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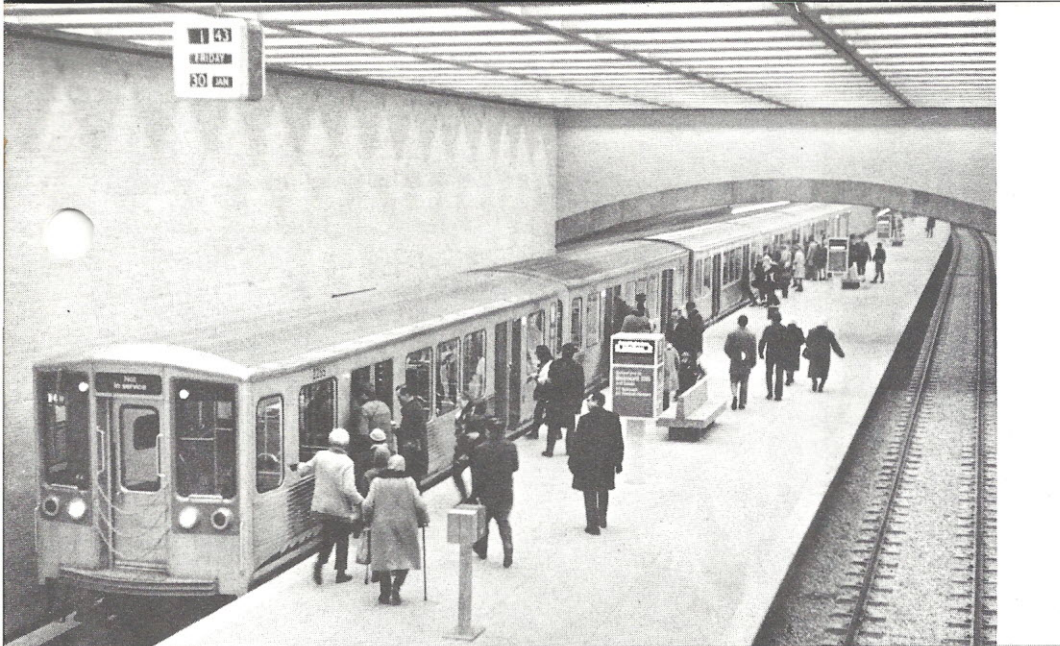
THE THIRD expansion of CTA's rapid transit system completed within a year, the Kennedy extension was dedicated Friday, January 30, and began operation Sunday, February 1.

Officiating at the ceremonies on Friday was Mayor Richard J. Daley, who was joined on the speakers' platform by Transit Board Chairman George L. DeMent and others, including Ralph R. Bartelsmeyer, director of the Bureau of Public Roads, who represented the U.S. Department of Transportation which provided for two-thirds of the project cost.

Following the dedication at Logan Square station, dignitaries and guests traveled over the new extension to inspect bus-rapid transit interchange facilities at the Jefferson Park station (shown on our cover). Trains were operated over the length of the extension during the afternoon, providing free rides for about 10,000 persons who came to test-ride the new route.

Starting at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, the West-Northwest rapid transit route was officially extended over the new 5-mile line from a connection with the existing structure near Sacramento and Milwaukee avenues.





Serves Kennedy Median

A visual record of the events during the first few days of operation on the new line include the first train breaking through a paper sign (far left, above); Mayor Daley being "pinned" as a first day rider by Kay Corcoran, secretary to the Transit Board Chairman (left, above); riders boarding a train at Logan Square subway station for a free ride (above); a southbound train of new Budd cars approaching the Addison station in the median of the Kennedy Expressway (left, below); passengers boarding buses in the Jefferson Park terminal (below), and speakers addressing the crowd on the Logan Square platform during the dedication (right, from top to bottom): Mayor Richard J. Daley, Transit Board Chairman George L. DeMent, Congressman Daniel Rostenkowski, Congressman Roman Pucinski, and Bureau of Public Roads Director Ralph R. Bartelsmeyer.





CHANGES TO 14 bus routes became effective February 1, coincident with the opening of the new Kennedy Rapid Transit extension, resulting in alterations of travel patterns for thousands of CTA riders.

Several bus routes were split, some were consolidated, and others were simply rerouted—all were revised to provide service direct to new rapid transit stations. Twenty-one bus routes now serve the six new stations on Chicago's Northwest Side.

The changes were looked upon by many passengers and CTA operating employees as the greatest number ever made at one time—but the old timers know better. The unrivaled date for making the most surface route changes is September 14, 1924.

Affected on that date 45 years ago were a total of 35 streetcar lines operating in the Loop. Because of mounting traffic congestion downtown, it was necessary to eliminate streetcar left turns and to reduce the number of right turns and switchback moves. Among major changes made at the time were the extension of several streetcar lines to new turnback points outside the Loop: Broadway cars were sent South to Harrison street, Halsted-Downtown and Wentworth cars were sent north to Chicago avenue, Lake street cars were through-routed with State street south to 63rd street. Seven streetcar routes that duplicated other services were discontinued, including Chicago-Downtown and these through routes: Clybourn-Wentworth No. 2, State-Milwaukee No. 6, State-Madison No. 7, Ogden-Clark No. 11, Blue Island-Wells No. 12, and 12th-Ogden-Wells No. 14.

14 Bus Routes Revised to Serve Kennedy Extension

A New Record for the Most Route Changes at One Time?
See Story Below

WELCOMED BY residents of the Village of Harwood Heights was the new 64 Foster-Lawrence bus route which began operation on February 1. In the picture, Transit Board Chairman George L. DeMent and Mayor Harold M. Majeske are shown with other officials of the Northwest suburb marking the inauguration of the new service. They are, from left, Trustees Donald Zeiger and Ray Kobierecke, Mayor Majeske, Mr. DeMent, Trustees Cal Tansor and Frank Rubino, and Leo Miller, plan commission chairman. The new 64 route was formed from two CTA routes, 85A Foster-Central and 81 Lawrence, and operates on Gunnison street through an area never before served by CTA.

Care to guess when the greatest changes in rapid transit operations were put into effect? If you think it was last September 28, when the inner loop direction was reversed and the new Dan Ryan extension was opened, you are wrong. Rather, it was 56 years ago when the four rapid transit companies were coordinated with one management on November 3, 1913. At that time, North-South trains were through routed from as far north as Linden avenue, Wilmette, to as far south as 69th street and loop operation became counterclockwise only. South Side trains were changed to the outer loop track where they operated with North Side trains. Lake street trains were changed to the inner track where they operated with Metropolitan West Side trains.

To further complicate matters, the two companies operating left-handed were changed to right-hand operation. Both the Lake Street Elevated and Northwestern Elevated (North Side lines) had operated in the left-hand continental style since operations started.

Major changes to transit service are made for only one reason—to better serve our riders. And although not every employee is directly involved in the numerous changes, we must all adjust to the times and keep abreast of new routings so that our riders can depend upon us for accurate travel information.

CTA Retirement Plan:

- 419 Pension Applications Approved in 1969
- April Distribution for Report Cards Announced

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THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES REPORT OF EARNINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR 1969

THE ABOVE REPORT SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF EARNINGS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND INTEREST CREDITED UNDER THE PLAN FOR THE YEAR INDICATED ABOVE TOGETHER WITH THE TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS, INTEREST, AND CONTRIBUTIONS (INCLUDING F.O.A.B. EQUIVALENT FROM METROPOLITAN)

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THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES

TO ESTIMATE YOUR PENSION AS OF END OF PLAN YEAR 1969 USE ITEMS MARKED 1, 2, AND 3 FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CARD.

PAST SERVICE:

$$\frac{3700.00}{\text{ANNUAL RATE (1)}} \times \frac{21}{\text{YEARS (2)}} = \frac{777.00}{\text{ANNUAL PAST SERVICE CREDIT}}$$

FUTURE SERVICE:

$$\frac{117,464.38}{\text{TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS TO DATE OR TO AGE 65 (3)}} \times 1\frac{1}{2}\% = \frac{1,957.78}{\text{ANNUAL FUTURE SERVICE CREDIT}}$$

ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL PENSION CREDIT **2,734.78**

USE ITEMS MARKED 4 AND 5 FROM OTHER SIDE OF THE CARD

YOUR CREDIT WITH THE PLAN:

$$\frac{4,696.38}{\text{TOTAL ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE (4)}} + \frac{598.92}{\text{ACCUMULATED INTEREST (5)}} = \frac{5,295.30}{\text{TOTAL}}$$

YOUR RETIREMENT CREDITS ARE VALUABLE TO YOU

The most recent Amendment to the Retirement Plan (effective 5-1-69) changed the provisions of Section 15 by providing the payment of an improved Death Benefit, based on the employee's age and years of continuous service at the date of retirement as summarized below:

Continuous Length of Service	Age at Retirement	Sum of Age and Years of Service at Retirement	Amount of Death Benefit
20 years or more	65	98 or more	\$4,000
*Years of service 62 thru 64	(Regardless of age)	92 or more	\$4,000
20 years or more	62 thru 64	92 or more	\$4,000
*Years of service 59 thru 61	62 thru 64	92 or more	\$3,000
20 years or more	58 thru 61	92 or more	\$3,000
20 years or more	58 thru 61	92 or more	\$2,500
Less than 20 years	Less than 58	92 or more	\$1,000

*Retired after April, 1969

RETIREMENT PLAN report cards showing each employee's credit in the Plan as of December 31, 1969, will be distributed system-wide between April 1 and 9, according to W. A. Ashley, Plan secretary.

The cards may be used to estimate retirement benefits and total credit with the Plan as of the last payday of 1969, as was done in the facsimile above. Employees are advised to retain the cards for ready reference.

Mr. Ashley also announced that during 1969 approval was given by the Retirement Committee to 419 pension applications of CTA employees. Of that total, 184 applicants had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 173 were early retirements in the age group under 65, and 62 were disability retirements.

Contributions to the Retirement Plan during 1969 totaled \$18,053,374--contributions by employees were \$6,542,058, and CTA contributions amounted to \$11,511,316. Approved during the year were disbursements totaling \$11,286,408 covering payments to retired employees, refunds to employees who terminated their services and to deceased employees' beneficiaries, and expenses of administration.

During 1969 assets of the fund increased \$10,396,167, making a total of \$70,061,940 as of December 31 held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company, trustee for the Plan.

These funds held by the trustee are invested in U.S. government securities, Farm Home Administration loans, corporate bonds and notes, common stock, and CTA revenue bonds.

Section 15, Paragraph 15.7 of the Retirement Plan was amended effective May 1, 1969, changing the provision of the payment of the Death Benefit as follows:

Those who retire at or after age sixty-two (62) and the sum of whose age and years of continuous service is ninety-two (92) or more; or the sum of whose age and years of continuous service at his retirement date is ninety-eight (98) or more - \$4,000.00.

Those who retire at or after age fifty-nine (59) and prior to age sixty-two (62) and the sum of whose age and years of continuous service at his retirement date is ninety-two (92) or more - \$3,000.00.

Those who retire with less than twenty (20) years continuous service or whose retirement occurs prior to his attainment of age fifty-eight (58) - \$1,000.00.



\$4805 IN SUGGESTION AWARDS SHARED BY CTAERS IN 1969

WHETHER YOU use it to carry CTA keys or your own house and car keys, you are sure to find the new CTA key chain handy. To obtain yours, all you have to do is submit a suggestion—but do it TODAY, the supply is limited.

SHOPS AND EQUIPMENT Department employees displayed their ingenuity by submitting the great-

est number of adoptable suggestions last year according to the 1969 Annual Report of the Employee Suggestion Plan.

Of the \$4,805 in suggestion awards presented to employees during 1969, more than half were won by S&E employees. In all, \$2,795 was earned by members of that department; \$2,470 for 60 new suggestions adopted during the year and \$325 as supplemental awards on five suggestions adopted in 1968. With 55 suggestions adopted during 1969, General Office employees won \$1,375.

During 1969, 1,124 employees participated in the Plan by submitting a total of 1,256 suggestions. In all, 24,634 suggestions have been received since establishment of the present system-wide suggestion plan on October 1, 1952. During the same period, to December 31, 1969, a total of 2,230 suggestions have been adopted and a total of \$45,618 has been paid out to employees in awards.

The approximate value of first year savings realized through the adoption of suggestions during 1969 are estimated as \$33,635. According to the report, total savings realized since the Plan went into effect amount to \$324,795.

In its announcement of award winners whose suggestions were adopted late in 1969, the Executive Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan named 11 CTAers who won cash awards totaling \$505, an employee who won a supplemental award of \$50, and 17 employees who won honorable mention awards.

Receiving a check for \$265 for his adopted suggestion was Walter C. Hallford Sr., Shops & Equipment—North Park. Other year-end cash award winners were Andrew J. Bourne and Richard L. Nelson, Electrical—Clifton Substation, who split \$35; William P. Rafferty, S&E—South Shops, who won \$30; and

Edward D. Gertz, Engineering—South Shops, and Harold W. Thurbush, Transportation—West Section, who won awards of \$25 each.

Five employees who submitted their second adoptable suggestion within a year and received \$25 cash awards include: S&E—Dave Guereca, Skokie Shops, and Winmon Lewis Jr., South Shops. General Office—Regina H. Daren, Medical; Eileen Neurauter, Public Information, and William H. Vigus, Engineering. Mrs. Daren, who submitted four suggestions which were adopted, received two \$25 awards.

In addition to their cash awards, each of the above also had their choice of a \$7 Jewel-Osco gift certificate or a Zippo lighter/tape rule set.

As a supplemental award for his suggestion adopted one year ago, Edgar Shaw, Engineering—West Shops, was presented a check for \$50 because of the continued savings realized through the adoption of his idea.

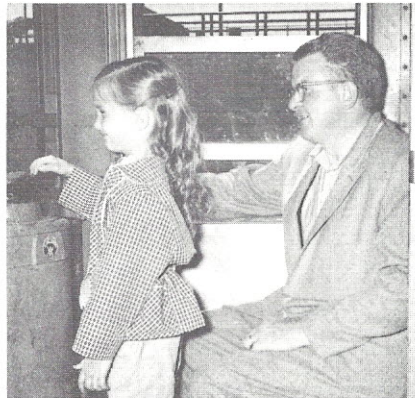
Those named for honorable mention awards because they submitted their first adoptable suggestion, making them eligible to receive a gift certificate or lighter/tape rule set, are: S&E—Vernon Howe, J. M. Marron, William R. Novotny, and William P. Rafferty, all of South Shops; Alvin J. Krzeminski, Skokie Shops, and Edward Pala, Archer. Transportation—Howard Ross and Harold Thurbush, West Section; Rita M. Heinze and Charles F. Triplett, South Section, and George Henke, North Section. General Office—Regina H. Daren and Mary Ledwith, Medical; William L. Hutchings, Engineering, and Harold F. Burda, Property Accounting. Engineering—Walter C. Hallford Jr., and James M. Nagel, West Shops.

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

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

CTAer, Daughter Take First Day Inspection Rides on Congress, Kennedy Rapid Transit Routes

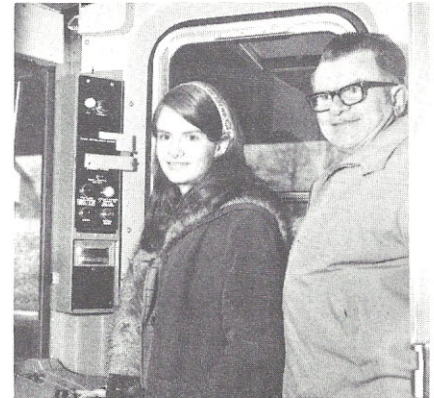
TAKING HIS daughter for a free ride on CTA is getting to be a habit with Walter Blix, North Avenue Station switchboard operator. A free ride on CTA, of course, is hard to come by, but Walter timed his with the opening of new rapid transit lines.



1958 . . .

In 1958, Walter and his six-year old daughter, Tomi Jean, took a free ride on June 21 when the new Congress route was opened. They are shown above in the motorman's cab of a 6000 series rapid transit car. At the time Walter was an acting supervisor in District "C" and Tomi was in kindergarten.

In 1970, Walter and 17-year old Tomi took a free ride on January 30 following dedication of the new



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Kennedy route. They are shown in the cab of a new 2200 series car. Tomi is now a senior at Schurz high school and following graduation in June she plans to take nurses training at Ravenswood hospital. She recently became engaged to William Greisenauer and they are to be married on August 16. Mr. Greisenauer is managing editor of the Addison Revue, a weekly publication in Addison, Illinois.

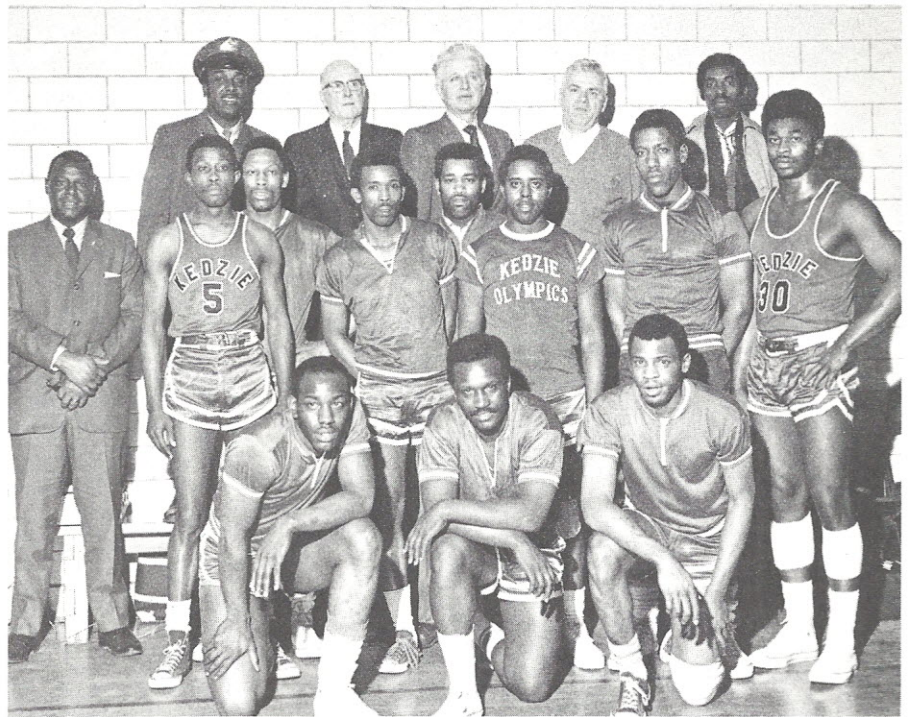
Seven Stations Cited for 1969 Safety Records

SAFETY ACHIEVEMENTS of CTA operating employees made 1969 a record-breaking year on two accounts: 1969 was the safest year for the rapid transit system, and in 1969 the surface system had an all-time yearly low for passenger accidents. Contributing most to the safety improvements were seven stations where passenger and traffic accidents reached a new low in 1969. Cited for their safest year in CTA history were three surface system stations, 77th Street, Limits, and North Park, and four rapid transit system stations, Forest Park, Logan Square, Kimball, and Howard Street. Accepting the awards for their stations are the superintendents pictured here with Operating Manager C. E. Keiser. They are, from left, seated: J. A. Knerr, 77th Street, Mr. Keiser, and R. K. Keag, North Park. Standing: M. H. DeWitt, Limits assistant superintendent, E. J. Heatter, Forest Park and Logan Square, and K. L. Manaugh, Kimball and Howard.

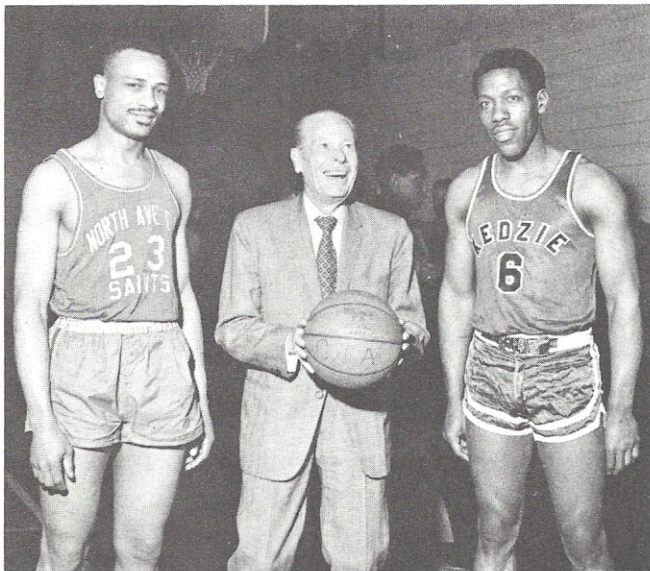


Kedzie Station Wins Basketball Tournament

THE CHAMPS! Kedzie Station's tournament winning basketball team is pictured here with Division 241 and CTA representatives, including left to right, kneeling: P. Branch, J. Cruthird, and J. Thomas; first row: Division 241 Financial Secretary-Treasurer J. Pate, M. Webb, S. Miller, E. Richardson, Coach C. Watts, J. Robinson, L. Harris, and C. Hassel; back row: Kedzie Station Board Member W. Reynolds, Kedzie Station Superintendent M. F. Harrington, CTA Superintendent of Instruction T. M. Stiglic, Division 241 First Vice-President W. Larsen, and F. MacHerron.



TO GET the championship game underway in the picture below, Transit Board Chairman G. L. DeMent prepares to toss up the game ball between Wade Simmons, North Avenue Station team captain and Leon Harris, Kedzie Station team captain.



A BASKETBALL tournament, comprised of 11 teams representing various departments and operating stations where members of Division 241 of the Amalgamated Transit Union are employed, was completed on March 10 with the championship game between North Avenue and Kedzie Stations. Kedzie was the winner by a score of 75 to 67. In the consolation game between 77th Street and Beverly Stations, Beverly won by 78 to 72.

Games played over a ten-week period narrowed down the competition to the four teams in the playoffs. The intense spirit of competitiveness and participation among the players stimulated a large attendance of co-workers and friends to spur the teams to victory.

This was part of an after-hours sports and recreational program organized by Division 241 in cooperation with Chicago Transit Authority to establish a healthful and psychological relationship among its members.

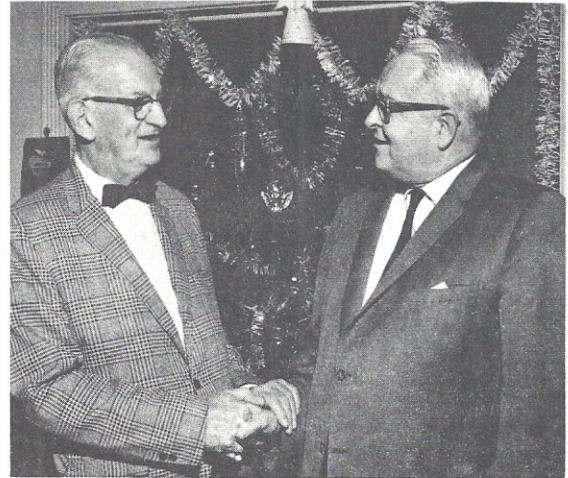
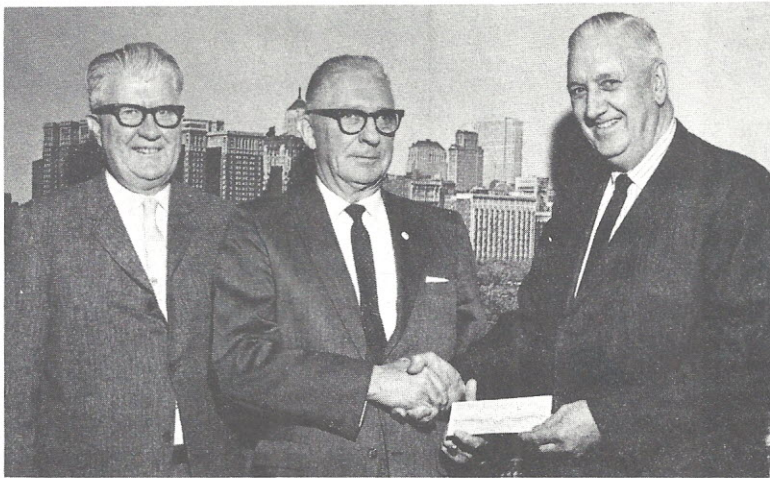
The well-rounded sports program is under the direction of Operator Agis Bray of Beverly Station, a former member of the famous Harlem Globe Trotters, and his assistant, Operator Jackie Robinson of Kedzie Station. The program encompasses a variety of sports, including basketball, softball, volleyball, golf, horseshoes, bowling, and checkers. Softball is the next team sports activity on the agenda.

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R. J. Bailey and A. A. Ekkelmann Join Retirement Ranks

WITH COMBINED service totaling 84 years, R. J. Bailey and A. A. Ekkelmann retired January 1 as Forest Glen Station superintendent and Charter Service sales manager, respectively.

Mr. Bailey joined the Surface Lines as a motorman on May 7, 1926, and was among the first CSL employees to qualify as a bus operator in 1927. He was appointed superintendent of Forest Glen Station in April, 1958. Mr. Bailey is shown in the picture at the left receiving congratulations from General Manager

T. B. O'Connor as Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn looks on.

Mr. Ekkelmann started with the Motor Coach as a driver on June 3, 1929, and at the time of purchase of that company by CTA he was in charge of charter bus sales. He was assigned to CTA's Charter Service and in February, 1963, became sales manager of that department. Mr. Ekkelmann is being congratulated upon his retirement by Superintendent of Public and Employee Relations F. C. Knautz.

Free Health Check-up for Chicagoans

A SPECIAL community health program was announced recently by the City of Chicago Board of Health which enables residents between the ages of 30 and 64 to undergo, WITHOUT COST, tests for high blood pressure, diabetes, hardening of the arteries, kidney disease, and cancer.

CTA employees may participate in the program by taking a check-up which includes the following: height, weight, blood pressure, electrocardiogram, blood test for diabetes, urine examination, cancer examination for women, and tonometry (eye test for glaucoma detection).

Application may be made for an appointment at either of two examining centers by completing the form at the right and mailing it to the location you wish to visit. On the South Side is the Dearborn Examining Center, 2731 South Dearborn street, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the North Side is the Lathrop Examining Center, 2974 North Clybourn avenue, which is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The free testing program is being provided to control the above diseases, which are most common in

those over 30. According to the Board of Health, prevention and successful treatment depend upon early discovery of these diseases.

I would like to have the tests you offer at (check one box and mail to examining center):

☐ Dearborn Examining Center
2731 S. Dearborn St., Chgo., Ill. 60616

☐ Lathrop Examining Center
2974 N. Clybourn Ave., Chgo., Ill. 60618

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I understand that I will be contacted for an appointment.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin,

CTA Medical Consultant

THE COMMON COLD

WE LIVE in an age of scientific genius--we've reached the moon, we can give someone a new heart. But for all of our knowledge and skills, we can't keep the tiniest of organisms from inflaming and clogging our respiratory tracts. The common cold delayed the flight of Apollo 9, and pneumonia stalks the heart recipient.

The cold is the most common of all human illnesses. It is world wide. Almost everybody has at least one cold during the year and many of us have two or three. Young children have more colds than adults. There is no proven reason for this; however, it may be that contacts in school are more common, or that children are not as careful as adults, or it may be that it takes years for people to develop resistance to colds. This is the time of the year when colds are most prevalent.

"Old King Cold" is a king-size troublemaker and costs the United States five or six billions annually in lost wages, lost production, and medical expenses. More important than the financial loss, is the widespread human suffering the illness brings. Moreover, in cases where complications arise there are also many lives lost.

Common colds and the flu have many similarities. They both are caused by the same viruses. They both start as a head cold with running nose, sneezing, fever, sore throat, and general pains and are highly communicable. The typical flu case has more deep-seated symptoms with systemic reactions. Fever is higher, weakness more pronounced, and serious complications more frequent in the flu patients. From here on most of the discussion will be confined to the common cold.

How are colds transmitted? The viruses or microbes which cause colds are present in great numbers in the throat and nasal secretions of the infected person. The disease is spread when the secretions leave the sick person's body and enter the mouths or noses of other people. The most frequent way this happens is by sneezing or coughing. High speed photography shows that a sneeze sprays the secretions a distance of about three feet. Other ways of transmission are by kissing or by the common use of drinking glasses, towels, and other subjects which have been freshly soiled by these secretions. Handkerchiefs are common storehouses of germs. The most contagious time for a cold is the first two or

three days. Management of the common cold will be discussed from the preventative standpoint and lastly the treatment after you have actually contracted the disease.

Following are a few important preventative measures: Keep in top physical condition by following the simple rules of good hygiene, namely adequate rest and sleep, moderate diet with plenty of fluids, reasonable exercise, proper clothing, correct heating and ventilation of living, sleeping, and working quarters. Avoid twin dangers--chilling and overheating--either of which can weaken body resistance. You may further improve your physical condition and resistance by avoiding fatigue and crowded places. Where there are crowds there are apt to be people with colds.

Preventative "shots" or vaccine injections for the common cold or flu are a controversial subject. No successful vaccine for the common cold has been discovered. However, it has been shown that flu vaccines will successfully immunize against certain types (maybe about 50 per cent) of all flu viruses.

If you are unfortunate enough to contract a cold, here are a few suggestions:

1. Stay home especially during the early stages. If you do go out or to work you will only spread the infection by talking, sneezing, and coughing.
2. Cover all sneezes and coughs. When blowing your nose, do it gently and use disposable tissues or clean handkerchiefs. You should also use your own towels, dishes, and utensils.
3. Stay in bed especially during the first few days.
4. Take a warm bath or shower frequently. This stimulates circulation in the skin and makes you feel better and helps you to relax.
5. Eat a well balanced diet with emphasis on more fluids than usual. This helps elimination.
6. Use steam from a kettle or a vaporizer to relieve nasal congestion.
7. Liniments and ointments externally have no particular merit but will probably do no harm.
8. Don't experiment with "cold pills or nose drops." Aspirin frequently relieves headaches and body pains. Penicillin and antibiotics are usually of no help except where there are complications. If you are no better in a few days or if the fever persists, it is not a common cold any longer. Under these circumstances you should consult your personal physician without delay.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

ANDREW FITZSIMONS, general accountant, and his wife, LEONA, are to be congratulated. They celebrated 43 years of marriage on December 29. They had a private gathering of family and grandchildren and dinner at a local restaurant...Our congratulations to GEORGE PELLICORE. On January 5, George completed 50 years of service with the CTA. He began his career as a very young man with the old Chicago Surface Lines...JOE LAZZARA took a group of cub scouts to the Jack and Jill Playhouse. Joe, a den leader, had his son, JOE, in the group...BERNARD KANE spent his vacation doing what he said he was going to do--nothing, relaxing, watching TV and catching up on things...THOMAS McGRATH and his wife spent the Christmas holidays with a son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren in Old Greenwich, Connecticut...A very exciting vacation was experienced by PHYLLIS WHITE. She traveled to San Francisco where the weather was beautiful. She enjoyed the beautiful flowers which were even on the street corners. She rode on the trolley cars, visited Fisherman's Wharf, Japanese Tea Gardens, and other interesting spots. While in San Francisco she was among the crowd celebrating Beethoven's Birthday. For this occasion, the people of San Francisco baked a huge cake in the shape of a grand piano with Schroeder, from the Peanuts comic strip, playing the piano and afterwards everyone in the downtown area was given a piece of cake. Phyllis visited Buir Woods where the giant redwoods are. She traveled to Las Vegas and saw some shows, among them Buddy Hackett and Sammy Davis Jr.

- Jeanne Fitzgerald

(Tabulating) -

ROBERT RISE flew to Detroit, Michigan, and to Omaha, Nebraska, visiting friends and sampling those famous Omaha steaks. Bob also drove to Bridgeman, Michigan, to help his father celebrate his 75th birthday. The rest of his vacation was spent Christmas shopping...CLARENCE BUTHMAN spent his vacation in Waterloo, Illinois, visiting relatives during the New Year holidays. Condolences are offered to Clarence and his family in the death of a young brother-in-law...A belated Christmas gift weighing 8 pounds 11½ ounces arrived on December 26 to the delight of grandparents MIKE and HELEN ROMAS. Mike works at the Kedzie repair department. This wonderful Christmas package is called BRIAN ALLEN KRETZ...On December 18, the Key Punch Department enjoyed a wonderful Christmas luncheon at Henrici's, and thanks to PAT POLIC, who managed the party, a good time was had by all...BARBARA DEN HAMER is back to work after surgery feeling much better. Nice to have you back, Barb.

- Evelyn Lou

(Payroll) -

What started out to be a happy snow outing for DORIS YOST and her husband, FRED, turned into a near disaster for them. They were engaged in that popular winter sport of snow-mobiling in the Channel Lake area, when their vehicle suddenly plunged through the ice into the lake. Fortu-

nately a young boy saw them and called his father who came to help them. After he made a few attempts with a hockey stick, ladder, and rope they were rescued and taken into their benefactor's home where their clothing was dried. However, they were taken by ambulance to the Medical Center where they were given first aid and pronounced in good physical condition after their harrowing experience. We were all very happy to see that Doris had merely suffered a small scratch on her forehead and nose when she told us of her hectic weekend. From now on, we are sure that they will confine their swimming activities to the summer time.

- Clara Lawrence

BEVERLY -

The recent below-zero cold wave was received with many complaints and commendations from our passengers, but we wonder if we ever think of the men we work with every day. We would like to commend Operators LLOYD PEDERSEN and CHARLES HOLLEY who know the meaning of teamwork and practice it every day. Thanks, fellows... Clerk JOHN KIRBY has left us to go to 77th Depot and we are sorry to see you go. Hope you will return soon, John... We express our sympathy to the families of the following: Operator HAROLD MARHOFFER who passed away; Pensioner JOSEPH BRADY who went to his eternal reward; Supervisor THOMAS QUINN in the loss of his wife, and to Instructor ED SWANSON and Operator GEORGE WEATHERS whose mothers died...The exact fare box sure has made our job a lot easier, but we still have to watch the fares, and have a little patience with our passengers when they board our bus.

Operator RAY HELM went out on his birthday, January 5, and had a slight auto accident (no one hurt). We suspect Ray had a few too many...Operator CARSON MATHEWS' wife, MAXINE, had a bout with South Chicago hospital, and she won. She is home now doing nicely. The Red Cross sent their son home from the army to be with dad...ALBERT GRADY's daughter, MELVAINA, has just reached a

THIS IS 14-year old ERIC JOHNSON, the son of ALEX C. JOHNSON, assistant superintendent of Forest Glen Station, who was recently advanced to Eagle Scout. Eric, a member of the Order of the Arrow, was also elected "Scout of the Year" by Troop 196, Schaumburg, Illinois.



milestone in life--sweet sixteen--January 15...Operator WILLIE COX is trying for station superintendent. How do we know? He told us so and showed us his shined shoes... Operator LENEAR SCOTT tells us he will have a tax exemption sometime in February. Too bad it couldn't have been in December...Operator CLARENCE COWAN picked a different run and his old passengers found out about it and wait 15 minutes longer now just to ride with him...Operator GUS WRIGHT's son, STANLEY, had a birthday January 22. ..My daughter, BRENDA, was 13 on January 19. While writing this your co-scribe, AMOS FOSTER, is waiting for a bed in Mercy hospital. The old tummy is acting up again. ..Operator VICTOR PACISKI seems to be well known at 103rd and Michigan. He took me in on a very cold night, and as we entered the door, they set out a gallon jug of VO for him and called him "No Pain Vic"...Yesterday I had a swinging load going to the Dan Ryan "L". A well dressed young man sitting on the long seat by the front door kept his eyes closed and his head down. "You sick," I asked him. "No", he replied, "It's just that I hate to see women standing."..Hope to see you soon.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -

May 1 is the date set for the 24th annual corned beef and cabbage dinner. This year the honored guests will be ART McDERMOTT, DAN McEVOY, WILLIAM TOWNSEND, WALTER YOCCIUS, ARVIN WILMONT, and FLORIAN CZANSTKOWSKI. We expect a large crowd, so get your reservations in early...WILLIAM TOWNSEND, who retired on January 1, enjoyed the company of about 50 of his fellow workers at breakfast on his last day worked. Union President JIM McCANN gave him a nice sendoff with a short speech. Also present at the breakfast were Pensioners MIKE BATTISTO, JOE SKIRIS, ADAM GABLIN, CLYDE PETERSON, and ED BOYLE who came in to welcome Bill to their ranks...Congratulations to JOE PEINTO on his promotion to power supervisor...We welcome G. J. KINTZ, R. M. KING Jr., G. J. WHITESIDE, R. A. RYCHLEE, and W. KURTIN to the Electrical Department...Received cards from Pensioners ARTHUR HANSEL, SYLVESTER DAN-ECKE, and ARVIN WILMONT. Arvin has been ill and is a patient at Halifax District hospital, Clyde Morris Boulevard, Room 3230, Daytona Beach, Florida 32018. He would appreciate some cards or letters...Our sympathy is extended to the family of CHARLES SABELLA who died on January 19, and to the family of Pensioner JOSEPH McGLYNN who passed away on January 13...Our deepest sympathy to ALVIN ARONSON on the loss of his baby daughter; to ZIGGY DOBOSIEWICZ on the loss of his mother; to R. PRIESBE whose mother passed away recently; to H. GEIER on the loss of his father, and V. KRUSE on the loss of his sister...HAROLD COYNE is very proud of his 10th grandchild, EILEEN FRANCES, born on November 5 to PHILIP and SUE COYNE.

- William Rehder

(General Office) -

STEVEN SHERWOOD, co-op student, was married to EVELYN ROBINSON on January 10. The ceremony took place in the United Methodist church, Rocky Hill, Connecticut. Congratulations and best wishes for the future to Steve and his bride...Glad to know that CHARLES KNUTSON, construction foreman, is recovering from his recent illness

THIS RELAXING young lad is KEITH MICHAEL KNAUTZ, the grandson of Public Information Director F. C. KNAUTZ. Keith, born on January 2, is the son of RONNIE and GLORIA KNAUTZ.



and will be back to work soon...Sincere condolences to S. E. DOBOSIEWICZ, supervisor of construction and maintenance, on the death of his mother, and to VIRGIL KRUSE on the loss of his sister recently...Now is the time to start thumbing those seed catalogues because if winter's here, can spring be far behind?

- Kay McAllister

ENGINEERING -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JAMES JOHNSON on the arrival of an 8 pound 10 ounce baby boy, CHRISTOPHER ALAN, born January 19 at St. Elizabeth hospital. Mother and child are both fine and daddy is as proud as can be... Get well wishes are extended to JOE DUGO who had to spend the holidays in the hospital. Joe is recuperating at home now and we hope to see you back soon...Your scribe, CAROL RADMAN, is still recuperating at home after a knee operation. The doctor says it will be a couple of months before I can return to work. Writing the news brings back memories, and believe it or not, I am a bit lonely for the good old days...Santa Claus was very good to PAUL SWANSON and his family. He gifted them with a new home in Edison Park. Good luck and best wishes in your new abode...At this writing, LOUISE SANDSTROM is vacationing in beautiful Mexico City and Acapulco. I'm sure everyone is green with envy for we have to fight this bitter cold weather. We will have all the dope on that vacation in our next issue.

(West Shops) -

Steamfitter STEVE WICKERT became a proud papa when his wife recently gave birth to a baby girl, LINDA. Now Steve has three women and all in the same house. How did you manage to pull that off, Steve?...Here's an item that should have been mentioned some time ago. DANIEL RENO, laborer, was at Kimball yard and saw a man hit the third rail and his clothing caught fire. Dan quickly extinguished the fire and got him to the hospital. Latest reports are that the man, after staying in the hospital for two months, is doing fairly well. Dan should be commended for his quick thinking and fast acting. The man was burned very badly, but is alive thanks to Dan...WAYNE HANSEN, assistant to J. LeMOND, recently celebrated the birth of a granddaughter. I see someone is going to be very spoiled. I know, for grandpa spoiled us a little by treating everyone to free coffee for a whole day! Congratulations, Wayne, and may you have many more grandchildren...WEST SHOPS

FLASH NO. 1: What man at West Shops has had to resort to a foot warmer under his desk during the recent cold spell?..WEST SHOPS FLASH NO. 2: What certain iron-worker foreman is so engrossed in his work that he gets up at 1 a.m., and then again at 6 a.m., and comes to work both times?..WEST SHOPS FLASH No. 3: What certain man's assistant got on his knees and asked a certain gentleman to please work with him? Huh?..Laborer J. O'MAHOONEY, better known as the Kansas Kid from County Kirk, recently had a kidney operation. Hurry back, Jim, all the men miss your presence...Track Foreman TOM STAUNTON recently moved into a new home after living in an apartment house. I know there is quite a difference, Tommy. Congratulations.

- Carol Radman & Mary Gallon

FOREST GLEN -

Our depot has lost a fine and understanding gentleman in Superintendent R. G. BAILEY who retired on January 1 after 43 years of service. He will be remembered for the fine way he treated his men. He was a man you could take your problems to and at all times receive fair treatment. He was a man who would go to bat for you, and if you had the devil coming he could dish it out and then it was forgotten. Always in his office if you wanted or needed help you received it. The best of everything to you, Mr. Bailey, from all the boys who worked for you. Replacing Mr. Bailey as station superintendent is another old timer equally qualified in the field of transportation, Mr. E. K. PETERSON, formerly of Kedzie Depot. Well, their loss is our gain. I have met Mr. Peterson and his door is always open to his men and he is ready and able to assist in anyway he can. Of course, we must give Mr. Peterson time to get organized. His father was a former Chicago Surface Lines man and a great boss, so you see it runs in the family. Anyway, welcome to Forest Glen, Mr. Peterson, we are proud to have you with us and will strive to help you in anyway possible...By now we have all seen the changes here on the Northwest Side--routes are completely different, the new Kennedy "L" is in operation, and the men are able and capable of handling this new venture...Sorry to say that we

BESIDE ONE of the streetcars which was painted with patriotic messages during World War II is the late CHARLES F. HOSANG, a 69th Street motorman from 1907 to 1945. Mr. Hosang also had two sons who started with the Surface Lines, and the combined service of the three Hosangs is 113 years. The late CLARENCE HOSANG, an electrician, worked from 1922 to 1968. HARRY HOSANG started in 1941 and is presently at Storeroom 48, 63rd and Calumet.



are losing some of our finest men at Forest Glen--changes in our clerks, and of course, our receivers. Leaving as receivers are: FRANK PASCHE who was always on window number one, a worker who was and still is a credit to our company; FRED MURBARGER a fine gentleman who always had a kind word for all, and EDDIE O'KEE who was the last receiver to arrive here at Forest Glen, a man who was our friend and one who could take a joke. To these fellows, the best of everything and please keep in touch with us. No one could ever replace any of you. Last but not least is an outstanding gentleman by the name of TED HOELLEN. He will be moving from receiver to clerk, and from Ted you will always receive a fair deal. Yours truly is glad, Ted, that you didn't take the chief clerks position at another station. Remember, your day is coming and I hope I will be here at Forest Glen to see it...LOU TIGNAC, the best to you in your new venture. I know those money machines will be correct with you handling them. Your smile and kindness will be missed, along with those beautiful shirts. Don't forget us, Lou, let us hear from you...Only one person would come to work on his anniversary looking like a lost duck. He is none other than JOE MOTYKA. Anyway, Joe, happy birthday, February 7. Did you say 47 years old? On February 23 he and his wife celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary, and on February 29 (he celebrates on the 28th) Joe will have 24 years of service with the CTA. Yes you are getting old. No wonder you forgot to stay home...EUGENE BRZECZEK was married on January 8 to CECILIA WLOBARCZEK. Of course this was done on the spur of the moment so he wouldn't have to invite his friends. Well, Brzeczek, explain this...To Supervisor WILLIAM and ANNA LANE a happy 25th wedding anniversary. Bill says that after having been together all these years, they decided to get married...Leaving us after 32 years of service is WILFRED JANNUSCH, one of the finest persons I have had the pleasure of meeting. The best to you, old buddy, and stay as young as you are...Supervisor MICKEY LOFTUS has been off a few weeks due to an accident. For an Irishman, he is fine and will return soon. In case you ever run into Mickey, just call him "Sweet Lips"...Just returning from an accident where he was laid up for about six weeks is Supervisor RAY DOWDLER...Condolences to Supervisor ROBERT JASINSKI on the loss of his wife. He would like to extend his heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the wake. Our hearts go out to you, Robert, from all at Forest Glen...BEN (Harvey) MARTINEZ, former Motor Coach operator, passed away on December 8 in California at the age of 78. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, IRENE, and his two sons, BEN and TOM...JOHN, the son of STAN KUBICZ, broke both bones in his left leg while playing football. He played right guard on his sophomore team...After being off for several months with ticker trouble, former Forest Glen Operator WALTER BLIX deserted us and went back to his old stamping grounds at North Avenue Station to be a switchboard operator. Should you ever have the occasion to call North Avenue, he has promised not to cut you off, providing you talk real nice to him. I wonder what he meant by that?..This month we have a few birthday greetings to pass out. As you can see by the following names, some of the best people were born during the month of March: VIRGINIA BLIX, the wife of former Operator Walter Blix; ROCKY MALFESE; TOM MEAGHER, and last, but not least, yours truly BILL (Don't call me Wilbur) HENRY. I'm sure everyone knows now what we mean by some of the best people.

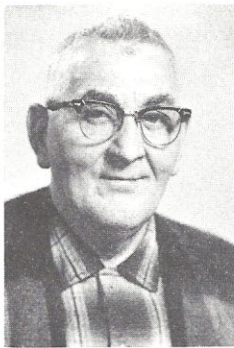
- W. A. Henry (Don't call me Wilbur)



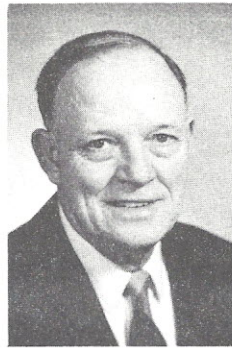
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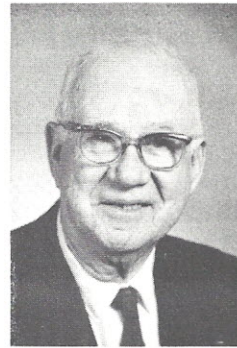
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43 Years



H. J. KUPCZYK
43 Years



H. E. MILLER
41 Years



T. F. McMAHON
42 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired during January and February were the 15 employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of service each.

CHESTER J. ABBOTT, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 10-19-36

LOMER P. ARSENEAU, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-5-28

REGINALD J. BAILEY, Superintendent,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-7-26

LAWRENCE M. BARNES, Sr., Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 1-15-44

MAX BOLTZE, Machinist,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 8-2-27

DELOSS N. CARSON, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-11-26

WILLIAM T. CAVANAUGH, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 1-22-34

MICHAEL P. CRONIN, Secretary-Treasurer,
Division 308, Emp. 8-29-29

ADA M. DAILY, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 6-12-45

CATHERINE DALY, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 12-1-38

FRED R. DESCH, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 2-9-37

RAYMOND F. EBEL, Clerk,
Division 241, Emp. 5-12-43

ALFRED A. EKELMANN, Charter Serv. Sales Mgr.,
Public Information, Emp. 6-3-29

ELMER R. FREITAG, Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 2-27-36

JOHN GALLAGHER, Janitor,
52nd Street, Emp. 9-9-29

PETER J. GOBELI, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-1-26

WILFRED J. GUERTIN, Janitor,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-3-41

ADA L. GUSTAFSON, Switchboard Operator,
Transportation, Emp. 6-5-30

THOMAS J. HENNEBERRY, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 12-10-40

PETER W. HNATIUK, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-26-28

WILFRED E. JANNUSCH, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-25-37

GEORGE JONASON, Repairer,
North Park, Emp. 12-13-29

JOHN F. JOYCE, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 9-4-40

GEORGE H. KRINKE, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-8-29

CHARLES J. KUCERA, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 12-27-33

HENRY J. KUPCZYK, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-31-26

MICHAEL A. LABAN, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 7-1-29

SPIRO LAMPROS, Collector,
West Section, Emp. 8-27-40

FRANK P. MACHOWSKI, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-15-43

THOMAS F. McMAHON, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 11-1-27

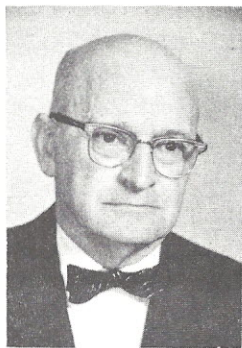
HARVEY E. MILLER, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 10-8-28

GEORGE W. MOKATE, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-20-33

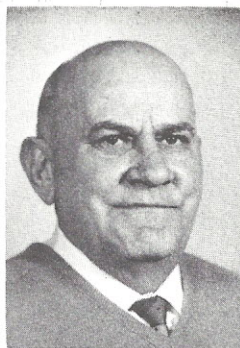
PENSIONERS MEET

THE DIVISION 308 Pensioners Club of Chicago will hold its next regular meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 16, on the 13th floor at 32 W. Randolph street. All retired members of Division 308 are invited to attend these meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at the above time and address.

The CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Odd Fellows Hall, 4140 16th street, north, St. Petersburg. All CTA pensioners living in that vicinity are invited to attend these meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month at the above time and address.



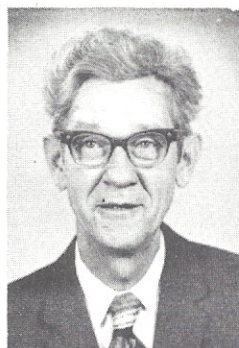
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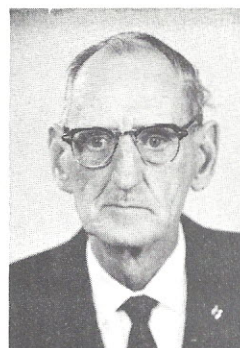
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M. P. CRONIN
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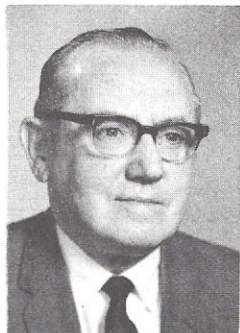
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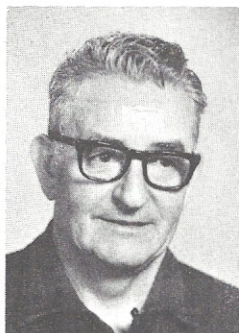
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LOUIS W. MONAHAN, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 1-15-34
WILLIAM J. MURPHY, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 11-2-28
WALTER G. NARTEN, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 10-19-36
CHRISTOPHER J. O'CONNELL, Repairer,
77th Street, Emp. 9-13-30
JAMES O'NEILL, Shopman,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 6-7-46
ANTON PARTYKA, Collector,
North Park, Emp. 10-5-36
ELMER W. PETERSON, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 6-2-43
WALTER H. SCHARP, Traffic Checker,
Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 9-29-37
ALFONSE E. SHARK, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-5-44
WILLIAM STOEKE, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-19-36
ANTHONY SULLIVAN, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 4-2-29
WILLIAM J. TOWNSEND, Line Helper,
Electrical, Emp. 11-19-45
JOHN J. VAUGHAN, Serviceman,
Beverly, Emp. 10-14-47
CLARENCE J. VOJTA, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 5-6-29
JOHN H. WEDEL, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 12-6-27
FRED A. WEDER, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-19-36
ANNA E. WEINSTOCK, Balance Clerk,
Revenue Accounting, Emp. 7-31-64

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

GEORGE ANDERSON, Motor Blower,
Wilson Avenue, Emp. 10-31-55
FRANK T. CHARD, Collector,
Archer, Emp. 4-3-43
EARTHON G. JOHNSON, Extra Guard,
South Section, Emp. 8-27-56
WALTER A. KRUEGER, Janitor,
North Avenue, Emp. 2-3-43
PAUL A. LANZ, Jr., Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 2-12-41
CLARENCE G. LEMKE, Instructor,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-27-36
RICHARD P. McAULIFFE, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 11-15-27
THOMAS H. O'HARA, Clerk,
South Section, Emp. 8-1-41
JAMES M. REED, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 2-15-54
CHARLES E. SCHMIDT, Telephone Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-28-34
FRANK SCHRACK, Repairer,
Keeler, Emp. 4-24-43
HAROLD THEDENS, Conductor,
South Section, Emp. 9-30-47
MARTIN TOBIN, Track Foreman,
Engineering, Emp. 3-4-35
WALTER C. TRINKL, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 7-27-45

INSIDE NEWS

GENERAL OFFICE (Public Information) -

We extend our sympathy to AL EKELMANN on the passing of his wife, CATHERINE, on February 3. Al had retired as Charter Service sales manager only a month before and he and Mrs. Ekermann were honored at a luncheon in the M&M Club on December 29. Attending the luncheon were 75 friends, including co-workers and business associates...JESSE RODRIGUEZ, a former surface instructor, was appointed sales manager effective January 1. Lots of luck in your new job.

Congratulations are in order. Superintendent of Public and Employee Relations F. C. KNAUTZ became the proud grandfather of his first grandson, KEITH MICHAEL KNAUTZ, born to his daughter-in-law and son on January 2...PAT BERGEN left us to await the arrival of the stork. Her co-workers treated her to a luncheon at the M&M Club in the Mart. From what she ate, we are all betting it will be at least twins. She received many beautiful and useful gifts for the little newcomer. Good luck, Pat, you will be missed by your many friends on the 7th floor. SPECIAL NEWS FLASH--Before going to press we received the very good news that little KATHLEEN ANN BERGEN came into this world on February 3 at 10:30 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 6 ounces.

(Law) -

Attorney MARVIN K. LUCKMAN and his wife became the proud parents of a baby girl named LAURA ANNA... PHYLLIS BRZECZEK and her sister, RITA, Employment Department, and a girl friend flew to Hawaii for a two-week vacation. They are now sporting beautiful tans.

(Employee Relations) -

MARY ANNE PRELL became engaged to PAT McMAHON and they are planning a fall wedding...SUE STENZEL, file clerk, is also sporting a diamond which she received on her birthday. Congratulations to the two lucky girls.

(Treasury) -

The welcome mat was extended to FRANK VYZRAL and JOHN KUNZNER, token clerks...Much to her surprise at the annual meeting of the general office credit union, FLORENCE BUTTERFIELD's number was the first to be called and she won a two-speed blender.

(Insurance) -

GERALDYNE CAROLIN became Mrs. KEVIN MURPHY on December 20 at St. Peters United Church of Christ. The happy couple honeymooned at Wagon Wheel Lodge in Rockton, Illinois. Kevin is presently a bus operator at Forest Glen Station...EMMA HUDGINS spent the New Year weekend on a winter retreat at Camp Joy in Whitewater, Wisconsin...TONI GALIC transferred from the Stores Department...ELKE MILANETTO joined our ranks and is working temporarily as a typist in this department...CHUCK ETSCHIED, the son of DOROTHY, spent his Christmas leave at home. Afterwards he left for Viet Nam via Okinawa. Good luck and come home safely...SUE PIERCE is sporting a beautiful diamond ring which she received from DANNY GILLESPIE. The wedding is set for November 7, 1970. Speaking of Sue, she left her shoes on the bus and spent the entire day working in her boots. Better brush up on your memory, Sue...It was good to see CAROL ARNDT back to work after spending some time in the hospital. The place was not the same without you.

(Office Services) -

Sympathy is being extended to the family of LAVERGNE SCHULTZ on the death of her son.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

Mrs. JANINE SNYDER recently transferred from the Accounting Department to our department. Welcome to the department, Janine...ARTHUR G. HUBACZ, the son of ARTHUR HUBACZ, was graduated from boot camp at Great Lakes on February 6. He is now stationed at the U.S. Navy Electronics school in Great Lakes...KATHY O'BRIEN, formerly of Technical Services, South Shops, and now living in Fort Collins, Colorado, recently realized a lifetime ambition. She is now the proud owner of a six-year old bay gelding quarter horse, Tex. Tex stands 15½ hands high which is quite a bit of horse. On the same day that Tex arrived, her Labrador retriever, Blue, presented her with five puppies. The accusing finger is pointed at the German Shepherd that lives next door. Between pups and horse, Kathy has a full life. Oh yes, her dad, WALT GARBUTT, got nicked for a ton of hay and 500 pounds of grain for the horse...STUART and ARLA MAGINNIS and their children went on a Christmas holiday camping trip to Florida. They reported that camping in Florida over the holidays has become very popular. They met many families from the Middle West who were camping in everything from tents to self-propelled motor homes.

(Reproduction Services) -

A luncheon was held at the M&M Club for DOROTHY WILHELM who left the CTA to take up housekeeping. Sorry to see you go, Dot...JUNE VAN CAMP, former switchboard operator, was welcomed to the department.

(Research & Planning) -

TOM HENNINGSEN and his wife spent two weeks at Treasure Island, Florida. Tom says he could become a beachcomber without really half trying. They had a wonderful vacation and spent some time taking in the sights. They visited JOHN WILLIE, a former North Side motorman



CELEBRATING THEIR 50th wedding anniversary on July 13 were Pensioner and Mrs. MARIO LENA. They were honored at a lawn party with 80 guests and relatives attending. Mario formerly worked as a car repairman at Douglas Terminal Shop.



THIS IS lovely SHIRLEY NEVILLE who became the bride of Operator ANTHONY WINBURN, Keeler, on December 19. The honeymoon was postponed until March when they will travel to Jackson, Mississippi, to celebrate.

- Raymond Graham

on the rapid transit...HERMAN ANDERS and his wife flew to Tucson, Arizona, and then motored 250 miles to Yuma to attend the marriage of their son...We bid adieu to JUDY CLOHESSY who is awaiting a blessed event, and welcome to MARY ELLEN RUSS who transferred from Charter Service.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

KEDZIE -

All the operators and repair department personnel extend their best wishes to Superintendent E. K. PETERSON who transferred to Forest Glen Depot. He will really be missed. The welcome mat is out for Superintendent M. HARRINGTON who replaced Mr. Peterson. I had a talk with Mr. Harrington in which he set some new rules for all of us. He said there will be no parking in front of the station for any reason, and to make sure that all operators take only the buses that are assigned to the street they are working. He would also like to see Kedzie number one in our accident and safety record for 1970. I am sure that we will all strive to attain this goal...Retired Operator MIKE KENNY had his son home for Christmas, Father G. KENNY, and six other priests from all over the country. What a grand time everyone had. Mike says hello to all at Kedzie...The Kedzie Credit Union held their annual meeting on Saturday, January 17, with WILLIAM LARSEN, president, presiding. T. HEFFERNAN, treasurer, gave his report and the goals for 1970. If every member can get another person to join and start a savings account, you will be surprised how fast your savings will grow. It was good to see some of the old timers there...Our son, AUGUST, is now home having received his discharge from the U.S. Army, and we had an open house for him on January 3. He plans to return to college and get his degree. It's sure good having him home, and I wish him well and thank God for his safe return...Congratulations to Operators C. ABBOTT and T. HENNEBERRY who took their pensions on January 1. We wish them many years of health and happiness, and as you take your place as a senior citizen, you will have the time to do all the things you have always wanted to do. Good luck to you both...Mrs. F. LEGG, the wife of Operator R. LEGG, broke the big toe of her left foot. I hope by the time this issue is out your foot will be completely healed. I heard she broke her toe kicking Legg to do some chores around the house...KENNETH JABLECKI, the son of Janitor R. JABLECKI, won first prize in the "Voice of Democracy"

at Orr High school sponsored by the VFW...Our deepest sympathy to WARREN SCHOLL, president and business agent for Division 241, and his family on the death of his mother, Mrs. MINNIE SCHOLL, who was laid to rest January 2 at Woodlawn cemetery...Our deepest sympathy to D. WILSON and his family on the death of his mother, Mrs. WILSON, who was laid to rest on January 9. She was 92 years old.

KEELER -

Hi ya gals and guys. Sorry, fellows, but this is a two-month issue, January and February, so I couldn't warn you to be sure and get that Valentine for the little lady...Well, gang, I need extra help to pull the rope for ringing the birthday bell as the effort is more strenuous for your co-reporter, ERNEST CARTER, has to own up to another year February 1. Oh, well, maybe the bells won't be so hard on the others. A new entry to the birthday derby is JASON JOHNSON, the new son of Operator J. JOHNSON and his wife, GWENDOLYN, who was introduced to the public on January 1. Garageman FRANK TRIGG's daughter, JACQUELINE, whooped it up on January 15. Operator C. H. LEE's lovely wife, MARNA, birthdated January 20. Operator L. SMITH had a big kiss for his SHIRLEY, January 25, plus presents. Operator HUGO VARGAS has to sing a lula-by for his one-year old daughter, ADRIANA, on January 12. He had to sing a different tune on February 3 for his wife, ELVIA. Operator EZELL LINZY hopes to meet and beat his grandmother's longevity record. His grandmother, FANNIE, celebrated 79 years on January 17 and Linzy extended his streak another year on January 27. Mechanic WALLY GIRA tells us his wife, MABEL, gently added another year to her mileage gauge and still doesn't need a tune-up. His daughter, LYNN, just had her ten-month check-up. When I asked Night Foreman FRED SCHMIDT if he had any birthdays to commemorate, I had to borrow another ballpoint pen--here's why. Fred's birthday was February 17, his wife, ELEANOR, celebrated February 27, his son, DONALD's, was on February 5, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. JOHNSON, rounded out the festivities on February 22. Operator ANDY GRABOWSKI confessed to another milestone on February 11. Mechanic JIM ALEXANDER had the 24 month warranty check on his daughter, DEBBIE, February 26. Operator C. RUTLEDGE recalled his nativity scene on February 24...Operator ANDY SEGAR and his wife, MARY, danced the Anniversary Waltz for the 23rd time on February 15, and Operator W. C. YARRINGTON and the love of his life, FREDERICA, cooed their 5th anniversary, February 2...I'm sure everyone joins me in wishing a safe, quick return home to JOHN BECKER from Viet Nam. So, fellows, please don't put the pressure on pop, Operator H. BECKER...Get well wishes are extended to Garageman STANLEY LAVAND, and hopes for a speedy recovery from surgery to FLORENCE NELSON, the wife of Operator J. NELSON. Now maybe Nelson can stop bringing those greasy brown paper bags to work...Received a post card from Operator PATEREK. You would think that Pat could find something more exciting to do in San Francisco than riding cable cars...A real cosmopolitan family are the JACKSONS. Operator ALLEN's daughter, ARLENE, is hosting one of her college chums who hails from Hong Kong...Maybe I am naive, but it seems a bit indecent to me--but here is how I got the news from Chief Clerk ELMER RIEDEL. Elmer says he took baths with Pensioner

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BENNY TAUSCH and Limits Station Receiver GEORGE SINGER. They must have some really big bathtubs in Hot Springs, Arkansas...Ran across a pretty good definition of charm--definitely useful to bus jockeys. "Charm is the ability to make someone else think that both of you are pretty wonderful people."..Till next time--love to you all.

- Ernest C. Carter & Anthony Benny

LAWNDALE -

Congratulations are in order to MYRTIS and STERLING MARTIN on their marriage December 20. The best of luck from the men at Lawndale...On January 1 CHARLIE KUCCERA retired after 30 years of service...Recently a bit of cheer has come to the attention of the Lawndale operators. PEGGY HESTER, the daughter of Clerk JACK HESTER, observed a group of young people harassing a bus driver in numerous ways. Very bluntly, Peggy has let her fellow students know, through a column which she writes for her school newspaper, just how wrong this type of harassment toward bus drivers can be. Now I'd say that we do have outside support...Several weeks ago Operator LOU KAZDA went on vacation, but before leaving he was given a snowplow which he graciously used several times. Some people have all the luck...Recently Mr. CHAMBERLAIN came to Lawndale as assistant station superintendent. We here at Lawndale say welcome, and we're hoping that you're enjoying your new assignment...There are a lot of smiling faces around here due to the new fare boxes. Among several responses that I've heard are; they're wonderful, groovy, and they're the best thing since the invention of the changer... Teamwork is an important part of our job, and this teamwork has been displayed many times over from the mechanics here at Lawndale. Daily they're efficiency and skills are displayed. So keep the heat flowing, fellows, and thanks for a job well done...Well, fellows, let's support our basketball team, and we'll be seeing you next month.

- James Marshall

LIMITS -

The Limits Credit Union business meeting and party was held at Weiglets Hall, Damen and Byron streets, January 25. A good turnout of members was present and a good time was had by all. A 5% dividend was declared on all shares, so please bring or send in your pass books so that the proper entry may be made...Congratulations and best wishes to EDWARD FEDEROWICZ and his dear wife, JOSEPHINE, who celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on January 9...Operator OTHO SMITH and his dear wife, CYNTHIA, welcomed a new arrival in their home by the name of GRETTA, who was born on New Years day. May the cute little girl grow up and win the title of "Miss America". Congratulations to the proud parents... Former scribe GEORGE CLARK paid us a visit at Limits and wishes to give his best regards to all of the men he was unable to see. He is enjoying his pension to the fullest and is in excellent health...Operator ARTHUR VOSS has been in the hospital for some time after undergoing surgery. He is now well on the road to recovery and should be on the active list soon...ARTHUR MAAS, treasurer of the credit union, was in the hospital for some time due to illness but is now back at his post as head of the credit union...Operator JESSE BORDEAUX's son, WILLIAM, who served in the armed forces, has been honorably discharged and is now

working for the CTA where he is most happy. Due to the quick thinking of Bordeaux's wife a tragedy was averted. Jesse failed to open the garage doors while warming up the engine in his car and was overcome by carbon monoxide. The fire department responded in time to administer oxygen and save his life. Let this be a warning to all...DANIEL CLARK, repair department foreman, and his excellent group of mechanics are keeping our buses in tip-top shape. Our thanks to all of these fine men... Superintendent GEORGE MAY's wife is in the hospital at this writing due to illness. We all wish you a speedy recovery...Our sincerest sympathy to Operator LEO MILANETTO who flew to Italy to attend the services of his dear father who passed away...The father of CALVIN NASH, the father of EARL ROGERS, and the son of C. LYTHIE also passed away during the past month. Our sincerest sympathy to the bereaved families.

- R. S. Benson

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

On February 1 a new rapid transit line opened along the Kennedy Expressway. It brought about a lot of changes and a lot of happiness. I thought BARBARA McBROOM was going to cry when I told her she could have Sundays off... MARY BURROWS wishes to say thanks for all the cards and good wishes she received from her friends at CTA during her long illness...It's good to have Superintendent RALPH DEMARIA back with us after his illness...MARY MARBLE had a surprise birthday party on January 16 given by her family and friends. Mary had a wonderful time and it really was a surprise...Good to see TOM RAPP back collecting after his service with Uncle Sam...IDA AARON's brother passed away on January 11. We all wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Ida and her family...It's good to see PAT DINWIDDIE back with us again. Stay well this time will you, Pat?...We wish to welcome all of the people who came to us from the North and South Sides with the system pick. How do you like the North Side, MARY JO OHNE-SORGE?... MIKE CRONIN, CATHERINE DALY, JOHN JOYCE, and FRED DESCH have all left us to go on pension. The best of luck to each of you...VYTOE RAMONIS took a trip to Canada to see his girl, RAMONA. That's what he

THESE TWO handsome young gentlemen are CRAIG and BRYAN BERLINQUETTE, the twin sons of Operator ARTHUR BERLINQUETTE, Forest Glen, and his wife, DOROTHY, who celebrated their first birthday on July 26.



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told me...HERBERT SAFFRAHN's mother passed away on January 27. Our deepest sympathy to Herbert and his family...A big welcome to all the newly hired agents and janitors.

- Katy Moriarty

LOOP -

At this writing Agent T. MARTIN is in the hospital undergoing surgery. We hope that by the time this issue is released, she will be back to work and doing fine...Welcome to Agent E. DILLON who left the Congress line and is now working at Ridgeland and Lake. We hope you like your new surroundings...We all wish Agents JOE OHNESORGE and JEAN VERBICK good luck at their new North Side stations. We miss you both...We will miss Agents J. GIBLIN and MARY WIXTED who have gone to the Jefferson Park terminal. Lots of luck and let us hear from you both now and then...Several of the older gals were wondering what happened to Pensioner HELEN PALLISTER at Christmas time. Now that we have had letters from Helen, all is forgiven. Glad to hear that you are well and happy...Just received word that Retired Agent MARGE NOLAN is in Our Lady of Mercy hospital in Dwyer, Indiana. I do hope that by this time you are home and feeling very well...So Agent DOROTHY FORD is back to work after her week of being so sick. By the way, Dorothy, your friend, Mrs. CORRIGAN, is knitting you some knee-warmers to keep you a little warmer in the booth. No more sick days for you from now till next winter. How about that, Dorothy?...Sorry to hear that MARY WIXTED is on the sick side of life again. Well, let's say that this is it for a long time. Hurry back, Mary...Congratulations to Mrs. E. FILIPEK, the wife of Agent J. FILIPEK, who was nominated "Queen of the Year" by the Tops Club, a weight losing organization. A dinner will be held in the near future in her honor, and John is sure proud of her. He said she looks real great and very streamlined now...Wouldn't you know it, one of the happiest fellows around town is Collector T. RAPP. The other day someone asked him what his plans were for the next five years now that he is out of the army. Well this is it. Hold your hats, girls, and don't be disappointed. Tom said, "I am too young to tie myself down for there are so many things

THIS JOYOUS couple is Pensioner and Mrs. ROBERT F. DIETZ who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 28. Bob was an assistant foreman in the motor repair department at West Shops before his retirement April 1, 1955.



I want to do. I plan to take a trip to Europe, have things I have always wanted, and maybe a little more schooling and a good time." He was asked if there would be wedding bells in the near future, and he replied, "No, not for a long, long time. I love my freedom and that is it."..One of our agents received a lovely letter from Pensioner MARGE WHITE who is now living in Ireland. She says she is very happy and just loves it over there. P.S.--I will have a letter on the way real soon, Margie...Janitor A. TURNER is going around and around thinking about the stork dropping a little girl at his house. Al and his wife have an eight-year old boy, and a little girl would be just grand. But lookout, sometimes you guess wrong, but whatever, little boy or girl, I'm sure it will be loved and will bring a lot of joy into their home...We extend our deepest sympathy to Agent G. YARDLEY on the sudden loss of her dear sister on January 22.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

We were happy to receive Christmas greetings from some of our Pensioners: BILL ECHOLS, ART MOILENAN, ELMER DEEGAN, BARNEY CALLAHAN, ARMIN KOEHN, LEO PLUSKOWSKI, VIGGO WINDFELD, JOHN SENKO, LARS E. PEARSON, ERNEST BOCK, RUDY MAU, HAROLD "Frenchie" LEMIEUX, HENRY PASS, JOHN KULLOWITCH, HUGH GARRY, FRANK COLEMAN, and GUSTAVE MAY. Elmer Deegan sent us his address at his new home, 930 W. Monticito avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85013. He says "hello" to his friends at North. Pensioner AL PARADISE lives near him now. Frank Coleman also says "hello, and a Happy New Year" to all. GUS MAY tells us he is well and happy. He has been away two years but says it seems like only yesterday. He has made new friends in Florida and says that is God's country. "Hello to all at North," from Gus. We had a nice visit with LARS PEARSON, who was in Chicago visiting his family for the holidays and enjoyed his stay. He and his wife, ANNA, ran into some bad weather going back. White river and Bull Shoals lake, both near his home, are fine fishing spots. Lars joins the others in a "hello" to all. We received a Christmas card from GERHARD KLAMP, formerly of North and now with the Oakland Bus company. He sends greetings to all from Oakland, California...Operator WILBERT ELLISON and his wife, LE BRASIA, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on December 19. Instructor EDWARD JURCZAK and his wife, ANNE, celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on January 23. Our congratulations to both couples...Birthday greetings to Superintendent FRANK BUETOW who celebrates on February 29, and to Superintendent GEORGE MAY, Limits, February 28. We don't know Frank's age because he has a birthday only every fourth year. I hope they can get together and celebrate their birthdays as they used to, at North...Operator JOE KRZAK returned to driving after a 1½-year absence. Joe and his wife, HELEN, spent a wonderful vacation in Florida. Their son, JOSEPH Jr., has returned to Fort Bragg after spending the holidays at home...Instructor CHARLIE WEYER was awarded the third degree in the Father McDonald Council of the Knights of Columbus...Supervising Instructor CLARENCE LEMKE, who has been off sick for some months, is on disability pension. He would appreciate hearing from his friends. We all miss his smiling face and wish him a speedy recovery. Also on the sick list are Operators VINCENT KONSTANTYNOWICZ, AMBROSE PANICO, DORCY MUMBOWER, EUGENE KEYS, KENNETH METTLER, and DANNY

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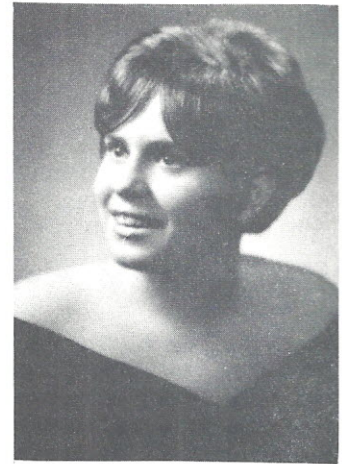
GORSKI. We hope all will be well and back with us soon... Operator WILLIAM NEHLS and his wife, ETHEL, visited Pensioners RALPH O'BRIEN and PAUL DAVIS at Clearwater, Florida. Paul says he misses working on the buses. Operator JAMES CALLOWAY lost his brother, GODFREY. Collector TROKEN lost his father, ALEXANDER, and Pensioner ROY SCHARFENORTH passed away January 8... Good luck to Operator JAMES SHELDON who recently transferred to the Utility Department. Lots of luck, James, we'll miss you... Janitor W. GUERTIN took his pension on January 1. Switchboard Operator CHARLES SMITH went on disability pension January 1. Operator GEORGE MOKATE took his pension on February 1. Operator FRANK MACHOWSKI went on pension January 1. Frank's new address will be 2407 W. Laurel Lane, Phoenix, Arizona. He'd like to have any of his friends passing that way stop and say hello. Repairman ELMER FREITAG joined the ranks of the pensioners on January 1 after 34 years of service at North Avenue. Elmer and his wife, FRANCES, are going on a belated second honeymoon to Hawaii. Our best wishes to all, and be sure and keep in touch... We wish all of you a jolly St. Patrick's Day. We also wish you a blessed Easter. Remember to pray for our boys fighting a war on the other side of the world and ask the Lord to bring them home soon... That new voice at our switchboard is that of WALTER BLIX, former Forest Glen operator. It's been a long time since he was here at North, but there are still some who remember having him as conductor on the old red streetcars.

- William Miedema

NORTH PARK -

North Park's annual credit union meeting was held on January 9 at River Park field house where a fine report was delivered by the treasurer, JOHN O'BRIEN. The officers declared a dividend of 4 per cent on savings, and all members are urged to bring in their books so that they may be brought up to date. Elected to the board of directors were DALE PETERS and JOHN O'BRIEN, while BEN NEUMAN was elected to the credit committee. Refreshments were served and the following won door prizes: SEYMOUR STEINBERG, JOHN KACZAR, CHARLES DUNNE, Mrs. UHELMAN, GENE DRZEWICKI, PAUL COOK, JOE CITRO, WILLARD FRIEB, HAROLD JULITZ, PAT SCIORTINO, PETER DOLAN, ELMER KNUDSON, Mrs. KNUDSON, JOE VAN DEN EEDEN, Mrs. CLARA VAN DEN EEDEN, TEX ABERNATHY, Mrs. ASTRID ABERNATHY, CHARLES WISNIEWSKI, Mrs. WISNIEWSKI, WALTER STEINBEISS, Mrs. STEINBEISS, JOE COUGHLIN, MARTIN BAKKA, MATT HEAVEY, BEN NEUMAN, Mrs. SUE PETERS, BOB KESSLER, ED STENZEL, HENRY SCHRAMM, and MIKE KRAUSE... Superintendents ROBERT KEAG, JACK MORRIS, and VICTOR JOHNSON take this opportunity to thank the operators at North Park for making '69 the best year we have had in accident reduction. A total of 156 operators made no reports of any type for the year... Our congratulations are extended to WARD CHAMBERLAIN who was appointed assistant superintendent at Lawndale Depot, while VICTOR JOHNSON was appointed relief superintendent at North Park and Forest Glen... Operator JOHN O'NAN had the misfortune to contract a virus infection while vacationing at Kentucky Lake, Kentucky; so the fish were spared an embarrassing time while John recovered... Operator HENRY SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, along with his son, MIKE, and daughter, BARBARA, attended the wedding of Miss SUSIE WOLF to Mr. MICHAEL McGUIRE in Philadel-

THIS PRETTY young lady is CHRISTINE PRESTI, the daughter of Carpenter FRANK PRESTI, West Shops, who recently announced her engagement to SAMUEL De PASQUALE, now in the naval air corps. Chris and Sam are planning a July wedding.



phia, Pennsylvania. Also on the agenda was a visit to New York City to see the sights of the big town... Pensioner JOE VAN DEN EEDEN and his wife visited the State of Florida on their vacation. Visits with Pensioner FRANK GELDMEYER of Largo, and CLIFF HERMANSON of St. Petersburg were among the highlights of their trip... Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN and his wife, MARGE, flew to Los Angeles, California, where Marge's sister, Mrs. LORRAINE McCABE, resides. Visits to Hot Springs, Disneyland, golf at Marshall Canyon, and three days at Las Vegas, with a visit with Mr. and Mrs. RUDY FRIEB, parents of Operator WILLARD FRIEB, were most enjoyed... Operator RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ and his wife, BERTHA, vacationed at Guadalajara, Mexico. Highlights of the trip were visits to Lake Chapala, Puerto Vallarta, and a couple of viewings of the bull fights at Vallarta. Rafael drove his new Plymouth and enjoyed every minute of the trip... Pensioner JOHN CLARK vacationed at Spokane, Washington, where he visited his niece, Mrs. HELEN CARROLLS. Also on the agenda was a stop at Klamath Falls, Oregon, to visit his cousin, KENNETH HILL. John reports the moose steaks and salmon steaks were plentiful... TOM CARR, the son of Operator LEROY CARR, had the pleasure of escorting Miss CHRISTINE CASEY to the debutante ball of the Holy Family hospital cotillion held at the Arlington Towers on December 27... HENRY THELIN is now working as a ticket agent and reports that he is very happy in his new position. Operator LESTER BATES reports that after his first year as president of the Southern Illinois Reunion Council has been a grand success. Scholarships were awarded to young people needing help, and now a 60-day drive is on to help the needy in the extreme southern part of the state... LAWRENCE COSTLEY Jr., the son of Supervisor LARRY COSTLEY, was home for the Christmas holidays on leave from Fort Knox, Kentucky. Lawrence will attend signal school at Fort Gordon, Georgia, upon completion of his leave... Operator CHARLEY KEMP and his son, GARY, went on their annual pheasant hunting excursion in DeKalb County and returned with four beauties... Operator TEX RHIMES underwent major surgery at Hines Veterans hospital and at this writing is convalescing satisfactorily... Operator NICK ZAHN is now working in the Mart, and it is rumored he is in the Charter Department. Remember your friends, Nick, with a few charters... JACK RUSS is also working in a different position now, being employed at Skokie Shops as a sanitary engineer... Lieutenant Junior Grade TOM MCGINLAY, formerly of North Park Depot, was a recent visitor at the garage and is now serving aboard the submarine USS Tusk. Tom looks great and is very happy

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

HAROLD G. BANNISTER, 85, Burnside,
Emp. 5-29-17, Died 12-17-69
JOHN E. BARRETT, 70, Construction & Main.,
Emp. 8-15-18, Died 12-2-69
JOSEPH BIRMINGHAM, 70, 69th Street,
Emp. 6-16-43, Died 12-25-69
GEORGE R. BOHAKEL, 68, West Section,
Emp. 4-14-43, Died 12-6-69
ARTHUR A. BRESIN, 75, Accounting,
Emp. 7-8-12, Died 12-4-69
WILLIAM G. BROWN, 77, Devon,
Emp. 2-5-21, Died 12-23-69
NICK CINQUEPALMI, 66, Building,
Emp. 1-21-25, Died 12-29-69
PATRICK J. CORBETT, 86, South Section,
Emp. 11-12-42, Died 12-8-69
DANIEL B. DeWAINE, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-11-21, Died 12-12-69
PATRICK J. DIGNAN, 81, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-13-18, Died 1-4-70
GEORGE E. EWALD, 65, North Park,
Emp. 1-25-27, Died 12-7-69
JOSEPH FERRARA, 78, Wilson Shops,
Emp. 3-5-24, Died 1-4-70
JOHN J. GALLAGHER, 72, West Section,
Emp. 8-17-26, Died 1-7-70
JOHN GODVIN, 84, 77th Street,
Emp. 8-4-20, Died 11-27-69
WILLIAM F. GRUND, 75, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-22-13, Died 12-30-69
EWART G. HILL, 74, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-13-20, Died 1-5-70
BENJAMIN M. HOLLOWAY, 81, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-25-11, Died 12-29-69
EDWARD HUDZINSKI, 56, West Section,
Emp. 10-17-42, Died 1-29-70
JOSEPH A. JANKAUSKIS, 77, Archer,
Emp. 2-18-24, Died 12-17-69
CHARLES F. JENSEN, 85, 69th Street,
Emp. 12-16-06, Died 12-21-69
JOHN F. KOKOSKA, 82, North Avenue,
Emp. 6-19-44, Died 1-10-70
JACK LUKEY, 54, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-8-69, Died 1-20-70

JOHN I. LYONS, 73, 69th Street,
Emp. 12-15-14, Died 1-10-70
JAMES MADAR, 66, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-14-36, Died 1-2-70
TIMOTHY MAHONEY, 76, Devon,
Emp. 6-30-26, Died 12-18-69
HAROLD W. MARHOEFER, 62, Beverly,
Emp. 4-6-42, Died 12-4-69
MATTHEW MARICH, 64, Engineering,
Emp. 8-1-29, Died 1-23-70
BENJAMIN H. MARTINEZ, 81, Keeler,
Emp. 1-15-19, Died 12-8-69
JAMES J. McMAHON, 73, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-26-26, Died 12-17-69
JOSEPH MIKETTA, 78, Rosemont,
Emp. 6-11-26, Died 1-4-70
PATRICK J. O'CONNOR, 85, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-13-18, Died 12-7-69
THOMAS PARAVOLA, 64, North Park,
Emp. 1-9-43, Died 1-26-70
JOHN A. REGAN, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 6-15-43, Died 12-18-69
JOSEPH SABELLA, 59, Electrical,
Emp. 7-18-36, Died 1-19-70
JOSEPH SCIABICA, 72, Terminal Shops,
Emp. 11-20-39, Died 12-17-69
RUDOLPH SWANSON, 64, Engineering,
Emp. 12-8-42, Died 1-4-70
GEORGE C. SWATOS, 71, West Section,
Emp. 9-22-37, Died 1-3-70
GEORGE B. THORNTON, 77, West Section,
Emp. 9-7-29, Died 1-3-70
ALEXANDER J. TROKEN, 88, Armitage Avenue,
Emp. 3-19-10, Died 12-26-69
CHESTER WASINSKI, 54, Stores,
Emp. 2-25-60, Died 12-11-69
FERDINAND WENZEL, 76, South Section,
Emp. 10-4-17, Died 12-11-69
JAMES A. WILLIAMS, 59, Forest Park Shop,
Emp. 8-13-52, Died 1-27-70
WILLIE WILSON, 66, North Park,
Emp. 8-12-29, Died 12-23-69
SIGMUND WINKOWSKI, 57, Security,
Emp. 11-2-44, Died 12-24-69

with navy life...Mrs. FRANCES SCHMIT, the wife of Operator CONSTANT SCHMIT, was hospitalized at St. Theresa hospital in Waukegan, Illinois, for observation and we wish Frances the best...Pensioner ELMER PETERSON was a patient at St. Joseph's hospital where he underwent surgery for a hernia...KEVIN WEITH, the grandson of Street Collector GORDON McGRATH, was honored, with a visit by Santa Claus at Christmas while he was home with the mumps. The Elk Grove school board arranged the party... Pensioner JOHN KARASEK and his wife, LILLIAN, celebrated their 40th anniversary in Palo Alto, California, with their son, Dr. MARVIN KARASEK. Visits to the go-go shows in San Francisco and Disneyland were also included...MAURINE GREENWALD, the daughter of Operator IRVING WEINER, is teaching at Brown university, where she holds an assistant professorship and is working on her Ph.D. Maurine's husband, MICKEY, is also studying at Brown for his Ph.D. Irving's son, SHELDON, has pur-

chased a second drugstore, this one is located at Austin and Division streets. Operators located in this locality will find quality and service a must at Sheldon's store...We salute Laborer TOM NEWELL for the fine job he is doing in keeping the Howard-Hermitage terminal in spic and span shape...The smiling face of Clerk SAM GIRARD is sorely missed around North Park now that he has transferred to Limits Station...Congratulations to Operators LEONARD WACHOWSKI and ROBERT BENSON on their recent write-ups, along with photographs, which appeared recently in Chicago newspapers...Operator ELMER PETERSON retired on January 1 after 27 years of service. Elmer and his wife, HELEN, plan to move to California in the near future...Operator GEORGE KRINKE retired on January 1 after 41 years of service. George and his wife, PEARL, plan on making their home in Arizona in the near future... Operators RICHARD McAULIFFE and FRANK LITTAU retired on February 1 and both have plans of relaxing a bit

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and doing some traveling...Operator KESSLER POLK and his wife, CHARLOTTE, became parents on October 15 when twin girls were born...Operator BRENDEN GREGG and his wife, LOL, became parents for the third time when a daughter named EILEEN MARY was born on November 14 at Swedish Covenant hospital...Operator HAROLD BASON and his wife, NORA, became grandparents for the sixth time when their daughter, JANICE, and her husband, WESLEY ANDERSON, became parents of a daughter, LISA, born November 19 at Swedish Covenant hospital...Operator ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION, became grandparents for the fourth time when Marion's son, JACK FRY, and his wife, JEANNE, became parents of a son, BRIAN CHRISTOPHER, born December 11 at Lutheran General hospital in Park Ridge, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces...Operator ALBERT SIEGEL and his wife, ESTHER, became grandparents for the second time when their daughter and son-in-law, SUZETTE and TONY PERTILE, became parents of a son, MARK STEVEN, born December 14 at West Suburban hospital in Oak Park weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces...Ticket Agent FRED FRIEB and his wife, BETTY, became grandparents for the second time when their son, ROY, and daughter-in-law, SANDRA, became parents of a son, MARC EDWARD, born December 18 at Northwest hospital weighing 6 pounds 4½ ounces...Instructor EDWARD SCHWAMB and his wife, DONNA, became parents for the fourth time when a son, CHRISTOPHER EDWARD, was born December 23 at Resurrection hospital weighing 8 pounds 11 ounces...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, their 31st, January 1; Operator BOB WALTERS and his wife, DORCAS, their 33rd, January 1; Operator JOHN EISELT and his wife, LOUISE, January 9; Supervisor LARRY BENNETT and his wife, JULIA, their 29th, January 11; Operator ROY RIPKA and his wife, IRIS, their 6th, January 11; Operator ELI PESTINE and his wife, RUTH, their 35th, January 14; Pensioner WALTER LINDEMANN and his wife, ELEANOR, their 42nd, January 19; Operator DAVE ARREGUIN and his wife, THERESA, their 13th, January 26; Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN and his wife, ERMA, their 42nd, January 26; Utility Chauffeur JOHN MILLER and his wife, ROZIA, their 36th, January 26; Operator JOE SCALETTA and his wife, DOREEN, their 11th, February 1; Operator HENRY NEUMAN and his wife, LEONA, their 38th, February 4; Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, their 32nd, February 5; Operator ARTHUR OLSON and his wife, LENORE, their 30th, February 14; Operator ED ZIENTARA and his wife, ROSE, their 34th, February 26, and Operator ROGER AYOTTE and his wife, HELEN, their 11th, February 28...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Mrs. IDA WEINER, December 25; Mrs. EULALIE DOWEY, January 10; Mrs. MARY HOLZMAN, January 19; Operator GEORGE TORSON, January 16; LAURA KURCZEWSKI, January 27; PATRICIA WALTON, January 28; IRIS RIPKA, February 5; Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG; ED NEWTON; CHARLES KEMP; GARY NOONAN; JOSEPH GUZARDO; NICK GASPER; WALTER LINDEMANN; GARY KEMP; FRANCES NEWTON; SHIRLEY PAOLI; JULIA ZAHN; LINDA DIEDIER; MIKE SCHRAMM, and MIN SEIFERT...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Pensioner NICK MUELLER; Operator CONSTANT SCHMIT on the loss of his brother, Mr. ARTHUR SCHMIT; Operator MORT and Mrs. LOIS LIBERT on the loss of her mother, Mrs. LENA KOPPEL; Operator CHARLES ROBERSON on the loss of his wife, Mrs. RUTH ROBERSON, and to Division 241 President WARREN SCHOLL on the loss of his mother, Mrs. MINNIE SCHOLL...Operator DICK GUSTAFSON and his

wife, MERCEDES, spent their vacation at West Palm Beach, Florida, where Dick's mother, Mrs. SIGRUD NORLUND, resides. Dick and Mercedes enjoyed themselves playing golf, fishing, and visiting the dog tracks...The salt workers would like to take this opportunity to thank Foreman CHARLES DUNNE and his crew for the splendid job they have been doing to keep the equipment rolling when the snow is falling...Repairman GEORGE JONASON retired on February 1 after 40 years of service. The garage had a party for George and presented him with a savings bond...Repairman FRANK CAHILL was hospitalized at St. Mary's hospital for a hernia operation and is recovering satisfactorily...Repairmen IRA BASHAM and MIKE SCHULTZ, and Serviceman MIKE O'MALLEY were hospitalized, and at this writing they are hoping to return to work soon...Doctor EDWIN KARCH, the son-in-law of Assistant Foreman ANDY KARIOLICH, is serving at Da Nang, Viet Nam, as a dentist with the U.S. Army.

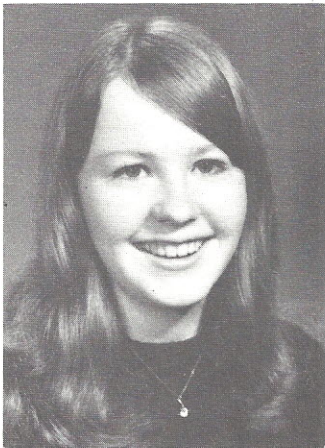
- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

ELIZABETH DONAHUE wishes to thank everyone who gave towards her retirement gift, and a special thanks to JACK and RICKY FOSTER for the wonderful party they gave for her. She says she will never forget all her friends and co-workers...Correction please! JOHN McCONVILLE is a motorman instead of a conductor as was stated in the December issue. John is also a master barber as he went to the hospital to cut DICK STANTON's hair and several others. Dick was there at the time for surgery, but has now returned to work--on the coldest day of the year...Congratulations to Motorman DON GIN, Kimball, who now has his family here from China. He had been trying for four years to get them here...EARL STEVEN's son, JAMES, and his wife had a baby boy on November 24 at Canoga, California. They now have a boy and a girl...MINNA KING became a grandma again when her son and his wife had a baby girl on December 17 weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces. She was named KATHY JO. They all gathered at Minna's for Christmas...MARVIN HARRIS, the son of JOE HARRIS, made the Dean's list at the University of Illinois Circle Campus with an average of 4.399. His father got him a new 1970 Dodge to replace the one he smashed up...Sgt. ROBERT CLESEN came home on December 17 for a two-week leave from Ft. Ord, California, to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. NICK CLESEN, for Christmas...Congratulations to all the people who had birthdays in January: ED

DUANE KUCHENNY, Forest Glen bus serviceman and the son of Forest Glen Operator RICHARD KUCHENNY, is shown here with his fiancée, MARIANNE OGNIBENE, after announcing their engagement on August 18. The wedding is scheduled for June 6, 1970.





VERY LOVELY is JOAN SIMPSON, the daughter of Machinist MALCOM SIMPSON, West Shops, who will graduate from Sienna High school and has plans to attend University of Illinois Circle Campus.

PLATH, January 1; S. GRACE, January 8; H. BARNES, January 17, and to A. LUCKY who almost made it, December 31. GERDA MATHEWS celebrated her company anniversary date on January 5...Congratulations to Motorman JOE NAPLES and his wife on the birth of a baby girl, SHARON MARIE, January 21, weighing 6 pounds. This now makes two girls and one boy...Mrs. W. SANDERS, the mother of HARRY HORN, came in from Cleveland, Ohio, to spend the Christmas holidays, and DOREEN's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. SAPP, arrived on December 29 from Bennett, Colorado, for three weeks...FRANK DE LA PAZ, North Section student agent, will graduate from the University of Illinois in March and plans to work as a juvenile parole officer. Congratulations and good luck, Frank...MICHAEL CRONIN, former secretary-treasurer of Division 308, retired on January 1 after 40 years of service. A party given for him at John Weigelt's restaurant, 3910 N. Damen, was attended by 171 persons. He received letters and telegrams of congratulations from Governor Ogilvie, Mayor Daley, General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR, Assistant Comptroller JOHN FINCH, his daughter, MARY, and Amalgamated Transit Union officers JOHN ELLIOTT, president, EDWARD OLIVER, vice-president, and JAMES HILL, secretary-treasurer. His nephew, Reverend A. DOWEY, OFM, said grace. A wonderful time was had by all and Mr. Cronin wishes to express his sincere thanks to all of his good friends who honored him at his retirement party. A telegram was also received from Mr. and Mrs. MARTIN BURNS...Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO is leaving the North Section with mixed emotions. He said he was sad to leave the many fine employees and friends who have always given their full cooperation, but is happy to have the opportunity to work in the West Section. ROBERT SUTA will replace Mr. Zupko...W. MURPHY took his pension on February 1 and we all wish him a healthy and happy retirement.

- Grace Mounts

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

ADA L. GUSTAFSON, telephone operator, retired from CTA with 39½ years of service. On January 1 her daily routine and schedule changed. She now stays up late watching a movie and sleeps a little later in the morning. During the summer she will do some fishing and go to the Cubs games. On December 30 an open house was held in her honor, attended by many of her friends who joined us in wishing her a wonderful retirement...If you think you hear two new voices on the switchboard instead of one, you're

right. We now have two new operators, ROSEMARIE HEM-ZACEK, who transferred from Employee Relations replacing Ada, and VIRGINIA R. HAMILTON, a ticket agent, replacing JUNE VAN CAMP who transferred to Reproduction Services. We extend our best wishes to all for good luck and happiness in their new jobs...Where is the best place to spend a winter vacation? Why Florida, of course! BOB and JUNE QUETSCHKE flew to Miami for two weeks of fun in the sun. They stayed with JACK and WANDA KRAUSE in North Miami. The first week was one of relaxation. Then they drove to Tampa for a weekend where they went through the beautiful Busch Gardens, saw the bird show, ate in many nice restaurants, and visited with CHARLIE KERR and FRANK ADAMS. They also enjoyed the company of friends like HERMAN ERICKSON and FRANK KRAUSE. The weather was nice and the time too short, but they had a wonderful time. Not to be outdone, WALLY OQUIST and his wife, BETTY, and a couple from Wisconsin, had three weeks in which to enjoy themselves. They drove to Florida and traveled along the gulf coast from Pensacola to the Everglades, down to Key West and up the East Coast. Pompano Beach was where they chose to stay for 12 days of relaxing in the sun, swimming, and playing golf. Wally said he even put a sign out in the ocean, but we wonder about that. He came back well rested and is looking forward to going there again...Congratulations to BILL DOEDEN who became a grandfather for the second time. CHRISTINE MARIE was born on January 21 at Christ Community hospital weighing 6 pounds 1 ounce. The proud parents are FRANCES and BILL Jr...Our sympathy is extended to WALTER PAVONI and his family on the death of his mother, LOUISE RASTEGHENE, who passed away on December 20...THOMAS STIGLIC didn't go on any trip for his vacation. Instead, he spent most of his time with his grandchildren. He also managed to get out and do some ice skating and skiing. Congratulations to Mr. Stiglic and his wife, HELEN, who celebrated a wedding anniversary in January...AUDREY PETERSON and her husband, HOWARD, found a good way to beat the cold. They went to Sun City, Arizona, where they stayed with some friends. Incidentally, this was their first flight on a jet plane and they were somewhat nervous, but after only one trip they think flying is great. The time went by very fast visiting with friends, going to interesting places, dining in very nice restaurants, and shopping in Scottsdale--which Audrey loved. One day a large group got together and had fun picking their own grapefruit at a cost of 1 cent each. You sure can't beat those prices. They had beautiful weather during the entire week, had a wonderful time, and enjoyed being where it was nice and warm on Christmas day...We would like to express our sympathy to EDWARD NOVAK, District "B", and his wife, MARGARET, on the loss of Mrs. Novak's mother, AGNES ROCKETT, who passed away December 27.

(Traffic Planning) -

Another lover of Florida is BILL WINTERS who, with his wife, MARION, drove there for two weeks of relaxation. During this time they soaked up all the sun they could, and if you saw Bill when he got back you know this is true. They also enjoyed themselves eating in a different restaurant everyday while in Miami Beach. On the way back they made a short stop in St. Petersburg. They had beautiful weather during their trip and a wonderful time.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

We would like to welcome the newest members of our department. They are STANLEY LUPINA, who transferred

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from Archer, JAMES SHELDON, from North Avenue, ROBERT POELLNITZ, 77th Street, CHARLES HOLLINGSWORTH, 52nd Street, and BEN LONGINOTTI, Lawndale... Our condolences are extended to the families of FRANCIS VAN GEENEN whose father-in-law passed away, and GEORGE HOWARD whose mother recently passed away... JOHN, the son of JAMES J. ROCHE, is now playing as a guard on the St. Patrick High school basketball team. He spent part of the Christmas holidays in Carbondale playing in a tournament, winning one and losing one game... A speedy recovery is what we wish for F. VAN GEENEN and R. MENDYK who are presently off sick. We hope it won't be long before you are well and back at work... PAT PORCELIUS and his wife chose the State of Hawaii as the place to spend their holidays. While we were freezing here in Chicago they were relaxing on the beach getting a nice tan and having a good time. WALTER SWAIN also went to Hawaii for his vacation. He enjoyed himself so much he can't find enough nice things to say about this state. He had a wonderful time and said he would love to stay there.

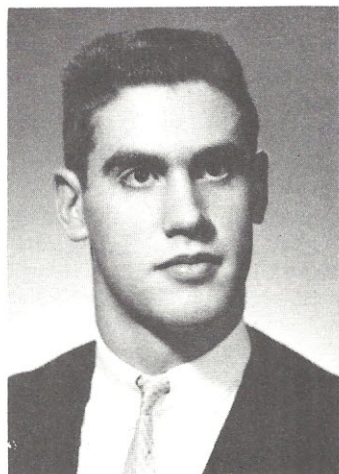
(Equipment Research & Development) -

CAROL and NANCY, the daughters of FRANK CIHAK, came down with a case of the chicken pox. First it was one, then it was both of them. We hope that they are feeling much better and are full of pep and energy again. His wife, NANCY, was working as a school teacher until recently when she quit to become a full time mother and housewife. The other teachers had a party for her and Frank also threw a retirement party at the Lake View Men's club, which was attended by a number of friends. Everyone enjoyed themselves and expressed the desire to go on an early retirement too.

- Colette Szygapanek

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

Four more pretty faces can be seen in our office these days. Our three new typists are MARY FRANCES LABUS, MARY RACZON, and MARY LARKIN in the Stores Department. And then there's DIANE GRAZIANO the new steno in the Specifications Department. How about this for a coincidence, with the addition of the three new Mary's, we now have six girls in the office whose first names are MARY. Greetings and welcome aboard... LEE DeSUTTER has returned after some weeks off with an eye injury... DARLENE JANSEN (nee VERHEECK) is home recuperating as of this



THIS PROUD young man is THOMAS VALENZIA Jr., the son of Forest Glen Operator THOMAS VALENZIA, who was graduated from University of Illinois, Urbana, where he was an honor student. Tom Jr. is now serving as a 2nd Lieutenant in the air force.

writing...I missed a "biggie" in the last news letter. Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD CUMMINGS celebrated 35 years of happy married life on November 29. Ed, I know you weren't serious when you told me, "that's too long with one woman." You've had that contented look on your face too long to fool us. From all of us, congratulations, and may there be many more in store for the both of you... From the Specifications Department comes word that ROD DAUGHERTY took a week's vacation to babysit with his children while his wife recuperated from an operation in South Carolina. She didn't have an operation in South Carolina, but went there to recuperate--well anyway--Rod's wife is fine, the children are fine after their ordeal with their father, and Rod is back to work. So I guess everyone is fine at the Daugherty's. That's nice to hear... BOB PIEPER became a grandfather for the second time when his daughter gave birth to baby boy, DAVID, who weighed in at 8 pounds 10 ounces... Let's all stand up and cheer for SP/4 ROGER A. FLANAGAN, the son of MARTY FLANAGAN, Purchasing Department. Marty has a lot to be proud of and thankful for. Roger just recently returned home, for good, after spending the last year in Viet Nam as a "tanker" with the Big Red One. Before departing for home, Roger was decorated with the Bronze Star, a very distinguished award, by the U.S. Army. So to you, Roger, we all say "Thanks", and congratulations on a job well done... By press time, Mrs. REBECCA (Becky) COUSIN will have spent a short time in the hospital and should be well on the road to a quick recovery. Before you know it, her smiling face will be back in the office... And last but not least, may I say--so long--it's been nice to know and work with you all. This is my last news letter as a member of the CTA. I am leaving the company as of January 23 to join another firm. Good-bye, and the best to all of you.

- Rod Rusakiewicz

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Mr. and Mrs. ALSTON celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss on December 12, and Mr. and Mrs. W. STOLTENBERG celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary on January 19. Congratulations to the happy couples and may they have many more happy years together... C. KEELER and W. STOLTENBERG vacationed at home by helping with the cleaning and decorating. E. WROBEL spent some of his vacation in Round Lake with his daughter and in Wauconda with his sister... W. THOMAS and his wife railroaded to Denver to spend Christmas with his daughter and son-in-law... We extend best health wishes to JOE BILLIS who is in the hospital... Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD GOLDSTEIN spent a week vacationing (32nd honeymoon) in Las Vegas where they tried hard to beat the tables unsuccessfully, but had a great time doing it.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

Welcome to MARY I. HENDRICKSON, the wife of E. R. HENDRICKSON, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, who recently joined the office staff of Skokie Shops. Mary, known then as MARY CROSBY, worked as a switchboard operator at the West Shops. Glad to have you back again, Mary... The sick list continues to grow at Skokie with the weather as it is. A get well soon to EUGENE JAN-KOWSKI, upholsterer, who has been home ill for quite a

spell. Also on the sick list is WALTER WIDINSKI, machinist; ROBERT BINNIE, electrical worker, and WALTER GANDOR, painter. Get well, boys...HAROLD TAIT, electrical worker, is sporting a new 1969 Plymouth Fury III. PAT HARNETT, electrical worker at Skokie Shops, owns a farm in Spring Grove, Illinois, and spends his weekends at the farm. To Pat's many friends, he is known as "Farmer Pat." Pat likes to hunt, and in the deer season, he hunted for four days with no luck. The next day he found deer tracks in the cornfield, and was lucky enough to bag a 100 pound deer using a twelve gauge pump shot gun with slug shot. Pat was a very happy man. Let's get in the news, boys.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

Happy New Year to all! This is a little late news, but we've been so busy at work these last months with the opening of the Dan Ryan line, and then our first system pick, that I neglected in my last column to give my thanks to Management for our annual Transit News Reporters dinner at the M&M Club in the Mart recently, and to tell all of you how proud I was for being honored at the dinner for having the second longest copy in a year. I sat up at the speaker's table and Mr. DeMENT honored me. Oh, I was so thrilled and proud...Our first train service system pick went into effect December 14 and we want to welcome all our newly transferred men to the South Section and wish good luck to our men who transferred to other sections. Space does not permit me to name everyone. Also, good luck to all the agents and janitors who transferred to other sections on January 11 with their system pick and "hello" to our new people...Conductor HAROLD THEDENS and Clerk THOMAS O'HARA, who have been on the sick list for several months, went on disability pension January 1. Our best wishes to both for a speedy recovery so that they can enjoy good health real soon...Relief Station Superintendent BOB DESVIGNES and his family took a nice vacation down in New Orleans visiting with Bob's relatives during the holidays...We are so happy to welcome back some of our men who have been on the sick list for quite awhile: Motormen ALEX KOMIS, VINCENT CIOLINO, JOHNNIE ROBINSON, Switchman SIDNEY GOODMAN, Janitor PERRY LIDDELL, and Agent ALVIN STARKS...The Pensioned Agent's Club held their Christmas dinner on December 7 at the Beverly Woods restaurant, and Retired Motorman JERRY HANAFIN was honored that night along with his family. I talked to many of the pensioners and they all looked so youthful: Retired Agents CATHERINE COLLINS, KAREN FRIDDLE, HAZEL DUNN, DAN FINNEGAN, Retired Conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO, Retired Supervisor BOB BROWN, Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS, and many more. All good wishes are wished to JERRY HANAFIN and his family for a wonderful retirement life. Everyone had such a nice time that night at the dinner...Received a nice card from the ALFRED GRABES, retired motorman, who lives in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Al had an operation for cataracts on his eyes but is doing real fine now and hopes to come up to Chicago for a visit in the spring. Have a speedy recovery, Al...Hi to newly hired Janitors ROGER BARNES and WILLIAM CHRISHON, to transferee from the Stores Department Agent JAMES BROWN, to newly hired agents LOIS SPRUILL, ANNIE ANDERSON, JANET GIBSON, NORMA LOCKE, DOROTHY McMORRIS, and BRENDA WESTBROOK, and to RUTHIE NEWSOME who transferred from

part-time agent to full-time agent...Our condolences to Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY whose brother passed away recently...Congratulations to South Section Motorman LEONARD BEATTY who was elected president of Division 308; to HUGH HEGARTY who was elected secretary-treasurer; to CHARLES LOUGHRAN who was elected vice-president; to WILFRED SPEARS who was elected South Section board member, and to all the new officers elected and the ones retained for another term...Motorman PAUL DUCAR's son, DAVID, who was in Viet Nam, is coming home in March for a furlough and the Ducar family is overjoyed with the good news...Agent MARCELLA BITTERLIN, who had been on the sick list, is back working and wishes to thank everyone for all the cards and calls she received while she was ill...Division 308 Secretary-Treasurer MICHAEL CRONIN has taken his pension and a party was given in his honor at the Johnny Weigelt Hall in the Queen Anne's ballroom, 3910 N. Damen, and about 170 people attended. A buffet dinner was served which had all kinds of goodies on it. A gift was presented to Mr. Cronin from all his friends. It was a nice affair. Our sincere good wishes to Michael for a happy and healthy retirement life...On the sick list at this time are Motorman GEORGE ROSS, Conductors STANLEY KIELDYK and WILLIAM HUNNIFORD, Switchman RAY LAFAIRE, and Janitor HAROLD TURNER. Hope they all return to work real soon...Received a nice letter from Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS who is spending the winter in Phoenix, Arizona. It had been rather cool there for awhile, but much warmer than Chicago. Charlie likes Arizona very much. While there, he visited with THOMAS McINERNEY, retired collector, and his wife, NANCY, former assignment agent, and they say "hello" to all their friends in Chicago...Retired Conductor JAMES MURPHY passed away recently. Our sincere condolences to his family...Receiving passenger commendations recently were Conductor ROBERT SMITH who helped a passenger who was being annoyed by another passenger, and Conductor MATHEW WILLIAMS for being courteous to his passengers...The JOE TVRDIKS, assistant station superintendent, had a nice winter vacation in the Bahamas, Nassau, and Freeport living it up in the sun and on the boat they were traveling on. Doesn't that sound better than this below-zero weather we've been having. Oh, how many more days till Spring?

- Verna Hartney

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Congratulations to MICKEY and REGINA BESS, Congress, on the birth of their daughter. The little Miss America, also known as BRIDGET, cut a slim figure at 6 pounds 12 ounces. Best wishes to all...Good luck to J. BAKER, Congress, who returned home to work for the Memphis Transit company as a bus mechanic...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to JESSIE WILLIAMS, Wilson, and JAMES O'TOOLE, Howard, who are off on the sick list. ..A hearty welcome to V. COX, J. COOPER Jr., and R. L. WRIGHT, new car servicemen at Howard...An extra holiday delight was enjoyed by MIKE VASQUEZ, Congress, and his family who spent a three-week holiday vacation visiting family and friends in Mexico...Enjoying a mid-winter vacation are D. BRODIE, L. COLLINS, and M. GALLAGHER, Wilson...The answer to last month's riddle as to who can sprout his ears and fly--FRANK ZAMPETTI.

- Ray Bryczek

SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations to RAYMONDE BRYAR, the wife of RICHARD BRYAR, who works in the electrical department. She entered the United States in February, 1961, and became a citizen on September 17, 1969. Mrs. Bryar is from Montendre, Charente Maritime, France...Congratulations to EDWARD ROBERTS, electrical department, who celebrated his 50th anniversary with CTA on September 1. Ed, ANDY ANDERSON, their wives, and FRANCES LOUWARD took the CTA group tour to Spain and had a wonderful time. ..On October 13, the CTA Rosary Group in the brake department observed its 15th anniversary of continuous rosary prayers. The men pray a decade daily on their lunch hour. At one time there were 65 men gathering daily for prayers. Most of these men have retired or passed on. Anyone for prayers at lunch time?

- Elaine Stewart

WEST SECTION -

I hope this hot news warms you up, cause it sure is cold outside (brr---)...Superintendent ED HEATTER and SANTO SICILIANO served as co-hosts of the Lake Street Christmas party and there was plenty of food for all. It was a combined effort with our co-workers from the South Side who travel the Dan Ryan with us. We had a few pensioners drop by also. Soul brothers, we tried to have some chitterlings, but couldn't find anyone to volunteer to clean and cook them. Maybe next time we will have better luck. . . GEORGE WOODMORE lost his son, RAY, who passed away after a long illness. Our condolences go out to him and his family. ..J. HOLAKOVSKY's father passed away and our sympathy goes out to his family...Back off the sick list is J. RAGS-DELL who had a battle with pneumonia. Welcome back, Rags...Supervisor V. BURGESS and his lovely wife, SADIE, celebrated 23 years of marriage along with 74 guests, with the compliments of their children. Then to top that off, they were made proud grandparents with the birth of a 4 pound 10 ounce baby girl. Many happy returns to the Burgess'...Mr. JERRY BOYLAN retired as the treasurer of the Lake Street credit union where he served faithfully for 23 years. He turned over all the headaches to his successor, Mr. JOHN McCARTY, who served as his assistant for 18 years. Mr. Boylan has a son, RAYMOND, who is an Ensign on the USS Owens. Ray used to work for CTA as a ticket agent. Can anyone loan Jerry a dime for coffee?...Congratulations to Mr. LEONARD BEATTY who became President of Local Division 308; to Mr. CHARLES LOUGHRAN who became vice-president; to Mr. HUGH HEGARTY as secretary-treasurer, and to all the other newly installed officers of Division 308. Quoted by Mr. Beatty, "Give your service for values received, and receive values for services rendered." We all hope these goals can be achieved. Good luck, gentlemen...Mr. JOHN BURNS who served as president will come back to train service. You did a fine job, John...MICHAEL CRONIN, who served as secretary-treasurer, will take his pension and enjoy all that leisure time. Enjoy yourself, Mike, and good health...Belated birthday greetings to R. RAMSEY and JAMES GORDON. James, for a young man you sure are absent minded. Imagine coming to work on your birthday and having to be reminded by the clerk what day it is? Dumb, dumb, dumb, but many more happy days, fellows...F. BRADLEY's wife blessed him with a baby girl. Now, pop, if you think that little FRED Jr. kept you up at night, you will find girls really bug you no end. Congratulations to you both...B.

RADULSKI plays checkers pretty good but can't beat H. DIXON. On chess you better watch out, Dixon...J. WILLIAMS was always reading newspaper items out loud. Now we know why. He was practicing for a slot as a disc jockey for radio station WEAW on weekends. Good luck, John... Best wishes to little DANIEL KELLY, the son of Motorman JACK KELLY, on a fast recovery from his illness. Happy birthday, little Daniel...IKE HOUSTON celebrated his birthday, and his wife, CHRIS, had to do all the cooking and the entertaining of the guest. I hope it wasn't hard, Chris, putting all the babies to bed, including Ike, and their really smart dog, Teddy. Many happy returns, Ike...Congratulations to P. NAUGHTON and B. MORRIS on being accepted for supervisors school...JOHN JOVANOVICH, who recently acquired a car, says that he doesn't like to drive in this icy weather. He is going to get to work by CTA. I agree...Well that's enough chatter for now, so back out in the cold and the chattering of the teeth. Wrap up warm, gang--men in their long-johns, and you ladies in your fine minks...SANTO took a week off for vacation and had to spend it unclogging his frozen pipes. He grew a misplaced eyebrow under his nose while he was off, but that was because no man likes to shave in cold water, eh, Santo. Oh, I will have a birthday in February, so happy birthday, LOU...By the time this news gets to you we will be rolling on the Kennedy and we all welcome the new line. Chalk up another one for CTA... See you next time around gang and keep a warm heart. Bye.

- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne

77TH STREET -

Happy New Year to everyone, and may it be a healthful, prosperous year for each of you and your families...December babies are the big news at our station. Operator LAMPTON EVANS' wife, CHARLENE, presented him with two beautiful tax deductions, a boy who weighed in at 6 pounds 1 ounce, and a girl who tipped the scale at 6 pounds 13 ounces. The babies made their debut in St. Francis Cabrini hospital. Operator GEORGE DALMAS and his wife,

CELEBRATING HIS 50th year with CTA is GEORGE L. PELLICORE, chief accountant, General Accounting, who began his career with the Surface Lines as a bookkeeper on January 5, 1920. Congratulating Mr. Pellicore on his golden anniversary are (left) Manager of Finance P. J. MEINARDI and General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR.



INSIDE NEWS

CORRINE, welcomed their sixth child on December 1, a beautiful baby girl weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces, who answers to the name of DEENA MARIE. Congratulations to both families...Operator PERCY REDDICK and the little lady moved into their new home in time for the holiday festivities. So, fellows, when you hear Percy talking to himself around the first of the month, don't be concerned, he is just suffering from the "mortgage due blues"...JESSIE THOMAS recently returned to work from the sick list. Welcome back, Jessie, and stay well...Operator STRICKLAND just returned from a week's vacation. It seems he is getting old and needs a rest periodically...Sorry to learn that the beloved mother of Relief Station Superintendent WILLIAM SCHWEITZER passed away on Friday, December 12. Our sympathy to the Schweitzer family...Sincere sympathy to Operator FRED RIGGINS and his family on the loss of his brother who passed away recently...Retired Instructor JOSEPH BRADY has gone to his eternal rest. Condolences to the Brady family...Operator WILLIAM RYE, "The King Drive Kid," gave Mrs. RYE a new home on their 35th anniversary...Incidentally, fellows, if your wives give you mean stares after reading the above, don't blame me, I only write the news, so you better see Bill Rye...The basketball league sponsored by Division 241 is in full swing. To date, the 77th Street Jets have won two games and lost two...We lost our opening game to Kedzie by a score of 44 to 42. Our second game was with the Building Department and we won 68 to 16. The third game was played with North Avenue and we lost 47 to 34. The game of the week was staged last Tuesday, January 20, between the unbeaten Beverly team and the 77th Street Jets. We were aware of the challenge and had looked forward to the game because we realized Beverly was the team to beat for the championship. The 77th Street Jets went into the game with a record of one win and two losses. Beverly jumped off to an eight point lead before we scored our first basket. But very early in the game, it became evident that Beverly was not going to romp over the Jets in the manner in which they had won their three previous games. At half time, Beverly was leading by two points and each man on our team was becoming more confident that we could win. With seven minutes left on the clock, Beverly was leading by seven points--and the Jets went into a full court press. We capitalized on three quick turnovers, and with only thirty seconds of playing time remaining, we tied the score and sent the game into overtime. We struck first in the overtime period, and went on to win 62 to 56. On Tuesday, January 27, our team led by GUY STUTTLEY with his fine ball handling, slaughtered Lawn-dale Depot by a score of 72 to 45. Fellow operators, you are missing some exciting basketball games, so come out and root for your team. The games are played every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Washington park field-house, 55th and King Drive. We need the support and encouragement of every man at 77th Street.

- Elsie Gresham

69TH STREET -

ED STEFFAN says that Mrs. YOUNG finally convinced MICKEY to take a long earned vacation after 30 years. At this time they may be in Los Angeles, San Francisco, or Las Vegas looking at the Andy Williams show. B. PULICK, who can't afford liverwurst, and FRALE would have a nervous breakdown if they knew how much it is costing Mickey...JOE KOVATZ has a real racket going. He charged L. G. DAKE \$1.00 and his meal ticket for just a poor old

sandwich and no coffee, after Dake had put in 12 hours loading salt in a snowstorm...Instructor M. J. O'DONNELL had FLYNN drafted from 77th Street to act as his assistant during the cold spell...P. E. KRUEGER discovered a bad dent and scratch when he had his new Olds washed...JOE PLANT was seen in the Union restaurant with a very pretty lady. Who was she, Joe?...C. (Draw Bars) HOLLAND has left 63rd and is now working 59th...Operator GREEN's daughter, LINDA, is now engaged to ROBERT MURRY. When is the big day, fellow?...Collector C. M. BIRD was a grandfather for the fourth time when a grandson was born December 2...Collector J. HENNESSY had a hernia operation so he could be in tip-top shape when he takes up duties as the first collector on the moon...DAVIDSON celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary on January 20 and said it seems like only yesterday when he said, "I do"...E. R. BEHRENS fell and broke a rib...P. YUSKA had his gall bladder removed last September and hopes to return to work soon...JIM SCALDON of the Union restaurant had an operation on his throat and worked the next day. Lot's of spunk, fellow...M. HENEHAN was operated on for a hernia and is now working as a ticket agent...We certainly miss J. DUFFY, E. BECKER, C. DERRICK, R. CARSON, and T. CALLOPY who are now working in Central Accounting...Collector CARL SCHOENBAUM is home recuperating from a leg fracture...GEORGE MEYERS, the son of ED MEYERS, was home for Christmas. He is now an electrician mate 3, in the U.S. Navy. He was in the Mediterranean and visited Italy, Spain, Greece, Malta, France, and Germany where he bought some beer steins for his dad...The silent reaper passed our way and took the father of W. WITTSTOCK; the mother-in-law of GUS MELANDER; JOHN J. LYONS; former instructor JOE BRADY; Mrs. MAUDE SWANSON, the mother of Instructor SWANSON; J. BIRMINGHAM, the father of Supervisor BIRMINGHAM; A. JOHNSON, the brother of Instructor JOHNSON; the mother of Relief Superintendent W. SCHWEITZER, and the brother of Collector W. WASINSKI. May we extend our deepest sympathy to each family on their great loss...The 69th Street Credit Union meeting was a big success with a nice turnout. The officers for 1970 are: JAMES AHERN, TOM COOK, BILL DONAHUE, RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT, ED HIMEL, JAMES KELLY, ANDY KOHLSTEDT, TIM MULVEY, TOM REILLY, JOHN TIFFY, MEL TURNER, and TONY VANDENBERG. Some of the door prize winners were: DAN O'ROURKE, RAY ORACKI, H. JAMES, W. MONROE, and 18 others. Let's all give the officers a word of thanks for a job well done...JIMMY AHERN of the repair department was real busy during the cold spell, but took time to report that JOE VANDENOEVER paid a visit looking very good while enjoying his retirement. MIKE BARRY, former trainman in the old days, has recuperated from his illness. OLEY HANSEN was around for a visit. He is in good health and enjoying his life of leisure. MIKE CARR says he is doing alright. JOE GAMEN says hello to all the boys. He is in Orlando, Florida, enjoying the sunshine. To all of them, and the many others, we wish them many years of health and happiness...We wish a speedy recovery to B. GRANT and MARTIN CAPLIS who have been off sick for some time...The operators wish to thank the repair department for doing a good job in keeping the buses clean, warm, and in good working order during the cold spell. Thanks, again...Let's not forget the mail box. It is located to the right of the clerks' window. Please drop your news items in it.

- Arthur P. Bussing

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