

# TRANSIT NEWS



JANUARY, 1971

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# CTA'S SAFEST YEAR

# 1970: CTA's Safest Year

OPERATING EMPLOYEES have set a new public accident record, making 1970 the safest year in CTA's 23-year history.

Compared with 1964, the previous safest year, there were 1,265 fewer traffic and passenger accidents, a decrease of 9.5 per cent. The 1970 traffic and passenger accident rate of 8.2 accidents per 100,000 miles operated was also the best in CTA history and is a reduction of 8.0 per cent from the 1964 rate of 8.9.

Contributing greatly to the new record, the surface system also had its safest year in 1970 with 1,327 fewer traffic and passenger accidents than in 1964, its previous safest year. The new surface system traffic and passenger accident rate of 11.6 accidents per 100,000 miles operated set in 1970 compares favorably with the 11.9 rate in 1964. A breakdown of the comparative figures shows a 32 per cent decrease in passenger accidents and a 4 per cent increase in traffic accidents which can be attributed to ever-increasing traffic congestion on city streets.

In comparison with 1969, the safest year on the rapid transit system, 1970 was the second safest year with 118 more accidents. The 1970 rate of 1.62 accidents per 100,000 miles operated is, by comparison, a close second to the 1.55 set in 1969. The slight increase can be attributed to the number of new passengers who were not accustomed to riding rapid transit service, as well as to the new routes and unfamiliar equipment which trainmen had to adjust to.

Most significant is a comparison of the 1970 system accident rate of 8.2 with the accident rate of 18.5 in 1948, CTA's first full year of operation, a 56.0 per cent reduction.

In the years since 1948, there has been a steady downward trend in public accidents, culminating with the outstanding safety record of 1970. In 1954, CTA embarked on intensive safety-training activities. And in the next six years, the accident rate per 100,000 miles operated ranged from a high of 14.1 to a low of 10.4. Since 1961, the rate never exceeded 10.

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## Suggesters Win \$2,915 During 1970

IN ITS annual report for 1970, the Employee Suggestion Plan announced adoption of 125 suggestions and the presentation of awards totaling \$2,535 during the year.

Supplemental cash awards totaling \$380 were also presented to eight suggesters whose ideas adopted in 1969 continued to produce savings to CTA. In all, \$2,915 was presented to employees according to the suggestion plan report.

Participating in the suggestion plan during 1970 were 1,131 employees who submitted a total of 1,513 suggestions. Since the present system-wide suggestion plan was established on October 1, 1952, 26,147 suggestions have been received. During the same period, to December 31, 1970, a total of 2,355 suggestions have been adopted and \$48,533 has been paid out to employees in awards.

The approximate value of first year savings realized through the adoption of suggestions during 1970 is estimated as \$17,745. Total first year savings realized on all suggestions adopted since the plan went into effect amount to \$342,540.

Among the last to receive cash awards for their ideas adopted during 1970 was a Shops and Equipment

Department employee, Joseph A. Miller of South Shops, who received a check for \$275. Other S&E employees who received cash awards include Alfred Haas and Joseph Kiselus, both of South Shops, who won \$25 each, and Nello J. Paolicchi of Skokie Shops, who won \$30. Receiving a \$25 award was Paul S. Wallace of the Security Department.

Two employees who earned \$25 awards for submitting a second adoptable suggestion within a year are Regina Daren and Rita Wantroba, both of Medical Department in the General Office.

Winning incentive awards—a \$7 merchandise certificate or a Zippo lighter/tape rule set—for their adopted ideas were the following: General Office—Ingrid Boes, Public Information; Frank Cihak, Equipment Research and Development; and Arlene Puralowski and Rita Wantroba, both of Medical Department. Shops and Equipment—Oliver M. Lang, Skokie Shops, and Joseph Sarnecki, South Shops. Electrical—William F. Glassner, Blue Island. Stores—Edward P. Grzenia, South Shops.

For his idea which was adopted a year ago and continued to derive savings for CTA, Joseph Sarnecki, S&E-South Shops, was presented a supplemental award of \$30.

## Twelve Named to New Transportation Department Posts

IN THREE separate bulletins issued during January by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn, nine CTAers were appointed to new positions and three were reassigned within the Transportation Department. The changes were approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser.

Named to new posts at rapid transit operating stations effective January 1 were M. V. LaVelle, North Section station superintendent; J. E. Roberts, Douglas & Congress assistant station superintendent; F. G. Ellis, West Section relief station superintendent, and E. Mitchell, Lake & Jefferson Park superintendent of agents and janitors. Reassigned to new posts at the same time were E. J. Heater, South Section station

superintendent, and B. J. Limanowski, North Section assistant station superintendent.

In the Operations Control Center, W. J. Pavoni was named relief district superintendent and T. P. Hogan was reassigned as district superintendent. The new assignments became effective January 3.

Supervisory personnel named to new assignments at surface operating stations effective January 17 include J. B. Morris, Lawndale station superintendent; E. W. Brodd, North Park assistant station superintendent; A. C. Tabel, North Avenue & Kedzie relief station superintendent, and H. Reddrick, Lawndale senior station instructor.

## Transit Board Approves Two Bus Route Changes

AT ITS monthly meeting on January 14, Chicago Transit Board authorized revisions to two CTA bus routes, the 57 Laramie and 106 103rd-106th services.

Instead of terminating on the south at Lavergne avenue and Flournoy street, 57 Laramie buses will operate over the present route to Lavergne avenue and Harrison street, and then continue east in Harrison street to Cicero avenue, south in Cicero avenue to Flournoy street, west in Flournoy street to Laramie avenue, and then north in Laramie avenue over the regular route.

Persons transferring between the Laramie buses and the Congress rapid transit service will have the

advantage of using the full-time Cicero entrance to the station rather than the part-time auxiliary entrance at Lavergne. In addition, this extension of service will provide a direct connection for persons transferring between Laramie buses and southbound Cicero buses.

The new Olive-Harvey college, 10001 S. Woodlawn avenue, will be served directly by buses on CTA's 106 103rd-106th route operating between the 95th/Dan Ryan transit center and the campus. Special route 106 buses will serve the campus Monday through Friday at 20-minute intervals between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and then every half hour until 10:00 p.m. (except Friday when buses will operate only until 7:00 p.m.).

From the 95th/Dan Ryan transit center, buses will travel via 95th street, Michigan avenue, 103rd street, and Woodlawn avenue to the bus turnaround within the campus. Between 95th/Dan Ryan and 103rd/Michigan, the buses will be express just as the regular route 106 buses. Students using this route will have access, with protected waiting areas, to the Dan Ryan rapid transit and eight bus routes serving the South Side.

Both new services will begin in February when necessary arrangements are completed.

## Park District Offers Free Golf Classes

IF WINTER is causing you to lose your touch at golf, then now is the time to join a free golf instruction class under the expert guidance of Byron Harcke, Chicago Park District golf supervisor. Classes start February 1 and are held throughout the city. So, if you just want to learn the fundamentals or if you have been trying to cut a few strokes from your game, register now by calling one of the park supervisors listed below. Just bring a golf club, Byron Harcke will do the rest.

La Follette Park, 1333 N. Laramie; Mondays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 at 7:30 p.m. Call Steve Zukowski, 378-0124.  
Ridge Park, 96th and Longwood; Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Call Henry Racic, 238-1655.  
Lake Shore Park, 808 N. Lake Shore Dr.; Thursdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7:30 p.m. Call Al Benedict, 787-7494.  
Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose; Fridays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7:30 p.m. Call James Kelly, 267-2444.  
Columbus Park, Menard and Jackson; Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 at 7:30 p.m. Call Jane Dickens, 378-0643.  
Marquette Park, 67th and Kedzie; Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7:30 p.m. Call George Carpita, 776-9879.  
Jefferson Park, 4822 N. Long; Fridays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Call Ray Shafer, 545-3992.  
Loyola Park, 1230 W. Greenleaf; Saturdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m. Call Walter Norman, 262-0690.

# 1970's—a Decade of Innovation in

NEW CONCEPTS and innovations affecting the transit industry accelerated last year, and a number of ideas will enter demonstration stages during 1971. Their outcome will affect CTA, as well as every other transit system in the United States.

The major innovations in buses fall into two categories: (1) Design of the vehicle, mainly the type of power plant. (2) Traffic and roadway innovations, mainly busways.

The number of new bus power plants actively being experimented with at this time is impressive as are present modifications to the power plant now in general use, the diesel engine. Many have already undergone trial testing.

One of the most unusual and also one of the oldest ideas in new ways to power a bus is the steam engine. Like many other novel bus engines it largely grew out of the effort to reduce air and noise pollution. In the forefront of the steam bus effort are the West Coast transit systems.

With the help of an Urban Mass Transportation Administration grant of more than 1 million dollars, the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District in Oakland, California, was able to begin initial testing of a steam engine on a standard transit coach.

Early prototypes are expected by AC officials to have adequate power, low pollutant emissions, low noise levels, and safe operating characteristics. Active participants in the project being carried out through the California State Assembly also include the San Francisco Municipal Railway and the Southern California Rapid Transit District (Los Angeles). The Lear corporation has launched an ambitious 6 million dollar research and development program on the steam bus, 4 million dollars of which has already been spent.

Buses are scheduled to enter actual public transit service in California this August.

Also undergoing tests in the Los Angeles area is a diesel bus converted to operate on natural gas. For the transit operator, buses fueled by natural gas or liquid natural gas offer vehicles with lower emitted pollutants, without entailing the development of an entirely new engine. The cost for conversion of the engine to natural gas operation is estimated at around \$243, allowing for large-scale conversion without extensive retooling.

Natural gas, along with propane, has been urged for the buses in St. Paul, Minnesota. CTA was the first transit operator to place a fleet of propane buses in service in the early 1950's, and continues to be the major user of these vehicles.

Also under experimentation is the turbine bus which underwent a cross-country demonstration run by Greyhound last year. The turbine is comparatively low in emitted pollutants and is perhaps less exotic than the steam engine. A turbine bus is presently being developed by General Motors and will feature a mechanism that lowers the bus to curb level allowing easier entrance and exit for the infirm and elderly.

Perhaps one of the most hopeful means of reducing air pollutants from buses for the immediate future lies in improvements to the diesel engine which is remarkably low in offensive pollutants. General Motors' Environmental Improvement Program is a combination of ingredients that relieve the pedestrian and motorist's major headache with buses—smelly and visible smoke. The package also reduces noise, hydrocarbons (by 90%), and carbon monoxide (by 40%), according to GM officials.

The heart of the package is a lo-sac needle valve that reduces pollutant-causing unburned fuel from entering the combustion chamber. The first buses so equipped went into service in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., in 1970. It is expected that all future orders for diesel buses, including those placed by CTA, will specify the use of lo-sac needle valves.

A new development in the present effort to reduce pollutants and increase the attractiveness of buses is the Kinetic Energy Wheel (KEW), which is in some respects similar to a wheel-driven toy car. KEW would contribute to lessened pollution by increasing the flexibility of the trolley bus, transit's original zero pollution vehicle. By using a cone-shaped wheel spinning at 20,000 revolutions per minute, the trolley bus will be able to move about six miles without the benefit of overhead power lines. The experimental

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# Bus Transportation

vehicle with the KEW mounted under the bus floor is scheduled to operate in San Francisco in 1971.

Other innovations in the bus engine field include the Stirling engine now being developed at Phillips' laboratories in the Netherlands. The Stirling engine utilizes a rhombic drive and either hydrogen or helium which is heated to provide the driving force. The engine, though expensive to build and slow to start and accelerate, emits far fewer nitrogen oxides than the diesel and half the amount of carbon dioxide.

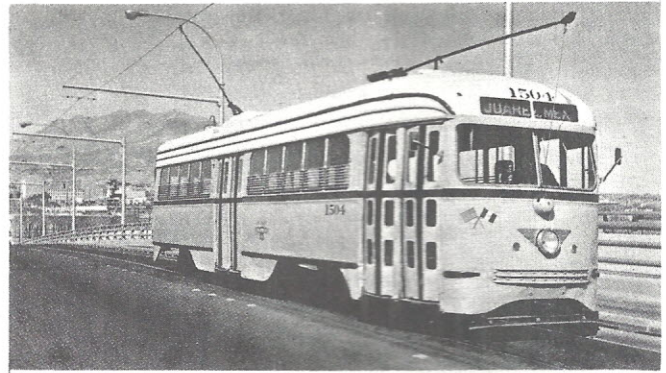
One of the most important factors in the future of bus transportation, however, has little to do with mechanics at all. Busways (exclusive expressways or expressway lanes for buses) have moved from the trial stage of two or three years ago to become one of the fastest growing means of mass transportation.

Only one busway has been in use since 1969, but already provisions for the use of highway funds for busway construction have been written into Federal highway legislation. When the Shirley Highway busway serving the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia is completed this year, it will provide direct express bus service to the nation's capital. The first 1½ mile stretch of busway was opened for rush hour service last September 14 by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe. Already, ridership has jumped 30 to 40 per cent. By using the completed busway, bus riders will be able to save 30 minutes commuter time by bypassing Washington's worst traffic jam and patronage should increase considerably again. As part of the project, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration helped to provide 30 new transit buses to handle increased riding, and will help provide an additional 60 this year.

Since that time, a busway with a similar aim—to make bus commuting more attractive and to serve more commuters with less highway—has been opened in New York City. Also funded by UMTA, the project put in use on December 18 speeds an estimated 800 buses daily over a 2½ mile section of an approach to the Lincoln tunnel under the Hudson river.

Busways totalling 11 miles are also being planned to serve downtown Los Angeles and El Monte using the San Bernardino freeway. A trip should be completed in about 18 minutes by busway as opposed to up to 40 minutes by freeway. Busways are also being tentatively planned for a number of other cities.

Like the rest of today's transit scene, bus transit will need many years more before the biggest changes become an everyday reality for the average bus rider.



## International Streetcar Line, An El Paso Attraction

STREETCARS REMAIN in operation in so few cities in the United States, that an individual can count the number of systems on his fingers. Among the remaining streetcar lines, one especially stands out as being a bit unusual—the international trolley line operated by El Paso City Lines.

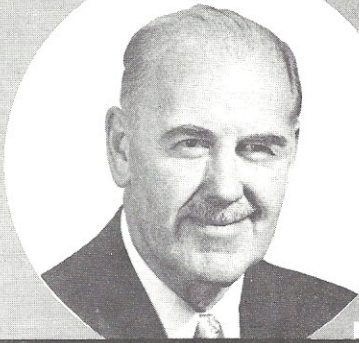
It certainly doesn't have the glamor of the Orient Express or other famous international rail lines, but the streetcars do provide daily service between downtown El Paso, Texas, and the City of Juarez, Mexico. Operating on a loop-shaped line nearly 3.1 miles in length, the streetcars run every four minutes during rush hours and every six minutes at other times. Hours of operation are from 5:15 a.m. to midnight.

The fare from the U.S. to Mexico is 10 cents and it is 15 centavos (1.2 cents U.S.) for the return. Fares are collected in separate fare boxes.

When crossing the Santa Fe bridge into the U.S., all passengers must leave the streetcar to go through the U.S. Immigration Service check. After declaring their citizenship and paying duty on various articles purchased in Mexico, passengers reboard the streetcar and continue on their way.

Local transit service across the Mexican border started in 1889. Mule cars which originally served the route were replaced by electric streetcars in 1902. Starting in 1943, buses were phased in on all other streetcar routes throughout the city. Streetcar service on the international route was resumed only last month after operations were suspended for over a year while the Mexican Electricity Commission installed new underground electrical cables along the route.

The mainstay of the international service is a fleet of 18 PCC streetcars obtained secondhand from the San Diego system in 1954.



## Medically Speaking

by Dr. George H. Irwin

**DRUG ABUSE** is an appropriate subject for this page in Transit News at this time because the much publicized, widespread, and alarming use of drugs has become a universal problem. It has been estimated that 1 out of 10 Americans has smoked pot.

The dictionary defines "abuse" as to use wrongly or improperly. There is a wide variety of drugs prescribed by physicians, from aspirin to narcotics, that are being used daily for good purposes. It is the misuse that is causing harm and concern. There is an old adage, "Fire is a good servant, but a poor master." Such a statement would rightly apply to the use of drugs. Drugs are very useful and needed servants when properly administered, but when abused and misused they can become a terrible, dominating, and controlling master.

According to the committee on alcoholism, drug dependence and mental health, some individuals feel compelled to abuse drugs as a way of life—a way to shut out the real world or enter a world of unreality.

Others, especially young people, may see drug abuse as an adventure—a road to supposedly new experiences.

For all of us, drug abuse is an expensive practice, millions of tax dollars are spent each year controlling abuse and treating persons who are dependent on drugs. Equally important, additional millions are lost by those who often unknowingly rob themselves of their ability to produce and earn and jeopardize their physical and mental health.

Many drugs can lead to addiction from abuse. Those most commonly abused fall into four major categories:

- (1) Narcotics (pain killers) such as morphine, codeine, and heroin.
- (2) Sedatives such as barbiturates, tranquilizers, and alcohol.

- (3) Stimulants, or pep pills, such as amphetamines.

- (4) Hallucinogens such as LSD and marijuana.

The narcotic group, which comes from the opium poppy, are sometimes prescribed to relieve pain. When these drugs are used the doctor tries to limit the amount and duration before the habit is formed.

The barbiturates, tranquilizers, and alcohol which also play an important part in medical practice, are usually referred to as sedatives and can be effective or helpful in treating epilepsy, insomnia, or emotional and mental illness. When taken in excess the habit or physical dependence is formed.

Stimulants or pep pills are sometimes prescribed for mild depressions, grief, and as short-term aids in weight control. They have been used by truck drivers to keep awake. Unfortunately, when the effect wears off one is more drowsy than before so the pill is repeated. Cocaine is in the group also.

The hallucinogens, which include LSD and marijuana, are never prescribed for any medical condition; strictly speaking, a hallucinogen is a drug that produces hallucinations. These drugs supposedly take one on a "trip" in another world. Objects take on new forms and new thoughts, one hears weird sounds or music and sees colors he never saw before. These are the drugs that may produce brain damage or injure hereditary genes.

The management or treatment of drug abuse is a very big problem. The individual doctor is not prepared to cope with drug addicts, certain clinics and agencies are best equipped for this.

Any individual may help prevent abuse if he never shares drugs with another person, even though he seems to have the same illness. Encourage everyone who is seeking information about drugs to see his own doctor.

The Beth Israel Medical Institute recommends a three-way operation to help these addicts:

- (1) An abstinence program.
- (2) The in-patient detoxification hospital service.
- (3) The ambulatory methadone (drug) maintenance program.

Occasionally one hears about a person who has "kicked" the habit by his own efforts; he fights a losing battle. The best bet is to seek help through educational and medical research institutions.

Finally, I urge everyone to avoid youth groups seeking drug information. Don't buy drugs over the counter and never take any drug without consulting your family doctor.

IT GOES without saying that cold weather forces many hardships on CTA personnel and riders alike, but it also presents unlimited opportunities for transit employees to perform seemingly small acts which win them the praise of passengers and improve CTA's image. Just how much a courteous or considerate act is appreciated is demonstrated by letters of commendation received from the public, several excerpts from which are printed here:

Elmer A. Malmin, Operator, Limits: "The driver was possibly the most courteous I have ever experienced. He was polite, answered questions in a very pleasant manner and drove the bus in a way which provided comfort and peace-of-mind to his passengers."

Nelson Swopes, Operator, Lawndale: "I was transferring at Diversey and although the Damen bus driver had a green light, he waited. I want him to know how much I appreciated this service."

George Clark, Conductor, Forest Park: "The way he announces every station so clearly and puts a little bit of his own personality in his job makes it most pleasant for someone who is going to work."

Samuel Janke, Operator, North Park: "I was sitting near the front of the bus so I couldn't help but notice his courtesy despite endless questions and extremely heavy traffic."

George W. Schletz, Operator, Beverly: "He is a kind and cheerful man, as well as a careful driver. It's so nice to know that people like that are still around."

Alvar Alsterlund, Operator, Forest Glen: "Arriving at Milwaukee and Montrose at 11:45 a.m., never have I seen traffic so heavy. I would like to commend bus driver #4210 for his skillful driving and his courtesy to everyone."

Alfred Lee, Operator, Limits: "He was efficient and courteous and especially considerate to the senior citizens, pulling up to the curb and lending a hand if they needed help on and off."

Lee E. Langham, Operator, 69th Street: "He had the green light and turned on 71st. When he saw the Western bus he waited to see if anybody got off and wanted to go west. I was very grateful that I didn't have to wait for the next bus, as it was very cold."

Louis Markowitz, Operator, Kedzie: "He is an excellent driver, as well as a courteous and considerate gentleman. I ride the bus often and am glad when he is the driver."

## OUR PUBLIC SPEAKS

Bernard Koniarski, Operator, North Park: "I thought it was very nice of him to stop and wait, it was very cold and windy and I am very grateful for his act."

John Andrews, Trainman, North Section: "I dropped a very important envelope into an inaccessible place at the South Boulevard station in Evanston. Your employee, John Andrews, recovered it for me. He was very kind, pleasant and polite."

Gustav Lemar Jr., Operator, Forest Glen: "He always waits for us if he sees that we missed the green light and then greets us with a big smile and a cheerful word or so. Never have we seen a more courteous bus driver."

Gerald V. Tamborrello, Ticket Agent, North Section: "On requesting travel information, I find him extremely kind, accurate, and helpful. He is always in a friendly mood."

Frederick Pepke, Operator, Limits: "He is the perfect example of what a bus driver should be like. He cheers you and always greets you with that warm, friendly smile. While riding on his bus you never once feel insecure."

Louis Grant, Operator, Keeler: "He deserves recognition for his patience, understanding and helpfulness, and is a credit to the CTA for the way he handles situations that arise."

Aaron Amos, Operator, North Avenue: "To sum it up, he is all things a good employee should be: efficient, courteous, and helpful to any and all of the passengers who board his bus."

Kenneth L. Simpson, Operator, 52nd Street: "Even though this young man was busy with watching the change box and issuing transfers, he was most polite and informative."

John Kolon, Information Clerk, Travel Information: "I appreciated his patience and helpfulness."

Parnell D. Anderson, Operator, Forest Glen: "He is courteous and pleasant to all passengers. He greets them as they enter and wishes them a pleasant day when they get off and is always helpful in answering any questions."

Herbert Dillard, Conductor, Dan Ryan: "I was impressed by his clear enunciation and sincerity in announcing train stops and information."

Romuald J. Howard, Operator, 77th Street: "He is well known for his morning welcome, his concern for others, and his kindness in giving information and perfect directions when needed."

# THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (General) -

The personnel of all sections of the Accounting Department had small group Christmas luncheons in restaurants of their choice, and from the reports received, they enjoyed the food and getting together for Christmas...KEN McNEELY, CHUCK DAVIS, JOE LAZZARA, and PHYLLIS WHITE enjoyed vacations around home making preparations for the Christmas and New Year holidays...ANN ANGST is in Hawaii enjoying the sunshine, and when she returns we will get her story...RITA DEAKIN spent two wonderful weeks touring the 50th State of Hawaii. The weather was ideal; it only rained pineapple dew and the temperature is always between 75 and 80 degrees. As Christmas was only a few weeks away, trees were decorated a little differently from the traditional trees in Chicago. The Japanese Pine, which looks very artificial, is decorated with paper pineapples. Children visit Santa in the department stores in their bathing suits. Poinsettia grow in all the gardens by the thousands. Though the snow is missing, it still feels like Christmas in Hawaii. She and her companion were able to spend two nights in the "Presidential Suite" at the Royal Hawaiian hotel because no other rooms were available. The highlight of the tour was a helicopter ride over the Wailua Canyon on the Island of Kauai...The personnel of the Accounting Department wish to congratulate WILLIAM B. FOLTA on his promotion to general accountant, replacing A. J. FITZSIMONS who retired November 1...Congratulations and a welcome to HAROLD F. BROWN on his promotion as assistant general accountant... MAURICE H. BALLESTRO, transfer counter, West Shops, was 65 years old on December 29 and his daughter-in-law presented him with a new grandson on the same day. Mr. Ballestro, who resides in Cartersville, Illinois, retired on January 1. Best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

- Jeanne Fitzgerald

## (Tabulating) -

Henrici's was the place selected by the Key Punch Department for their annual Christmas party. This year the hostess was Mrs. BARBARA DEN HAMER.

- Evelyn Leu

## (Payroll) -

All Payroll personnel were quite busy preparing for the Christmas "Holidaze", so no one had time for travels or vacations at this time. However, they did enjoy a lovely Christmas luncheon at the M&M Club on December 17 and had many chuckles when they opened the "grab bag" gifts under their tree on Christmas eve. Best wishes are extended to all for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

- Clara Lawrence

## BEVERLY -

Thanks to Pensioner BERNIE ZESCH and his wife for the Christmas mass card and letter...Glad to hear from Pensioner BILL RADLOFF. Thanks for the poem, Bill, you sure know how to rub it in on all of us that are still

here...We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Superintendent JOHN FARRIS who went to his eternal reward, and to Operator FRANK BLACK in the loss of his son...The office force is in bad shape with Chief Clerk CHARLES KARSCHNICK, Clerks JOHN KIRBY and OZZIE GRIGALUNAS all on vacation...Supervisor JACK CLAYTON will be taking his pension soon. John was always a good friend, one to know and respect...On the sick list are Operators BOB LEWIS, CHARLES GILTMEIR, and JOHN RYAN.

Your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER, just returned from Jamaica. I had to try those Tower Tornadoes that Operator WEATHERS told me about. I also spent some time in Atlanta, Georgia, and I must say it is a swinging town...Operator LEROY LILLY has returned to work after his tour of the states. He has visited 43 of them and has 7 more to go. He also brought some raw cotton back from Mississippi. Operator BANKS took one look at it and started to cry...My daughter, BRENDA FOSTER, celebrated her 14th birthday January 19. She is trying to catch up with me... Our basketball team is at it again, so check the bulletin board and get out and support the team...I am leaving for Memphis, Tennessee, and hope to see you all next month... We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is looking forward to a prosperous new year.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

## CLAIM -

We're starting our New Year on a rather sad note as one of our favorite people, GRACE JOHNSON, is retiring at the end of January. We know that Grace is very happy about retiring but we will miss her happy smile. She has been with the company for 43 years. Grace and her husband, WALTER (who is also retiring from the company after 42 years), will live in Antioch, Illinois. They have no definite plans right now as to what they will be doing, but they know they have a lot of work in store for them due to their moving. We sincerely wish Grace and Walter the best of everything in their retirement...On a happier note we would

WEDDING BELLS rang on October 31 for Mr. and Mrs. CLARENCE CRAWLEY at St. Leonard's Catholic church. The bride, the former LOIS POTTS, and her husband, both employed in the Claim Department, honeymooned in New Orleans and Florida.





like to extend a warm welcome to JOHN SMITH and DAN SULLIVAN, two new men who recently joined our department...DIANE RITROVATO would like to thank all of the people who donated to the Angel Guardian Orphanage fund. It made the children's Christmas a little happier...MARY TRAXLER would also like to thank all of the people who donated canned goods for the poor at Christmas...MIKE McDERMOTT, our superintendent, is a grandfather again, this time it's a baby girl, IRENE MARIE, born December 16, 1970. It makes him a grandpa for the sixth time... RUTHIE KAMINSKI, your co-reporter, and her husband, KEN, had a fantastic vacation in California and Las Vegas, Nevada. We are happy to note they broke even in Las Vegas. According to Ruthie, the highlight of their vacation was Disneyland where she got to meet Mickey Mouse in person.

- Ruth Kaminski & Terri Kramer

**ELECTRICAL (General Office) -**

MARIE HAVLIK and her sister, RUTH, of the Schedule Department, enjoyed a pre-Christmas holiday in Mexico. While in Mexico City they visited the Museum of Anthropology, attended a folklore ballet at the Palace of Fine Arts, and rode the new subway trains. Marie reports that the quiet trains are equipped with rubber-tired wheels, are very fast, and are popular with the people. They traveled by bus to Acapulco, stopping at Cuernavaca and Taxco where they purchased some lovely pieces of silver jewelry. From the balcony of their room in the Hilton hotel in Acapulco, they had a beautiful view of the beach and ocean as well as the outdoor swimming pool surrounded by gracefully landscaped gardens. They listened to Mariachi bands, shopped in the markets, and watched processions to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They flew home with fond memories of sunny beaches, sparkling Christmas lights, and warm breezes blowing through the palm trees... The Electrical Department's Christmas tree is packed away for another year and the "sweet table" has long since been depleted. We would like to thank the wives and mothers of our co-workers who gifted us with their homemade specialties. The cakes, cookies, and candies were delicious. So to Mrs. R. BIENIASZ, G. CHRISTENSEN, J. CHWISTEK, P. CLEAVER, J. HARTL, G. MATEJOVSKY, K. MKOTA, M. RICKSON, H. SMITH, R. SWINDELL, T. SZEWC, and L. WIKSTEN, you would all get our vote in any bake-off contest...MARGARET KINSEY, MARIE HAVLIK, BERNADETTE KIZIOR, SANDY PFEIFFER, and KAY McALISTER celebrated the holidays with a luncheon in the Sample Room of the Mart...Best wishes to all for good health and peace in the New Year.

- Kay McAlister

**(Blue Island) -**

Well, here it is 1971 and we find another of our co-workers taking his pension. AMOS SMITH retired on January 1 and will make his home along the banks of the Kankakee river in Momence, Illinois...It was nice to hear from three pensioners, JOE NAGRODSKI in Southern Illinois, FRANK CORRIGAN in Central Illinois, and ARVIN WILMONT in Florida...Sorry to hear that GILBERT ANDREWS had a slight heart attack. Gil is now convalescing at Swedish Covenant hospital...We had a nice southern breakfast Christmas eve morning consisting of eggs, sausage, grits, coffee, muffins, homemade peach and strawberry preserves, and tomato juice. Thanks to HANK GABAUER

PICTURED HERE is Airman First Class CARL L. WISINSKI, the son of Forest Glen Operator and Mrs. HENRY F. WISINSKI. Carl, a graduate of Weber High school, attended Lewis Technical Institute in Lockport, Illinois, before entering the air force. He is now stationed at Clark Air Base in the Philippines as an aircraft mechanic.



and BILL REHDER. No matter how you wanted your eggs, they always seemed to turn up scrambled. Next year SAM CHARLETON has volunteered to be the cook...A very happy retirement to JOHN (The Silver Fox) DARCY. No question as to what John will be doing, as he is quite a traveler. Off sick as of this writing are JOE HERMAN, ROMAN PRIESBE, CHARLES MULBRANDON, and JAMES MURPHY. I am sure these men would appreciate a visit, card, or telephone call...On vacation at this time is JACK BECKER...Well, I have tried to put together a little column, but I am sure that with a little help from the line department, construction gang, substation maintenance, substation operators, and Chicago Avenue, we could put a full page out. So let's start in 1971. WRITE!

- William Rehder

**ENGINEERING -**

Congratulations to CHESTER (Rusty) RUSAKIEWICZ on the arrival of a new grandchild. A baby girl was born on December 5 weighing 8 pounds 14 ounces and will answer to the name of JACQUELINE MARIE. The mother, FLORENCE ANN PIONKE, is the step-daughter of Rusty. Congratulations on your fourth grandchild, Rusty...Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. CALVIN POLLARD on the arrival of a baby girl on December 11 weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces. Calvin is an instrumentman in the Structural Design Section...A warm welcome is extended to two new draftsmen, BERT ROSALES and ABEL GOVEA, who recently joined the Engineering Department. We all wish both men much luck and happiness in their new endeavors...A warm welcome is extended to JOANNE BOETTIN, Real Estate Division, a temporary clerk-steno taking the place of ROBERTA STEWARD who transferred to the Transportation Department. Good luck to both girls on their new positions...Congratulations to EDWARD BECKER who retired on January 1 after 29 years of service. Ed was a survey party chief in the Structural Design Section. Best of luck and good wishes are extended to him from all of the engineering employes...BILL HUTCHINGS, drafting section, took the state examination for his architect license. From now until he learns the results of the test, he is at a disadvantage at work. He claims he finds it difficult to draw while fingers on both hands are crossed. Best of luck, Bill, hope you pass with flying colors...Do you remember a few months back when I announced that JOE URBASZEWSKI was the proud godfather of 18 guppies?

Well, the present count is now 11. I think the new mama gets awfully hungry now and then. The weekend of December 19 one guppy just got up and passed away. I have a strange feeling there's a lot of malnutrition going on in that fish bowl...Sorry to report that there's no news from the drafting section girl-watchers. Nevertheless, they promised to study real hard for next month's issue and give us a full report on the latest fashions and fads. Until then, keep them guessing girls!

**(West Shops) -**

Superintendent A. W. MALMQUIST, Track Department, recently celebrated his 25th anniversary by taking his lovely wife, HELEN, out to dinner. He said he was able to stay married that long because he did what his wife told him to do. Smart man...We had several deaths in families of CTAers this time. Our condolences to Labor Foreman ROCKY FERRARO whose brother-in-law died recently; to Tinner ADDY JOYCE who lost his father, and to Boiler Maintenance Man JOE FLYNN whose daughter, ELLEN MARIE, died two weeks after premature birth...We also had several births in CTA families this time. Surveyor CALVIN POLLARD's wife recently gave birth to a baby girl, and the proud papa passed cigars out. The wife of E. ZABIELSKI, carpenter, had a baby boy; they already have two girls...We welcome back Trackman DAN RENO who has been off for five months after suffering three heart attacks...There are a few changes that have taken place in the Track Department recently. Track Foreman CHARLIE DUNKINS, who used to handle the Dan Ryan line, will be found on the North Side in the spot CHESTER LASKOWSKI took his retirement from on January 1. And moving into Charlie's spot is Track Foreman BARNEY MOORE. Sorry to lose you in the office, Charlie, and welcome to the office, Barney, and good luck to Chester who has always been referred to as the mayor of the North Side...Bricklayer PAT DOYLE is glad to have his sprightly little seven year old son home from the hospital after breaking a leg while playing football...Assistant Bricklayer Foreman CHARLIE SCHREY is back from a two-week vacation in Arizona. He is beautifully tanned and looking more chipper than ever after surveying the property he will live on when he retires. He also spent some time with his daughter who recently purchased a home in Arizona...Electrician JOE CHRISTOI spent a week's vacation at home cleaning up his basement in preparation for a whopping big Christmas eve party. Joe said that just on his wife's side there were more than 70 grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were all in attendance at the affair. Mama Mia! That's-a-spicy-meatball!..The Division 241-CTA basketball league has gotten underway with our team playing two games and losing both to Kedzie Depot, 49-32 and 38-34, which were very close. Members of the team are: BUD GRAVES, JIM PERSON, EDDIE RICHARDSON, DON TILLERY, H. D. HERRING, JOE HILL, and JIM BEATTY. Anyone desiring to challenge them should contact Jim Beatty at ext. 416 West...Good luck to two more fellows who are retiring January 1, EDDIE BECKER, surveyor foreman, and JOE (Smoky) MARTELLO, carpenter...Your co-reporter, MARY GALLON, spent her Christmas holidays in St. Louis, Missouri, enjoying herself immensely despite the mishap of car trouble on the way back, which certainly could have been worse. She also wishes to thank all of those responsible in helping Santa Claus provide such lovely Christmas gifts for her.

- Carol Bradac & Mary Gallon



THE HAPPY bride and groom are ROBERT and KATHLEEN HARTZ who were united in holy matrimony on August 15 at St. Stanislaus Kostka church. The bride is the former KATHY SZATKOWSKI of the Public Information Department.

**FOREST GLEN -**

Happy New Year to all...Mr. and Mrs. ED KRUSER celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on January 23. Their children surprised them with a lovely dinner and dance party...By the way, men, have you noticed the big smile on PHIL MANGAN? Well, it's because of his Christmas present. I understand his lovely mother was finally able to make him happy. He is now the president of his own railroad. So from here on in, I believe the CTA will have a run for their money. If some of you men are not acquainted with Phil, you will find him at the clerk's window in the p.m. Thanks, Phil, you will be a great help to "Wilbur." Maybe you can give us a little inside dope on the boys, so please keep your ears open...Another of our outstanding clerks is HERBIE SCHMIDT who just celebrated 37 years of happiness. His wife has been able to put up with him this long, so she's going all the way now. Oh yes, Schmidt is a grandfather for the second time...Mr. and Mrs. BILL LYNAM celebrated their 39th year of love. Bill says the old gal looks as good as the day he married her. Well, that's love...A happy but belated birthday to GEORGE DEARMAN who celebrated his birthday on the finest day of the year--Christmas. Well, George, you may be able to guide the world to peace...Our hearts go out to E. STOBART on the loss of his lovely wife...Now that the Christmas season is over many of us are left with a few bills, so don't hesitate to drop in at our credit union for help...Let's work for a better record this year, men, and try to place Forest Glen on the top. Remember the ones who ride your bus pay your salary. Let's give them service, a smile, a thank you, and a second or more of waiting. It will go a long way. This is your life line, so let's all pull together.

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

**GENERAL OFFICE (Treasury) -**

It was good to see the smiling face of CHARLIE ABT, who came back to work after a long siege of illness...Well-come to the department as a token clerk was DENNIS MURPHY who came from Traffic Planning.

**(Law) -**

Good wishes for a happy retirement go to MARGARET CEPEK, secretary to the general attorney, who will take her pension on February 1 after 25 years of service. An open house was held on January 29 and all of her friends wished her good health and happiness.

## INSIDE NEWS

### (Office Services) -

JOHN PHILLIPS, mail clerk, returned to work after surgery...ROY COLCORD flew to Tallahassee, Florida, for the New Year holidays to visit with his sister. He sure hated to come back to this freezing weather... JOHN SCHWARTZ was appointed co-ordinator of Office Services. Congratulations, John, you sure are getting up in this world of ours.

### (Insurance) -

SANDY MATUSZEWSKI became Mrs. KEVIN BARRETT on December 14. Kevin formerly worked in the Stores Department and resigned recently to join the Chicago Fire Department...CAROL ARNDT paid us a visit during the holidays to enjoy the Christmas party given by the department...DICK REDDING was surprised by a visit from his laughter, SUE, and her husband and son who drove in from Frazier, Michigan, for the holidays. Sue and her husband are former employees of CTA...JEANINE GERARD was installed as an officer in the Eastern Stars Englewood Chapter on December 1 at the Lawn Masonic temple. Congratulations!

### (Medical) -

REGGIE DAREN's twin sister, RITA WISNIEWSKI, who formerly worked in the Claim Department for 18 years, paid her a visit along with her husband from Alameda, California. They flew in to see the snow for the holidays but were disappointed and left before we got the snow-storm. She certainly hasn't changed in her style and habits. It was good seeing you again, Rita, it brought back many old memories...ROSEMARY SIKIERSKI, formerly known to us as Nurse ROSEMARY BECKER, paid us a visit during the holidays with her daughter. They both looked good and in fine shape.

### (Training & Accident Prevention) -

This Christmas was made a little bit happier for 135 teenage orphans at Angel Guardian Orphanage. Thanks to the help and enthusiasm of KATHY FABRY of Training & Accident Prevention, SUE STENZEL and CAROL CHOPP of Employee Relations, DIANE and ROSEMARIE RITROVATO of Claim, and PAT FLYNN of Engineering, who collected \$150 in donations from members of the various departments. In all, 135 presents were bought, wrapped, and delivered to the orphanage and distributed to the teenage orphans. As a result, everyone involved felt this Christmas meant something really special...ART HUBACZ and his family celebrated Christmas in the old Polish tradi-

tional way: all kinds of goodies, but no meat or fowl. It was so traditional that it was written up in the North Chicago Journal. Well, now is the time for Art to start the New Year off right. He was seen on the scale weighing in and I wonder if that is a hint of one of his New Year's resolutions...WALT GARBUTT and his wife spent the Christmas holidays in Colorado with their daughter and son-in-law. Everything went fine until it came time to come home when all flights from Denver to Chicago were cancelled because of the bad weather. Even this wasn't bad until the restaurants at the airport ran out of food. But as Walt said, "I didn't mind--I wanted to go on a diet anyway.".. Mrs. J. SNYDER celebrated her first anniversary in the department...Mrs. WILLIAM CLINE, in her first Christmas as a wife, said it was the best Christmas she ever had...BRUCE JOHNSON, the son of FRANK A. JOHNSON, superintendent of Training, Employment and Accident Prevention, is with the transportation corps in the Mekong Delta. Bruce helps to guard the port as well as supervise the loading and unloading of ships in the harbor, and at all times keeps a watchful eye out for any Viet Cong who might be trying to infiltrate the area. Since Bruce left for Viet Nam about ten days before Christmas, the Johnsons had an early holiday...MARY CLARKE, former supervisor in the department, made her annual Christmas visit. The consensus of opinion is that retirement is certainly agreeing with her...JOANNE BOURNE, former clerk-stenographer, gave birth to a 7 pound 11 ounce baby girl on January 5... Your co-reporters wish to thank General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR for the beautiful portfolio given to us at Christmas. It will go to good use.

### (Property) -

BONNIE KLETZKE spent her Christmas vacation in California. She probably visited Disneyland to obtain an autograph from Mickey Mouse...JAMES BARATTA vacationed during the same period and visited relatives and friends out West...PAT CLIFFORD played Santa Claus to his scout troop during the holidays...HAROLD BURDA received over 500 cigars from Santa. No shortage there... Grandpa BOLAND entertained his family at home for the holidays and almost ran out of chairs.

### (Research & Planning) -

The holiday season is a time to get together with friends and relatives and many in R/P did just that. HERMAN ANDERS' grandsons flew in from Florida and his son and daughter-in-law came in from Flagstaff, Arizona. Herman said the house was in a slight turmoil at times, but no one cared because they were happy to be together. The kids kept him busy and sometimes he came to work a little tuckered out. Like we keep telling you, Herman, you're getting in that upper age bracket and can't keep up with those youngsters anymore...The FRANK MISEKS also had company over the holidays. They started with about 25 people for Christmas dinner and kept on going right to the new year. That's the reason he took his vacation that week, to recover from all the celebrating...STEVE LEGLER, along with his family, was in Minnesota visiting with his parents for the holidays. Steve looks forward to his trips back home, he only wishes he could stay longer...While all of us were watching the Rose Bowl game on our TV sets at home, FRANK IACONO Jr., the son of GRACE and FRANK IACONO, was lucky enough to see the real thing. He boarded a 747 with his grandparents and was on his way. The Rose Bowl parade was really spectacular, only to be topped by the game itself. The whole trip was a new



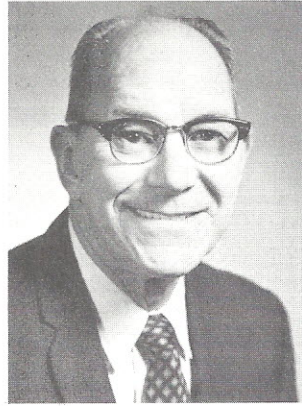
POSING POOLSIDE, like a future "Miss America," is little BECKY LAST who enjoyed a vacation in sunny Florida. Becky's father, CLIFFORD LAST, is a bus operator at Forest Glen Station.

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on January 1 were the six employes pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.

# NEW PENSIONERS



**M. J. O'CONNOR**  
45 Years



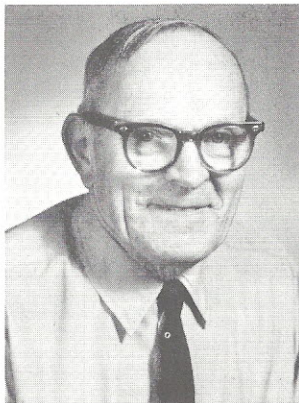
**C. E. KOPP**  
45 Years



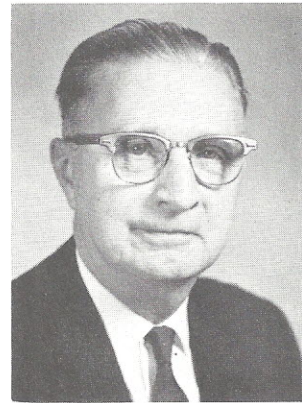
**J. MARTELLO**  
44 Years



**L. J. BIEN**  
42 Years



**J. A. HOLAKOVSKY**  
41 Years



**C. H. KEENAN**  
41 Years

HERMAN A. AMBOS, Bus Repairer,  
North Park, Emp. 11-26-42  
MAURICE H. BALLESTRO, Transfer Counter,  
Accounting, Emp. 10-10-42  
EDWARD J. BECKER, Survey Party Chief,  
Engineering, Emp. 7-16-41  
LEO J. BIEN, Supt. of Agents & Janitors,  
Lake & Jefferson Park, Emp. 12-27-28  
JOHN D. BUTLER, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 1-4-46  
HAROLD W. FINLEY, Car Serviceman,  
Wilson Shops, Emp. 9-17-46  
FRANK GIANCOLA, Gateman,  
North Section, Emp. 11-22-41  
JOHN A. HOLAKOVSKY, Motorman,  
West Section, Emp. 5-23-29  
CHARLES H. KEENAN, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 2-20-29  
ALBERT J. KIESLING, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 8-26-42  
CHARLES E. KOPP, Motorman,  
Kimball, Emp. 11-23-25  
JOHN S. KOZLOWSKI, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 11-25-42  
EDWIN W. LAGERSTROM, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 3-27-34  
CHESTER F. LASKOWSKI, Section Foreman,  
Engineering, Emp. 6-18-36  
JOSEPH MARTELLO, Carpenter "A",  
Engineering, Emp. 5-5-26  
FREDERICK C. McCOY, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 10-31-42  
NICHOLAS NAUERT, Janitor,  
Kedzie, Emp. 4-14-43  
MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, Superintendent,  
South Section, Emp. 6-13-25  
WILLIAM J. ROACH, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 3-27-34  
JOHN S. SLATINSKY, Carpenter "A",  
South Shops, Emp. 9-18-39  
AMOS E. SMITH, Electrician,  
Electrical, Emp. 12-28-45  
SALVATORE J. VALLONI, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 10-24-42  
GEORGE WALKER, Laborer,  
South Shops, Emp. 3-13-51

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

HARRY F. HOSANG, Laborer,  
Stores, Emp. 8-8-41  
DANIEL A. MOLINARE, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-14-43  
EDWIN H. PLATH, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 10-5-40  
JAMES SYLVESTER, Bus Repairer,  
Keeler, Emp. 10-18-44  
THOMAS WITHERS, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 11-29-56

## INSIDE NEWS

experience for Frank including the ride on the jumbo jet. From what Grace has told us, he is still talking about his escapades. Glad you had a nice time, Frank...Welcome to RON LUCZAK who is now supervisor of project liaison in R/P. Also, congratulations to STEVE LEGLER on his promotion to senior transit planner...R/P is going to start a miniature hockey team featuring BILL GOODWIN's daughters, MICHELLE and CATHY, and GEORGE MACAK's son, CHUCKY. We're recruiting now and should have our whole team in no time at all. Bill might consent to be manager because he's such a hockey nut. Both dads have been taking their kids skating. George hasn't tried the ice out--says he just likes to observe. He has more fun watching his little boy out on the ice than Chuck probably has himself. Bill wanted to get in on the act and tried skating. His daughters had a ball with their new skates but old dad had to get off because he was trying it without skates...JOHN O'CONNOR and his son, DENNIS, gave their new pool table a workout when they filled one of their holidays with 10 or 12 hours of pool with our British turnstile engineer, TERRY COLLINS, and his wife, CHRIS. Terry is in Chicago to commission another 65 turnstiles for CTA.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

### LAWNDALE -

Since I last reported to you it seems as though the Christmas presents really did flow in. LEON RICHMAN was treated to several nice gifts from his passengers on his Taylor-Sheffield run, and STANLEY HYERCZYK seemed to survive the Yuletide Season coming into the station several days straight with one or two gifts under his arms from his Blue Island-26th passengers...Lawndale is mourning the recent passing of Station Superintendent JOHN FARRIS who departed this earth on December 26. We extend our deepest sympathy to his immediate family and friends...LESTER MORTON considers himself the best golfer at Lawndale, and since the golfing season is approaching very rapidly, Lester has put out a challenge to JOHN PATER and EARL WASHINGTON, both of Lawndale, to meet him on the first tee...We had a few men under the weather through the holidays. They were W. HALLA, R. JONES, A. ADAMS, R.

CHESTER LASOWSKI, Engineering Department section foreman, is shown receiving his retirement portfolio from Superintendent of Engineering E. E. OLMSTEAD at an open house, December 30, in the Wilson Avenue Carpenter Shop. Chester retired on January 1 after 34 years of service.



JENKINS, and S. PERRY. We're wishing these men a speedy recovery...ED McDERMOTT, H. COX, G. WOODS, G. BRICHACEK, and M. KARIOLICH all enjoyed a New Year vacation...We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family of EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI on the recent passing of his brother-in-law...A hearty happy birthday to the following personnel: C. KASAL, G. O'DONNELL, O. LENOIR, T. BUTLER, B. DAVIS, F. HRUBY, G. BROWN, A. PATTERSON, B. COOPER, D. PAPA, R. BRAXTON, H. REDDICK, R. LUCAS, R. SMITH, W. CHRISTIAN, G. MALARZ, F. DOWNEY, E. RIHA, R. BRUCE, T. HOUSTON, N. BROWN, J. PENDLETON, J. JAMISON, M. KARIOLICH, C. ADAMS, J. BURRIS, E. BENN, and T. JACKSON...Say, fellows, don't forget that Valentine's day is next month. Remember that special young lady...See you next month.

- James Marshall

### KEDZIE -

Now that the holidays are over, we can all get back to normal. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...Congratulations to Operator J. J. STACK who took his pension and started his new role as a senior citizen. Now you'll have time to do all the things you have always wanted to do...It's always a pleasure to check for our runs in the morning as Clerks CLARK and J. BLAKE always have some kind of a comment to make. I wonder who writes their material?...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator M. GILMARTIN whose brother, T. GILMARTIN, passed away. He lived in Crystal Lake...To all the operators on the sick list, I hope by the time this issue is out, you will be well on the road to recovery or back to work...Don't forget our credit union, save a little each payday!

- Raymond Graham

### LIMITS -

The Limits Credit Union business meeting and party was well attended on January 17. All members are requested to send or bring in their passbooks so that the interest can be entered in...The beautiful Christmas decorations that adorned Limits Station during the holiday season were put up by Operators WENZEL and PEISKAR. Thank you, men...Congratulations to MARIE McDANIEL, the daughter of Operator WILLIE McDANIEL, who will enter into training with TWA airlines as a stewardess upon her graduation from Loyola university...Supervisor PAUL KADOWAKI and his family have returned from a delightful vacation down around the Gulf of Mexico. Paul reports that he caught a 40-pound fish while on a deep sea fishing trip...Retired District Superintendent JOHN JACOBY and his dear wife spent the holidays with their son, JOHN JACOBY Jr., and his family. Young John is a bus operator at North Park Station...PHILLIP HUBER, a retired bus operator from Limits, was recently united in marriage to a lovely bride by the name of ANNE. They met while attending the Moody Memorial church. Their reception was held at the Merrimac Senior Citizens Club, Merrimac Park. Congratulations and best wishes to this fine couple...Instructor JAMES BROGAN and his family returned from a wonderful vacation down in sunny Arizona...Among those on the sick list at this time are Operators PRADZINSKI, FRANK ROBINSON, and NEWTON MYERS, and Supervisor GEORGE WICKMAN. We wish you men a speedy recovery...DAN

## INSIDE NEWS

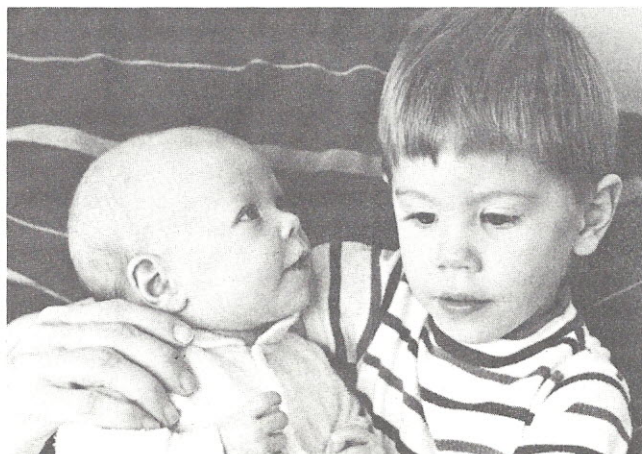
O'LEARY, BOB MORRISON, and Instructor JIM HENDERSON are now back on the active list after a siege of illness. ..Instructor MARVIN KOCAR did a fine job instructing the men at Limits in the use of the telephones which are being installed in the buses...Our sincerest sympathy to Pensioner WILLIAM TOBIN in the loss of his dear wife.

- R. S. Benson

### LOOP -

We hope all our readers had a wonderful holiday. Your co-reporter, MILDRED DOYLE, had a marvelous Christmas. It was a joy to watch eight grandchildren open gifts and stare in wide-eyed wonder at the tree with its bright lights and glittering ornaments. The two one-year old boys were a special delight to watch as they squealed with joy over each toy received. The WIXTED family had a wonderful Christmas also at the home of your co-reporter, MARY WIXTED...Belated birthday wishes to Student Agent FRED TRIEM November 26, and to Pensioned Janitor PETE NAUGHTON December 20...MARY GALLAGHER spent her Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays on the Emerald Isle with her family. You lucky girl, Mary...Agent FRED FRIEB and his wife, BETTY, helped celebrate the first birthday of their grandson, MARC, on December 13. Fred's son, RAY, and his lovely wife, SANDY, are now living in McHenry, Illinois...Clerk JOE MARKOS was seen carrying six or seven umbrellas under his arm as he passed through one of the stations. Perhaps Joe wants to make sure the raindrops won't keep fallin' on his head, if so, you're certainly prepared, Joe...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD REDDING who celebrated their anniversary on December 18. Mrs. Redding is a former ticket agent and now working in the Claim Department at the Mart. Mr. Redding is with CTA Pension Department...Retired Collector SPIRO LAMBROS is still enjoying life as a pensioner. For the past year, he hasn't had to worry about the clock ringing, and has really been enjoying the spare time he spends with his grandchildren. Spiro and his wife celebrated their anniversary in November. Congratulations, and may you enjoy many more years together...MARGIE WHITE, retired agent now living in Ireland, sends best wishes to all her friends for a very Happy New Year...STEVE CUNNINGHAM, janitor and Loop gang leader, is

LITTLE FIVE-week old STEPHEN MAY is being held by his two-year old big brother, PAUL, and seems to be enjoying every minute of it. Stephen and Paul are the grandsons of Superintendent GEORGE MAY, Limits Station.



still on sick leave. We hope he will soon be back on the job and in good health. Janitor CASTELLINO is recovering from a recent heart attack in Edgewater hospital. Best wishes for a quick recovery to both of you...Collector KAULIS is back from his Las Vegas vacation and feeling quite chipper. He didn't break the bank, but says he didn't leave any of his money behind. In fact, he left with a little more than he went with. Good boy, Kaulis...MARY STAN-CZEK was in the hospital for surgery. We hope at this writing she is well on the road to complete recovery...We are anxiously awaiting the return of LOUISE DREWS who has been ill...Our sincerest sympathy is extended to MONICA LEMPKE and MARION KAAD on the death of their sisters...Student Agent FRED TRIEM had a seven-day holiday so he flew to Washington, D.C., and then on to New York where he visited Columbia university's College of Physicians and Surgeons. Fred has plans to attend medical school when he receives his Ph.D. at the University of Illinois...If you are looking for a really lovely poncho, sweater, hat, scarf, or vest, check with MORA HAASE. Mora does lovely work and is quite reasonable...Switchman HANK OLWIG, Douglas terminal, and his family spent their vacation in Deerfield, Florida, this year. They visited with BILL BARGHOLTZ and his wife, LORRETA. Bill asks to be remembered to all his old friends. Anyone planning a trip to Florida can look him up in Deerfield and he will be glad to see you and show you a good time...It is on a sad note that we bid a fond adieu to Superintendent LEO BIEN who retired on January 1. Mr. Bien was deeply respected by all who worked with him. We wish him a wonderful retirement filled with peace and contentment...Congratulations to ROZENDA MAXIE who will become Mrs. VAUGHN HAWKINS on April 17. The best of everything to the future bride and groom.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

### MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Superintendent LEO J. BIEN took his pension on January 1 after more than 40 years of service. We extend our most sincere wishes for many enjoyable years of relaxation. Jefferson Park, Lake Street, and the CTA are losing a valuable superintendent and a wonderful person...We welcome EDWARD MITCHELL, a former instructor and line supervisor, who replaced Mr. Bien. Superintendent BILL LIMANOWSKI, Congress and Douglas, was transferred to the North Side, and JIM ROBERTS will take his place. Former Line Supervisor FRENCHIE ELLIS will be the new relief superintendent. We wish them the best of luck and hope they enjoy their jobs...Your co-reporter, KATY MORIARTY, and her brothers and sisters are planning to send their parents to Ireland in June. It will be their first vacation in over 30 years...WILLA HAYWOOD became a grandma for the fourth time when her daughter, CHARMAINE BARBER, gave birth to a baby girl, CHANTE SHAVETTE, on November 15 weighing 5 pounds 6 ounces. The baby's father is stationed in Korea with the army...Janitor FRANK CULL would like to thank all the agents on the Kennedy line who helped to make his Christmas a merry one...CLEMANTINE BROWN was married to ROBERT OWENS on November 4 and took a short honeymoon to Detroit, Michigan, on December 24. Congratulations to the newlyweds...Congratulations are also in order for ROZENDA PATRICIA MAXIE who became engaged to VAUGHN EDWARD HAWKINS. The wedding is planned for April 17, 1971...ERIC DIXON, the son of DOLORES DIXON, is stationed in Viet Nam and

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SANDRA AND PETER SZATKOWSKI are pictured in front of the CTA bus that carried their family to Queen of the Apostles church, Riverdale, Illinois, where they were united in holy matrimony on November 29. Peter is the son of PETER SZATKOWSKI, Electrical Department, Rapid Transit Line Division. The bus operator is EDDIE DAPPEN, Limits Station.

called her on Christmas day. Dolores said that was the nicest Christmas present she ever received...TRACEY JENNIFER JONES, the daughter of Assignment Agent JACKIE and Trainman WILBUR JONES, spent her first Christmas and her first birthday, December 29, enjoying all her new toys. Tracey has found, after only two months of walking, that it is easier to ride her tricycle to get somewhere faster...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, had all four of her children and their families home for Christmas for the first time in 17 years. One daughter had to work and missed dinner...ALLEN BUTLER, age 10, the son of Assignment Agent LUDY BUTLER, had his lifelong dream come true on Christmas day when Santa brought him a Collie puppy. His mother was as excited as he was...BETTY RUSSO and LOUISE DREWS are still home recuperating and we are hoping to see them back soon...Former Student Agent BARB (Skinny) POSUCH spent her holidays in the hospital having her appendix removed...We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of MARIAN KAAD on the loss of her sister; to ALAN KERN on the loss of his father, and to RONALD WINSTON on the loss of his father...Janitor DON LIBERKO, West Section, claims he has never had his name in the Transit News, and has promised to give us the details on the next exciting thing that happens to him... You can contact your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, at Spaulding, Ext. 2519, Tuesday through Saturday, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., and give her all the news.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

### NORTH AVENUE -

A buddy and I visited Pensioner LARS PEARSON at Mountain Home, Arkansas. We took Route 66 most of the way and it was a beautiful drive. It is 575 miles to Lars' home. He has a lovely home and his own boat and trailer. We fished one of the lakes and didn't get a bite. The next five days we fished the White river and just about got our limit each day, bringing home a good catch of trout. The weather was nice, we had plenty of rest, and the meals were exceptionally good. Lars' better half, ANNA, prepared us some delicious meals for which we thank her. Lars is always happy to see his old friends if you are down that way. His address is 519 Russell street, Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653...Operator ARTHUR THIEL and his wife spent an enjoyable vacation visiting the Hawaiian Islands...Our congratulations to Pensioner ERVIN DIETZ and his wife, ERMA, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 7. They live at 706 North Taylor in

Oak Park...GEORGE E. MAY, the son of Superintendent GEORGE T. MAY, Limits Depot, passed the principal's exam for the Board of Education...We received some welcome letters from our pensioners. GUS MAY and his Mrs. send a hello to all their old friends. They are well and happy. ART and BETTY MOILANEN tell us the fishing is good at Lanse, Michigan. Art has been having some trouble with his back. Their address is now 120 E. Broad, Apt. 8, Lanse, Michigan 49946. Operator VIGGO WINDFELD sent us the address of Pensioner HANS HABBESTAD, Route 1, Box 180-P, Eatonville, Washington 98328. Hans sends greetings to all and would like to hear from his old friends. We were happy to hear from FLORENCE BLAKE, the widow of our old friend JERRY BLAKE. FRANK and MARIE COLEMAN's letter reminisced about old times...For lovely Christmas cards we thank Operators RICHARD SCHOLTENS, FLORIAN DWIEL, ARTHUR THIEL, EDWARD GUNDLACH, WALTER STRAUBING, and AARON AMOS; and Operators J. RICHARDSON, GUY DI MEO, and ROGER STEELE of Kedzie Depot. We also thank Pensioners BILL ECHOLS, VIGGO WINDFELD, E. DIETZ, JOE REINHART, BARNEY CALLAHAN, JOHN KULLOWITCH, GUSTAV MAY, JOHN SENKO, ARMIN KOEHN, LEO PLUSKOWSKI, FRANK COLEMAN, RUDY MAU, ERNEST BOCK, HAROLD (Frenchy) LEMIEUX, ART MOILANEN, LARS PEARSON, ELMER DEEGAN, JOE HIEBEL (former scribe), HUGH GARRY, and GEORGE JOHNSON. And last, but not least, Checker FRANK PONZIO, and Clerk ERNEST LOTITO of North Park garage...Pensioner WALTER KRUEGER and his wife would be happy to hear from their old friends. Their address is P. O. Box 43, Twin Lakes, Wisconsin 53181...The wife of Operator HERBERT JONES was in the hospital over Thanksgiving. We are sorry to report she may have to return, so how about some prayers for her complete recovery very soon...Pensioner HAROLD GERTZ passed away on December 1. Our seepest sympathy is extended to his family. "There, by His love o'ershaded, sweetly my soul shall rest"...If you haven't already done so at some time or other, you must go out and cut down your own Christmas tree. This is the advice of Switchboard Operator WALTER BLIX, who along with his better half and their daughter and son-in-law, sallied forth one Saturday and did just that. Of course if you go after a two day rainfall it makes it that much more fun (?). You wallow in mud that's well over your ankles, to say nothing of slipping and sliding in all the gooey stuff. Then there's also the chance of getting your car stuck about hubcap deep if you're not real careful. They came away with two of the best trees they have ever had and the fellows have told their wives, "Never again", at least not until next year. And now for more news from Walter, who sees all, hears all, and passes some of it on to us...Now that the holidays have passed into history, the fellows in the front office are going to miss all those goodies that they had before Christmas. It seems there was a steady stream of jelly rolls, sweet rolls, Italian pastries (thanks to the repair department), homemade cookies from VIRGINIA BLIX's kitchen (on three different occasions, no less), and then there was that enormous caddy of assorted cookies from one of the best kookie companies in the business (spelling it with a "K" should give you a hint as to the name of the company). For these, our thanks to the wife of Clerk ED (Volvo) WITEK. The homemade cookies were the ones that really spoiled District "C" Superintendent VIC LAULETTA. Again, our thanks to everyone, and needless to say we're all looking forward to next Christmas and another round of high-caloried days...We thought we knew all there was to

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know about the Florida vacation of Superintendent BILL MOSER and his family. Sorry you didn't get to Cuba, boss. After reading the recent column from Public Information, down at the Mart, we have been trying to put the following items together and come up with an answer; KATHY MOSER, "halo", "cloud nine", and "long-stemmed roses." It seems somebody is holding out on us. I wonder how we ever got scooped on that story?..Clerk TOM HICKEY would sure like to hop on that new bike that Santa left at his house and pedal all the way to work from Elmhurst just so he could thumb his nose at every gas station he passed. How about it, Mrs. HICKEY...We hope by this time that former Switchboard Operator CHARLEY SCHMIDT is out of the hospital and well on the road to recovery after a recent eye operation. This is also extended to the other fellows on our sick list, Superintendent FRANK BUETOW and Chief Clerk FRED MURBARGER. Remember them in your prayers. Thanks again, Walter, for your help with this column...New members of the Courtesy Caravan Club are Operators A. JENKINS, J. DUBIN, W. JOHNSON, B. WILLIAMS, O. JOLLEY, C. BISWURM, G. DE JESUS, M. LONGTIN, and N. GLENN. Let's all make an effort to be on the list...Winter's slippery weather is bad for driving, so drive carefully. Be extra watchful especially with the elderly when they are boarding and alighting...As I look back over this column, I realize the pensioners are the ones keeping me informed of the news. How about the rest of you?

- William Miedema

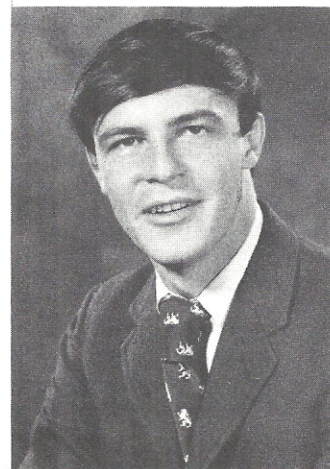
### NORTH PARK -

Operators: Let's all try to comply with our parking privileges. We are fortunate to have room for parking, and a little consideration of following the rules will be appreciated. Try and use your space only and park in the areas according to time schedules...Operator EDWARD BORDES retired on January 1 after 34 years of service. Ed was a night bus operator on Clark street and made many friends on the line. May his years of leisure living be long and enjoyable...Pensioner JOE LEHMANN of Port Arthur, Michigan, where he is engaged in truck farming, spent a week's vacation in Chicago and stayed at the home of Operator JIM and RITA DOLAN...Operator DALE GILMER and his wife, OPAL, traveled to Bold Knob, Arkansas, to visit Mr. and Mrs. ORTO WHITLEY. Next stop on the agenda was a visit to Long Beach, California, to visit Mr. and Mrs. WALTER HAMILTON, and then on to Sacramento to visit Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM BROWN. Dale reports that while fishing on the Sacramento river he caught a coho salmon weighing 22 pounds...Operator TED KINDERMAN and his wife, MARGE, visited their daughter, Mrs. PATRICIA GABBETT, and their granddaughter, MARGIE, who reside in Silver Springs, Maryland. The Kindermans celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas while there...Operator BURT SCHWARTZ and his wife, LINDA, and their son, SAMUEL, vacationed in New Orleans, Louisiana, where Linda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT ROBBINS, live. This was the Robbins' first visit with their grandson, Samuel, and Linda's grandmother, Mrs. SARAH KLEIN. Also on the agenda were several visits to the French Quarter...Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUSAN, drove to Bonita Springs, Florida, to visit with Pensioner CHARLES and ANNIE KERR. The next stop was Fort Lauderdale where the Hutnicks visited Pensioner JACK and WANDA KRAUSE who were most gracious hosts. The Hutnicks then boarded the M.S. Skyward for a cruise to San Juan, Puerto Rico, St.

Thomas, Virgin Islands, and the Island of Haiti. While in Puerto Rico the Hutnicks met Board Member FRANK LASKE and his wife, GERTRUDE, and had a most enjoyable day sightseeing with them...DANNY KNUDSEN, the son of Operator BILL KNUDSEN, was awarded his numerals for his participation as a member of the freshman football team at Hirsch High school...Operator CHARLEY KEMP and his son, GARY, bagged their limit of rabbit and pheasant while hunting at Kirksville, Illinois...JOE DAUGRID Jr., the son of Instructor JOE DAUGRID, finished his second year at Loyola university law school, while Joe's daughter, DEBBIE, enrolled at Southern Illinois university, where she will be majoring in art...Operator LEONARD WACHOWSKI and his wife and daughters, SANDY and DEBBIE, were cited and photographed in the Chicago papers for their part in obtaining furniture and clothing for the Bryon McDonald family who were burned out in a recent fire at their home. We at North Park extend our congratulations to the Wachowski family for their timely help to the McDonald family...JOHN STEINBEISS, the son of Instructor WALTER and MARY STEINBEISS, was inducted into the U.S. Air Force and is receiving his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas...Operators ARTURO RIVERA and MORT LIBERT have transferred to Skokie Shops and are very happy in their new positions... Mrs. FLORENCE YAWORSKI, the wife of Operator CAZ YAWORSKI, was seriously injured in an automobile accident and at this writing is hospitalized at St. Joseph's hospital in Elgin, Illinois. Our prayers are with you, Florence, for a complete recovery.

The Sambruca Club of Chicago held their annual dinner dance on Saturday, November 21, at the Chateau Royale. Chairman of the affair was Operator PAT SCIORTINO, assisted by Operators PETE MARCHISOTTO and JOE DE SPARTA. Division 241 President WARREN SCHOLL and his wife, HELEN, along with Mr. and Mrs. TONY BRUNO, Mr. and Mrs. DALE PETERS, Mr. and Mrs. JOE DI GIOVANNI, Mr. and Mrs. LE ROY CARR, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN ERICKSEN, Mr. and Mrs. EARNEST BUCHANAN, and Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE HUFF were among the honored guests and personnel of North Park who attended this gala event... Clerk WALTER RINGHOFF has resigned his position at CTA and is moving to Glendale, Arizona, where he will have new interests to keep him busy. We at North Park extend our best to Wally and wish him luck in his new enterprise...Pensioner JOHN JACOBY and his wife, BERTHA, left the warm weather of Scottsdale, Arizona, and returned

THIS YOUNG man is ROBERTSON WAYNE HARVEY, the son of Operator W. HARVEY, Limits Station. After having served two years in the armed forces, Robertson is now studying law at the University of Illinois.





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to Chicago to visit their son, JOHN Jr., and their many friends. While Jake had a grand time here, he was happy to board that 747 for the return trip home...Operator DICK GUSTAFSON and his wife, MERCEDES, became grandparents for the first time, when their daughter, Mrs. KAREN HAASE, gave birth to a daughter, MARY ANN, born on October 19 at Columbus hospital weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces...Happy anniversaries are extended to: Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUSAN, their 29th; Operator BOB WALTERS and his wife, DORCAS, their 34th; Operator ELI PESTINE and his wife, RUTH, their 38th; Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, their 32nd; Operator JOHN EISELT and his wife, LOUISE; Supervisor LARRY BENNETT and his wife, JULIA, their 30th; Operator DAVE ARREGUIN and his wife, THERESA, their 14th; Pensioner WALTER LINDEMANN and his wife, ELEANOR, their 13rd; Operator JIM HALL and his wife, VIRGINIA, their 20th, and Operator BILL HODGSON and his wife, LORRY, their 21st...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operator TIM MOYNIHAN, Mrs. EULALIE DOWEY, and Mrs. MARY HOLZMAN...Our sympathy is extended to the family of Operator HOWARD LYLE who passed away suddenly...Repair Department Chit Chat: Repairman DAN PRISBLE and his lovely wife enjoyed their second honeymoon with a fabulous trip to Hawaii...Benchman HERMAN AMBOS and his wife, EVELYN, spent a week's vacation at Powers Lake, Wisconsin, where their daughter, VERA, and her husband, EDWARD LASCO, live. Herman reports that the ice fishing was fair...Also enjoying vacations were the following: MIKE MUSIELSKI, BOB JOHNSON, FRANK SIBLEY, HOWARD HALVERSON, JIM KULCZYK, PAUL SCHREVES, JIM MARTIN, RAY LEONHART, GEORGE SERRITELLA, FRANK BUGLIO, GEORGE WITT, JOE MAREK, GENE DRZEWICKI, and EARNE LOTITO...Mrs. CHRISTINE PLUTA, the wife of Repairman TERRY PLUTA, gave birth to her second child, a son named JEFFERY SCOTT, who was born on December 8 at Gottlieb Memorial hospital weighing 10 pounds 7½ ounces...The garage extends a hearty welcome to the following servicemen: WILLIAM THOMAS, FRANK AMBERS, MIKE NEWKIRK, CHARLES BOOZE, KENNETH MOORE, FRED NEWMAN, JOE HOSFRAWSER, and PETE HENEGHAN...Benchman HERMAN AMBOS retired on January 1 and was honored with a party and gift on his last day. Herman's plans for the future are indefinite...Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR has asked the operators to be sure to mark any defects on their buses on the sign-in sheet so prompt attention can be given to them...The sympathy of the garage and depot is extended to Repairman ALEX FRITZLER on the loss of his beloved wife, BERNICE...Pensioner ELMER KNUDSON was a recent visitor at North Park and delivered his usual present to the credit union. Elmer wants to take this opportunity to say hello to his many friends.

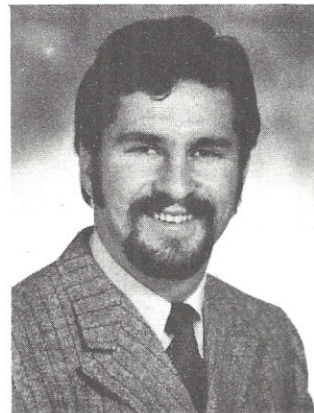
- Melvin Horning

### NORTH SECTION -

Happy New Year. May we all find 1971 to be a healthy, happy, and prosperous year...Here on the North Side we are starting things out with a big bang...Once again we lost our station superintendent, E. J. HEATTER, who was transferred to Ashland Avenue. We all wish him good luck over there. At the same time, we gained MIKE L'AVELLE as our new superintendent. We also gained WILLIAM LIMANOWSKI as our new assistant superintendent. We extend a hearty welcome to them...Congratulations are in

order for Switchman JAMES ZEPP and his wife, BARBARA, who became the parents of a new son, JAMES CHRISTOPHER, born November 29. Also congratulations to Towerman JOHN NIMTZ and his wife on the birth of their first, a girl, NATASHA, born on December 6...We wish speedy recoveries to the employees that are off sick at this time: Agent JERRY OLSEN and Janitor JOHN BONNER. Motorman R. FREEMAN underwent surgery at Presbyterian-St. Lukes hospital and is now back at work. Agent WARDEN MARKS has also returned after a long siege of illness...Our condolences and sympathy to Motorman F. KLIECH on the death of his father on December 8. Also to DELORES JONES whose 16 year old cousin met an untimely death on Thanksgiving day...I received a note from Agent EVELYN LANZ. Ev thanks all her many friends for the calls, cards, and gifts she received while off sick. She is getting along fine and is beginning to see much better since her eye surgery. She claims she misses the job and her many friends, and hopes to be back in February...Retired Ticket Agent EMMA RENNHACK would like to hear from her former co-workers. She misses everyone--and the road, too. To all retired CTA employees, we who are still here wish you a Happy New Year...Ticket Agent MINNA KING flew to Florida on December 14 to help her father celebrate his 84th birthday...Former Student Agent FRANK DE LA PAZ resigned on December 21 to take a position as correctional parole counselor with the Illinois State Department of Corrections. Frank will be assigned on Chicago's South Side. Frank has received a law enforcement assistance grant to continue his studies towards public administration in criminology. Frank extends his well wishes to the many friends he made at CTA. Our own wishes go to Frank in his new venture...Former Agent ANDY THELIN was home for the holidays from the air force. Andy is the son of Agent HENRY THELIN. Mr. and Mrs. Thelin also have two other sons in the air force, one in England and the other in Puerto Rico. Andy would like to hear from his CTA friends. His address is: Andrew Thelin, Box 8843-23 C.E.S., McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kansas 67221...Also home for the Christmas holiday, on a four-day pass from the air force, was CHARLES (Ricky) KORAL, the son of Howard Street Supervisor JOE KORAL...Howard Street Station Clerk BILL KUCIVER and his wife

SHOWN HERE are JAMES and JOYCE MUELLNER, the son and daughter of JOHN W. MUELLNER, Surface Division Garage Supervisor. James was awarded a scholarship by the Illinois State Library and is now working for his masters degree in library science at Northern Illinois university. Joyce, a former Chicago school teacher, is now employed by the Department of Defense as a teacher at Clark Air Force Base in Manila.



and daughters had a great big reason for having a wonderful Christmas. Their son, MICHAEL, was discharged from the army in time to be home for Christmas...Instructor WENDELL MANN, known to his fellow employes as Willie, was ordained as a minister of the Gospel on November 29 at the Acme Missionary Baptist church, 8758 S. Peoria. Mr. Mann was also installed as assistant pastor of the church. Congratulations, Willie, from us all... J. W. BRUCKER, superintendent of agents, informed us that he had a wonderful Christmas. His daughter and her family from California, and his daughter and her family from Hoffman Estates, all came home for Christmas. Mr. Brucker said his house was full of tiny voices and running feet and that he ate so much food, it was a wonder that he could even move...Never let it be said that operating a train every day is enough action for Motorman BOBBY HILL. On weekends, Bobby goes to Wisconsin and rides up and down the hills on a snowmobile. Wonder what he is looking for?... Birthday greetings to Agent DELORES L. JONES, Janitors WARDELL LEE and LUTHER STOKES, and Agent CAROL GREEN STEVENSON...A welcome back to work to Janitor JOHN DENNARD who was off work for two months because of illness. Our well wishes for continued good health...Clerk ANGELO (Andy) BIANCHINI and his wife, PEARL, flew to Miami, Florida, and spent eight days in the sun, swimming in the hotel pool and the Atlantic ocean. While there they visited Andy's brother who drove them through the Everglades and to Naples, Florida. Both came home with a good suntan. Naples? Leave it to an Italian...Supervisor HAROLD THURBUSH is now working on the North Side in place of TIM McDONAGH who went into the Instruction Department. Good luck to you both...A little note to our foot collectors--now that you have the new money carts, don't forget your Wheaties...Ticket Agent CAROLYN GREEN and EARL STEVENSON were married August 8 in Grace Methodist church. Carolyn is just now telling us about it...Former Supervisor EDWARD PORTER has returned to us as an agent. He was in Haar, Germany, for a number of months where he took his daughter to a renowned nerve clinic and says she has improved greatly. Haar is a small village just outside Munich. Ed also wants to thank all his many fellow co-workers who are helping him in his new job...Janitor JAMES O'MALLEY and his wife were blessed with a baby girl on December 4. All poor Jim keeps doing is staring into space and saying, "I just don't know how it happened." Come on, Jim...New agents to the North Side are: BETTY STANLEY and Student Agents T. ZETTERLUND and R. RAHRMAN. Welcome aboard, and may you enjoy working for the CTA...I would like to say that at Christmas time my many passengers were simply swell to me. Who would think that an agent would get gifts? I received a total of 62 gifts from my many passengers, even though they won't read this, I am very grateful...Kimball Motorman CHARLIE KOPP retired on January 1 with a total of 45 years of service. His many friends at Kimball will miss him, and they all wish him the best of everything and hope he will enjoy many happy years of retirement...Say, fellow employes, we are trying to get a bowling team together. Anyone interested, please contact Clerk ROBERT STEWART, care of Howard Street Terminal, giving him all information with your days off. You can also contact me at Chicago and State subway station, ext. 480, except Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Stewart and I believe that we, as a good working section, should do something together and all pull together for a better CTA. So either write Mr. Stewart or myself and we will take it from there. This includes agents, conductors, motormen, jani-

tors, and anyone working on the North Side. So let's get with it and sign up for a bowling team.

- Tina Henke

**OPERATIONS (Transportation) -**

KATHY KRUEGER flew to London for two weeks of relaxation. She stayed with her friends JIM and MARY GRACE JEWELL (Bremer), formerly of the Training Department. Kathy spent a good part of the time playing with their new baby, DIANA, and also did some shopping. She said it was quite an experience being there when they were having problems with the electricity and the lights kept going out. A must was riding the subway trains and the upper level of a double-deck bus. The weather was very nice, she had a wonderful time, and would like to make a return visit...We would like to welcome ROBERTA STEWARD, our new clerk-stenographer, who transferred from the Employment Department replacing LORRAINE BRAZZLE who transferred to the Specifications Department. Another new member of our department is MARILYN KRUPINSKI, telephone operator, who is replacing ROSEMARIE HEMZACEK who transferred to information clerk. We wish all of you good luck in your new jobs...BURCHARD POGUE and his wife, FLORENCE, drove to Nashville, Tennessee, during the Christmas holiday to see their new granddaughter, JENNIFER (the total number of grandchildren now stands at ten). They stayed with their son, MICHAEL, a former mechanic at Forest Glen, for two days and returned home after a very enjoyable visit with their family...ART and FLORENCE ROEPKE recently became grandparents for the second time. On December 27, DEAN MICHAEL came into the world weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces. The proud parents are DEAN and KATHY ROEPKE. The LUKES, MARTY and SHIRLEY, proudly announced the arrival of another baby boy, TIMOTHY JAMES, born on December 23 weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces and 20 inches long. They now have two boys and one girl. Congratulations to all the new parents and grandparents...During the Christmas holidays, SAM KELLEY, a retired information clerk, came to the general office to visit with his friends. He looks real great and is enjoying his retirement...Your scribe flew to Miami to spend the New Years weekend with JACK and WANDA KRAUSE. Directly from the airport we went to a party and I also went swimming. After a full day of fishing on Sunday, January 3, I returned to their home and was stunned when I walked into the house all decorated and filled with my friends for a surprise birthday party for me. Believe it or not, I was speechless. My sincerest thanks to Jack and Wanda for the wonderful party. This is the first time anyone has been able to put something over on me like that, and I'm sure this is one birthday I'll never forget. I did many things during the short time I was there and had a great time.

**(Utility and Emergency Service)**

We extend our deepest sympathy to STEVE HERMAN whose brother passed away, to ED KENNEDY on the loss of his mother, and to ART FRANK who lost his mother-in-law...We were all happy to see L. GALLE, C. GAGE, and W. MOOG return from the sick list. Still off sick are T. CALABRESE, J. VAN GEENAN, and R. MENDYK...Coming back from his vacation recently was N. GWELKE, who we understand did not make expenses at Las Vegas. Other holiday vacationers were W. MOOG, F. FIORE, H. FELTZ, A. CANDELLA, L. LINDNER, L. DREWNIKOWSKI, and J.

## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

SIMON ANDERSON, 79, Kedzie,  
Emp. 3-6-23, Died 11-9-70

BERNARD C. ANDREWS, 66, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 4-7-25, Died 11-1-70

ARTHUR BADER, 70, South Shops,  
Emp. 3-27-34, Died 11-5-70

GEORGE BAGNALL, 87, Kedzie,  
Emp. 4-18-16, Died 11-11-70

ROBERT BELL, 78, North Avenue,  
Emp. 10-9-22, Died 11-1-70

WILLIAM J. BOND, 74, 77th Street,  
Emp. 1-13-20, Died 11-5-70

WALTER C. BUDZISZ, 53, South Shops,  
Emp. 5-17-46, Died 12-1-70

CHARLES A. DICKE, 79, 77th Street,  
Emp. 9-24-12, Died 10-30-70

STANLEY EISIN, 61, South Section,  
Emp. 6-29-34, Died 12-6-70

THOMAS A. ELLERY, 66, Keeler,  
Emp. 10-1-42, Died 11-10-70

JAMES P. FANLON, 86, Cottage Grove,  
Emp. 5-28-08, Died 11-9-70

JOHN S. FARRIS, 63, Lawndale,  
Emp. 5-4-40, Died 12-26-70

FRANK FILIPPELLI, 65, Congress,  
Emp. 9-2-41, Died 11-8-70

CASPER FRANZ, 69, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 4-6-42, Died 11-8-70

HAROLD E. GERTZ, 57, North Avenue,  
Emp. 8-24-37, Died 11-28-70

SAM GUCCIONE, 85, Track,  
Emp. 5-16-22, Died 11-24-70

ROBERT A. GUYSENS, 63, North Park,  
Emp. 6-21-39, Died 11-20-70

WALTER J. HANNEBOHM, 68, District "C",  
Emp. 10-20-27, Died 11-26-70

ROY C. HARTIGAN, 81, Devon,  
Emp. 1-5-29, Died 11-23-70

GEORGE A. HOLMES, 75, Shops & Equipment,  
Emp. 3-16-48, Died 10-29-70

LYLE HOWARD, 57, Kedzie,  
Emp. 12-2-42, Died 11-28-70

EARL H. JOHNSON, 84, West Section,  
Emp. 9-3-09, Died 10-26-70

CORDELL JONES, 39, Archer,  
Emp. 7-2-69, Died 11-28-70

OTTO JUREW, 75, Kedzie,  
Emp. 1-31-17, Died 11-21-70

FRANK J. KLEICH, 76, North Section,  
Emp. 5-21-24, Died 12-6-70

WILLIAM F. KOEHLER, 77, North Section,  
Emp. 5-8-23, Died 11-13-70

FRANK J. KOFRANEK, 84, West Section,  
Emp. 8-27-24, Died 11-28-70

WILLIAM E. LAWLER, 72, 77th Street,  
Emp. 10-10-24, Died 11-10-70

HERMAN W. LEUSCH, 75, Devon,  
Emp. 10-15-13, Died 11-25-70

MARCO LOCASTO, 57, 69th Street,  
Emp. 8-5-41, Died 11-2-70

DAVID R. LONG, 71, Howard Street,  
Emp. 1-7-29, Died 12-3-70

JOHN C. LUNN, 78, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 4-1-26, Died 10-24-70

ROBERT B. MacMILLAN, 71, Devon,  
Emp. 11-6-22, Died 11-12-70

BERNARD McCORMICK, 38, Electrical,  
Emp. 7-15-48, Died 12-6-70

ANTON MICHNIEWSKI, 82, Kedzie,  
Emp. 7-23-23, Died 11-14-70

TONI MORTELLARO, 58, Building,  
Emp. 6-30-43, Died 11-24-70

STEWART W. MULHOLLAND, 70, Kedzie,  
Emp. 4-16-37, Died 12-6-70

GEORGE G. NEAD, 61, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 4-16-34, Died 11-5-70

JOHN A. O'BRIEN, 75, 77th Street,  
Emp. 6-20-23, Died 10-7-70

MAURICE V. O'BRIEN, 74, 61st Street,  
Emp. 7-6-27, Died 11-9-70

EVAR OHLSON, 61, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 5-19-42, Died 11-28-70

IVAN O. OLSON, 63, 77th Street,  
Emp. 1-22-34, Died 11-26-70

BALTRAS S. PAULIKONIS, 77, Archer,  
Emp. 8-11-43, Died 11-25-70

FRED H. PLATTNER, 81, North Section,  
Emp. 1-9-23, Died 11-24-70

SIMO S. POPOVICH, 83, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 4-15-21, Died 10-26-70

JOHN RAKOCZY, 71, Police,  
Emp. 10-10-29, Died 11-28-70

EDWIN R. SAVAGE, 38, Kedzie,  
Emp. 11-8-62, Died 12-4-70

HERBERT H. SCHWARZ, 82, North Section,  
Emp. 1-31-42, Died 11-4-70

GUST G. SKIZAS, 79, 77th Street,  
Emp. 3-30-43, Died 10-24-70

ROBERT SMITH, 88, Devon,  
Emp. 10-5-17, Died 11-12-70

JOHN A. SOKOLOSKI, 84, Track,  
Emp. 8-3-29, Died 11-19-70

BERL L. SPARKS, 66, 77th Street,  
Emp. 11-22-28, Died 11-22-70

JOHN J. STEVENS, 60, 77th Street,  
Emp. 8-21-46, Died 11-28-70

JOHN STUPP, 84, North Section,  
Emp. 12-3-40, Died 11-26-70

GEORGE W. SWARTZ, 74, 69th Street,  
Emp. 2-10-43, Died 11-21-70

PETER J. TIGGELAAR, 76, Claim,  
Emp. 5-16-27, Died 11-16-70

WILLIAM VAN LENNEP, 75, West Section,  
Emp. 7-19-22, Died 11-12-70

PEARL E. WALSH, 92, West Section,  
Emp. 3-24-30, Died 11-22-70

WILLIAM J. WELCH, 82, North Section,  
Emp. 8-27-23, Died 11-19-70

RAY L. WILL, 84, Inspections,  
Emp. 5-29-33, Died 11-20-70

CLARENCE WILSON, 72, North Avenue,  
Emp. 4-11-36, Died 11-28-70



TOPPING OFF their wedding cake are newlyweds WILLIAM and VIRGINIA FINCH, who were united in holy matrimony on November 28. Virginia is the daughter of NELLO PARRILLO, Congress Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal Shop.

KUTA... JOHN ROCHE, the son of Superintendent J. J. ROCHE, was a member of the St. Patrick High school basketball team which came in third in the Carbondale holiday tournament.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

BILL WINTERS and his wife, MARION, drove to beautiful Miami, Florida, for their vacation. They did nothing but relax, swim, eat at many different restaurants, have some liquid refreshments, and enjoy the warm sun. As usual, they had a great time and can't wait to go there again...JIM TOOLIS' daughter, BARBARA, who is presently teaching school, received her masters degree in science from Chicago State college on December 21. The week of Christmas is one she will always remember as she also celebrated her birthday and became engaged. Congratulations and best of luck...We would also like to wish DENNIS MURPHY good luck in his new job in the Treasury Department.

- Colette Szycepanek

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

The month of November brought some pleasant surprises to the BOB McCARTHY household. Bob's oldest son, ROBERT, 16, was chosen unanimously by all coaches of their conference as defensive lineman for the All-Conference Football team. Robert is a junior at Immaculate Conception High school in Elmhurst. This is quite an honor for Robert, as those selected are usually seniors in their class and considered the best in their league. Robert plays on both defensive and offensive teams during the regular football season. Not to be outdone, Bob's youngest son, BRIAN, 8, won five medals in the Olympics Day Competition of Cub Pack 25. Two gold medals represented the football throw, another gold medal for the baseball throw, one silver medal for the football kick, and one bronze medal for the broad jump. Let's not forget Bob's daughter, THERESA, 13. She is president of her student council and was chosen as vice-president of the student council for the entire Elmhurst area. Quite a family you have there, Bob! ..The welcome mat was extended to a young lady recently added to the Specifications Department, LORRAINE BRAZZLE, who replaced SANDY MATUSZEWSKI. Miss Brazzle formerly worked in the Transportation Department...ROD DAUGHERTY's 11 year old son, DALE, was really excited when he was chosen from among junior high school students to star in the Evanston Township High school Christmas

play, "Amahl and the Night Visitors", on December 13. Rod, Specifications Department, was very pleased with his son, and we sure don't blame him...WALTER HELMER, who retired as an employe from the Specifications Department in 1959, recently informed us that he and his wife, MARION, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Among those who helped celebrate this festive occasion with the Helmers were their children and grandchildren (one grandson in the navy was unable to attend). Walter said they enjoyed themselves, especially on the beach. We hope the next 50 years together will be just as wonderful...LEE DeSUTTER, Specifications Department, spent her week's vacation improving her skills driving a car...KEVIN BARRETT recently resigned from Stores, General Office, to take a position with the Chicago Fire Department. Kevin will certainly be missed and we wish him the best of luck. By the way, the very best to Kevin and SANDY MATUSZEWSKI of the Insurance Department who recently became Mr. and Mrs...HARRY HOSANG, laborer, Stores-South, retired on January 1 after 29 years of service. Harry will be missed very much, and we wish him loads of happiness during his future retirement years...KATHY McAATEER, Stores, is leaving us to be a mother and housewife. Boy or girl? We hope it's one of each, Kathy. That way you will make us all happy. We hope you'll visit us often...We welcome BARNABA GAGNON, better known as Barney, back to the Stores Department. Barney formerly worked for Stores but was transferred. We're glad to see you missed us so much that you decided to return...HAROLD ENWRIGHT, stock clerk I, Skokie, became a great-grandfather on December 16, at 6:00 a.m. MICHAEL DAVID PARISI weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces...JOHN and CATHY, your co-reporters, would like to close by saying that this magazine is for you--the employe--and if you want 1971 to be as nice as 1970, we ask you to contact either one of us on any news you may have...We wish all of you a wonderful New Year!

- Cathy Raschick & John Gill

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Congratulations to C. DUNLAP Jr. and E. WOJECIE-SZAK, Dan Ryan, who are in repair training...Best of luck to THADDEUS GUTT Jr., the son of TED GUTT, Dan Ryan, on his tour in the service. Ted enlisted and is now in training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas...A good time was had by all who attended the CTA American Legion Post 1216 annual Christmas party...Enjoying a winter vacation were R. DAVIS, L. STEWART, and G. NICHOLSON, Dan Ryan...Our deepest sympathy to W. SPARKS, 61st Street, and his family on the passing of his father, BERL SPARKS, on November 22. The Sparks family would like to thank all for their condolences...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to M. BRINSON, 61st Street, who is still on the sick list...Enjoying holiday vacations are: J. MOLLOY, M. BOGIRA, A. CASPER, C. B. BROWN, W. BROWN, D. WILBORN, G. BUNDLEY, and T. LALLY of 61st Street, RAY BRZECZEK of the Office, and FRANK BENANTI, ED BLICHARZ, S. GARITI, G. DAVIS, N. BROUGHTON, and M. DUBE of Wilson...Congratulations to HAROLD FINLEY, car serviceman at Linden, who retired on January 1 after 24 years of service. Best of luck to Harold for a long and healthy retirement...Welcome to M. GARCIA and J. HOFFSTAD, new car servicemen at Howard Shop...Held over by popular demand was the stamp collection of Pensioner RALPH DANIELSON. Ralph's stamps were to be exhibited

for one month at the Smithsonian Institute, but after their display, they were held over for six months.

- Ray Brzyczek

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

Happy New Year to all...RICHARD FELDMANN, electrical worker, was presented a baby girl, HEIDI JO FELDMANN, by his wife, HOLLY, on November 28, weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces...LARRY KING, retired electrical worker, regrets to report that his wife, BETTY, was hit by an automobile and suffered a broken leg and arm and is now confined in Ravenswood hospital...ROY SUAREZ, electrical worker, suffered the loss of his new Buick Skylark, due to a person driving on the wrong side of the street. The collision was head on, but their little baby was not injured. Sorry for your loss, Roy...ROBERT BINNIE, electrical worker, is back home after having his gall bladder and appendix removed at St. Francis hospital. Bob was able to bring home enough stones for a necklace. Good luck, Robert...HARVEY (Moe) WILLIAMS, assistant superintendent, rapid transit shops and terminals, is enjoying a fishing vacation trip in southern Texas with his wife. Hope you both had a good rest...EMMETT NOLAN, retired electrical worker, paid us a nice visit at the shops. Emmett and his wife have been vacationing a lot. Keep it up and enjoy it... A lot of the employes went on vacation over Christmas and New Years, but they forgot to tell their reporter where they were going. Hope you all had fun...Pensioner ERNEST JONES, Wilson Terminal, and his wife, LOIS, sent their hellos from San Juan as they are enjoying a Caribbean cruise. Hope they enjoyed the beautiful ports...ROBERT MUELLER, machinist, is back to work after a few weeks in the hospital and at home. I know it was tiresome lying around the house, Bob, but welcome back...EDWIN KENNEDY, carpenter, HARRY MINGEE, painter, EDWIN KNIAZ, machinist, and JOSEPH MICHALCZUK, electrical worker, are still on the sick list. Hurry back, fellows, we all miss you...A hearty welcome to JOHN HUMISTON who has recently joined Technical Services, Rapid Transit Division, here at Skokie Shops.

- Everett E. England

**SOUTH SECTION -**

Here's hoping for a good year in 1971 for everyone...The Agent's Pension Club held their retirement and Christmas dinner on December 13 at the Beverly Woods restaurant, and it was a gala affair with about 140 people attending. The retirees honored were: Agents ANN O'CONNOR, MARCELLA BITTERLIN, and CECELIA MORAN, and Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE. Their families and friends were also present to see those honored. Everyone at work misses these fine people. The Agent's Pension Club decided to surprise our station superintendent, MICHAEL O'CONNOR, who retired January 1 by also honoring him, and he didn't know anything about it until he arrived at the dinner. Mrs. O'CONNOR came in from Tucson, Arizona, especially to attend the dinner. Mickey said it was a wonderful surprise, one he will always remember. Also attending were Superintendent of Operating Stations and Mrs. GEORGE RILEY, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT QUETSCHKE and Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS STIGLIC from the General Office, Retired South Section Station Superintendent RICHARD MEISNER, and Retired North Section Station Superintendent

THIS SMILING couple is Pensioner BILL and LORRETA BARGHOLT, who are pictured in their yard in Deerfield, Florida. Bill, who retired in 1959, was a West Section trainman.



KEN MANAUGH. A token of remembrance was given to each of the retirees. As always, when one wants to take pictures at an important dinner, the camera will not work so I was unable to get a picture (darn). My hubby, ROLAND (the cameraman), was really disgusted. There were so many people at the dinner I couldn't begin to name them all. Our hats are off to Retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT who ran this beautiful party for all these beautiful people. We wish all the retirees good health and happiness...A hearty welcome to our new South Section station superintendent, EDWARD HEATTER, who transferred from the North Section on January 1. Hope you will enjoy working on the South Section...A big "Hi" to newly-hired Conductors EDWARD DAVIS, JULIUS ELLIS, GEORGE PRICE, LARRY ELLIS, BERNARD FLETCHER, and BARRONE MCGILL. Also to Agent AUDREY BROWN, and a transferee from the surface system, Janitor RONALD SARNECKE...We were saddened to hear that Retired Agent ESTHER McDERMOTT and Retired Shopman PAT McEVOY, brother of Retired Agent SARAH McEVOY, passed away recently. Our sincere condolences go out to their families and friends...Conductor LEONARD SUCECH is off on a holiday vacation in sunny Florida where he can relax on the sandy beaches...Retired Motorman ANGELOS YPSILANTI dropped in to visit everyone at Ashland Avenue and looks wonderful. He said he had been to Greece this past summer. My, our pensioners sure get around the world...Good-good news: Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS is now home recuperating after a stay in the hospital. He says he's feeling better and wants to thank everyone for all the kindnesses, cards, and phone calls received while he was in the hospital.

The men at Ashland Avenue gave our boss, MICHAEL O'CONNOR, a rousing send-off before he went on pension. We had ham sandwiches, rolls, cake, and coffee. A token of remembrance from the men was presented to him. Mrs. O'CONNOR came down to join in the festivities. Mickey had worked here for 45 years, and that's a long, long time. He says he enjoyed all the years and made many friends along the way. He will be missed by everyone. He and his wife are moving to Tucson to live. All day long people came in to wish him luck and there were many phone calls. Many of the superintendents, supervisors, and instructors dropped in. Our former boss, Retired Superintendent RICHARD MEISNER, Retired Clerks JOHN MORAN and THOMAS O'HARA, and former Assistant Superintendent DON LEMM from the General Office also stopped in. Our pensioners came down too: Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE,



COMPLETING HIS deliveries, SANTA CLAUS posed with Mrs. CLAUS for this picture after the annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas party for the children of Forsythe, Missouri. Santa is none other than Pensioner ARTHUR MUIR, and Mrs. Claus is his neighbor, Mrs. LEILA BRUMWELL. Art was formerly a bus operator at North Park Station.

Conductors JOSEPH WARSHAW and WILLIAM MUNNELLY, Motorman JERRY HANAFIN, Janitor JOHN WILSON, Towerman PATRICK HICKEY, and others. Everyone wishes the O'Connors many, many happy retirement years in Tucson...Met Motorman PAUL DUCAR and his wife and family were in the Millionaire's Club in Ford City one night when Roland and I went there for dinner. The Ducars were celebrating their 29th wedding anniversary. First they went to see a play at Drury Lane Theatre and then to the club for dinner...Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Clerk JAMES CAREY whose father passed away recently; to Janitor BEN MONTGOMERY on the loss of his father, and to Agent JEAN JACKSON on the loss of her mother... Motorman ROBERT BUTLER and his wife took a vacation to Oregon where they spent the holidays. They traveled by train so they could enjoy the scenery...Retired Conductor VERNON AMMONS's wife, ALICE (who worked for the company years ago), was in the hospital recently but is home now. We hope she has a quick recovery...Agent MILDRED CHEATHAM received a passenger commendation recently for her nice attitude while performing her duties...Received a nice letter from Pensioner ALFRED GRABES who is now living in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Al was in the hospital in November, but is now home and feeling better. They send their best wishes to all their friends in Chicago...Just heard that West Section Superintendent of Agents and Janitors LEO BIEN went on pension January 1. Leo worked on the South Section for many years as chief clerk and he and I worked side by side for years. So I personally, along with all his South Section friends, send Leo and his wife best wishes for a happy and long retired life...P.S. Don't forget to attend the annual credit union meeting and get-together on Sunday, February 14, at Avenue Liquors Hall, 119th and Michigan. See you all then.

- Verna Hartney

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

Superintendent GEORGE J. CLARK, Shops & Equipment, had something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. He and his wife arrived at his son's home in Cadillac, Michigan, and found they had to rush his son's wife to the hospital, where she gave birth to a baby girl, JENNIFER JEAN CLARK, who weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces. This makes three girls and two boys for the Clarks...JEAN GUSTAFSON of the Print Shop became a grandma for the sixth time when a baby girl was born on November 30 weighing 6 pounds 4

ounces. She was named JEAN after grandma...VICKY JARECKAS became a grandmother for the first time when her son's wife gave birth to a boy, DAVID LAWRENCE JARECKAS. David's father, LARRY, works in the Machine Shop...HERBERT PUGH, laborer, became a father for the fourth time when a 6 pound 7 ounce baby boy, HERBERT Jr., was born. Herbert and his wife have three girls...RAY KLAUB's wife presented him with an early Christmas gift, a baby girl on December 19...Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY E. MAZUREK, Upholstery Department, celebrated their 25th anniversary with a surprise party given by his son at the Midway lounge. Among the guests was ANDY DRAUS, retired foreman of the Upholstery Shop...The South Shops would like to extend its deepest sympathy to the family of STANLEY J. EISIN, general foreman of the Body Shop. Mr. Eisin passed away on Sunday, December 6. We would also like to extend our sympathy to Mr. WILLENIUS on the death of his brother...Congratulations to TED PIETRUS who was promoted to general foreman of the Body Shop; VERN HOWE who was promoted to foreman of the Paint Shop, and W. LEWIS who was promoted to leader in the Paint Shop...Congratulations to Mr. ROSELAND, Area 312, who was first prize winner in the South Shops picnic raffle. How about sharing some of that booze. Mr. COYLE, Area 334, won second prize, and VICKY of the Print Shop won third prize...I would like to extend a speedy recovery to Co-reporter BOB BROWN. Hurry back, I need you. A speedy recovery is also extended to LEWIS JACKSON, laborer, and C. ANDERSON of Bay 6 who underwent surgery... Congratulations to SANDRA PFUND and JOHN HOFFMAN who became engaged over the Christmas holiday. Sandy is a stenographer in the Material Control Section of South Shops. John is the brother of KAREN HOFFMAN, and at one time worked in the garages...BOB WEGNER, Material Control Section, gave his girl a ring over the holidays, and MIKE LINTER, part-time employe of the Material Control Section, is going to be married on January 23 to a model in Lafayette, Indiana. We wish you all many years of happiness...JOSEPH J. ROSENTHAL, superintendent of Material Control and Office Procedure, and his wife spent two weeks in Yucatan, Mexico. While there they visited many Mayan ruins and other types of ruins. They had many days of relaxation and also went on a jungle safari...TOBIE GOWANS, Blacksmith Shop, spent his vacation in Montreal and Quebec, Canada, visiting friends and relatives...HOWARD HELFERT, tinner, will be enjoying a week's vacation with his son who is home for the holidays from the armed services...There is a rumor going around that McGEE bought a Volkswagen and we can't figure out whether he is using it for a toy or an automobile, the way he is driving it around...THEODORE CATTONI, Print Shop, has been hit three times in one month on the left rear fender of his car, so everyone who parks in the rear, please proceed with caution when you see him coming.

- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown

**52ND STREET -**

After a long absence, 52nd Street has returned in time to wish each and everyone a Happy New Year, and if you look at life the way I do, you can count your blessings... Most of us worked during the holidays, but for a choice few there were vacations, like CHARLES O'KANE, repair department union representative, at home playing Santa; DORSEY GARNER, repair clerk, who motored to East St. Louis, Illinois, to visit his mother at Christmas; STILMAN

## INSIDE NEWS

CRAWFORD went to Jackson, Mississippi, and JOHN CURREN spent his time at home...At this writing, Repairman JAMES NAUDEN is off sick. We're hoping for a speedy return...Operator JOHN MARSHALL celebrated a birthday in December. He didn't tell us his age, but we know he has accumulated 21 years of service...Superintendents JOHN LYNCH and VIC COLEMAN have their fingers crossed to win the fourth quarter ISC award. By the time you read this, it might be all wrapped up...The 52nd Street basketball team, coached by FRED POWELL and assisted by JAMES TERRY and WILLIE HUDSON (no relation), played their first game of inter-league play. Even though they lost, it was a very good showing of spirit and teamwork. They had good support from management and union, as well as from operators throughout the system...The last comment I would like to make is that the success of this column depends on you. I write it, but you make it. So when you make that news pass it on to me so that all can share in it.

- John L. Hudson

### 69TH STREET -

Well, it is now 1971 and the MICKEY YOUNG fan club members are all hoping that nothing serious will happen to him this year. Last year the Mick took a bus home and left his car parked at the barn. He still has an old standby in his daughter, TERRY LYNN. She was named "Check out girl of the month" in November by radio station WLS and received a color television set as a prize...Operator BARNIE PULICK is sponsoring a CTA bowling team at Oak Lawn Bowl. WILLIE WILLIAMS is co-captain with Barnie, and the anchor man. Also on the team are STEVE CHATLOS and ED OJER, and they are fighting for first place. By the season's end, Pulick claims everyone will be wearing "hand over shoes"...Our list of champs grows with J. J. KELLEY taking the title away from R. FELTZ for the most times breaking down on the street. On top of that, Kelley and A. J. VANDERBURG showed up for their runs on their anniversary day...On December 12, 35 years ago, WILSON GOURNOE was married to his wife, KRISTINE. May they have 35 more years of happiness. On January 2 my wife was married 33 years to the same man...I broke MICKEY YOUNG's heart when I picked his run on 59th Street. It is a good run because fellows like T. F. McDONALD, A. P. PORTER, O. WHITE, E. WATSON, A. J. HYMEL, D. SMITH, R. WASHINGTON, W. E. MOORE, H. A. STEWART, and R. D. REESE are among the men who picked there and they run on time...JIM WHITE is going to Las Vegas for five days of golf. He is going with the Chicago Tribune Printers Association and will stay at the Flamingo hotel. Last time there, Jim and his wife both hit jackpots...A. E. KRUEGER is back on the sick list and was in Christ Community hospital. G. MALIK is in the hospital again, and W. PETERS is in Jackson Park hospital. We all wish you fellows the best, and take your time and don't try to come back too soon...We of 69th Street extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Superintendent JOHN FARRIS of Lawndale Station who passed away on December 26; also to FRANK SOMMERS on the loss of his brother. SAM VALLONI lost his mother-in-law. She was 101 years old...I wish to personally thank Pensioner M. ENSWORTH for the nice Christmas card he sent me for the holidays...Please, fellows, drop a few lines of news in the Transit News mailbox, as this column depends on you...JIMMY AHERN of the Repair Department wishes those on the sick list a very speedy recovery. They are: BRYANT GRANT, WALLY

KENNETH J. SIPICH is pictured here relaxing at home before leaving for a tour of duty in Viet Nam. Kenneth was formerly a stock clerk in the Stores Department, South Shops, before his induction in the army.



GROCH, and LIONEL MAURY...It is nice to hear from our pensioners at Christmas and to know that they are well and enjoying retired life. They are: JOE GAMEN who resides in Florida, MATT BASSO, TOM THORPE, MARTIN GRIFFIN, CON CROWLEY of "Notre Dame fame", DENNY GRIFFIN, TONY (Molotov) KAZAITIS, PETER O'REILLY, GEORGE LAPHAM, and JOE HAGUE, the former treasurer of the credit union. To all of them we wish a very happy and prosperous New Year...Here's hoping that PADDY FITZGERALD will have a nice time in Florida this winter, and HARRY MINOGUE, who resides in Stonewall, Texas, will enjoy good health...Good luck to PAT HEALY who transferred to Archer after many years of service at 69th Street...BILL LORENZEN took his vacation in time to help Santa Claus climb down the chimneys. Bill is an old pro at this and about the same size. Given a bag and a red suit, you couldn't help but say, "Hi Santa." BENNY BUTKIEWICZ, FRANK ANDREK, RALPH GRAGIDO, and ROBERT BOSCO were all on vacations and could have been his helpers. Hope they all enjoyed it...So from Jimmy Ahern and your reporter, we are wishing that this year will be your best year yet. Keep the news coming and drop us a line. God bless all of you.

- Arthur P. Bussing

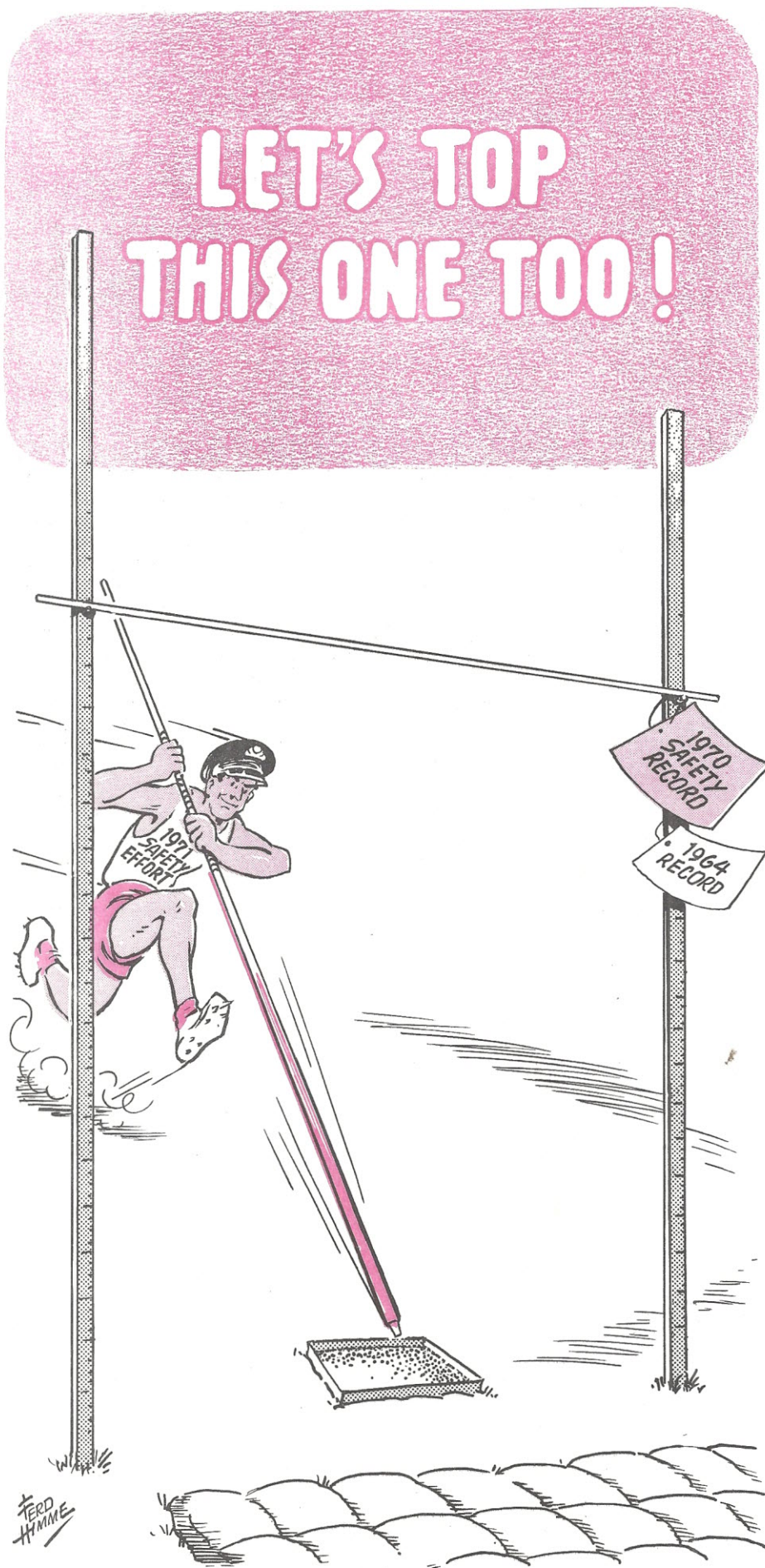
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A Happy New Year to all of you and your families. May the new year bring good health, good luck, happiness, and plenty of money...I am sure "Old Santa" was busy Christmas eve spreading his gifts and holiday cheer around...Operator GEORGE DALMAS is home recuperating from injuries received in an automobile accident, and at this writing has not returned to work...Operator JAMES ERING is home from the hospital where he underwent surgery recently. I can sympathize with you, James, I know what it was like...A very happy birthday to little Miss CARMEN COLLINS who celebrated her 12th birthday on December 12. Carmen is the daughter of Operator JAMES COLLINS, who along with his wife celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary on December 13. Our congratulations to you both...We did it again! We broke our accident and complaint pars again in December, and we had coffee on the house. Keep up the good work, fellows...The Division 241-CTA basketball league is underway and our team lost its opener to 69th Street Station 45 to 40. We hope to bounce back with a win in our next game...See you next month.

- Elsie Gresham

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