best of luck to F. BENANTI, Congress, and his family who are now residing in El Paso, Texas...P. SODEN, Congress, is back at work after a four-week visit to friends and family in Ireland...A. LONG paid a visit to all of his friends at Congress. Al looks and feels in the best of health...Wishes for a complete and speedy recovery are sent to the wife of pensioner RALPH DANIELSON who underwent a gall bladder

operation...Congratulations to LYNN LA BELLARTE, the daughter of JOE LA BELLARTE, Terminal Inspection Shop Office, who received a scholarship to the University of Illinois at Champaign. Lynn will study in the field of special education for handicapped children. Best of luck in her new career...A surprise party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. HERMAN IZZO, 54th Shop, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 18. The special gifts the Izzos received were visits from their sons, EDWARD, who is stationed aboard the U.S.S. Tang at Pearl Harbor, and THOMAS, who is in the Army stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. Wishes for continued happiness are sent their way...While his wife was visiting in Michigan, ADOLPH KUNZ, 54th Shop, spent his vacation loafing around the house...PETE SABADOSA, 54th Street, is now the proud owner of a new Mercury Montego...Wonder if we can convince PETE GAZA, 54th Shop, to pass out a few samples of his canned cuisine...A hearty welcome to H. SLOVICK, J. O'CONNOR, M. PALAGIOS, D. KILPATRICK, C. JOHNSON, M. BESS, N. BROUGHTON, C. HARRINGTON, and L. SWANSON new men at Congress...Congratulations are in order for J. CAMPBELL, J. COLBERT, C. WILLIAMS, and C. TUCKNOTT who were promoted to "B" repairmen; D. PAPAEO who was promoted to "A" repairman, and to new instructors L. MONAGHAN and D. NICOSIA. M. BESS, a new man at Congress, was promoted to motor blower...Welcome to L. KASPER and E. WOODWARD, new car servicemen at Howard...A winter wonderland vacation was enjoyed by A. MISCHKE who spent his time off in Wisconsin...Basking in the warm winter sun of Florida is how J. BRODIE, Wilson, spent his vacation...A brisk winter vacation was enjoyed by R. DWYER, P. CZAJA, J. DINKINS, J. CUNNINGHAM, R. LAUDANSKI, G. COLUMBO, J. HENDERSON, G. DAVIS, C. CARPENTER, R. HOLMES, E. BLICKARZ, M. DUKE, L. ZIELINSKI, and J. O'TOOLE...Here is this month's riddle: What man in what shop can sprout his ears and fly--he is known as Bimbo? Watch for the answer in next month's issue...Seasons greetings for a very merry and blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year to all.

- Ray Brzezczek

ATTENDING THE open house held November 28 honoring the retirement of JOHN J. GEARY, General Accounting, were the following members of his family (from left to right): his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. Morse; John; his granddaughter, Kathy Morse; his son, Daniel; Mrs. Geary, and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schoeben.



WEST SECTION -

Ho, Ho, Ho, and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all you lovely people out there. LOU PAYNE and myself and family sincerely hope that the holidays are joyous for you and your families, and that Santa Claus will fulfill everyone's wishes for Christmas. Here are a few presents I would like to hand out. A girl-friend for JAMIE GORDON, for he seems so out of place when the fellows talk about girls. For J. JOVANOVIICH a shiny new bicycle to ride. I have seen him drive his car, so I still think he needs a bike. To GEORGE WOODMORE and DAN BRUNO a new set of miniature trains for they enjoy playing with them. To LEN KUKOWINSKI just a little smile for he has never had any. My wife said I should get a zipper for my big mouth so I can keep it shut sometime. When I finish this column, away she will go, visiting the moon...What big changes we have had. First traveling on the Dan Ryan, and now system seniority. To the pensioners who might not know about the changes, we now travel from Harlem to the Loop and from there we go by the Dan Ryan to 95th street. We make just three trips and it is like laying off. On the system seniority we are losing quite a few friends, even if they still will be working the Ryan. I might miss a few of their names, but if I do, forgive me. They are: C. J. JONES, CLARENCE HEARNS, EARL SINGLETON, HANK COLDING, JESSE RICHARDSON and his son, L. RICHARDSON, H. WASHINGTON, W. BATTLES, T. VERNON, and my friend, WILLIAM PAYNE, who has been my motorman this pick and I hate to lose him. I am sorry that I neglected to mention that two of our finest men, B. FRANKLIN and KEN BROWN, were made supervisors and will do a fine job. Well, there goes two more fellow I won't have to buy Christmas gifts for...Congratulations to THEOPHILUS LEE and his lovely bride, CYNTHIA, on their recent marriage. May they have success and happiness. I hate to say it, but I thought Santo was an odd name--but Theophilus, that's the end...We are still keeping a smile on Superintendent ED HEATTER's face by winning another safety award. So continue your good work and may we keep on winning them...Three of our finest went on pension, Chief Clerk ED BROWN, Conductor HARRY SCHLESSER, and Motorman JOHN WINECKI. May they have many years of happiness. ...IKE HOUSTON was bragging about having turkey stuffed with chitterlings. I might be bias, but turkey stuffed with macaroni is a lot better...Saw TOM PATTERSON wearing a wool mask while flagging and by gosh, he hasn't looked that good in years. Now for sure, I won't get Tom to smash my grapes with his big feet next wine season...I saw JIM LUDWIG at a gathering and the old duffer sure looked good. Maybe it's because he has such a pretty young wife...Pensioner FRANK CARD visited the car house and informed us he had an operation and was now recuperating. As soon as it gets a little colder, he will head for Florida...Good old CARMAN PETRUCCI got on my train and is doing fine. He met SAL DETOMASO at the elections and as usual they ended up talking about old times...R. McGOVERN, off sick after being burned on the leg while eating in a restaurant, is coming along fine and should be back to work soon...We would all like to extend our condolences to RUDY PTACIN on the death of his father and brother, whose deaths were two days apart. We would also like to extend our condolences to JOHN BARRETT on the death of his sister who lived in Ireland...Next month I will write about our Christmas party and all who attended. See you all then, and may we have peace the rest of our days.

- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne

69TH STREET -

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, and this even includes my leaders. A lot of changes have been made in the past year and may this one bring even better ones...Our boss, Station Superintendent THOMAS SCREEN, joined the ranks of the retired and CARL GIBES replaced him as station superintendent. The very best to them both for years to come...Other fellows retiring are: G. MILLER, P. PIETSCH, J. WEDEL, and BILL CAVANAUGH. We wish these fellows many years of health and happiness. This leaves PETE SPOO as our number one man now...Last November W. HENDRY rode on my bus. He retired in 1956, but left 69th in 1954 to go to 77th Street Station. He had been operated on for cataracts and can now see fine and is enjoying good health at the age of 79...I saw J. H. KANE, former 69th operator, and at one time a top headliner as a wrestler. He is now a collector and feeling fine...I also saw JAMES G. McGARRITY, former operator at 69th, who is now a traffic checker. He said he had the best job for seven months of the year. I wonder what he meant by that?

I wish to thank everyone for their concern and expressions of sympathy on the loss of my brother; and we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to O. WHITE on the loss of his beloved wife...WALTER SHIPYOR went to Oleny, Illinois, for Thanksgiving where he ate rabbit, squirrel, and quail. Olney has a white squirrel population of over 800, and it is illegal to shoot or trap them, with fines ranging from \$250 to \$500...Instructor SWANSON was given a going-away kiss from VI when he left for Florida on his vacation. When he returned, the Union restaurant greeted him with a bill for \$28.00. His friends claimed he said to charge their coffee and rolls to his bill...The look on Instructor M. J. O'DONNELL's face was something to see after he explained how burglar-proof the new fare boxes are. You see, someone stole his demonstrator fare box...One of the best leaders I ever had, R. LIPARI, holds a record of sorts. He can eat an order of eggs, toast, potatoes, and coffee in less than three minutes...Some of the fellows can hardly wait to see M. PACHOLIK play the new organ he got for Christmas.

While H. RONS was giving the fellows a bad time at the last pick, a bus driver, with badge 5951, was observed picking pockets...PAUL VASILOPOULOS and GEORGE ALLEN went to take their drivers examination, and said the instructor hasn't been the same since...GROVER MIELKE is my kind of operator. He always has a big smile and a kind word...Don't forget the annual credit union meeting, January 16, 1970. The annual dividend is now 4½ per cent, so let's save where it helps our own brothers...Mrs. YOUNG I didn't forget you, but MICKEY has been so good now that Christmas is coming, that I have nothing to report...From the Repair Department, JIMMY AHERN reports that congratulations are in order for Repairman BILL BERNDT for winning first place in the road rally in Oak Lawn on October 26. Keep that trophy shining, Bill...Congratulations to ELMER GOBIELE and PETE REICH who recently retired. Here's wishing them many years of health and happiness...CHARLEY WILLIAMS did some fishing in the Gulf of Mexico while on his vacation. He caught some big ones and said he enjoyed every minute of it...Night Foreman FRANK FLYNN is recuperating from an accident. Pensioners LES BERNARD, MIKE CARR, CON CROWLEY, and ERNIE TOCCI paid us a visit and are all looking fine in their retirement...Our sympathy to Day Foreman GEORGE MORRELL on the loss of his father...Please drop

any news in the Transit News mail box to the right of the clerks window, or give it to me or Jimmy Ahern.

- Arthur P. Buesing

77TH STREET -

Well, fellows, vacation time is over for most of us, and we are approaching the gala-holiday season. It is also that time of year that we bus operators dread so let's gird ourselves with our thermal knits and all of our professional skills in order to get through another winter!...Operator KENNARD has returned from vacation and we understand that his wife, LAVERNE, had him chained to the ladder until he completed the painting of their home...Operator W. WALKER and his family have returned from sunny California where they visited relatives for two weeks...Operator DURKIN enjoyed a three-week vacation in the Pelican State--Louisiana...We are sorry to hear that Operator SHIRLEY WILLIS is ill...Operator JOHN HOWARD is confined in Little Company of Mary hospital...Senior Clerk McCARTHY has returned to work after being off ill. Glad to see you back, Mac...The 77th Street basketball team played Keeler Station in a practice game on October 24. We lost a close game with the score 48 to 46. However, in losing the game, we were able to determine some of our weaknesses. According to Coach R. WILLIAMS, we are going to have a good team--one that 77th Street can be proud of. We have the talent, and the fellows are working hard to give us a winner in league play. The dates of the games will be posted in the station. The team is asking that our fellow operators support them by attending the games...Operator THEO J. WILCOP went into the wilds of Scherville, Quebec, and came out with a 350-pound bull caribou. Our congratulations to "Dead-Eye Dick" on his successful hunt...We would like to receive news from the bowling league regarding scores and high games so we can put the information in print...Instructor J. C. WHITE and his wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 13, and on Saturday, November 15 they repeated their marriage vows at a 5:30 mass at St. Dorothy's church. Congratulations to Mrs. White for putting up with J.C. all these years...Operator ARTHUR LEWIS and his family vacationed in Las Vegas and Los Angeles...Operator FRANK GLEASON and his wife, ANN, spent three weeks in the Ozarks. They had a most delightful time visiting with Pensioner GUS NICODEMUS and his wife, LILLY, of Buffalo, Missouri. The Gleasons were entertained by Gus' marvelous singing dog, Trixie. Frank and Ann also spent a wonderful evening with Pensioner ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH, of Forsyth, Missouri...We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Pensioner EUGENE SULLIVAN who passed away recently...Our deepest sympathy to the Edwards family in the loss of their loved one. R. L. EDWARDS Sr. and R. L. EDWARDS Jr. are both operators at 77th Street...Our condolences are also extended to Supervisor H. B. WILLIAMS and his family in the passing of his son, HARRIS L. WILLIAMS, on November 5...Condolences to Operator TRUITT and his family in the passing of his father, PAUL TRUITT...Seaman Second Class PHILIP IRWIN is now enroute to Viet Nam. His father, Operator JAMES IRWIN, received a telegram from him while he was in the Philippines...We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thanks for helping us in reporting the news at 77th Street.

- Amos Foster & Elsie Gresham

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