

TRANSIT NEWS

DECEMBER, 1970



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Transit Board Adopts '71 Budget

AT ITS monthly meeting on December 10, Chicago Transit Board adopted CTA's 1971 budget and approved making the No. 40 O'Harexpress bus route a permanent part of the CTA system.

Operating Deficit Anticipated

The proposed operating budget shows that revenues of \$196,755,000 will not cover the operating expenses of \$197,928,000. This will leave a shortage of \$1,173,800 in operating expenses with no revenues available to meet the debt service requirement of \$8,144,800 and the \$15,740,400 provision for depreciation (8 per cent of gross revenue). This will make a total deficiency in revenues of \$25,059,000 for 1971.

Labor costs are the main factor giving rise to the increase of \$17,254,900 in departmental and maintenance expenses. The labor costs for 1971 were estimated at December, 1970, levels (including a 7 cent per hour basic wage increase which became effective December 1, 1970), with provision for an 8 cent per hour basic wage increase to become effective June 1, 1971, and provision for additional increases in cost-of-living allowances. Additional cost-of-living allowances are estimated to equal $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per quarter for 1971, resulting in estimated increases of 7 cents on March 1, 8 cents on June 1, and $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents on September 1, totaling $22\frac{1}{2}$ cents per hour for the year 1971. The total accumulated cost-of-living allowance for the union contract period (December 1, 1968, to December 1, 1971) is estimated to be $73\frac{1}{2}$ cents per hour.

Passenger Revenue to Increase \$12.4 Million

Passenger revenues are estimated to be \$193,450,000 or \$12,436,600 over 1970. The increase in passenger revenue arises primarily from the fare change of July 8, 1970, which consisted of a 5 cent increase in the basic adult fare and a 5 cent increase in the transfer charge.

A budget for capital improvements of \$16,600,000 was approved in hopes that funds would be available in 1971. The major item in the capital budget was CTA's one-third share (\$5,544,000) for the purchase of 500 buses to replace vehicles that are up to 20 years old, to be matched by a two-thirds federal government contribution. Other essential capital im-

provements are station remodeling, new station facilities, a central counting room, additional fare boxes, track and structure renewal, and replacement of obsolete trainphone equipment with two-way radios.

The No. 40 O'Harexpress bus route, which has been operating under a federal mass transportation demonstration grant, was made a permanent part of the CTA system by Board action.

Operation of the O'Harexpress bus route between Jefferson Park and O'Hare airport began February 1, 1970, as a demonstration grant project of the U.S. Department of Transportation obtained by the City of Chicago Mayor's Committee for Cultural and Economic Development. The grant was for underwriting up to two years' operation of a bus route to test the effectiveness of low-cost public transportation to O'Hare airport. CTA was reimbursed for the difference between the costs of operation and the receipts collected on buses up to a limit of \$127,720. These funds, which were 90 per cent from the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration and 10 per cent from about 30 airlines or other employers at O'Hare, have now been exhausted.

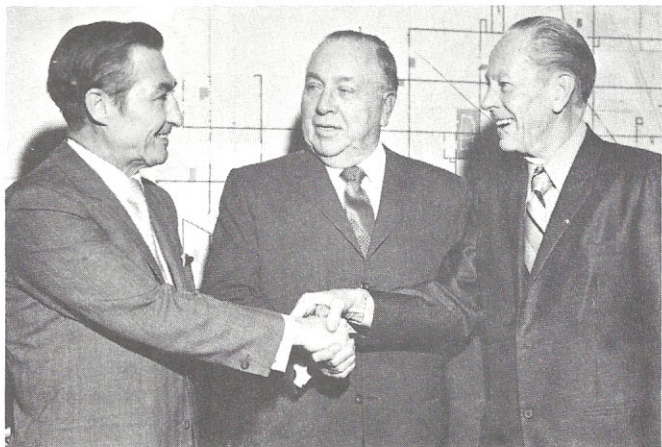
O'Harexpress Fare Increased

Although the use of O'Harexpress buses has built up from 367 riders on the first weekday of service and now averages about 1,000 riders per day, the service is not self-sustaining. Rather than reduce or discontinue service on the line, the Board decided in the public interest to continue its operation.

To make up some of the operating loss and give time for the riding public to become acquainted with the advantages of the service, the Board also approved increasing the fare for adults from 70 cents to 75 cents (including transfer). Children and senior citizen rates will remain the same, 50 cents (including transfer). The fare increase became effective Sunday, December 20.

"It is our feeling that this service is essential for airport employes and air travelers. Furthermore, some of the riders who use these buses have no alternative to CTA service if they are to stay on their present jobs. It is still the best transportation bargain when traveling to and from O'Hare," said Chairman George L. DeMent.

Attorney G. J. Schaller Resigns to Take Judgeship



RESIGNING FROM CTA on December 7 to take his newly-elected office as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County was George J. Schaller, who had served as CTA's general attorney since May, 1966.

To wish him well in his new post, an open house was held for Mr. Schaller by his CTA friends and former associates. Among the guests were Mayor Richard J. Daley and Transit Board Chairman George L. DeMent, shown here congratulating Mr. Schaller.

A graduate of De Paul Law school, Mr. Schaller has been licensed to practice law since 1943. In addition to his CTA post, Mr. Schaller was also a senior partner in the law firm of Schaller, Reilly and Daley.

J. G. O'Donohue Named CTA General Attorney



THE APPOINTMENT of Attorney James G. O'Donohue as general attorney for CTA was announced by Chicago's Transit Board on December 10.

Mr. O'Donohue succeeds George J. Schaller who resigned to serve as a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. As general attorney for CTA, Mr. O'Donohue will advise and consult with the Board and management on legal matters.

A graduate of James Marshall Law school, Mr. O'Donohue has practiced law in Chicago for 23 years and is presently a partner in the law firm of O'Donohue and Murray. In addition to private practice, he has served as first assistant corporation counsel and assistant corporation counsel of the City of Chicago, and was associated with the municipal underwriting department of A. C. Allyn and company, investment bankers.

He is a member of the American, Illinois, and Chicago Bar Associations, the Mayor's Parking Advisory Committee, and formerly was chairman of the Air Pollution Appeals Board.

RETIRING DECEMBER 1 as District A superintendent was Joseph A. Kelly, who had served in the Transportation Department of the Surface Lines and CTA for more than 47 years.

Mr. Kelly started with CSL on May 9, 1923, as a conductor at the old Cottage Grove carbarn. He underwent training and qualified as a traffic supervisor in September, 1932, and subsequently became assistant station superintendent at Cottage Grove in 1944. Mr. Kelly was named District A superintendent in 1946, the position which he held until the time of his retirement.

Feted at a luncheon in his honor at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart on November 25, Mr. Kelly was joined by many of his friends and co-workers. He is shown here being congratulated upon his retirement by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser.

J. A. Kelly Retires

As District A Superintendent



Suggestion Committee Names Award Winners

CHRISTMAS CAME early for 24 CTAers whose suggestions were adopted by the Suggestion Committee. Each one had his choice of an incentive award--a \$7.00 merchandise certificate or a Zippo lighter/tape rule set. In addition to that, six of the suggesters were presented \$25.00 awards for their efforts.

Three of the suggesters who received an award plus a \$25.00 check for their adopted ideas were George Benshish, Accounting Department, William S. Miedema, Shops and Equipment-Forest Glen, and Luis Velez, Engineering-West Shops.

For submitting their second adoptable suggestion within a year, three other employees were presented an award plus a \$25.00 check, including: Mary Berry, Claim Department; Regina Daren, Medical Department, and Dorsey J. Garner, Shops and Equipment-52nd Street.

Winning incentive awards for their ideas which were adopted were the following: General Office--Mary Berry, Claim Department; Regina Daren, Medical Department; Joan Fitzgerald, Reproduction Services; Ruth Havlic, Schedule Department; James Joeffrey, Engineering Department; Viola Meyer, Accounting Department, and Joseph Sabol, Schedule Department. Shops and Equipment--John C. Morman



FOR HIS suggestion which improved bus operations through the Jefferson Park Transit Center, George Benshish (right) of the Accounting Department received a \$25 check from Suggestion Coordinator Russ Warnstedt.

and John Murray, both of South Shops; Edward McDonnell, Keeler Garage, and William S. Miedema, Forest Glen Garage. Transportation-Surface--Edward P. Federowicz, Limits; Ray Frenette, Lawndale, and Earnest Hennecke, Beverly. Transportation-Rapid Transit--Marian Filip, West Section, and James Schumpp, North Section. Electrical--Bernhardt Neilson, Chicago Avenue Shop.

For his idea which was adopted a year ago and continued to derive savings for CTA, Ronald Jarckas, S&E-77th Street Garage, was presented a supplemental award of \$15.00.

Twelve CTAers Take New Supervisory Assignments

THE APPOINTMENTS of supervisory personnel to new positions in three CTA departments were announced in bulletins issued recently. The departments affected include Accounting, Shops and Equipment Surface Division, and Transportation Department Districts.

Effective November 30, W. B. Folta was named general accountant and H. F. Brown became assistant general accountant. The Accounting Department appointments were made by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi and approved by General Manager T. B. O'Connor.

Promoted to new foremen assignments at Surface Division Garages effective November 29 were T. Muellner, night foreman at 69th Street Garage; L. Harper, day assistant foreman at Kedzie Garage; J. Morales, p.m. foreman at Limits Garage, and D. Krivickas, p.m. foreman at 69th Street Garage. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Garages J. W. Dain.

Taking new positions at South Shops effective December 7 were T. E. Pietrus who became general foreman of the Body Shop, and V. Howe who became Paint Shop foreman. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Surface Division Shops J. Bolech.

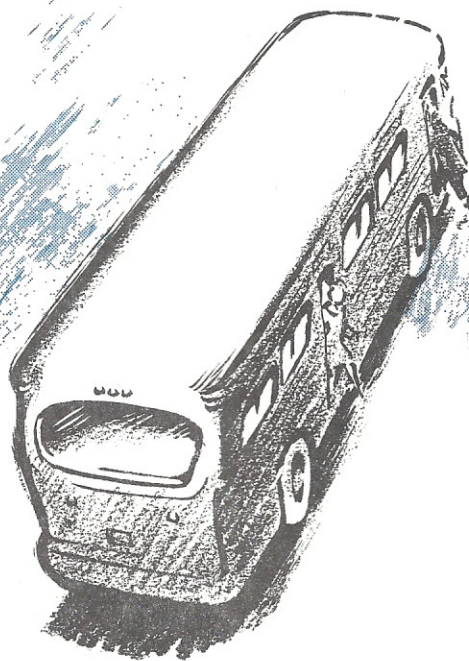
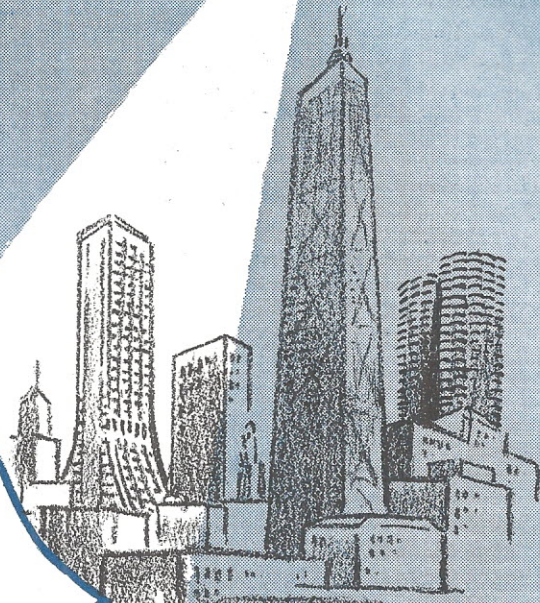
The above Shops and Equipment Department appointments were approved by Superintendent of Surface System Shops and Garages J. J. Repplinger and Superintendent of Shops and Equipment G. J. Clark.

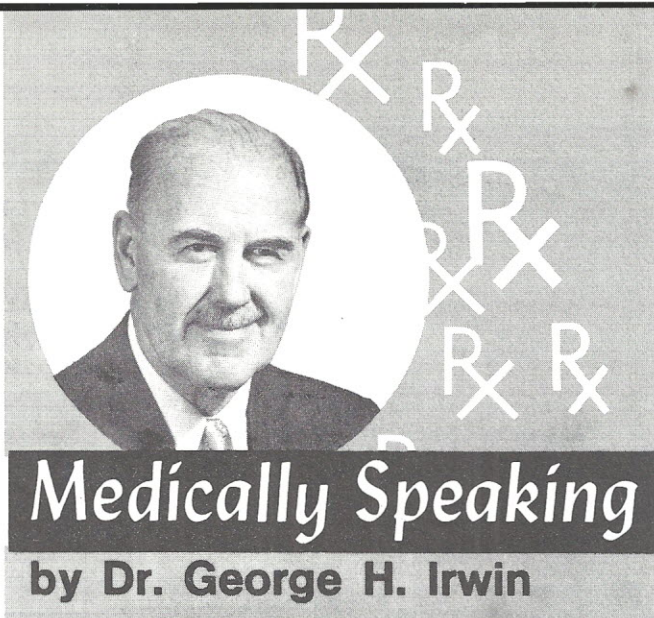
Four appointments affecting supervisory personnel within Transportation Department Districts include the naming of W. Prosen as superintendent of District A, W. C. Rohl as relief superintendent of Districts A and B, L. L. Matthews as District A supervisor, and J. L. Grojean as relief district supervisor of District A, B, and C. The appointments, which became effective December 1, were made by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn and approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser.

Merry Christmas!

*May the kindly spirit
of this glorious season
continue to warm our lives
throughout the coming year...*

Thomas B. Donovan
GENERAL MANAGER





Holiday Excesses

Winter Illness and Accidents

THE HOLIDAYS are here, which means that ordinary routine living will be interrupted while people enjoy a pattern of year-end festivities. This is as it should be; however, the unfortunate thing is that many of us carry it to excess, resulting in illness and accidents.

It is generally true that during the family gatherings at holiday time too much rich food and drink is consumed. People are relaxed and feel that this is no time for dieting. At the same time, late hours prevail and the average person does not get enough rest. Traveling to various parts of the country may result in contracting a cold or other illness. Attendance at large parties and being in crowds also tend to attract illness.

Everyone should enjoy these holiday festivities. For many it is the high point of the year, but certain limits should be observed. The year-end holidays usher in the winter season and there is much evidence to show that many illnesses are linked to it in one way or another.

One reason that the winter season predisposes to illness is overeating and underexercising. During the winter season people are prone to lounge around the house, reading and snacking. Another important factor in winter illness is the inclement weather. Basically, the affect of changing temperatures and atmospheric conditions upon the metabolism and physiology of the body is responsible for the development of disease. A lack of sunshine also plays an important part. And because of the changeable weather it is easy to dress unsuitably and thereby cause overheating or chilling of body surfaces.

All these things lower one's resistance and favor the development of illnesses such as influenza, contagious diseases, pneumonia, and circulatory ailments such as coronary heart disease and high blood pressure.

Shoveling snow has variable affects which may be good or bad, depending upon the individual. A sensible rule is moderation in all things. Frostbite and frozen fingers or toes can be avoided by dressing properly and avoiding prolonged exposure in very cold weather.

Certain injuries resulting from accidents, especially broken bones, contusions, bruises, and sprains are much more common in the winter. Icy sidewalks and streets especially increase the number of broken arms, hips, and legs resulting from falls. Shorter days and early darkness also increase the hazards of driving. Ice skating, sledding, snow-mobiling, and skiing, all of which are becoming more and more popular, also account for an increased number of winter accidents.

The following suggestions are given to reduce holiday excesses, winter illnesses, and accidents:

First, make a strong resolution to do all in your power for better health.

Second, arrange your winter vacation in a warm climate, or if you stay in winter weather, dress properly and according to weather changes.

Third, avoid staying in poorly ventilated or overcrowded places for prolonged periods. You can further help by getting additional rest, avoiding fatigue, and eating properly.

Fourth, walk and drive carefully, thereby reducing accidents.

If you follow the above suggestions and do these things defensively you will help to reduce the incidence or frequency of certain winter illnesses and many winter accidents.

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Ireland: A Crossley Omnibus Is Found

EDDIE FOWLIE has never been a man to quit when the going gets tough. That's why he works for David Lean, the director of epics like "Bridge on the River Kwai", "Lawrence of Arabia", and "Dr. Zhivago", as a property master. He knows how to get things done.

When he went to Ireland with Lean to make "Ryan's Daughter", Fowlie was asked to find a pre-1915 omnibus for a key sequence in the film. It seemed like a simple enough request, but even the veteran propman found his patience wearing a bit thin before a suitable machine was found. Starting in Dublin, Fowlie began tracing a Crossley omnibus which once plied the streets of that city.

After several days searching, the man who had once owned it was located. But too late. He had sold it to a country tinker. The tinker was found, but he had sold it to a man. Patiently, Fowlie followed one lead after another until the body was located in back of a house. It was being used as a storage shed and green house for flowers. No, the owner didn't want to sell it.

But Fowlie took pictures of it and was certain a duplicate could be made at the temporary shops he had set up in an empty railway station in Dingle--if the chassis could be found. Again Fowlie set out, but this time he thought the problem would be quickly solved. He was wrong. Nearly two weeks were spent hunting false leads and wandering about the suburbs of Dublin in search of the missing chassis. Finally it was located, but the owner had only the running gear--he was looking for wheels.

Making a deal for the chassis, Fowlie hoped he would be able to find the wheels later. Searching the waterfront of Dublin and the market section, the property master found a vintage Albion truck and this was also purchased for "Ryan's Daughter."

The Crossley body proved to be a tough nut to crack, even for Fowlie. The owner had unceremoniously dumped it in his back garden where it had rotted for many years. Yet, when Fowlie attempted to purchase it, the price was out of reason.

Taking careful photographs of it from as many angles as possible, Fowlie went to the cabinet makers in his shop at Dingle and asked them to duplicate the complicated woodwork and glass windows so that the finished body would fit the Crossley chassis.

After almost three weeks of work, the finished body was installed and Lean was delighted. It looked better than the original and was authentic in every detail. Still, the wheels were hard to locate. Fowlie had been busy while the omnibus body was in the shop, and shortly after the chassis was declared ready for the road, the missing wheels were found.

Even though they weren't exact replicas of the factory originals, they fit and the car was ready for production. The carpenters then turned their attention to the Albion truck which had been discovered by Fowlie.

Certain modifications had to be made to the body so that it would look like the World War I era military models produced by that firm in 1916. Old newspaper pictures of trucks at the front in France, and photos from the Victoria and Albert Museum in London helped Fowlie direct the carpenters' work.

A British Army command vehicle was also needed, and after a concentrated search of County Kerry, a partially disassembled Model T was found. Again, the indomitable propman set about doing what seemed to be the impossible. Parts were uncovered in barns, shops and garages throughout the Dingle Peninsula and the automotive jigsaw puzzle gradually fell into place. Spares were shipped from auto supply houses in the United States which specialize in early Ford parts, and a completed Ford left the shop barely a month after it had been hauled in.

The cast of "Ryan's Daughter", Robert Mitchum, Sarah Miles, Trevor Howard, John Mills, Christopher Jones and Leo McKern, became attached to the motley assortment of vehicles that Fowlie located and when they were finished on the picture, each was given affectionate farewell by the crew. Collectors were eager to obtain them, and in the case of the Ford, it was returned to the owner--all in one piece again.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

The personnel in the Accounting Department wish to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, and especially to Mr. A. J. FITZSIMONS, general accountant, who retired on November 1...We welcome back PAULINE MANGINO to work after her accident, and extend a belated welcome back to ALICE ARKIN on her return after an illness. At the same time we must say farewell to Pauline and MARY RETTIG as they have been transferred from the Revenue Section to the Tabulating Section. Good luck on your new assignment, girls...CURTIS BURRELL had a very enjoyable vacation, having traveled by plane to San Francisco. He stayed there four days during which time he saw Chinatown and the Haight-Ashbury District where he went to see "Hair." He flew by 747 from San Francisco International Airport to Los Angeles where he visited the Greek theater to see Jose Feliciano. From Los Angeles he flew home...There is a bit of sadness to our news this month. RAYMOND SCHRAMM's brother, HOWARD SCHRAMM, passed away and was laid to rest in St. Boniface cemetery. Pensioner JOHN RUBERRY passed away on Thursday, October 29. Interment was at Holy Sepulcher cemetery...We extend a belated welcome to JOSEPH CASTRO in the Revenue Section, and a welcome to ROBERT McCARTHY and ALMAR THOMAS in the Revenue Transfer Counting Section. We were ready to welcome WILLIAM DOERING to this section when we had to say farewell. He transferred to Reproduction Services.

- Jeanne Fitzgerald

(Payroll) -

If you see any buttons popping off of the coat of JOSEPHINE COLEMAN, the reason will be obvious. Her daughter, JOYCE, who is a sophomore and honor student at the Academy of Our Lady, wrote a profound article concerning the "Generation Gap and Hang-ups", which appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Sunday, November 8. The column, Voice of Youth, gives young people in high school the opportunity to find expression in the printed word and a \$10 award is given for each article which is published. Joyce's picture accompanied her article and her parents may well be doubly proud for she is indeed a very attractive teenager. She hopes to attend the University of Illinois Circle Campus and become a pediatrician...We have been watching with great interest the fashion parade in the modern trend. One of our department members, VI MEYER, received a lovely American flag pin and a cash award for her suggestion of the new style of suits for women's office wear which was accepted by management. Congratulations, Vi...Merry Christmas to all.

- Clara Lawrence

(Tabulating) -

MARIAN BUCKLEY journeyed to eastern Kentucky for her vacation. They stayed at Jenny Wiley State Park near the West Virginia border in the Appalachian and Blue Ridge mountains. Pensioner ROBERT BUCKLEY, formerly of Stores, went with her in order to enjoy the beautiful landscapes. Marian says the scenery was indescribable, ac-

commodations were good, weather fine, and the food delicious. Sounds ideal, Marian...Miami Beach, Florida, was the choice of CARMELLA PETRELLA. She took several sight-seeing trips in the vicinity, but mainly she sun-bathed resulting in a lovely tan...A warm welcome is extended to MARY RETTIG and PAULINE MANGINO who have transferred from the Revenue Section...MARGE DORGAN spent part of her vacation in Las Vegas. She enjoyed the beautiful weather and saw some of the extraordinary shows which abound in Las Vegas. I think she came home "lighter" money-wise. How about it, Marge?...Your reporter had a very "hot" time on Saturday, November 7, when her car burned at Western and Bryn Mawr and was a total loss. I always wanted to drive a "hot-rod."

- Evelyn Lee

BEVERLY -

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Superintendents GEORGE EVANS and JOSEPH WILL. Instructor CLARENCE HEILBRONNER also extends greetings for a safe and happy new year...Sorry I missed the last issue, but your co-reporter, TOM DANIELS, just returned to work after being on the sick list for six weeks. Trying to watch Operator JOHN (Mighty Mite) MAHONEY eating a hot dog with chili peppers and french fries every day doesn't do my ulcers any good, so we'll try and catch up on the news...Sanitary Engineer OZZIE GRIGALUNAS is one of our top bowlers and is shooting for a 300 game...Chief Clerk CHARLES KARSCHNIK is going on pension and has promised Ozzie a box of "El Ropos" if he makes it. Charlie has 50 years of service...Night Clerk JOHN KIRBY has to grab his tennis shoes and play with the kids in the afternoon bowling tournament. He hopes to break 100...District "A" Superintendent JOSEPH KELLY went on pension December 1 after 45 years of service...DENNIS SULLIVAN is now on the High Line ("L"), and B. THOMAS is now working in the Merchandise Mart...Supervisor LEN CANTWELL celebrated his 23rd anniversary with CTA on Thanksgiving day with turkey and alka seltzer...Thanks to Board Member JOHN KING and all the men who attended the wake for my mother, Mrs. KATHRYN DANIELS...Pensioner TONY EGAN is in the hospital. Still on the sick list are Operators BOB LEWIS, C. GILTMER, J. SIMS, and ED LAGERSTROM. Pensioner HARRY BARRY is home after a trip to the hospital...Operator JOHN ROGERS is going to Hawaii to attend his daughter's wedding...Operator L. ERICKSON is going to Florida where he has bought a new home...Pensioner JOE CARNEY, one of the best instructors we had at Beverly, stopped at the depot to say hello. We were glad to see Pensioner BILL McCONNELL, who was the best receiver Beverly ever had; he was always willing to help you straighten out your trip sheet and count your money right...We express our deepest sympathy to the families of BILL LAWLER and JOHN RUBERRY. John was a Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council...Operation Snowball, part of the mental health campaign, is rolling again for a Merry Christmas for the patients at Manteno State hospital and Tinley Park State hospital. The men from Beverly have been very helpful and generous in the

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past, so please help with cigarettes, candy, and clothing. We try each year to visit part of the 10,000 patients, so please, please help...Pensioner ERNIE TOCCI has been teaching Latin at Mt. Carmel High school for the past 10 years, and Ernie's class, for the third straight year, has won the gold medal in national competition as the best in the State of Illinois. We know that your gracious and beautiful wife, ANN, helped you, Ernie, so we tip our hats to a wonderful girl...Thanks to our editor, BOB HEINLEIN, for the travel alarm clock while I was in the hospital. Sorry I missed the dinner at the M&M Club, but my Maalox was all gone; I'll make it next time. Thanks, Bob, for thinking of me.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

CLAIM -

Like the swallows of Capistrano, PAT ZAJAC returned to Hawaii but this time to stay. We were sorry to see her leave, but wish her the very best...BILL BUETOW, statementman, and his wife, MARGE, have a new member in their club. Little DAVID RICHARD was born on November 20 weighing in at 7 pounds 8 ounces...On November 23 BILL LEMBACHNER became a grandfather for the first time. Bill's daughter, JEAN, and her husband, AL MARTIN, have named their little girl JULIE. Since the Martins reside in Norfolk, Virginia, Bill will have to wait until spring to see his granddaughter...We have a father-of-the bride in our department. HERBIE SCHOMER walked down the aisle with his daughter, LuANN, on November 14. The happy couple will be leaving for Guam shortly...HARRY and ANNE BONESS recently returned from their vacation, which included a stop at Aurora, North Carolina, to see his sister and brother-in-law, then on to Massachusetts to visit his son, HARRY Jr., and his family. While there, Harry checked out the sea monster that was recently in the news and reported that it had a vile odor...SOL GARRO has a fantastic tan and owes it all to his two weeks of golf in the Florida sun...Our department welcomes MAUREEN O'REILLY, who joined us on November 23.

- Ruth Kaminski & Terri Kramer

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

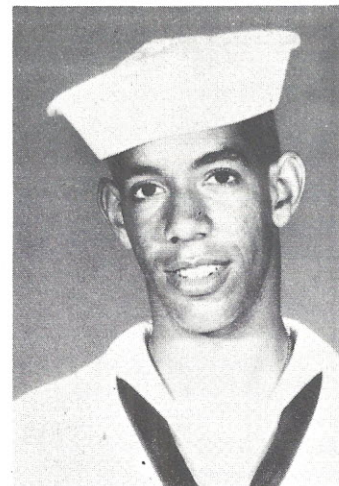
Thanksgiving day was really a very special day in the KIZIOR home. EUGENIA KIZIOR, the sister of BERNADETTE, was married to Dr. JOSEPH ZAWADZKI in St. Gall church. A reception followed at the Martinique. Bernie, attired in mushroom tan panne velvet, was her sister's only attendant. Eugenia is a former Reproduction Services Department employe and was also a part-time ticket agent during her college years. She is presently a guidance counselor in the Chicago school system but is resigning to take up household duties. Best wishes for their happiness...We are glad to welcome MARGARET KINSEY back after her recent surgery and hope she continues to feel in the pink...Happy Holidays.

- Kay McAlister

(Blue Island) -

TED WYNCOTT and FRANK WOJCIK attended a Polish Luau up in Door County, Wisconsin. They said they had boiled fish, boiled potatoes, and boiled cabbage; all you could eat. Sounds more like a "boil out"...A few of our co-workers said they saw Retired Electrical Engineer C. J.

VERNON HENDERSON, the son of Beverly Operator IRVING HENDERSON, is stationed aboard a naval patrol boat outside Song-Ong-Doc, South Vietnam. Vernon, a radio technician specialist, is looking forward to shore leave in June, and his dad is planning a big homecoming party for him.



BUCK riding a bicycle on the far North Side--an 1890 vintage one...Your reporter and his grandchildren visited the Illinois Railway Museum located in Union and had a ride on the red Pullman and old wooden Kenwood "L" train. All I can say is that CTA has come a long way...Oh, yes, by saying that H. A. COYNE spent his vacation at Back Porch, Chicago, helped bring out the truth about his vacation. He spent some time in Chetek, Wisconsin, and paid a visit to Pensioner SYLVESTER ROLNICKI in Galena, Illinois...We wish a happy retirement to CHARLES PARK and JAMES HAYDON...Welcome back to L. DONOFRIO who was off due to illness...Welcome to ROBERT O'CONNOR who joined the Electrical Department recently...MEL COOK and his wife had their first airplane ride, and they made it a good one. They flew to Seattle, Washington, then rented a car and drove down the west coast to Los Angeles, California, and took in all the scenery (he did say scenery), and then flew home...JOE ZALUD and his wife, JANET, spent a week's vacation in Pennsylvania. He said the mountains this time of the year are beautiful. They also went to Baltimore where they saw the fourth game of the world series...BILL and ELIZABETH POWELL had their vacations via Pittsburgh where they picked up Bill's brother and his wife and toured the New England states and parts of Canada. All in all, they traveled about 3,500 miles...BRUNO CZANSKOWSKI and his wife, NAOMI, toured the West Coast, stopping off at Las Vegas to pick up where JOHN DARCY left off...Sorry I missed the last issue, but I was on vacation. I did a little bass fishing for the first time in my life. I fished for crabs in the Gulf of Mexico and for a beginner, I had pretty good luck...By the time this goes to press, AMOS E. SMITH will have taken his pension...Welcome back to BILL KURTIN who had his "bendix spring" removed...A hurry and get well to CHARLES MULBRANDON, JAMES BRANDON, ROMAN FRIESBE, and BENNY BONIFAY.

- William Rehder

ENGINEERING -

The Engineering Department wishes a speedy recovery to PAT BOLSINGER who is still home sick. Hope to see you well soon, Pat, and back in "circulation" again...Your co-reporter, CAROL (Radman) BRADAC, would like to thank everyone who attended her wedding luncheon and contributed toward her gift. It was a very happy and touching surprise to see all who participated in the ordeal. The luncheon was held at Henrici's and I was gifted with a wed-

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ding charm for my bracelet, plus a \$50 bill. The wedding took place on November 1 at Our Lady of the Snows church. Shortly afterwards, the reception was held at Chateau Bu-sche' on 103rd and Cicero. The next day, the newlyweds flew to Miami Beach, Florida, where they visited the Parrot Jungle, Monkey Jungle, Fort Lauderdale, went deep-sea fishing, saw a few night shows, and many other sights of interest...EDWARD CULP spent four wonderful weeks driving through the southwest. Some of the ten states he visited were Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado. He claims nothing really extraordinary happened, not even a flat tire! From this we can gather that he had a very perfect vacation...We now have the latest report from the Drafting Section Girl-watchers. They say that the first floor corridor at lunch time has been vacant due to the new slack suit apparel. They recently took to playing cribbage instead. I must add, as one girl-watcher said, the office work has greatly improved due to less distractions from the opposite sex. So, girls, if you notice that you've been crammed with work lately, it could be due to the fact that the men have more time now to prepare the work. Another girl-watcher is quoted as saying, "Now, in the wintertime, the girls look much more intelligent." I think that about sums up this issue. Passing the slack suit law seems to have made conditions better for all concerned.

(West Shops) -

The plumbers recently celebrated their annual turkey raffle at the Plumbers Union hall. Our guys got their share of the gifts and prizes. HENRY KEANE won a fruit cake; RONALD HAYES, a handbag for his wife; SAM ZURO, a handbag for his wife; PAT MCGING, a \$10 Jewel gift certificate; JOHN PERESIN, a clock-barometer combination; JIM NAGEL, perfume, and TOM HICKS, a 17 jewel Waltham wristwatch. In addition, all plumbers received a phone index book for personal use. Congratulations, fellows, you really raked it in...We're happy to see Track Foreman TOM STAUNTON back in the office again after his long siege of working nights...Trackman GEORGE ROGERS has plenty of reason to stick his chest out with pride. His son, GEORGE, has started working towards his masters degree at Wichita State college. He is also an assistant football coach at Bethel college from which he was graduated in 1969...Your co-reporter, MARY GALLON, would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Carol Radman & Mary Gallon

FOREST GLEN -

A very Merry Christmas to all. God bless each and every one of my co-workers and their families. Christmas is not only a time for exchanging gifts and sending cards, but a time to try and give each other happiness. Of course, it is only natural to give love and happiness to our family, but in sharing this happiness with others, I think we will find a deeper meaning of Christmas, for this is the time of the year when the heart rules supreme...Congratulations to Foreman JOHN JOYCE of the Repair Department on his recent appointment. We understand the men are doing a top-notch job under his direction...A short time ago Mrs. DURFEE purchased a new Buick. We understand that Operator DURFEE still has to drive the old one--at least until the new one is broken in. Oh, well, what's another year to the old man...Operator CHAPLEWSKI was on the sick list, but is now back to work. Welcome back...JOHN

MAHNKE took a day off to put up his storm windows, but did he do it?..To all the men using the south end of the Jefferson Park terminal, please notice what is growing under the nose of Supervisor ROY RIPKA. Does it, or doesn't it? Let's hear from all of you in regards to how the old boy looks...Operator BRZECZEK is now enjoying his seventh grandchild. I understand that grandpa held up just fine. Of course, if the family keeps growing, it's hard to say how he will weather the next seven...Operator (Gus) GUSTAFSON, the Milwaukee avenue kid, recently spent a week visiting his son at Fort Gordon, Georgia. His son is a drill instructor there...Supervisor RAY DOWDLE, Jefferson Park, finally permitted his mother to fly. Of course, at the young age of 88, I believe she ought to be able to make up her own mind. This was Mrs. DOWDLE's first airplane ride, and she traveled to California where she visited friends and relatives...Operator WAINSCOTT is planning to take his pension in February and is moving south to live...Operator BOHANNON is now home recuperating from his recent illness...Operator TOM MEAGHER's son, RICKY, is stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and will be home for Christmas and New Years...Your reporter, WILBUR, has to say a word about his son, WILLIAM, age ten, who will be posing for pictures that will appear in the "Pack of Fun" magazine next month. It's going to be tough living with a young celebrity at home...When checking for your run, please wear your cap. Be sure and take the bus out of gear when leaving it, as the hand brake can slip and cause an accident. Let's all practice safety. Help put our depot on top. It will be a big headache taken off the shoulders of our station superintendent, E. K. PETERSON. Mr. Peterson would also like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year...By the way, this time of the year brings on some extra expense for all of us. If you are in need of any of that green stuff, our credit union is always willing to extend a helping hand. So drop in and visit any of our friendly loan boys. Also, it's a great place to save.

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Employee Relations) -

MARY ANNE PRELL became Mrs. PATRICK McMAHON on November 7 at Ascension church in Oak Park, Illinois. The couple honeymooned in Acapulco and Mexico City.

(Treasury) -

It was good to see MAURICE CONNORS back to work after a long siege of illness. He sure looks mighty fine and healthy.

(Insurance) -

The welcome mat is extended to SANDY MATUSZEWSKI who transferred from the Purchasing Department to take over the duties of CAROL ARNDT who left the CTA to take up household duties...Wedding bells rang out for SUSAN PIERCE who became Mrs. DANIEL GILLESPIE on Saturday, November 7, at St. Ferdinand's church. A reception was held at the Palmer House and the couple honeymooned in Florida.

(Public Information) -

KATHY MOSER came home from her Fort Lauderdale, Florida, vacation with a terrific tan and a halo over her head. We knew she was with her father, Superintendent WILLIAM J. MOSER, North Avenue, and her mother and

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brother, BILL, but couldn't figure out the halo. It took two days and the delivery of a dozen beautiful long-stemmed red roses from the "wonderful guy" she met on her vacation to understand why the shining halo was there.

(Methods & Procedures) -

JACK BOLAND recently returned from a one-week vacation during which he installed new gutters and downspouts around his entire home. Believe it or not, he said he really enjoyed it...BONNIE KLETZKE has joined the "Mod Set" with an entire wardrobe of slack suits, some of which she has put on display by wearing them down to the office... CRAIG BURDA, the son of HAROLD BURDA, Property Accounting, has taken up the hobby of raising tropical fish. He now has his parents' basement full of 20-gallon tanks with all sorts of crazy attachments and lights. This is one Bohemian family that will not find it possible to use their basement for living quarters.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

MARY GRACE JEWEL, formerly of this department and now living in London, England, gave birth to a baby girl on Friday, November 13, who weighed in at almost 9 pounds. Congratulations to mom and dad...ART HUBACZ, state commander of the Polish Legion of American Veterans, attended an executive meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on November 20, 21, and 22. Art is selling American Flag writing pens, with the proceeds going to the Polish Legion of America aid to the blind program. If you want one, see Art.

(Research & Planning) -

NEIL BJORNSEN of Bay Area Rapid Transit District, and JIM HALL of A.C. Transit were in Chicago recently and looked up their friend, STEVE LEGLER of R/P. Not too long ago, Steve was in San Francisco and was given a tour of BART's transit system, so he was naturally anxious to show them around the CTA. Neil and Jim enjoyed Steve's tour, their only regret was that they couldn't stay longer... MARY ELLEN RUSS, together with her girl friends, was on Manhattan Island in New York for a fun weekend. They checked in at the Waldorf-Astoria and their first stop was the stage play, "Promises, Promises", on Broadway. There was the exhausting walk up the Statue of Liberty, with everyone hopeful that they could take the elevator down, and finding out they had to walk down again. Puff-puff! Then to Central Park, Greenwich Village, Times Square, the Promenade Cafe in Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and last but not least, shopping on Fifth avenue. It was a pleasant get-away-from-it-all weekend for everyone...GEORGE MACAK, along with some of his railfan buddies, were out in York, Pennsylvania, a few days where they attended the train collector's convention. George said the convention was quite interesting and he's looking forward to the next one...When Mr. VILLARREAL of the U.S. Urban Mass Transportation Administration, members of his staff and some important congressional staff people recently toured Chicago's transit system, MARY BOSKI and DIANE GRAZIANO served "coffee-and" as hostesses aboard Archer bus 3510, piloted by Instructor JOE STEINBACH. No small trick for the girls, maneuvering through the aisle as Joe maneuvered east on 76th street, but everyone agreed it would make bus riding a lot more fun if we could have that service all the time!..It's nice to have WALLY PASZYNA back with us again after his hospitalization. We sure missed picking on you, Wally... Congratulations to LOIS POTTS who became Mrs. CLAR-

ENCE CRAWLEY on October 31. May they have many happy years ahead.

(Law) -

Congratulations are in order for General Attorney GEORGE J. SCHALLER who was elected as a Circuit Court judge...The welcome mat is extended to three new attorneys added to the department: DANIEL J. FARRELL, BURTON R. LINDNER, and WILLIAM A. MURPHY.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurautor

KEELER -

'Tis the season to be jolly, but it's rather difficult this year because of the loss of one of our operators. Sincere condolences to the family of DONALD SEGAR, the brother of Operator ANDREW SEGAR. Don was the ever-bright spot in the station. He made you like him. Ironically, his birthday would have been December 20...Another difficult chore was wishing the garage crew's new bearded one--and here's the hard part, pronouncing A. SZCZEPANIK--a happy birthday, December 13...Mechanic CHESTER GAZINSKI took his vacation so he could give his wife, MARY, a happy birthday on December 6. Poor Chester had to force himself to be happy with Mary while touring the Miami Beach area and staying at the famous Castaways hotel...The following operators were more or less Christmas gifts to their parents in various years of the past: R. GONZALES, December 2; M. HAYDEN, December 7; H. RAGSDALE, December 12; R. LEGG, December 12; A. GREZLIK, December 14; G. MARTENS, December 15; J. POWELL, December 17; L. SPAULDING, December 17; O. PETERS, December 17; R. WALDROP, December 20; D. THARPE, December 22; N. DeROSE, December 23, and J. ESPOSITO, December 30. Ding-dong to all you good guys...Received a card from Pensioner FRANK CALDERON postmarked from the Holiday Inn in Somerset, Pennsylvania. Frank and the missus are conventioners there and are really living it up...Instructor CHARLES WEYER, even though he was vacationing throughout Florida and the environs, just couldn't forget the boys back home. Charles also wishes to thank Relief Instructor MASTERSON for pinch-hitting for him... A nice card of gratitude was posted recently from Pensioned Supervisor VAN DER MEER. Van deserves many, many years of happy relaxation...Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN became an eight-count grandpa with the arrival of little KELLY MARIE...Oops--Operator N. NEIL's wife,

THE HAPPY bride and groom are TOM and MARIE CRAWLEY who were united in holy matrimony on October 3 at Our Lady of the Snow church. The lovely bride is the former MARIE MALINOWSKI of the Claim Department.



NEW PENSIONERS

PRINCE H. CAMERON, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 1-20-44
MILLARD A. ENSWORTH, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 8-18-36
CARL F. GUSE, Signal Maintenance Specialist,
Electrical, Emp. 10-13-33
ELIZABETH M. HAWKINS, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 1-31-45
CARL W. JOHNSON, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 8-18-37
PATRICK E. KANE, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 12-9-42
JOSEPH A. KELLY, Superintendent,
District A, Emp. 5-9-23
EUGENE C. METZ, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 8-31-36

MATTHEW J. O'CALLAGHAN, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 8-18-37
WILLIAM E. REDMOND, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-6-33
JOHN J. STACK, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 1-30-29
FRED R. STOEHRMAN, Car Serviceman,
Kimball, Emp. 5-5-26

DISABILITY RETIREMENT

JACOB C. JACOBSEN, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 11-17-36

ROSIE LEE, cut the birthday cake on December 29...In the "Ho-Hum" department, we have Operator FREDDIE HOLDEN becoming a papa on November 7. Little Miss Holden weighed in at 7½ pounds and donned jersey number 9...To insure many happy Christmases to come, Operator T. JOHNSON and his wife adopted a darling little girl on November 26...Operator DAVID and MARY LOIS ROBBINS are still honeymooning after two years of wedded bliss on December 14...Operator JOHN JARECKI was so afraid he would goof last month and not remember to let us know it was his anniversary, he remembered the date but forgot to give me his lady's name. So, ROBERTA, here's a happy anniversary to you this month all by yourself...From an authoritative source, word was received that Clerk RONNIE MILLER has a five-car garage, but has to park his car down the street or wherever possible. It seems that Ronnie has provided free storage for a number of church pews. Do you think, fellows, that Ronnie is planning to start his own bingo games?...Speaking of games brings to mind our own Operator ANTHONY BERRY. Tony has doffed the baseball managerial cap to take up the chores as manager of our station basketball team and lead them to victory. Two of Tony's stalwart athletes, BOBBY BARRY and H. RAGSDALE, were selected to represent Keeler in the annual All-Star game at the Stadium. Loads of luck, fellows...Station Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN and Assistant Station Superintendents M. H. DeWITT and L. R. MUELLER extend seasons greetings to one and all and join with the Instruction Department in thanks for the excellent accident record which has been maintained throughout the past year. So let's break our own record next year, gang. One good way to start is by being fair to our garage gang and sign in those little faults that you alone know about. I will guarantee that our mechanics will remedy them...Operator D. L. BABER contributed a real nice poem, but due to allowance of space and the editor's policy, it cannot be printed. We will, however, post it on the bulletin board for everyone to see...So, guys and dolls, Yule greetings and may the New Year be just the medicine to cure all your leftover ills.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

On November 8 the Lawndale softball team got together for the first time since the softball season ended, and we

discussed a few of the outstanding games of the season. In viewing the film that we had of some of the games, and discussing some vital statistics, we decided to select our own most valuable player. The man selected was our fine right fielder, GEORGE REEVES. Upon receiving a token of appreciation for his very fine effort, George modestly replied, "Thank you, I deserve it..." On November 10 Secretary of Transportation John Volpe and some of his staff were in Chicago to observe and tour some of the CTA facilities. Among the personnel on this tour was Lawndale's Chief Instructor JOE STEINBACH...Lawndale was well represented at the last meeting of the Little Flower Society held on October 25...Clerk ED McDERMOTT has always considered Lawndale his home, but now there is another homesteader right next to him and he's Chief Clerk RUSS GUNDERSON, and they both contend that they run a flawless operation...STAN HYERCZYK is now known as the Polish Count...EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI is now the proud grandfather of eight...MARTY KARIOLICH is proud of his 30 years of service which he observed on November 29...LEON MINOR and WARD CHAMBERLAIN both enjoyed Thanksgiving vacations...JOHN MANUS is back on the buses, fellows, so beware...The basketball season is in full swing now and you can view the games at the Washington Park Fieldhouse on Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m., and on Wednesday at the South Shore YMCA at 7 p.m...On December 5 the Greater Lawndale AMVET Post 247 held their pre-Christmas record hop and it was a tremendous success...Now that the yuletide season is upon us, Operator F. HRUBY is going to give J. GALVIN a trip to the moon for Christmas; B. KLECKA wants a new car, that is if JOE NOLAN will give it to him; SAM HARDY wants a vacation; C. KACZOROWSKI a new car; P. MOLFESE a different run; J. LUSCALZO anything that he can get; P. KUREK wants new clothes to keep him warm while he's pulling boxes; F. FARRELLY wants a trip to Ireland; S. ZIARKO wants a better night car; E. STRUGALLA can't make up his mind if he wants to take 3 or 4 minutes; A. POMAR wants a new record and a clean slate; R. SURITA wants a new guitar; G. MALARZ wants a four-day work week, and D. LO-CHIRCO wants a massager...The following personnel have birthdays this month: C. AUGUST, E. BROWN, E. BURNETT, T. COLEMAN, R. DILLARD, O. T. HAFFORD, W. HALLA, C. HILL, A. JACKSON, R. JENKINS, R. JONES, L. KAZDA, A. KENNEDY, J. KETCHUM, R. LAY, J. MARSHALL, S. MARTIN, C. McQUAY, M. NAVARRO, J.

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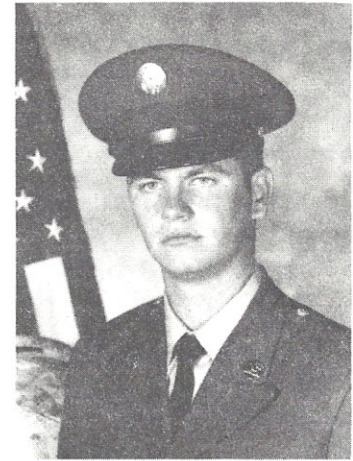
PATER, T. SHAW, M. WALTON, R. WILLIAMS, and L. WILLIAMSON. Happy birthday, fellows...Our deepest sympathy to Operator W. CONNIE Sr. on the recent passing of his mother...We are happy to report that the mother of Clerk BILL RUDDLE is recovering nicely since her recent surgery...Heroism is something that isn't displayed by all of us every day, but when such a deed is done, the person involved deserves to be recognized. CORNELIUS DIXON has been cited for his heroic act in helping to rescue three children and their parents from a burning car. Operator Dixon is indeed a credit to the CTA, his co-workers, and himself. Congratulations on this great deed...Well, fellows, the yuletide season is now in full swing and that means that everyone has the holiday spirit. So be extra careful when you are on your respective jobs. Slow down when that snow begins to fall, and always keep a watchful eye for we all want to be around to enjoy the holidays together. To save yourself a lot of trouble, stay in the right hand lane all along your route, especially on Adams street downtown between Clark and LaSalle. To the repair department, clerks, and all my co-workers, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- James Marshall

LIMITS -

The Limits Station credit union annual business meeting and party will be held on January 17, 1:00 p.m., at Weiglets Hall, Byron and Damen avenues. There will be plenty of refreshments and door prizes after a short business session...Superintendent GEORGE MAY and his dear wife, SOPHIE, enjoyed a wonderful vacation in sunny San Diego, California. They did quite a bit of sightseeing and visited many friends...Operator RONALD BROWN and his bride of a few months vacationed in California where they had a wonderful time in Disneyland...Pensioner CARL LEAF recently celebrated his 92nd year of birth. He is in good health and sends his best regards to all of his old friends. Carl is living at the Swedish Covenant home on Foster and California avenues...We had two old-timers who are enjoying their pension to the fullest as visitors at Limits last month. ARTHUR LIETZ from Mobile, Alabama, and JOE LEHMAN from Port Austin, Michigan. Both men are in excellent health and send their best regards to all of the men they worked with...Supervisor and Mrs. JOSEPH ROSSIE are mighty proud of their son, DAVID, who is serving with the first aircraft maintenance battalion, U.S. Army, and was chosen as battalion "soldier of the month." He was selected from among 400 men in his battalion and 2,000 men in the brigade. Congratulations to this fine young man...Our maintenance man, EDWARD FEDEROWICZ, has been in intensive care at Grant hospital for some time. We all are wishing you a speedy recovery as we miss your smiles and good sense of humor...Our sincerest sympathy to Pensioner ERNIE PASCHKE in the loss of his dear wife after a lingering illness...BERNARD KYLE reports from the repair department that PHILLIP O'CONNOR, foreman for three months, was transferred to North Park. EDWARD MURRAY is now the day foreman at Limits. Good luck to both of you men...Welcome to WILLIAM CANTWELL, new repairman. May your stay with us be a long and pleasant one...WILLIAM BARRETT suffered a hand injury while working on his automobile, but due to the excellent care he received at St. Joseph hospital, he is none the worse from his injury...Happy birthday to the following men of the Repair Department: ROBERT LAZARZ, JAMES GLENN,

PICTURED HERE is TIM O'CONNOR who recently completed his basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Tim, a former summer employe of CTA, is the son of JOHN P. O'CONNOR, supervisor of graphics and statistics, Research/Planning.



FRANK GUARDERAS, and CHARLES HOWARD...Limits repairmen and servicemen wish to extend holiday greetings to all.

- R. S. Benson

LOOP -

At this writing Agents GERTRUDE YARDLEY, BETTY RUSSO, and DOROTHY PARKER are recovering from surgery. Hurry back, girls...ROSE PATILLARO was on the sick list for awhile but has recovered and is back to work, we are happy to say...WILBUR STRASSER is also back on the job, and we hope he will continue to stay healthy...EARL GILBERT had a bout with a virus, but won the battle, and is back to the Visifare doing his thing...Our deepest sympathy to Agents MINNIE DIKEMAN on the death of her brother, and to JULIE MATTRAN whose father passed away on November 12. Minnie and Julie have asked us to thank all their good friends for their kind expressions of sympathy during their bereavement...Your co-reporter, MILDRED DOYLE, is confined to Christ Community hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois. We hope her stay will be a short one. I'm sure she would like to receive a card or a note from her friends...On the brighter side of the news, DOLORES GRZELAK, the lovely daughter of HELEN GRZELAK, was married on November 28 in St. Cornelius church to JAMES STEED. The young couple will honeymoon in Colorado where James is stationed with the armed forces...Student Agent VICKI OTIS was graduated from Chicago State college on December 22. Vicki, who is only 19, has been accepted at Stanford university where she will study for her masters degree in psychology. Congratulations, Vicki, we are proud of you...GRACE MOUNTS and her spouse drove to Michigan to spend a delightful weekend visiting with her sisters. All that girl talk, poor CLEM...GENNY HARDING had two weeks vacation time left over so she decided to make it a crazy mixed-up holiday. She spent some time visiting in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Next on the agenda was a visit to the Ice Follies and then (would you believe) the circus. After that, a lot of relaxing at home. Sounds like fun, Gen...Agent SUE MATTHIEU told me it had long been a desire of hers to be a CTA ticket agent. Well, we are happy now that Sue has made it and welcome her into our group...Welcome also to FRED TRIEM, student agent, who attends Chicago Circle Campus. Fred is a bright, conscientious fellow who we are sure will be an asset to our group...On November 12, JILL and SAM BATTAGLIA became the proud parents of a precious baby boy, DARRIN JAMES, weighing in at 8 pounds 1 ounce. The ecstatic

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parents are up on cloud 9, followed close behind by grand-ma, Agent JULIE MATTRAN, and grandpa, RAY...Help! Help! We are still calling on all of you to send us news. Retirees let us know what you are doing; we do care, you know. Students and regulars get on the ball, contribute to our column...It was indeed a joyous Thanksgiving at the home of Supervisor PETE NAUGHTON. His daughter, KATHI, has left the sanitarium and is happy to be at home again in the family circle. Good luck, Kathi, stay well...It's that gay happy season again. Our best wishes for joy and peace to one and all. Keep smiling.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted

NORTH AVENUE -

Our target is to have everyone a member of the Courtesy Caravan Club. Congratulations to Operators EDMUND KLEDZIK, W. BROWN, PETER MADIA, R. SUTTON, E. DOWNEY, R. BOULDIN, JEFFERY PRICE, ALBERT MATULIS, and ROBERT KELLY who made it...Bus Serviceman PETER GERAME was treated to a homecoming football game between Northwestern and Purdue universities at Evanston on October 24 by his son, PETER Jr., who was graduated from Northwestern two years ago. He is now enrolled at DePaul university working for his masters degree...We have three November 1 pensioners: Operators STEPHEN SOVISS, RUSSELL BROOKS, and PAUL BURGE. Paul is touring Mexico with his trailer. We hope they'll keep in touch...Former Switchboard Operator CHARLEY SCHMIDT celebrated his (?) birthday the day before Halloween. We all wish him many, many more. Our congratulations to Switchboard Operator WALTER BLIX and his best gal, VIRGINIA, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on November 8. Our condolences to Mrs. Blix on the loss of her youngest brother just two days before her anniversary. We extend our sympathy also to Clerk WALTER BROWN on the recent loss of his father-in-law who passed away after a long illness. May all of the bereaved find comfort in the promise, "In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."..Pensioner BILL ECHOLS is visiting a friend for a few months but expects to return to Benedictine Manor...Pensioner ERNEST BOCK's home and progressing well...Instructors BOB MORRISON and JIM HENDERSON were recently confined to hospital beds. We hope all the pretty nurses who surrounded them were helpful in getting them on their feet. Good luck, fellows...Operator EDWARD SZAREK's wife was in the hospital and we hope she is well on the road to recovery...We miss Superintendent FRANK BUETOW who has been on the sick list and hope he will be back soon...Since Operator EDWARD NEUMAN won that thermometer from the Town Hall Assembly's recent fall festival you can get the correct temperature from him each morning...Now that the new pick is in effect, we hope all of you operators got what you wanted and won't be saying, "When are we gonna have another pick." The clerks had their semi-annual pick, and the only major change here at North Avenue was the loss of Clerk WALTER BROWN who went to 77th. In his place we welcome BOB (The Storyteller) WITTENBERG...Superintendent BILL MOSER and his family enjoyed their vacation, although the boss is just a little bit sorry the plane wasn't hijacked to Cuba. Just think how much more of a ride he would have had for his money, so says Switchboard Operator WALTER BLIX who is always so helpful getting this news together each month. ..In a few days your scribe plans to head south for a fishing

trip. Pensioner LARS PEARSON has promised to have all the nearby fish in a biting mood...I met three pensioners: JOHN SENKO, WILLIAM MAIRE, and CAL ASH. All are looking good and asked to be remembered to their old friends...We all have our wishes for the New Year, but one wish I'm sure we all have in common is the wish for peace and the return of our boys.

- William Miedema

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

CATHERINE DALY was around to visit some of the ladies on the Kennedy extension the other day. Catherine looks great and says she is enjoying her pension, finally doing all those little things she never had time to do before...Janitor J. LEE is planning to go on pension in January or February. Grand, Chicago, and Division stations won't be the same without him, as he keeps his stations so clean and is very well liked by everyone...Congratulations to RONALD and RENEE DONNER who just purchased a home at 81st and Kingston. Hope they have many years of happiness there...MILDRED DOYLE is in the hospital again. Hope to see her back to work and feeling better soon...HELEN CHRISTNER seems to be having her share of troubles. A few days after her son was seriously hurt in an auto accident she took a nasty fall and ended up in the hospital herself. Helen is home recuperating now and hopes to be back to work soon...Welcome to new agents ROSALIA GALIC and CHARLENE SUMMERS. Here's hoping your stay with CTA will be long and enjoyable...We wish to extend our sympathy to BETTY FINLEY whose father, ROY COTTON, passed away on November 6. Condolences also are extended to the family of Retired Agent STEVE SASIAVEK who passed away recently...Collector KAULIS and his wife are planning to spend a few weeks in Las Vegas very soon. It's about time Kaulis decided to take a vacation for himself, instead of spending it babysitting. Hope you return rested and maybe a little richer from your trip, Kaulis...For the life of me, I cannot figure out how that sweet shy lady, JUNE BAREKMAN, got to be known as the vamp of Van Buren street...MARY GALLAGHER is going to spend the holidays visiting her folks in Ireland. Hope you have a good trip, Mary...Congratulations to Former Collector MacMANUS who has qualified as clerk. Mac said that although the midnight hours aren't the greatest, he is enjoying the job very much...STEVE CUNNINGHAM, Loop janitor gang leader, is still on the sick list. He's home from the hospital now and hopes to return to work soon...BETTY RUSSO and LOUISE DREWS are still off sick. Hope to see you both back on the job soon...In reference to that fateful day, November 20, hang down your head TOM LINDENMUTH and remember that it hurts us more than it hurts you...Three cheers for women's liberation and our broadminded, understanding, young-at-heart management in its ruling on the wearing of pants suits by female employees!..HELEN GRZELAK seems more excited about her daughter's wedding than her daughter is. The best of luck to the young couple and to Helen.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH PARK -

The North Park credit union annual business meeting will be held Friday, January 8, at River Park fieldhouse, 5100 N. Francisco avenue at 8 p.m. Dividends will be de-



THESE TWO look-alikes are ANTHONY and MICHAEL CARLISLE, the twin grandsons of Forest Glen Serviceman TONY YACOVACCI. Anthony and Michael celebrated their first birthday on November 26.

clared and refreshments will be served. There will also be drawings for door prizes. All members are urged to attend...North Park was well represented at the Little Flower Communion breakfast held Sunday, October 26. Fathers Quentin and Paul, and the committee members wish to thank everyone for their help. Prize winners were: EDWARD BADEN, LARRY SHIELDS, GEORGE SADLICKI, and Pensioner DONALD GILL. Also in attendance were Pensioners MIKE PHILBIN, ROY RAPP, NICK MUENCHEN, and JACK KARASEK. Missed by the gang was JOSEPH (Take Charge) GRASSL...Operator ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION, enjoyed their annual fall fishing trip to Lake Norfolk, Arkansas. Ray and Marion enjoyed several days at Forsyth, Missouri, where they stayed at Pensioner ART and RUTH MUIR's home. As usual, Roy came home with a large catch of bass...Operator JOHN O'BRIEN and his wife, MERCEDES, spent a week at the home of Pensioner JOE and CLARA VAN DEN EEDEN in Loretta, Michigan. The highlight of the visit was a trip around Lake Superior, where the colors and scenery were at their best...Operator ROGER AYOTTE and his wife, HELEN, and their children, DEBORAH and MONICA, spent a weekend at Galena, Illinois, where they took in all the historic sights and antique shops...Operator LEO STERN and his wife, MILDRED, and their children, ROBIN and STEVEN, vacationed throughout the northwest states. Highlights of their trip were visits to Glacier National Park, the Canadian Rockies, Vancouver, B.C., Seattle, Washington, and a tour of the State of Oregon. An unusual incident happened on the trip. Leo was stung by a wasp on the finger and neck and needed medical care...Pensioner GEORGE VOIGHT and his wife, BEA, toured the West on a vacation trip. They were very impressed with Arizona where they are hoping to settle soon...Operator MARVIN SALMONOFF and his wife, ETHELYN, vacationed throughout the East. Highlights of the trip were visits to Asbury Park and Ocean Grove, New Jersey, Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Monroeville, Pennsylvania, and the New York City area...Operator LE ROY CARR and his wife, LOUISE, drove their son, TOM, to Coral Gables, Florida, where Tom is attending the University of Miami, majoring in marine biology. Also on the agenda were stops at St. Augustine, Cape Kennedy, Miami Beach, Sarasota, St. Petersburg, Weeki Wachi, Silver Springs, and a meal at the Capot restaurant in Clearwater that the Carrs enjoyed and stated as the finest on the trip...Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER and his wife, BETTY, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a glorious trip to Hawaii. On the agenda were visits to Oahu, Pearl Harbor, Diamond Head, surfing on Waikiki Beach, and two days on Kauai where they enjoyed a helicopter ride and a

round of golf. The next stop was at Maui where they enjoyed the famous Kaanapali beach, with another round of golf at the Royal Kaanapali golf course. Then on to the big island of Hawaii where they spent two days on the Kona coast and then two days at the Hilo side of Hawaii where they enjoyed the black sand beach and the Icalauca Crater...Operator HENRY SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Elizabeth's sister, Mrs. MARGARET WOLF, and her husband, LADNER, of Glenside, Pennsylvania. The Schramms also had a few days in New York City where they did considerable sight-seeing...Pensioner STEWART BORGESSON reports that he has purchased a six-flat building and is enjoying his golden age life to the hilt...Mrs. MARIE HODGES, the wife of Operator RONALD HODGES, is hospitalized at this writing at Edgewater hospital for observation, and our prayers are with her...Pensioner HAROLD COOK was a recent visitor at the depot and reports that he is selling Colonial of Zealand, a famous brand of grandfather's clocks, at a big discount. Harold's address is 6224 N. Melvina avenue...Operator GENE BRUDNEY won an 18 pound turkey in a raffle sponsored by the Park Ridge Veterans of Foreign Wars. Operator CHARLEY KEMP was the ticket seller and is expecting an invitation to dinner...DANIEL BROWN, the son of Operator AUBREY BROWN, after 36 months of service with the United States Navy, began his career as a bus operator at North Park Depot. We welcome Daniel and hope his stay will be a long one...Operator WILLIAM OCIEPKA became engaged on Sunday, October 25, to Miss MARY ELLEN POERNICH. The wedding plans are set for April, 1972, at St. Matthais church. Mary Ellen's father, JOHN, is the owner of Red's Drive Inn, located across from North Park Depot...Pensioner BILL SEIFERT of Southgate, California, sent a note to the depot wishing his many friends a happy holiday season and reports that he is enjoying every minute of retired life...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator BILL KNUDSON on the loss of his father, Mr. KNUDSON, and to CTA Police Lieutenant JOE OSTERBERGER and Pensioner FRANK OSTERBERGER on the loss of their mother, Mrs. OSTERBERGER.

Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator WILLIAM STINESPRING and his wife, DOLLY, their 41st; Operator JESSE GILMORE and his wife, ROSE, their 14th; Pensioner MIKE PARK and his wife, GLADYS, their 17th; Operator JOHN WAIT and his wife, LUCILLE, their 32nd; Operator SAM BAKER and his wife, HELEN, their 30th; Operator ALLEN LICHTER and his wife, JUDY, their 11th; Operator IRVING WEINER and his wife, IDA, their 40th, and Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS and his wife, MARY, their 34th...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operators GEORGE HAND, PETE MARCHISOTTO, ROY LEMKE, MEL HORNING, TOM CONROY, HAROLD ANDERSCHAT, CARL SANDBURG, MERV A HAND, JIM KURCZEWSKI, DEBORAH and MONICA AYOTTE, BARBARA ANDERSCHAT, and WILLIAM and TAMMY RAY...Operator PATRICK (Sugar) KANE retired on December 1 after serving CTA and the Chicago Surface Lines for 28 years. To Pat, who was one of our finest Sheridan road operators, we extend our good wishes for the years ahead...The personnel of North Park extend a hearty welcome to PHIL O'CONNOR who replaced Pensioner CHARLEY DUNNE as day foreman, while AUGUSTUS HENNELLY, formerly of Forest Glen, will be the new p.m. foreman...Repairman DENNIS CRONIN has been promoted to relief foreman on the night shift...WILLIAM FALLEN, JOHN BARRON, BOB GRANT, MIKE SALVAGGIO, and M. AR-

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RINGTON are new members of the gang at the garage and we hope their stay will be a long one...Congratulations are extended to BILL CANTWELL who has become a repairman and is now working at Limits Depot. . . Repairman FRANK CIONE drove to the West Coast on his vacation and keyed in on many of the attractions that California has to offer. Also on vacations at this time are: LENNY TROZANOWSKI, HERMAN AMBOS, GENE DRZEWICKI, and ED OLENDER. . . All of the office personnel, Superintendents ROBERT KEAG, JACK MORRIS and VIC JOHNSON, Instructors BILL PARNUM, WALTER STEINBEISS, ART HIGGINS and ED SCHWAMB, the receivers, clerks, and janitors, wish to extend Season's Greetings to all the employees at this station and their families. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men in each department who have helped me with news items each month.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

A hearty welcome to all the new employees on the North Side. We extend greetings to the following men: T. DONES, C. KIBBLE, J. NAVY, W. CONNORS, L. ROACH, M. PHILIPS, V. BURNETT, J. LIVINGSTON, and A. ELDRIDGE. The following men are new North Side ticket agents: G. TUFANO and EARL WILEY. Mr. Wiley came to us from North Avenue depot...Our wishes for a speedy recovery go to Kimball Avenue Supervisor DICK STANTON. Dick was in the hospital for a month and is now at home. Everyone misses him and we hope he will soon return...Howard Street Supervisor JOE KORAL was telling us that his son, CHARLES, enlisted in the air force and is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Good luck, Ricky, from many of your dad's friends at CTA... Agent GERDA MATTHEWS and her husband, BILL, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Gerda hopes to reach her golden anniversary. To them we wish 25 more joyous and happy years...Agent BETTY HAWKINS celebrated her age of retirement birthday on November 18, and will take her pension on December 1. We shall all miss her and her happy friendly ways. Many of Betty's friends from the CTA had a party for her and wished her many fun-filled days of retirement...We welcome back to the North Side a former clerk, A. THOMAS. Andrew is now working as a conductor and we are glad to have him back with us...Agent LORRAINE ORR has returned to work after being off on the sick list. Agent MARGARET McCORMICK was also on the sick list. We wish them both good health...EDWARD DURANGO, former motorman and ticket agent, is now in training for station clerk. Your many friends wish you good luck...Former Student Ticket Agent BARBARA COLWELL is now a full-time agent. Welcome to the regulars. Barbara is the wife of Instructor COLWELL, and the daughter of North Side Station Clerk JIM DOHERTY...Agent MAURICE CAMPBELL retired on November 1. He was the midnight agent at Thorndale Station for many years. If we know Camp, he will spend his days behind the end of a fishing rod. Good luck, Camp, and don't let the big ones get away...Time has passed, and we have just received word that Ticket Agent ESTELLE JOHNSON and her husband recently suffered the bereavement of four loved ones in their family within a few days of each other. To them we express our deepest and sincerest sympathy...We also wish to express our sympathy to Ticket Agent HENRY THELIN. Henry's mother passed away on November 15 at the age of 87. Also to Agent TOM QUIN-

LAN on the death of his aunt. May you all hold fond memories of your loved ones...Collector JOE GOLDBERG and his wife, BEVERLY, celebrated their birthdays on November 21 and 23, respectively. Joe said he is 60 and as proud as punch of it...Has anyone on the North Side noticed the four-inch extra span on Supervisor PAT O'MALLEY's chest? That's because Pat's the proud grandfather of two youngsters. Pat's two daughters recently made him grandpa for the first time...We were sorry to hear that Assistant Station Superintendent R. SUTA's four year old son was hit by a motorcycle. His thighbone was fractured and he also required stitches for head injuries. He was hospitalized for 24 days and is now back home. We wish him a speedy and full recovery...Ticket Agent JERRY OLSON is on the sick list, and Agent EARL STEVENS is still in the Municipal Sanitarium and is to undergo surgery. Also, Agent EVELYN LANZ is in the hospital where she underwent surgery on her eye. . . Agents SARA SIMMONS, DORTHEA DAVIS and other members of the Thompson Community Singers will again take part in a benefit performance at the Auditorium theatre. The theme of the benefit will be, "The Impossible Dream," with the proceeds going to Malcolm X college. Both Sara and Dorteia have magnificent singing voices and enjoy using their natural talents singing with this group...North Side Station Clerk ANDRE CROUT had November 28 off to celebrate his birthday. Happy birthday, Andre. How many candles were on the cake? Watch out, Andre, old age is creeping up...If anyone sees an orange streak going down Howard Street, look again, it could be Supervisor ART HUBBARD in his new orange Chevy. VRROOM... Birthday wishes to Agents DOREEN HORN, MYRTLE OTT, and DORTHEA DAVIS... Division 308 recently feted the members of the softball team with a victory banquet. To all the players we say thanks for a wonderful fun-filled year of softball. And for 1971, may it be a victorious year for the team...Our sympathy to Janitor CHESTER STEBE and his family on the death of his father who passed away suddenly...Our prayers are with Agent B. ATKINSON whose daughter is in St. Francis hospital in very serious condition. We pray that she will soon be well. . . Your reporter and her husband, GEORGE, just completed a wonderful three-week vacation in our good old U.S.A. We drove to Colorado Springs and walked around in the snow in shirt sleeves. What wonderful weather. We also went to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Roswell, and to the Carlsbad Caverns. We had the pleasure of the company of Miss SUSSE JACOBSEN, who has been visiting our family from Denmark for the past five months, and returned to Denmark on December 4. The three of us traveled a total of 4,217 miles. But, as with all vacations, it was too short... In just a few more days we will close the pages of another year. To some, it was a year of joy and happiness, with dreams come true; and to others, it has been a year of sadness, heartaches, and heartbreaks. But as we open the cover of the new book of 1971, may we always keep in mind, that for the next 365 days the age-old message spoken only one day each year, but meant for every day: Peace on earth, good will towards all men. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. This is our wish to you from TINA and GEORGE.

- Tina Henke

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

Hi, everyone! . . . Superintendent G. S. GRAYBIEL, Purchasing, Specifications and Stores Departments, went

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ANTHONY BUGLIO, 90, Way & Structures,
Emp. 4-27-09, Died 9-26-70
JOHN CANGELOSI, 84, Track,
Emp. 4-4-21, Died 10-14-70
DANIEL CATE, 89, South Section,
Emp. 9-24-00, Died 11-3-70
STANLEY DOMEK, 73, Forest Glen,
Emp. 6-1-35, Died 10-11-70
JOSEPH DYRA, 91, North Section,
Emp. 9-18-07, Died 10-28-70
CARLO FERRARO, 81, West Section,
Emp. 9-16-47, Died 9-27-70
MARY A. HANLEY, 75, West Section,
Emp. 5-27-43, Died 10-11-70
LOUIS P. HANSEN, 65, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-6-28, Died 11-4-70
HARRY A. HANUSKA, 62, West Section,
Emp. 6-25-37, Died 10-3-70
FRANK X. HODAP, 73, Accounting,
Emp. 2-22-42, Died 10-13-70
JAMES HOLLOWAY, 24, Kedzie,
Emp. 4-21-69, Died 11-2-70
PETER J. HOMMERDING, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-24-22, Died 10-26-70
EDWARD JACOBS, 60, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-3-47, Died 10-25-70
JOHN J. KAIN, 60, West Section,
Emp. 11-18-36, Died 10-24-70
JOHN LABELLARTE, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-24-29, Died 10-31-70
NELS L. LARSON, 68, Electrical,
Emp. 5-8-25, Died 10-20-70
DANIEL McEVOY, 64, Electrical,
Emp. 11-7-33, Died 10-31-70
MARVIN H. McFALL, 66, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-23-26, Died 10-20-70
WILFRED McGIVERN, 82, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-18-20, Died 10-15-70
OSCAR F. MOSER, 77, Devon,
Emp. 9-16-20, Died 10-7-70

THOMAS E. NOLAN, 77, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-5-21, Died 10-25-70
JOSEPH OLIVER, 59, 52nd Street,
Emp. 3-5-45, Died 10-31-70
VINCENT F. OSTROWSKI, 70, Forest Glen,
Emp. 4-26-44, Died 10-19-70
AMEDEO PARENTI, 61, Limits,
Emp. 10-7-42, Died 10-20-70
ALBERT C. POTRAZ, 76, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-1-17, Died 10-11-70
JOSEPH L. PROULX, 81, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-16-23, Died 10-4-70
FERDINAND P. RENN, 74, South Section,
Emp. 9-9-29, Died 10-28-70
TEBE RICHARDSON, 63, West Section,
Emp. 8-16-67, Died 10-18-70
JOHN J. RUBERRY, 72, Accounting,
Emp. 5-4-20, Died 10-29-70
JAMES RUDDY, 71, 61st Street,
Emp. 10-24-45, Died 10-12-70
LILLIAN M. RUSSELL, 80, South Section,
Emp. 4-4-22, Died 10-7-70
STEVEN SASIADEK, 67, West Section,
Emp. 5-26-43, Died 10-28-70
CHARLES SCHERY, 85, West Section,
Emp. 3-15-24, Died 10-2-70
HARRY J. SCHLESSER, 64, West Section,
Emp. 1-25-24, Died 10-9-70
ANDREW F. SCHMITZ, 75, 69th Street,
Emp. 12-4-25, Died 10-27-70
DONALD SEGAR, 39, Keeler,
Emp. 11-16-59, Died 11-14-70
CARMEN TROTTA, 68, Way & Structures,
Emp. 7-17-36, Died 10-26-70
IRA VAN BUSKIRK, 76, Devon,
Emp. 3-29-26, Died 9-27-70
JIMMIE D. WHITTAKER, 59, South Section,
Emp. 9-25-52, Died 10-18-70

hunting in Nebraska for one week of his vacation. Aiding him in his search for pheasant, geese, and duck was his mascot--his dog, an English springer spaniel. His best game, of which he shot the limit, was geese! Mr. Graybiel ended his well-spent vacation by attending a football game at his alma mater, the University of Nebraska, which is third in the nation and will play in the Orange Bowl at the end of the season...R. L. MANVILLE, superintendent of Purchasing, and his wife went to Louisville, Kentucky, to spend the weekend with his daughter and family. They drove there from Signal Mountain, Tennessee...MARY BETH MURRAY, Purchasing, CECILIA TRUCCO, Stores, and MARY ELLEN RUSS, Research and Planning, along with two other girls spent a long weekend in New York. They stayed at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel on Park avenue. When they arrived at the hotel, they met and talked with none other than Liberace! The girls took a tour of the U.N. building, viewed a Broadway play, saw the Rockefeller Center, Greenwich Village, and St. Patrick's Cathedral. They said it was the most beautiful church they had ever seen. They took a ferry to the Statue of Liberty and decided to climb to the top. They took the stairs rather than the elevator, and it took them about a half hour. Whew!

When they finally got to the top, they were very much disappointed to see that the statue had a small head. Everybody has their own way of getting a head...Wonderful news! ED CUMMINGS, buyer, Purchasing, and his wife celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on November 29 at the Homestead with the maid of honor and best man from their wedding...West Virginia was the place of a two-week vacation for H. A. FULLRIEDE of Specifications and his wife. They found that the pollution there is as bad as Chicago and that the Kanawha River Valley is worse! They also went to Decorah, Iowa, to visit their son and his wife and grandson. Their son, RICHARD, is attending Luther college there. Richard is captain of the Luther college football team, and because of this, he escorted one of the young misses during the annual Homecoming Court. Richard formerly worked for the CTA as a temporary conductor. With three generations of Fullriedes, that must have been a real treat...We are sorry to see SANDY MATUSZEWSKI, Specifications, leave us. She is taking a new position in the Insurance Department. We wish her the best of luck...Superintendent J. T. HARTY, Stores, and his wife drove east with the intention of visiting two grandsons in Washington, D.C.--for ten lovely days of spoiling them. They moved on for a brief

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tour of the East Coast and back home...THERESA DeLEONARDIS, Stores, couldn't wait to come back to tell everyone about her short trip. She went upstairs to clean her attic. She states, "I had to clean the bats from the bell-fry." Oh, well...We are sorry to hear that BOB PIEPER's wife is in Wesley Memorial hospital for tests. Bob is from Stores in the General Office. We hope it's nothing serious, Bob...IRENE PETERSON, Stores, will take on a new job assignment--but in the same department. She will be the new material classification clerk. The best of luck to you, Irene...KENNETH SIPICH, Stores, South Shops, paid us a visit in the Mart recently. He was on a brief leave of absence from the army before beginning his tour of duty in Viet Nam. We wish Ken much luck...HANK BRANDENBURG, stock clerk II, South Shops, is off sick. We hope he's feeling great before the holidays spring upon us...We are happy to report that WAYMOND COBB, laborer, South Shops, is out of the hospital and recuperating at home...Our sympathies are extended to EDDIE GRZENIA, stock clerk I, South Shops, in the passing of his mother...MIKE KORZEN, divisional storekeeper, Skokie, and his wife went "bumming" around southern California. They visited Disneyland in its entirety, spent two days at Lake Tahoe in Nevada, and spent a week in northern California. The weather, Mike says, was beautiful. They only had two hours of rain. Not bad for a three-week vacation...We are happy to report that SAM CANELLA, fork lift operator, Skokie, is a grandfather again, but this time it is something special. Sam finally had his first grandson! The new member of the Canella breed was named SALVATORE and weighed in at 6 pounds 7 ounces. Much happiness to all of you...We are sorry to report that VINCENT SCIMECA's brother, VICTOR, passed away. Vincent is a laborer at Skokie Shops...EDDIE DAVIS, derrick car laborer, Store-room 48, South, was hurt on the job today. He caught his thumb in the door. Ouch! We hope you have a very speedy recovery, Eddie...Before we sign off 1970 from our calendars, we want to wish everyone the happiest holiday season ever. See you next year.

- Cathy Raschick & John Gill

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

MARGARET ARCHER and her daughter, MARGARET, flew to Denver, Colorado, for a vacation, and spent a week with her son and daughter-in-law. If I'm not mistaken, one of the main reasons for this trip was to see her new granddaughter, SUZANNE. According to Margaret she is just beautiful. Only one evening did she leave the house, and that was when she went out with her daughter-in-law's parents, Mr. and Mrs. BERRY. They had beautiful weather and a wonderful time...October 10 was a big day for JOE RITROVATO. This was when he became engaged to RITA BRZECZEK of the Employment Department. The day for the wedding bells and another CTA merger is February 13, 1971. Congratulations and the best of luck...On October 23, ART and FLORENCE ROEPKE celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. Their sons took them to Sharko's West restaurant in honor of this occasion. Congratulations and many more years of happiness...On November 9, THOMAS and GLADYS MACE became the proud grandparents of twin boys. They now have four grandchildren. The new little guys are THOMAS E. who weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces, and MARIO E. who weighed 4 pounds 7 ounces. Congratulations to the parents, THOMAS L. and MARY, and also to the grandparents...Your scribe, COLETTE, would like to wish

all the readers of her column a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

(Traffic Planning) -

On November 11, FRANK BARKER attended the Fall Awards Night given by the Oak Park-River Forest High school. Both of his sons are members of the track team and received awards. His oldest son, FRANCIS, is a senior and received his major school letter for track. His youngest son, GEOFFREY, is a freshman who was awarded his graduation numbers for cross country. We wish both boys continued success...JIM and ROSE TOOLIS celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on November 21. We extend our congratulations and best wishes.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

A card was received from PETE CARPINO who is vacationing in the state of the hula dancers. He said that the flight on the jumbo jet was very good and he is enjoying the beautiful weather in Hawaii. He will tell us more upon his return. JAMES J. ROCHE was also on vacation, but stayed in Chicago. Others who were on vacation during November are: M. DORGAN, J. MOORE, F. SPITALLI, D. BOWEN, J. KOHLER, O. JOHNSON #2, F. WILSON, J. SHELDON, C. HOLLINGSWORTH, S. LUPINA, and F. ZBROSKEWICH... We are happy to report that T. McKEON and C. GAGE have returned to work after being off sick.

- Colette Szyepanek

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Congratulations to G. BARNES, 61st Street, on his promotion to instructor. Best of luck to George in his new position from all the boys at 61st...Congratulations to JOE LABELLARTE, instructor, who was promoted to night foreman. We would also like to extend our condolences to Joe and his family on the passing of his father on October 31...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to M. BRINSON, 61st Street, who is still on the sick list...Enjoying early holiday vacations are: H. CARTER, W. SPARKS, and L.

TAKING A leisurely break during their 4,217-mile vacation trip, North Section Reporter and Ticket Agent TINA HENKE and her husband, GEORGE, Howard Street clerk, posed for this picture at the Historical Society Museum in Lincoln, New Mexico. Seated in front of them is SUSSE JACOBSEN of Copenhagen, Denmark, who had been a visitor in their home for five months and accompanied them on the trip.



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STRYSZAK, 61st Street...After 22 years of service, J. RAND, Wilson, retired on November 1. Best wishes for a long and healthy retirement are sent his way...A hearty welcome to M. GARCIA, new car serviceman at Howard Street...In his new position at last is LOUIS KASPER, Congress, who just completed training for terminal combination clerk...It's good to hear that MIKE KEATING, Congress, is at home recuperating from his stay in the hospital...A double celebration was held in the CANNELLA household on November 11. One to celebrate Mrs. Cannella's birthday and the other to celebrate their 31st wedding anniversary. Congratulations to all. Congratulations are also in order for Mr. and Mrs. H. YOUNG, Congress, who also celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on November 11. Best wishes for another 31 years of marital bliss to both the Youngs and the Cannellas...Our sympathy to the family of DON SANDUK, Congress, on the passing of his mother-in-law, Mrs. ANN MARKER...Best of luck to JERRY MORELLI, Wilson, who resigned to enter the world of small business. Remember your old friends after you make your first million...JOHN WIERCIOCH, Kimball, is doubly proud these days. One reason is his new Mercury Marquis and the other is the election of his nephew, Richard Martwick, as superintendent of schools...Roughing it in the wilds of Wisconsin for hunting and pleasure is how G. VAN NORMAN, Kimball, spent his vacation...Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to D. MERCURE, Kimball, who is at home recuperating after undergoing surgery at Lutheran General hospital...Getting an early start on holiday preparations is how MIKE RUSSIN, Kimball, spent his vacation...Best wishes for continued good health and a very long retirement are sent to FRED STOEHRMAN, Kimball, who retired on December 1 after 44 years of service...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. L. FIELDS, Kimball, on the birth of their new daughter...Getting the holiday season off to a good start by enjoying vacations were: D. BRODIE, J. O'CONNOR, J. HENDERSON, N. BENSON, G. DAVIS, M. BESS, M. DUKE, and E. BLICHARZ, Wilson...Packages sometimes tick but very seldom jump and flip around. C. SCALES, Congress, found a jumping package that turned out to be a 3½ pound live bass that ended up being a delicious supper.

- Ray Brzezczek

SKOKIE SHOPS -

NELLO PAOLICCHI, machinist, and his wife enjoyed a nice vacation and visit with relatives in Phoenix, Arizona. They also stopped at Las Vegas for three days and nights to see the sights, shows, and make their little donation. They also rerouted via Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona, to Nogales, Mexico. In Tucson they visited a nephew who took them into the desert to do some hunting, and as luck goes for the first trip, Nello was able to bag a coyote. They also watched some western movies being shot, and then returned to Chicago. A total of 6,000 miles was enjoyed...GREGORY MARSHALL, machinist apprentice, and BEVERLY BILLIS were united in marriage on November 21. Loads of luck to both. JOSEPH BILLIS, the father of Beverly, works in the Schedule Department...PAUL CEROTZKE, laborer, is sporting a new Chevrolet Impala. Lots of luck and enjoyment...RAY MURRAY, machinist, is the proud father of a son, JAMES, who passed the Illinois bar examination. James received his license and diploma at Springfield, Illinois, on Saturday, November 14...DON VILLA, electrical worker apprentice, is the proud owner of a new Mus-

tang Mach I. Good luck, Don...Pensioners ROY LUNDQUIST, Truck Shop foreman, and GEORGE RATEIKE, Technical Services advisor, recently visited Skokie. Both look wonderful and are enjoying their pensions...HERB LINDQUIST, electrical foreman, and his wife recently spent their vacation at Virginia Beach, Virginia, with their son, daughter-in-law, and two grandsons. They reported having a wonderful time...JOHN BEHOF, laborer, and his wife, EVELYN, lost their last son, RICHARD, to a lovely girl named CONSTANCE BEROUKAS. The wedding was on November 29 at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox church, 2727 W. Winona street. A reception followed at the famous Antoine's, 4370 N. Elston avenue. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all. Lots of luck to the bride and groom from the employees of Skokie Shops...WESLEY WILSON, laborer, is driving a new Galaxie 500. A real nice selection, Wesley, lots of happiness and good driving...To their new assignments, we recently welcomed HEINZ G. DOERING, superintendent of rapid transit shops & terminals; HARVEY G. (Moe) WILLIAMS, assistant superintendent, and THOMAS P. LYONS, rapid transit superintendent of technical services.

- Everett E. England



SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Superintendent L. C. DUTTON is presently convalescing after a brief stay in the hospital. We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery...Congratulations to JOE BILLIS on his recent promotion to statistician, and to JOE CAPPELLETTI and E. WROBEL on their promotions to schedule clerks...We welcome JOHN FITZGERALD and M. LEVEE, outside checkers, as traffic clerks...GEORGE HANUS and his wife motored to Newport News, Virginia, to spend Thanksgiving with his son and family and then went on to Redington Beach, Florida...Pensioner JOHN FRANZEN visited the office and looks very well...SAM DeSALVO and his family spent a month vacationing in Miami Beach, Florida...JOSEPH LAWLOR, the son of STEVE LAWLOR, and the son-in-law of W. P. DEVEREUX, was admitted to the Illinois Bar Association on November 16. Joe is now a certified public accountant and an attorney. Both father

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

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and father-in-law are very proud of him...LAWRENCE JACOBS, the son of DAVID JACOBS, won a four-year scholarship to Marquette university...A very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all.

- Kathryn Batina

SOUTH SHOPS -

Your co-reporters, BOB and ELAINE, would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you... The South Shops office is looking forward to a merry good time on Friday, December 11, when they do their "thing" at the Christmas party which will be held at the Golden Age restaurant...A warm welcome is extended to THOMAS E. ALFRED to the Office Statistics Department. Thomas was transferred from the 77th Street Garage...Congratulations to FRANK VENEZIA, Technical Services, and his bride, Miss MARY F. ROONEY. Frank and Mary were wed on Saturday, November 21, at Little Flower church. A reception followed at Halleran's. Frank didn't know where they were going on their honeymoon. While interviewing Frank, I asked him if they had their apartment; what a mistake I made, as he wasted no time correcting me by letting me know that they had already moved into their home. How lucky can two people be...Congratulations to CHESTER PAVLAC, Area 249, whose daughter was married to Mr. JERALD BEAM on November 15. The reception was held at the Manor Banquet hall and a crowd of more than 350 had a very lovely time...Congratulations to JERRY PAVEL, Area 334, on the birth of a granddaughter, JULIE LYNN, born November 12 weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce. This is Jerry's first grandchild...Congratulations to JOSEPH SANDER, Area 333, on the marriage of his son, JOHN, on October 10. The wedding was attended by some of Joe's fellow co-workers of Area 333...Congratulations to TERRY REILLY, Area 344, on his marriage to Miss BARBARA KALAUSKA on September 26. Congratulations to ART BEACHAM, Area 349, on the birth of his third grandchild, DENISE SUSAN, who weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce. Her father is in the armed services...Congratulations to GEORGE OLSON's daughter, JUDY ANN, who is an honor student for the third year at Mother Guerin High school. Judy Ann was awarded a membership to the Mu Theta Alpha, a national honor society for mathematics majors... Last, but not least, congratulations to co-reporter BOB BROWN who became a father for the second time when his wife gave birth to a daughter. I don't think baby would be a very good word, as Bob's daughter, get this, ready, weighed, are you sure you are ready, 9 pounds and 13 ounces at birth. Well, all I can say is, right on, brother... A speedy recovery goes out to LARRY VANCE, Office Statistics, who is in Little Company of Mary hospital. Hurry back, we miss you...JOHN LIPKA, engineer, Equipment Research and Development, who was temporarily assigned to South Shops, is at this writing resting at home due to a leg ailment. We hope you feel better and will be back among us soon...WILLIAM PANEEK, Area 342, is back from Florida where he visited with his ex-foreman, JAMES MUDRA. Bill says he had a very nice time...TOM COATES, Area 344, vacationed in California for one week...AL H. JOHNSON, Paint Shop, spent his vacation in Miami Beach... Superintendent JOSEPH A. ROSENDHAL, of MC&OP, and his wife spent a week in Huntington, North Carolina, hunting for rubies. Would you believe he found some?...We would like to welcome back to work WILLIAM ROHE after being off since August 17. JACK LAUBINGER and GEORGE

THIS LITTLE bundle of joy is KATHLEEN LOUISE McSPARIN, the daughter of Forest Glen Operator ROBERT McSPARIN. Kathleen was so eager to get here on March 30 that her dad had to replace the stork and do the delivering. Looks as if he did a fine job, too.



MORRELL, Area 336, have returned after being off sick. TOM JONES, Paint Shop, is still off sick. Hurry back, Tom, we miss you...South Shops annual bowling turkey shoot was held on Sunday, November 15, and turkeys were won by AL SAMASKA, AL GROLEG, Pensioner A. GENNET, B. RAFFERTY, JOHN MURRAY, and J. LUKSO. A very nice lunch was served and everyone had a good time... JOHN GASSAWAY, Area 312, was very disappointed when he went to move into his new home on Saturday, November 14, and his buddies at the South Shops played a trick on him and they all stayed away at moving time. But the fellows did come later to help John. We would like to congratulate John and his wife, JERRY, on their latest accomplishment and hope they will have many years of happiness in their new home.

- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown

SOUTH SECTION -

A Merry, Merry Christmas to everyone! I hope the holidays bring happiness to your hearts...Clerk EARL JONES was elated when he heard that his son will be home on furlough from Viet Nam for the holidays...It was good to see Motorman DELMUS ALLEN, Switchman JEFFREY THOMAS, and Motorman JOHNNIE ROBINSON back working and off the sick list...Retired Motorman STEVE KOTRIS surprised us with a nice visit at Ashland Avenue recently. He has been on pension 18 years and is very spry and looks as good as ever...Our sincere condolences to Motorman RICHARD CRANE whose father passed away recently, and to Instructor DAVID MARTIN whose sister passed away... Motorman TONY JAGLA and his wife had a wonderful vacation. First they flew to Germany, and it rained and was so cold they stayed only a short while. Then they came back to the States and flew to Miami Beach (they just love Florida). While there, they visited Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY and he sends his best regards to everyone back here in Chicago. They said Florida is the best place for a vacation...Welcome to newly hired Conductors FRED-DIE BAILEY, MELVIN FIELDS, EMANUEL FITZPATRICK, and DANNY WILSON; SAMUEL JACKSON who transferred from the Surface System to agent, and newly hired Part-time Agent MICHAEL CHANDLER...It is wonderful to see former president of Division 308, JOHN BURNS, back to work after having his knee and ankle broken when struck by a car in July...Retired Switchman MAURICE O'BRIEN and Retired Motorman DANIEL CATE passed away recently. Our sincere sympathy goes out to their families...

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Resigning recently were Switchman THOMAS ANDERSON, Motorman GARY CUTTIO, and Agents ALEX SINGLETON and GLADYS BRIDGES. Good luck to them whatever their new endeavors might be...At this writing Conductor WILLIAM ROWE, who had been in the hospital for an operation, is home recuperating. Hope Bill can return to work soon... Motormen ROBERT JACKSON and JOHN KENNEDY have been accepted to train as clerks, and they both are doing a real good job...Retired Conductor HAROLD THEDENS was in to see the boys at Ashland recently and said that his health is improving...We were happy to hear that Motorman JAMES HIGHTOWER and Towerman PHILIP AURIEMMA were accepted for supervisor's school. We wish all the trainees good luck...Our South Siders are still receiving passenger commendations. Agents MAXINE JEFFERSON and AMY GRANT received a commendation because they both are such swift, pleasant, and accurate agents at our busy 95th Street terminal. Also receiving a commendation was Conductor CARLTON DANIELS for finding a passenger's purse, and Agent ANTOINETTE STIPATI who helped an out-of-towner get to his destination. Keep up the good work, South Siders...Retired Shopman PAT McEVOY, who was in the hospital, is now at home recuperating. Here's hoping that Pat's health improves real soon...It was a pleasure to see Retired Clerk JOHN MORAN recently. Retirement sure agrees with him. He looks wonderful.

- Verna Hartney

WEST SECTION -

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from LOU PAYNE and all the SICILIANOS. With the holidays here, you find everyone more kindly and friendlier than ever before. It's too bad we can't keep this attitude all year...Good news! JAMIE GORDON has found himself a girl friend. My Christmas wish for him last year finally came true...My co-reporter, LOU PAYNE, was recently a master of ceremony at a gala affair and was a big hit. They called him a second Flip Wilson, so being second, he will have to try a little harder...R. MCCARTHY said a squirrel got into his house. He must have been looking for a nut. Like AL CLARK said, it came to the right house. After a broom fight, Mac won and the squirrel left...J. LANE was mighty proud when his son, BRUCE, received a four-year Chick Evans scholarship to attend the University of Illinois in Urbana, Illinois. A chip off his mother's shoulders...Motorman C. GUZIK is leaving Lake Street and going to Douglas Park to work with his brother. What a battle they are going to have looking for papers...Welcome back off the sick list to: W. FLOYD, J. HOLAKOVSKY, T. KATO, and GEORGE WOODMORE. Glad to have you back, fellows. MIKE BELLEZZO and R. CORY are still in the hospital but coming along fine. It shouldn't be too long before they return to work...The only sad news to report is the death of HARRY SCHESSLER. He was only on pension for 11 months, and it was a shame as he had such great plans. We send our sincere condolences to Harry's wife and family...LOU saw Superintendent E. J. HEATTER on the North Section. He is doing fine and says hello to all the men. I wonder if he is still carrying those shopping bags to work?...Birthday greetings to: T. DUNLEAVY, R. MCCARTHY, R. ROBERTSON, R. PTACIN, W. SMITH, E. LAWSON, S. GIVENS, J. VAN BUREN, B. CHROMCZAK, T. WALKER, and D. COCHRAN...Congratulations to F. MEAD, H. THURBUSH, C. WHITE, R. QUINN, and B. HEALY who were accepted for supervisors school...Word

is going around that Z. KOPCZYNSKI has the worst singing voice on Lake Street. Zeke will have to listen to me and then he will be second best...MARK FIORE and his wife, JERRY, while on vacation attended the wedding of their son, MARK, to Miss DORIS McDONNELL on October 16 in Rock Island, Illinois. Congratulations to the newlyweds...We have a new addition to our office staff. She is EVELYN LA SANCHE. We wish her much luck and success, and what a pleasure it is to look in the office and see a pretty face...There is a generation gap at Lake Street. The young basketball players won't give me a tryout for the team. I won't say how long ago it was, but I had one of the best two-handed set shots around; and what speed...I finally finished another column with Lou's help, so you will hear from us again next month. Have a nice holiday, and may God bless you all.

- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne

52ND STREET -

Hi! Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Transit News reporter for 52nd Street Station. If anyone has any news items for our column please see me or leave them with the clerk. Here's wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, and especially to Janitor WODARCZYK, Instructor O'DONNELL, Clerk L. HELINSKI, Collector J. HENNESSY, Operator BILL DONAHUE of the credit union, and JIMMY AHERN of the Repair Department who have always been very helpful in providing news for this column. Jimmy would also like to express Seasons Greetings to everyone in the Repair Department, and reports that Pensioner ED PRUEMER paid a visit and is in good shape looking as fat

UNLESS THE Cubs move to a more centrally located stadium, you'll probably never again see one of their baseball signs carried on a West Side rapid transit train. When this picture was taken in 1912, Metropolitan Division trains served the original Cubs ballpark at Polk and Loomis. The crew consists of Conductor EMIL SWITCHENBURG and Motorman HARRY SCHLAU, who are both deceased. The picture was submitted by retired West Section Yard Foreman HAROLD G. JOHNSON.



INSIDE NEWS

as ever...We wish Foreman EDDY MURRAY, TERRY McGUIGAN, and WILLIAM TOOMEY good luck in their new assignments. And to those who replaced them, we send you a hearty welcome. They are: PETER SZAFRANSKI, day foreman; JAMES BYRNES, day assistant foreman, and SOL MORSICA, p.m. foreman...Pensioner JOE GAMEN is doing fine in Florida enjoying the life of leisure...CHARLIE WILLIAMS vacationed down in Tennessee where he did a little fishing. He said he caught the big ones that you fellows always claim got away...Our sincere condolences to P. SZA-FRANSKI whose mother passed away, and to the family of DAN McAVOY, our electrician, who passed away...The instruction office reports that H. REDDRICK is confined in Michael Reese hospital and would appreciate a few cards. Hurry back, Harry, the fellows said they won't work you too hard...O'DONNELL, JOHNSON, ROSS, and FULLER are going around with big smiles claiming they have everything under control. Is it because ED SWANSON took another vacation that makes everything so peaceful? They wish to congratulate the men for the fine showing they made and say that they really deserved the coffee and rolls given to them in November. They state that with the winter months approaching, it is better to make one trip than two and have to make out an accident report...With the Union restaurant closed after 50 years, we don't have VI and company to tease. It's a good thing our Western avenue buses don't go past 79th street as Vi is now working at 80th and Western. ..ED BEHRENS and W. DONAHUE won't shake hands, so O'DONNELL got JOZA and SCOTTY HIGGINS to act as managers. Was that a typewriter I heard Donahue punching behind locked doors in the credit union office? Better shape up, Behrens...ELWOOD BARRINGER and JOE KO-VATZ were appointed to the credit union supervisory committee. They replaced JIM KELLY and MEL TURNER who transferred from 69th Street. To them, we say thanks for a job well done...I wonder when Joe Kovatz found out that

the key L. G. DAKES gave him was a phony...J. J. KELLEY said he was going to send HAMMERSCHMIDT a sympathy card for the time Hammer was caught three minutes ahead of time...P. H. CAMERON took his pension on December 1 and said for us to keep them rolling...G. HRUSKA can't seem to run into BILL CAVANAUGH. Contact my column, all you lonely hearts, and let me be the mediator...We extend our condolences to LAWRENCE RILEY and his family on the loss of their son who was a victim of a hit and run...JOZA ate five cans of sardines one day and he sure smelled like it. Wow!...SUMMERS is now working as a street collector and is glad to be back...I saw JIMMY NOONE and he sure looks good. He is really a sharp dresser...C. POLD, who retired and went to California, was here recently to attend the funeral of his father. He said he likes the weather in California and also the motel management work he is now doing...The VALLONI family really celebrated birthdays during the month of November. CINDY, November 8; DON, November 10; RICHARD, November 5, and SAM's mother-in-law was 101 years old on November 25...Operator GREEN's daughter, LINDA, has plans to be married in February...I understand that W. YEATMAN, box puller, took his key home with him just so he could be suspended the day after Thanksgiving...To everyone on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery, and to all the pensioners we wish many years of happiness and health. Please drop me a line here at 69th, or call me at 448-4957 and let me print the news in this column...Station Superintendent C. GIBES extends his best wishes to all of us for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless everyone...P.S. Hello Mrs. YOUNG.

- Arthur P. Bussing

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77TH STREET -

Congratulations to all the operators at our station. We broke our accident and complaint pars for the month of October. This was the second time this year that we achieved this feat. We were again treated to coffee and rolls by Superintendent J. A. KNERR and Assistant Superintendents G. D. PEYTON and F. A. WSOL...Operator LUTHER LEE and the little lady are now in their own home. Congratulations, (Big) Lee...Operator HENRY BEATTY is now able to wear shoes again. He stepped off the bus and cut his foot on a piece of glass a few weeks ago. Incidentally, the Beattys spent Thanksgiving in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania...Our relief switchboard operator, BILL LEWIS, has returned to work after being off ill for three weeks...Sorry to learn that Instructor HARRY REDD-RICK is in Michael Reese hospital...Operator JOHN COOP-ER is on sick leave. Your reporter worked his run one day and all the regular riders missed him. So hurry and return to work, John...The basketball league's second year of games began on December 1. The league is again sponsored by Division 241 and CTA. The 77th Street basketball team members are: Operators POPE, PEEL, ASKEW, SCARBROUGH, GAINES, INGRAM, STUTTLEY, NOR-FLEET, TILLEY, ROBINSON, EDWARDS, FOSTER, DAVIS, HOLT, and BENFORD with Operator F. WILLIAMS as manager and RUFUS PLATTS and ELCOSIE GRESHAM as coaches. Superintendent Knerr is hoping that the big trophy will be awarded to our station this year. The "word" is out, fellows, either we win the "big one" or we all get a week off!

- Elcosie Gresham

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