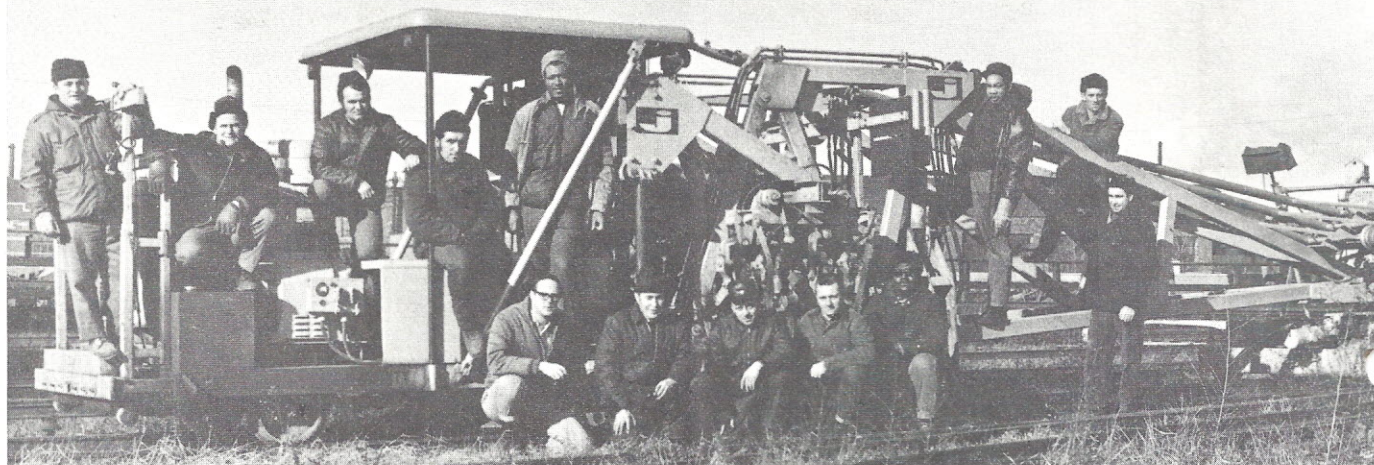


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FEBRUARY, 1971

# 9 Trackmen Train as Equipment Operators



RECENTLY COMPLETING the formal training phase of a new Engineering Department training program was a group of nine CTA trackmen. The initial phase of the Track Maintenance Equipment Operator Training Program was conducted at West Shops and consisted of four 8-hour classes on Saturdays.

The students learned theory, basic components of the machinery, maintenance, and operation of equipment used by the Track Division of the Engineering Department. The equipment includes hydraulic cranes in use on work trains as well as a profiling tamper, a production tamper, and a track liner which were acquired by CTA last year and used on the Dan Ryan and Kennedy extensions.

Selected from among 23 applicants who had been trackmen for at least a year, the nine trainees were chosen because of their work records and results of

written tests. Their training is to be supplemented by actual field training, under operating conditions, on each of the machines. All training is done on the student's own time, without remuneration.

Posing on the profiling tamper in the picture above are, from left, trainees N. Boccuzzi, P. Forde, D. Cinquepalmi, F. DeMonte, C. Williams, R. Hammonds, M. Reilly, and S. O'Sullivan. The training program staff, kneeling in front of the machine, includes, from left, Superintendent of Track & Structures T. Wolgemuth, who administered the program; Track Foreman T. Staunton, chief instructor; and Track Foreman A. Knerr and Trackmen R. Sullivan and H. Akines, all assistant instructors and qualified operators. Not present when the picture was taken were Trackman J. Chambers and Assistant Instructors A. Allen and C. Pitts.



## 52nd, 61st Street Stations

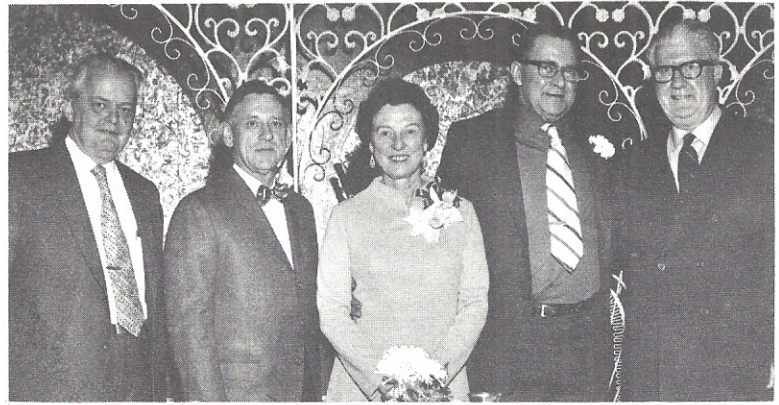
### Win Fourth Quarter ISC Awards

ACHIEVING THE highest scores in their respective groups during the fourth quarter of the Interstation Safety Contest were 52nd Street and 61st Street Stations. This was the fourth ISC award for 52nd and the seventh for 61st; neither station had won previously in 1970.

Closing out the quarter with a point score of 67.59, 52nd Street won the Surface System competition and missed the perfect score of 75.00 by less than  $7\frac{1}{2}$  points. Accepting the ISC plaque from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn in the top picture are 52nd Street Superintendent J. H. Lynch (right) and Assistant Superintendent W. V. Coleman (left).



Winning the rapid transit competition with a perfect score of 75.00 was 61st Street Station on the South Section. In the picture at left, Superintendent of Operating Stations G. A. Riley is presenting the plaque to 61st Street Assistant Superintendent J. J. Tvrdik.



## C. Karschnik, C. Malottke Join Retirement Ranks

THE LENGTHY transit careers of two CTAers who started with the former Chicago Surface Lines drew to a close with their retirement on February 1. With more than 50 years of service, Charles Karschnik retired as chief clerk of Beverly Station, and with over 47 years of service Clarence Malottke retired as Electrical Department superintendent of construction and maintenance.

Mr. Karschnik, who joined the CSL as a clerk on August 25, 1920, remained at Lawndale Station until 1951 when he transferred to Archer. He became chief clerk at Archer Station in January, 1960, subsequently went to North Avenue Station in 1963, and finally to Beverly Station in 1964.

Many of Mr. Karschnik's friends and fellow employees were with him on Friday, January 29, when he was honored at a luncheon in the Beverly House at

103rd and Vincennes. In the picture at left, Mr. Karschnik is shown with Superintendent of Operating Stations G. A. Riley (left) and Beverly Station Assistant Superintendent J. E. Will.

Mr. Malottke entered the service of the CSL Electrical Department as a laborer on August 15, 1923. Remaining in that department throughout his career he subsequently became a helper in 1924, lineman in 1926, line foreman in 1941, general line foreman in 1947, and assistant superintendent of construction and maintenance in 1964. After serving as acting superintendent starting in July, 1968, he was appointed superintendent of construction and maintenance in January, 1969.

Co-workers and friends of Mr. Malottke gathered on Sunday, January 24, to honor him at a retirement dinner at Robert and Allen's hall at 5319 W. Diversey. In the photograph above, Mr. and Mrs. Malottke are shown with Electrical Engineer A. R. Sandberg (far left), Operating Manager C. E. Keiser (second from left), and Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn (far right).

## 43rd-Root Buses Serve New High Rise for Elderly

TO SERVE a new high-rise development for the elderly at 43rd street and Princeton avenue, a new routing for the No. 43 43rd-Root buses went into effect Sunday, February 7.

The new routing provides service in 43rd street between State street and Princeton avenue, and in Princeton avenue between 43rd street and Root street.

The 43rd-Root buses no longer operate in State street between 43rd street and Root street, nor in Root street between State street and Princeton avenue where little passenger traffic is generated because of the Dan Ryan expressway and railroad yards. The balance of the route between 43rd-Oakenwald and Root-Halsted remains the same.

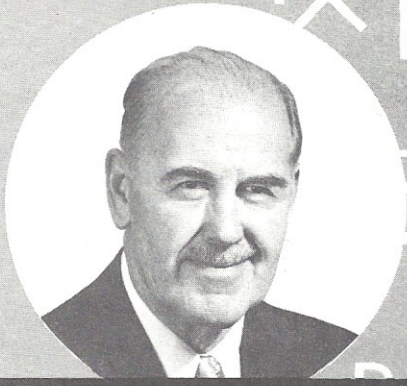
**OUR COVER:** Providing bus service directly to the new high rise for the elderly, No. 43 43rd-Root buses stop at 43rd street and Princeton avenue.

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# Medically Speaking

by Dr. George H. Irwin

## ARTHRITIS—AMERICA'S NUMBER ONE CRIPPLER

IN THIS day and age, medical research and American business are interested in preventing disability from any illness whatsoever. With such a program in mind, pain and suffering among people may be reduced while family finances and work production in all businesses are being improved.

Of all the disabling chronic diseases, the most serious and widespread is arthritis. Over 11 million people over the age of 14 suffer from arthritis and other rheumatic disorders. Of this total, about 5 million are victims of rheumatoid arthritis. More than 25 per cent of these are so seriously affected that their ability to work and care for themselves is markedly limited. Each year about 148,000 persons temporarily or permanently become invalids. The problems thus created for the community, family, and individual become more complicated and serious. Naturally, the inability of the sick person to work because of pain and discomfort is the most important problem. In addition, it is estimated that the economic loss to business is about one billion dollars yearly according to the American Medical Association.

The word arthritis is the medical term for inflammation of the joints. There are many different and associated forms of arthritis, but in general most of the cases fall into two large groups, namely, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis which are discussed in this article.

When a person says he is suffering from rheumatism, it means that he might have any one of a number of rheumatic diseases, which ailments are characterized by pain in the joints or muscles. Of every 100 patients complaining of rheumatism, about 40 per cent usually have rheumatoid arthritis, 30 per cent may have osteoarthritis and about 15 per cent have muscular rheumatism, neuritis, sciatica, etc. The rest may have arthritis following injury to a joint, gout, rheumatic fever, or other forms of the disease.

What is rheumatoid arthritis? As mentioned before, it is a generalized disease of the entire body which produces inflammation of the joints. Usually, the first symptoms are fatigue and pain and stiffness of the involved joints and muscles, associated with weakness and weight loss. As the disease develops, one or more of the joints become swollen and painful. The muscles around these joints knot up, producing spasms and progressive stiffening of the joints so that they become increasingly difficult to move or bend. In severe cases, the arthritic joints fuse, the muscles shrink, and deformity and crippling result. It is estimated that 15 to 25 per cent of all rheumatoid arthritics become progressively disabled.

What is osteoarthritis? This is a form that comes to people at or past middle life. For the sake of clarity, it should be mentioned that rheumatoid arthritis is more common in children, teenagers, and young adults. In many early cases of osteoarthritis there are no noticeable or serious symptoms. It is known as a degenerative joint disease because it attacks the bone and cartilage of the joints. This type is especially common in persons who are overweight or with curvature of the spine and flat feet. The spine and knees are especially vulnerable.

The specific causes of rheumatoid and osteoarthritis are, unfortunately, unknown. Suspect causes include allergic reactions and either bacterial or viral infection. Contributing factors to the disease are prolonged emotional tension, infection from any source, chronic fatigue, injury, shock, exposure and, as stated above, overweight, plus any condition which produces excessive wear and tear on any joint.

After the two types of arthritis described above, arthritis due to gout and following injury are seen most frequently.

The aim of treatment in all types of arthritis is to control pain and inflammation, to maintain the best range of motion possible, and to preserve strength and use of muscles. There is no sure cure for arthritis as yet, but early, persistent, and modern treatment reduces the amount of suffering and disability. Therapy and care must be individualized.

From a preventative standpoint, it is well to have regular examinations by your doctor to discover and eliminate hidden sources of infection. Control of body weight, proper diet, exercise, proper climate, and good hygiene are very important.

Physical therapy including heat, massage, whirlpool baths, and gait-training are helpful in reducing the stiffness of the joints. Most physical therapy treatments are given in hospitals but some of them can be carried out at home by the patient.

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## John Milton, Retired Supervisor Celebrates 90th Birthday



CELEBRATING TWO important anniversaries within a month is John Milton, whose 90th birthday is March 3 and 25th anniversary of retirement is April 1.

Before entering retirement in 1946, Mr. Milton had completed more than 40 years of transit service with CTA predecessors.

He started with the old Chicago Union Traction Company on December 2, 1905, as a streetcar motorman at Lawndale Station.

In February, 1920, Mr. Milton became a supervisor in the downtown area. He returned to Lawndale in the thirties and although he continued as a supervisor until his retirement, he often served as station superintendent and was regularly in charge of snow work at Blue Island Station.

Mr. Milton and his wife, Elizabeth, have been enjoying retirement in the peaceful Fox River Valley since moving to Algonquin, Illinois, in 1948. Although he finally admits that his age is catching up with him, Mr. Milton has, until recently, completely cared for the spacious and beautiful grounds of their home.

Living with the Miltons is their daughter, Eunice, who is a talented artist and creator of animated displays such as those seen during the holidays in store windows on State street.

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Warm, dry climates help in certain cases which are not too far advanced. Drugs are beneficial in selected cases. Aspirin and aspirin-containing tablets are among the old and helpful remedies. When it comes to the newer drugs such as cortisone and its derivatives, gold injections, or hormones, your personal physician should be consulted.

In conclusion, remember that arthritis tends to run a long, drawn out course. While it usually is considered a year-round disease, it tends to be more noticeable in late winter, spring, and fall. There is no miracle cure for arthritis. The sensible plan is to select a physician in whom you have faith and follow with courage and persistence the recommendation he outlines for you.



## Mr. & Mrs. Walter Johnson Retire With 85 Years Combined Service

WITH COMBINED service of more than 85 years in the transit industry, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Johnson retired February 1 as employees of CTA.

Both of the Johnsons started their transit careers with the old Chicago Surface Lines. Mrs. Johnson, the former Grace Springer, has served in the Accident Investigation and Claim Departments of the CSL and CTA for more than 43 years. Starting as a clerk on March 11, 1927, she was advanced to acting chief clerk in June, 1942. She became clerical supervisor in January, 1951, the position which she has held until the time of her retirement.

With more than 41 years of transit service, Mr. Johnson started as a laborer in the CSL Building Department on July 15, 1929. Since December, 1936, he has served in the Utility & Emergency Service Division of CTA and its predecessor. His first assignment in that department, as utility chauffeur and helper, lasted until he entered U.S. Army Ordnance in April, 1943. After completing his military service, Mr. Johnson returned to CSL in March, 1946, to serve as a wreck truck chauffeur. He was named supervisory chauffeur in June, 1959, the position which he has held until his retirement.

The Johnsons, who were married on July 20, 1946, presently reside at 5143 N. Tripp avenue. Their plans for retirement include moving from Chicago to a home in Antioch, Illinois, where they plan to fully enjoy retired life. At their new home, Mr. Johnson hopes to achieve his lifelong ambition of "farming" a tomato patch.

In the picture above, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are receiving their retirement portfolios from the superintendent of their respective departments, J. J. Roche (left) of Utility & Emergency Service and M. J. McDermott (right) of Claim.

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AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (General) -

ANNE ANGST spent her vacation and holidays in the Hawaiian Islands. She saw the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and Oahu. She said the biggest celebration of the new year was in Honolulu. Fireworks started at 3 p.m. and continued until 2 a.m. the next day. Anne had never seen anything like it before. The weather was ideal, never lower than 70 degrees or hotter than 90 degrees. It was a paradise...Our condolences go to KATHLEEN SLOYAN whose uncle, MICHAEL SLOYAN, passed away at 83 years of age. He had 26 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Our sympathy also goes to JOSEPH CASTRO and his family on the passing of his uncle, JOSEPH PANEPINTO, who underwent open heart surgery...The 20th annual meeting of the General Office Credit Union was held on Friday, January 15, in the cafeteria. There were 240 members present and palatable refreshments were enjoyed by all. There were 35 door prize winners, including two from this section, BERNARD KANE and PATRICIA WALLACE...Congratulations are in order for DENNIS McFADDEN on attaining the position of accountant V...Congratulations also to RITA DEAKIN for successfully qualifying for the position of accountant III.

- Jeane Fitzgerald

## (Tabulating) -

CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his family vacationed near St. Louis, Missouri, in order to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. After a very pleasant and serene week, they were driven to the airport; goodbyes were said, and the relatives went home. Due to a severe snowstorm, no planes were taking off, nor were there any taxicabs to be found. So, Clarence had to rent a car to take them all back to the relatives who had bade them farewell so much earlier...We offer our condolences to ERMA POINTER and her family on the loss of her grandmother, Mrs. ADA PETTIS...On Friday, January 15, the CTA General Office Federal Credit Union held their 20th annual meeting. All of the officers and members are to be congratulated on the conclusion of a most successful year and a wonderful meeting.

- Evelyn Lou

## (Payroll) -

This issue finds our scribe away on a fabulous vacation trip to lands under the Southern Cross, Australia and New Zealand. After a brief stop at the Hawaiian Islands, the next day, or was it the day after tomorrow with the International Date line confusion, she arrived at the Fiji Islands where she enjoyed a refreshing dip in the hotel pool. This was followed by relaxing poolside, gazing over the tropical blue waters of the Pacific and dreaming of the snow and cold weather she left behind. Her last card showed she had arrived at Sidney, Australia, where she was to visit for a few days before moving on to New Zealand. We will leave the rest of her trip to be described by her in the next issue. We are pleased to have VIOLA MEYER back at work after her unfortunate fall...We also wish a speedy recovery to MARIE COARI who has undergone shoulder surgery...

CHRISTINE CAMERON is enjoying her vacation in California visiting relatives and various attractions in the state... To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, BEN TWERY and his wife took a seven-day Caribbean cruise on the M/S Song of Norway. They enjoyed daytime temperatures in the upper seventies and made stops at Nassau, San Juan, and St. Thomas. Ben retired nine years ago as supervisor of rapid transit payroll clerks...Our thanks to STAN MAI-LUCK who compiled the news for this issue.

- Clara Lawrence

## BEVERLY -

Brrr, the hawk is here. Hello everyone. Your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER, made it back from Memphis, although he had to drive 15 to 20 mph all the way from Cairo, Illinois. The highway was a sheet of ice. And speaking of ice, the most cold-blooded bus driver I have seen in a long time is working 103rd-106th. I had just been relieved at 103rd and Michigan, and the temperature was hovering around 4 degrees below 0, and as I tried to step on his bus the driver closed the door and sped away. I won't call his name, but I hope that he reads this and does a little thinking...We broke our commendation record for the fifth straight time, and the operators enjoyed the free coffee...Operators EUGENE BANKS, GUS WRIGHT, and FRED GIBBS are at it again on the checkerboard. Each is claiming to be the champ. We are going to settle this with a playoff. The tournament is over and Eugene is the winner with Gus and Fred the runners-up. Operator GONZALO GARZA is coaching Operator JOHN (Mighty Mite) MAHONEY on how to move the red and black checkers. Gonzalo is feeding the Mighty Mite carrots every day, but this is supposed to be only good for the eyes, not the mind...On the sick list at this time are: Operators R. TIERNEY, J. TRIYONIS, F. ZEMAITIS, E. HALL, J. NESBY, A. JOHNSON, W. JOHNSON, M. HILL, I. BOWLES, L. ERICKSON, J. MCKINNEY, and R. ROBINSON...We express our deepest sympathy to Operator GEORGE HARDY on the loss of his father, and to Instructor J. FULLER on the loss of his brother...We would like to wish a happy birthday to Supervisor L. MARFENS who was (?) on January 25. His buddy, JOE ROSSBACH, District "A" clerk, retired on February 1...Pensioner ED TROST paid us a visit at the depot and was glad to see some of his old friends...We are glad to see Operator VICTOR (No Pain) PACISKI back in the saddle after a long siege of illness. By the way, Vic just moved into his new home and is planning a house-warming party for his pals, soon.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

## CLAIM -

Congratulations to SAM VAUGHAN, locator, and ROY JACKSON who were promoted to statementmen...Statementman AL PORTER fell on the ice and broke his arm. Al said he is now trying to "get it together"...The open house for GRACE JOHNSON was a huge success, and was attended by many of her friends and co-workers. Grace retired on

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February 1 after 43 years of service. Her husband, WALTER, also retired on February 1 after 42 years of service. Grace and Wally wish to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness...JOHN JANKOWSKI is still recuperating from his recent operation, but is expected to return to work shortly. Our deepest sympathy is extended to JOHN HENNESSEY and his family on the loss of their son, JOHN, who died in an automobile accident on January 29; to the family of HARRY BONESS whose brother, CHARLES, passed away during the Christmas holidays, and to WILLIAM COONEY, property damage adjuster, whose wife passed away after a long illness.

- Ruth Kaminski & Terri Kramer

### ENGINEERING -

Good wishes are extended to EDWARD BECKER who retired on January 1. A luncheon at the Playboy Club was given in his honor and 26 of his co-workers from the Civil and Structural Sections were present. A gift was also presented to Ed. Once again, the Engineering Department and his many friends would like to express good wishes to Ed in his new endeavors...A warm welcome back to Superintendent of Design C. G. KALOGERAS who spent his vacation in the Florida Keys. He went deep-sea fishing and his son brought in a 56½ pound sea bass. He and his family also attended the Orange Bowl game on New Year's day and saw Nebraska beat L.S.U. It was a special treat for the Kalogerases as their son attends Nebraska university. All in all, it sounds like a great vacation--one you'd hate to leave behind...RON HAWKINS, Drafting Section, has mentioned on a number of occasions that his name has never appeared in Transit News. Well, Ron, here it is--RONALD HAWKINS. The drafting section "girl-watchers" claim they have quit watching for awhile because they are now engrossed in the new fashion book for spring. They say some people study sea catalogues at this time of year. Well, they're starting a new hobby. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join the club. The monthly dues are very reasonable. They are, all you can study and evaluate before the deadline of the Transit News. Just keep those cards and letters coming in, boys...Congratulations to CHESTER (Rusty) RUSAKIEWICZ who has managed to remain on the winning team for the Annual Engineering Bowl Match for three consecutive years. Keep up the good work, Rusty...BILL VIGUS of the Drafting Section seems to have caught on to the new fad--knickers. He is going to dig into his grandma's closet for a pair for himself. So be on the lookout. Any day now Bill may be showing up at work sporting his beautiful legs. He claims if girls can hide their legs, why can't men show them?

### (West Shops) -

The annual West Shops Credit Union meeting was held recently. There was an election of officers, reports were read of the previous year's progress, and quite a spread of eats was provided for the members. Five \$10 door prizes were awarded, and a prominent well-known tinner, who was handling the door prizes, just happened to have his number drawn by his wife. Hmmmm...RICHARD POLLIZE, laborer, is reported to be taking the plunge into the sea of matrimony very soon. More about that later...We're happy to see Clerk CHARLIE PAVESIC back in the office after his five-week vacation...Painter JAMES KEEGAN is at home convalescing after breaking a leg when he fell off a ladder at West Shops recently...We extend a hearty welcome to a

new machinist in our midst, ROBERT APPELQUIST... WEST SHOPS FLASH: What laborer who is mostly known for his scathing remarks, shocked a certain individual in the office recently by bringing coffee?

- Carol Bradac & Mary Gallon

### ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

CLARENCE MALOTTKE, superintendent of Construction and Maintenance, retired on February 1 after 47 years of service. He began his career with the Electrical Department of the old Chicago Surface Lines. He was honored at a breakfast "open house" in the Mart and received a lovely gift from his co-workers at that time. A "coffee and" was also held at the Chicago Avenue shop to wish him well. A dinner at Robert and Allen hall on January 24 was another well attended celebration. It was our pleasure to have worked with Mr. Malottke and we all join in wishing him and his wife good health and happiness. Think of us when the cold winds blow in Chicago and you are basking in the Florida sunshine.

- Kay McAlister

### (Blue Island) -

Well here we are into the month of February and we find JOHN DARCY and AMOS SMITH on pension. A nice going-away party was held for John and Amos at Sharkos West on January 8 with about 44 of their co-workers present. John received a three-suit and a portable bar as a gift, while Amos received a rod and reel. Now we can look forward to a good fish fry. We all wish these two great men a happy retirement. Retiring after 47 years of service was CLARENCE MALOTTKE, who was feted by 150 of his friends at a party. He received a beautiful wall barometer as a gift. Happy retirement, Clarence...It was nice to hear from the following men via Christmas cards: JACK BERNSTEIN, WALTER YOCIUS, JOE NAGRODSKI, PETE CARPINO, SYL DANECKE, ARVIN WILMONT, and FRANK CORRIGAN. Drop in any time, men, the coffee pot is always on...We have three new arrivals to announce. CHERI ANN RYCHLEE made her debut on November 8 weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces. The proud parents are CAROL and BOB RYCHLEE. The second was TIMOTHY MICHAEL McANDREWS who was born on January 9 to TERRY and DOROTHY McANDREWS. The third baby was DEBRA JEAN BOURNE who was born on January 5 weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces. The proud parents are JIM and JOANNE BOURNE. This little one made ANDY BOURNE eligible for the grandfathers club...Our deepest sympathy is sent to the BEEMSTERBOER family in the loss of LARRY's dad, and also to the family of WILLIAM McDONALD...Welcome back to JIM BRANDON who returned to work after four months of illness. Still off sick at this time are: JOE HERMAN, JAMES MURPHY, and CHARLEY MULBRANDON...On vacation at this time is WILLIAM STAUNTON who took his first plane ride to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania...Lucky ROBERT MONSON won a trip to Miami, Florida, for two. He celebrated by buying coffee and rolls for the men at Blue Island.

- William Rehder

### GENERAL OFFICE (Training & Accident Prevention) -

ARTHUR G. HUBACZ, the son of ART HUBACZ, an electronics mate 3rd class in the U.S. Navy stationed at

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Great Lakes announced his engagement to KAREN COBB of Hales Corners, Wisconsin, on Saturday, January 23. No wedding date has been set as yet...JOHN F. McKENNA, training assistant, retired February 1 after more than 39 years of service. An open house was held in John's honor on January 29 and we wish him lots of luck in the future.

### (Insurance) -

At the recent General Office Credit Union gathering three employes of this department were lucky and won door prizes. ED DONAHUE, a fountain pen; DICK REDDING, a mixer, and HECTOR ROCOURT, a \$10 bill...As of this writing TONI MISETIC is confined in Cuneo hospital, and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

### (Medical) -

Dr. ILLA ROMAN and his family spent a two-week vacation in and around Downers Grove enjoying the good old winter snow...Dr. SYDNEY FABIAN and his wife enjoyed a beautiful and exciting trip to Amsterdam, France, and London. Because of the stormy weather they were delayed in London enjoying the fog, but said it was the best trip they had taken and would like to go back again.

### (Public Information) -

RUSS WARNSTEDT, employe suggestion coordinator, welcomed a new grandson, RICHARD CARONE, who was born on January 17 weighing 9 pounds. This raises the number of his grandchildren to six. Congratulations!.. PATRICIA HALLAHAN announced her engagement to JOE DE SILVESTRO of Marseilles, Illinois, on February 1. No date for the wedding has been set. Good luck, Pat.

### (Reproduction Services) -

JUNE VAN CAMP flew to Florida for one week and then on to Montego Bay, Jamaica, where she stayed at the Shangri-La Apartments. Now she is spreading the news that anyone who is really looking for a restful vacation, this is the spot for it. It has all the comforts of home and MEN, too, so girls, here is your chance.

### (Employment) -

A surprise shower was held at Petricca's restaurant lounge on January 24 for RITA BRZECZEK by her future sisters-in-law. She received many beautiful and useful gifts...MAUREEN MCGILL left the Employment Department to teach art at Trinity High school in River Forest.

### (Employe Relations) -

JERRY McMANAMON enjoyed a two-week vacation in Canada and the northwestern states during July. Jerry says that ten streetcar lines, two rapid lines, several trolley coach routes, and Government of Ontario Transit, along with the usual gas bus lines, make Toronto a railfan's heaven. Seattle, Washington, included a ride on the monorail, and Butte, Montana, offered photographs of the Burlington Northern and the Milwaukee Road. Heading back home through St. Paul, Minnesota, he arrived in Chicago only 1 hour and 45 minutes late, but Jerry says it was well worth it.

### (Research & Planning) -

Our deep condolences are extended to GEORGE KRAMBLES, superintendent of R/P, whose mother, HERMINE, passed away on January 26 at the age of 90. All of us in R/P and your many friends at CTA express our sincere sympathy...DAVID (Tom) HENNINGSSEN became a grand-

father on January 23 when his daughter and son-in-law were blessed with a healthy 9 pound boy. Tom's face was all aglow as he announced to everyone the birth of DAVID JOHN WILLI. Congratulations, Tom, and also to David's new parents from all of us in R/P...A hearty welcome to JIM STUART who is our new co-op trainee...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. CHARLEY DROZDA who celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on February 18. The Drozda's, along with their friends, made it a night out on the town and attended the showing of "Cactus Flower" at the Drury Lane theatre. The whole gang wishes both of you many more years of happiness ahead...R/P members were pretty lucky at the annual credit union meeting. STEVE LEGLER's number, the first one picked, won him a new watch; DIANE GRAZIANO received an electric hairsetter, and MIKE DALEY a crisp \$5 bill. Everyone in the planning section won something except the boss, FRANK MISEK. We figured we'd get Frank's name in the article anyway and make him feel good.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neumaner

### KEELER -

Hi, fellows. If you forgot to send that best girl a Valentine--for shame. For consolation, always remember this bit of wit: "Any man who agrees with his wife can have his way." So, gals, forgive and pretend to forget...Ye olde scribe just turned a half century on February 1, so you can see that he is subject to come apart at the seams at any time. In fact, for four long weeks I was on the sick list and missed making our Keeler contribution last month. To compensate somewhat, my little tender hands are raw from pulling the rope for the birthday bell for January and February. Ding-dongs for January are for: Operators JOHN-SON, January 1; KUZYK, January 1; BRASWELL, January 2; HOUGHLAND, January 3; HAMPTON, January 5; HOLDEN, January 10; MOSELEY, January 16; BORNER, January 17; GRECO, January 19; DABROWSKI, January 19; BOOSE, January 20; KUMBERA, January 21; LATIMER, January 23, and DAVIS, January 29. February birthdates are: A. SEGAR, McFADYEN, and JOHNSON, February 2; FOX, February 9; GRABOWSKI, February 11; Board Member SCHNEE, February 12; GRAHAM, February 15; WILSON, February 16; ROBBINS, February 21; CZUBERNAT, February 23; PRIMM and BABER, February 24; RUTLEG, February 25; HAAK and O'NEAL, February 26; STEHLIK and MCGHEE, February 27, and last, but at his size, by no means least, Operator JARECKI, February 28...Proud father and thoughtful husband, Operator CARSON salutes his daughter, DEANNA, on her birthday January 30, and his lovely wife, GLORIA, February 7...Operator NEIL and his wife, ROSIE LEE, made it a baker's dozen, that is 13 years of the right ingredients, February 7. This coosome two-some blended together a delightful treat because it was their son, GERRY's, birthday February 10... Operator ARTHUR DAVIS and his wife, FAYNIA, commemorated a six-year merger on February 25...Would you believe that ANDY and MARY SEGAR celebrated 24 years of wedded bliss this month?...LOUIS and FRANKIE HOWARD relived wedding memories on February 11...Repairman JIM ALEXANDER and his wife, ROBERTA, declared their 5th amendment on December 18...Custodial Technician SY GOLDMAN and his wife, NELLIE, became proud grandparents for the second time on December 20. Their daughter, ROSETTE STRUBEL, presented to them (and her hubby) a little baby girl, LISA, who weighed in at 7 pounds 12 ounces...A late



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entry in the birthday sweepstakes was Garage Foreman FRED SCHMIDT on February 17. Other thoroughbred performers in the Schmidt family include his son's birthday on February 5, his mother-in-law, ALMA JOHNSON, celebrated her birthday on February 22 and couldn't do her favorite jig due to a broken hip. Fred's granddaughter, DAWN, birthdayered on February 23, and rounding out this highly illustrious family is Fred's wife, ELEANORE, who barely got in under the wire on February 27...Operator BECKER always has a gleam in his eye whenever he gives out news about his son, JOHN, who was home recently on a furlough...Another proud papa is Operator BABER. His son, BRENT, just returned to Tucson, Arizona, after 16 days at home. Brent, an Airman 1/C and jet maintenance mechanic, was recently made chief of three fighter jets, and still has his burdens to bear. If only he could get his mom, CHARLETTE, to quit worrying about her baby...I deliberately left the following items until last to give them the emphasis they are due. JIMMY SYLVESTER, garage mechanic, retired on January 1, and his many friends and co-workers tried to show him the high esteem in which he was held. Sorry, fellows, but I must admit that Jim was my favorite mechanic. Here's hoping that you will have many happy years of retirement mileage, Jim...Another recent retiree is Operator JAMES BORNER who took his pension on February 1. James was well liked and a widely known mainstay of Keeler. He will be missed by all his co-workers. Borner wound up his tenure of service as my leader, so I always kept an eye on him and gave him a hand whenever I could, because I didn't want him to begin his retirement tired. To you, Borner, may all your years of retirement be glorious and happy beyond your wildest dreams...Pensioner LEROY GOSS suffered a broken wrist after falling on the ice. Leroy, isn't ice hockey a wee bit extreme for retirees?..So until next time, bear in mind, "You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips."

- Ernest C. Carter

### LAWNDALE -

Congratulations to Operator and Mrs. CLEVELAND WHITE on the birth of a daughter, KIMBERLY, January 16, weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces...Lately Operator TOMMY PHILLIPS has been the subject of quite a bit of teasing. Why? It seems that he never knows exactly when payday is. Now can you imagine anyone forgetting when payday is? ..On February 1, JIM JAGOS of the Repair Department retired and said goodbye to his co-workers. MARTIN NEE, of the same department, also retired on March 1. Good luck and happiness to both of you fellows...STEVEN OLANDESE, the son of Repairman JOE OLANDESE, will graduate soon and has plans to attend Central YMCA college... DAN GALLAGHER, who has given the Repair Department many fine days of service, says that he has finally received the opportunity to work beside the best "chicken plucker" in the business, JOE OLANDESE...On January 20, the men at Lawndale were treated to coffee and rolls for breaking their commendation and complaint pars for the month of December. Congratulations, fellows, and keep up the good work...One of the new men here at Lawndale congratulated the personnel for their continued effort in keeping the fine image of which Lawndale is very proud. This new man is none other than Superintendent JACK MORRIS. Mr. Morris said that he knew he was coming to a fine station, and expects it to be the finest in the system with the help of all

its personnel. We the men of Lawndale salute you, Mr. Morris, and your goal is our goal...Recently we had some of our pensioners pay us a visit. They were: TOM KUREK, GEORGE MILLER, JOHN ZUREK, and JIM RITTENBERG. They all looked great and said they were feeling fine...We also received a short note from Retired Instructor ED HAVLICEK who commented on Lawndale's only "Polish Count." Nice hearing from you, Ed, you are still a part of our thoughts. If you get a chance, stop by and see us...Our sick and shut-ins this month are: C. SANDRIK, S. PERRY, W. HALLA, B. CALVERT, C. BRICHACEK, R. JONES, and A. KENNEDY. Hope to see you men back very soon... Happy birthday greetings are sent to the following: E. SHIELDS, R. BELL, B. STRONG, J. MANUS, D. BROWNLEE, C. HUNTINGTON, W. COTTON, L. CHATMAN, M. GRICKI, T. IVERY, R. GREEN, J. WILLIAMS, P. HENDERSON, I. CUNNINGHAM, T. GUMBUS, J. DANIEL, J. STAHULAK, C. HARRIS, R. FAY, A. REESE, J. GIBSON, C. KONOPACKI, C. GREEN, and I. DAVIS...Well, fellows, that's it for this month. See you next month.

- James Marshall

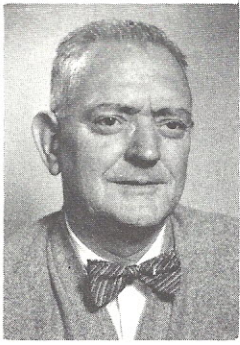
### KEDZIE -

Superintendent M. HARRINGTON and Superintendent G. DAUBS want to congratulate all of the operators for their part in beating our all-time low in accidents in 1970. Let's strive a little harder to make a better showing in the Interstation Safety Contest. . . Congratulations to Operator J. TALLEY who took his pension on February 1 after 43 years of service. John started his transit career with the Chicago Motor Coach in 1927. The best of luck to you, John, and your wife...Operator R. HARMON and his wife became grandparents on January 5 when their daughter gave birth to a baby girl. This is Mr. and Mrs. C. MOORE's first child...Pensioner C. DALBERG paid us a visit at the depot. He sure looks good and is enjoying retired life. Pensioner R. JOHNSON of Three Rivers, Michigan, dropped us a few lines. He's doing fine, and says hello to all at Kedzie...Chief Clerk F. CARPINO and his wife spent the month of February in Florida just enjoying life at its best...Clerk (Red) O'CONNOR is back to work after being off sick. It's good to see you back, Red...Don't forget our credit union. Save a little every payday. As you save, you help another brother in need.

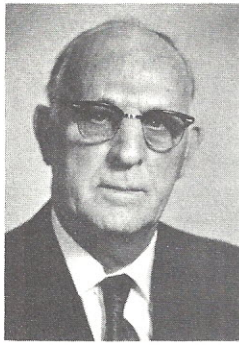
- Raymond Graham

### LIMITS -

Operator RICK RHEINSTROM had an enjoyable vacation visiting with his family and sightseeing in New York City. Rick is one of our many young operators and is doing a good job...Operator LUCAS DANIELE and his wife had a most enjoyable time entertaining their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. SEAGAL, from Culver City, California. It's always a happy time when your loved ones come for a visit...Supervisor H. GOETZ and his wife became grandparents when their son, PAUL, and his wife, ANN, presented them with a cute baby girl, JILL KATHLEEN. Congratulations to the proud parents and also to grandfather and grandmother...Operator LAWRENCE WEATHERLY and his wife welcomed their first child after 13 years of married life. Congratulations!..Instructor GENE DIEDEN and his wife welcomed home their son, JAMES, who recently completed his tour of duty with the armed

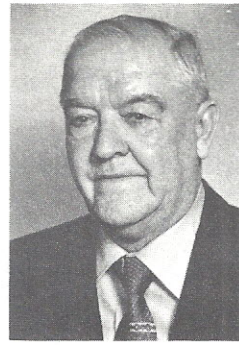


F. HARDT  
43 Years



J. TALLEY  
43 Years

JOINING THE ranks of the retired February 1 were the six employes pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each.



W. J. KEARNS  
44 Years



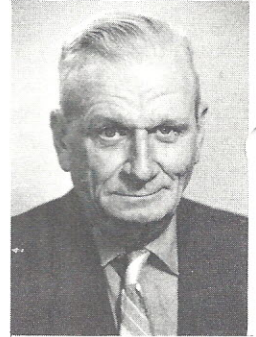
A. A. OLSEN  
41 Years

# NEW PENSIONERS

GEORGE W. AUSTIN, Bus Repairer, Kedzie, Emp. 2-14-46  
 EDWARD P. BORDES, Operator, North Park, Emp. 11-30-36  
 JAMES BORNER, Operator, Keeler, Emp. 9-7-43  
 PHILLIP BOYLE, Machinist, South Shops, Emp. 10-7-46  
 WILLIAM T. BRISON, Janitor, North Section, Emp. 1-8-46  
 MARGARET M. CEPEK, Steno V, Law, Emp. 2-1-46  
 FRED L. CROCKETT, Operator, Limits, Emp. 7-26-48  
 JOHN J. DARCY, Foreman, Electrical, Emp. 1-8-29  
 HAROLD V. ERICKSEN, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 10-30-33  
 HARRY G. HACKBARTH, Operator, Archer, Emp. 10-27-33  
 FRED HARDT, Clerk, Limits, Emp. 11-29-27  
 WILLIE K. HARE, Operator, Archer, Emp. 4-24-44  
 FRED HAUSER, Electrical Worker "A", South Shops, Emp. 6-12-25  
 ALBERT HICKMAN, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 1-11-45  
 JAMES JAGOS, Bus Serviceman, Lawndale, Emp. 10-2-46  
 CHARLES T. JAKALE, Traffic Checker, Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 11-11-36  
 GRACE A. JOHNSON, Clerical Supervisor, Claim, Emp. 3-11-27  
 RALPH J. JOHNSON, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-2-41  
 WALTER R. JOHNSON, Supervisor, Utility, Emp. 7-15-29  
 CHARLES F. KARSCHNIK, Chief Clerk, Beverly, Emp. 8-25-20  
 WILLIAM J. KEARNS, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 10-15-26  
 WALTER H. KERBS, Operator, Archer, Emp. 1-3-44



R. H. WAINSCOTT  
41 Years



J. J. DARCY  
42 Years

WILLIAM J. KVIZ, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 12-3-41  
 JOSEPH LEE, Janitor, West Section, Emp. 11-4-53  
 RUDOLPH F. MAAS Jr., Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-13-42  
 CLARENCE W. MALOTTKE, Supt. of Const. & Maint., Electrical, Emp. 8-15-23  
 JOHN MASCARI, Carpenter, Skokie Shops, Emp. 11-9-42  
 JOHN F. MCKENNA, Training Assistant II, Training & Accident Prevention, Emp. 10-11-30  
 \* RONALD A. MENDYK, Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 8-4-58  
 LOUIS R. MENKEN, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 1-16-43  
 MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-29-43  
 ARTHUR A. OLSEN, Clerk, North Avenue, Emp. 6-7-29  
 GEORGE A. OLSZEWSKI, Bus Repairer, Campaign Area, Emp. 10-24-47  
 GEORGE J. PINTA, Mobile Bus Repairer, Surface System Garages, Emp. 8-25-36  
 JOSEPH A. ROSSBACH, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 1-27-34  
 JOHN TALLEY, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 10-17-27  
 NICK A. VERLATIO, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 9-12-42  
 RUPHAS H. WAINSCOTT, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-22-29

\* Disability retirement

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forces. This makes father and mother very happy now that their three sons have completed their military obligations. ..Pensioner NICK KOEHNKE sends his best regards to all of the men at Limits. Nick is enjoying his pension to the fullest down in sunny Port Ritchie, Florida. DALE KOEHNKE, his son, is one of the most liked persons at Limits, and is following in his father's footsteps as an operator...We are happy to see Operators FRANK PRADZINSKI and GUS PETRUS back on the active list after being off for some time due to illness...Instructor HENDERSON is recovering slowly from his illness, and only time will tell when he is able to come back to work...Operator ROBERT PENDLETON has been in the hospital undergoing tests to determine the nature of his illness...Operator CARMEN IACULLO is wearing a cast on his left arm due to a fall on a bit of ice and snow near his home...Superintendent MILES DeWITT is now recuperating at home after a siege of pneumonia. Superintendents LOU MUELLER and JIM BROGAN have been doing an excellent job filling in for Mr. DeWitt...Our sincerest sympathy to the families of ELMER GEBAUER and ARTHUR MAAS who passed away last month.

- R. S. Benson

### LOOP -

Belated birthday greetings to Agent MARY MARBLE, January 16...Speaking of birthdays, it was just one year ago on February 1 that the Kennedy extension began operating...MARY GALLAGHER hasn't returned from her mid-winter vacation in Ireland. I guess she must have heard about our cold spell in Chicago...FRED TRIEM was unable to get home during the holidays to visit his family. He took a two-week leave of absence and flew to Washington where he had a wonderful visit...We are delighted to report that ANN CINCETTI is back to work again. Ann says her stay at Duke university did her a lot of good. The doctors there found medication which has helped her bronchial condition. Glad to have you back...Co-reporter MILDRED DOYLE is off the sick list and back on the job. Stick around, Mildred, both the Transit News and your co-reporter need your cooperation...GWEN (Smiley) WASH was ill from a virus for awhile, but fought the bug off and is now back again being her usual cheerful self...DOROTHY ADLER was feeling miserable with all the usual symptoms of the flu bug, but refused to let it get her down. She kept right on the job in spite of the sniffles and sneezes. That's our gal...WILBUR STRASSER and his wife took two neighborhood children down to Holiday Park in Ingleside, Illinois. They met DOROTHY DISMANG and her son, JOHN, and a friend down there. The boys had a marvelous time skiing and eating hot dogs and other goodies while the older folks had a ball watching them...We hear that JUANITA HARRISON is back in the hospital again. We hope it will be a short stay and that we will soon be seeing Juanita back on the job...Janitor J. LEE, who is retiring this month, will be missed very much by the agents on the Kennedy line where he worked. All his co-workers wish him the best and hope his retirement days will be happy ones...It was a surprise to everyone when GENEVIEVE RUSSIN left the Grand Avenue Station on the last pick. Genny worked at that station for 20 years. We wish her luck at her new station...DOROTHY PARKER also decided a change was in order. She left the Dearborn subway after many years of working there. Dorothy is now working at the Addison Station on the Kennedy line. We hope you like it there, Dorothy, we know you will

make a lot of new friends...Welcome to TITUS ALLEN, one of our new student agents who just moved to the West Section from the South Side. Glad to have you with us, Titus... Retired Agent MARY LYONS asks to be remembered to all her friends. She also asked us to convey her thanks for the retirement and Christmas gifts she received...MARION KAAD wishes to thank all her friends for their thoughtful consideration during her recent bereavement...We wish to express our sympathy to JUSTIN McCARTHY of the Central Assignment Office on the loss of his father...I'm sorry that Clerk JOE MARKOS caught heck over the two umbrellas he was taking to be repaired. I would like to inform those who turned the story around and really started something. Joe is a swell fellow and wouldn't take a thread from anyone or any place. So, more than one owes Joe an apology. Those umbrellas we wrote about were his personal property...Glad to see CATHERINE McKENNY back on the job after being off sick...Agent M. HAASE has been sewing for her three granddaughters, and now that the fourth little one just arrived, grandma is so happy she keeps that new sewing machine humming every evening making their summer dresses, I guess...Happy birthday to Agent D. DISMANG who was one year younger in February...Clerk DAN DOYLE just returned from a wonderful vacation in California. Dan flew there in January when the weather was a warm 90 degrees; the warmest January in 31 years. I guess the weatherman knew he was coming. Dan's friends had so many places to take him that he would have had to stay longer than he had anticipated in order to see all of them. Some of the places visited were: Knott's Berry Farm, San Juan Capistrano Mission, Busch Gardens, and Disneyland. He enjoyed a nice cool ride to Mexico where he and his friends walked around and shopped in many of the colorful shops. The highlight of Dan's trip was when he visited the Steve Allen show and met Charo, the wife of Xavier Cugat, who sang a song for him, and after the show she gave him a quart of wine and a big kiss...Please, friends, get that news rolling in, we need all your help to keep our column going.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wisted

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

It's good to see Agents BETTY RUSSO, MARY STAN-CZYK, ANN CINCETTI, and Assignment Agent MIKE TOBIN back to work after so many weeks on the sick list... Agent LOUISE DREWS is home from the hospital and recuperating nicely. Louise hopes to return to work soon... Agent LOUIS MENKEN took his pension on February 1 after 28 years of service. Louis plans to spend the first six months relaxing and enjoying that wonderful I-don't-have-to-go-to-work-tonight feeling. Best wishes to Louis for a long and happy retirement...ESTER JAMES has promised never to be asleep again when picking time comes around. Who knows, Ester, you might enjoy working Peoria No. 1... Congratulations to KAREN DOMINO who became a regular assignment agent when the new pick went into effect...Welcome to the great West Side to Student Agents DON MATSUNAGA and LARRY GIRTLEY who were transferred from the North and South sides...Belated birthday wishes to MARY BURROWS, January 13; Janitor LEE and ADAM WAAS, January 22, and to your co-scribe GRACE MOUNTS, January 8. Grace spent her birthday visiting her husband, CLEMENT, who has been in the hospital since the holidays. Grace also spent three days on the sick list herself...Jefferson Park's favorite clerk, PETE GURETZ, and his wife

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and sister-in-law, Mrs. JOHN TURINI, have gone to Lima, Peru, to visit Pete's daughter, Sister JANET HELEN. Hope they have a safe and enjoyable trip. Pete has promised to give us a detailed account of his trip upon his return...Superintendent RALPH DeMARIA is still off sick. We all wish to extend to him our best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery...Best wishes for many happy years in their new home to LINDA TAPINS and her family...We wish to extend our sympathy to Assignment Agent JUSTIN McCARTHY and his family on the death of his father...MARION KAAD wishes to thank everyone for their cards and kind words which she received at the time of her sister's death...A big welcome to the Kennedy line to DOROTHY PARKER. Hope you are enjoying the sunlight and fresh air. Dorothy's coming out of the hole caused a chain reaction on the Kennedy and a bumping good time was had by all...I can understand why a name with 20 letters is shortened, but why drop the LOLLI from LOLLIPOP and settle for just plain POP, Pop?..Strange happenings on the Kennedy. Who was the agent that was searched by the police at Irving Park the other day? Rumor has it that he was suspected of having a concealed weapon. And what did that alleged weapon turn out to be?..Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the wife of Clerk NORMAN LODERHOSE. Mrs. Loderhose is at home recuperating from surgery...Hope the Vamp of Van Buren is feeling better. She told me the other day she hadn't been feeling very vampish lately...BETTY RUSSO would like to thank all who called, sent mass cards, flowers, and plants to cheer her during her recent illness...Belated wishes to Part-time Agent GEORGE SUPKAY, who was married to CARMEN F. BOBBIO on September 5.

*- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty*

### NORTH AVENUE -

We welcome TERRY McGUIGAN who became assistant day foreman at North Avenue. We also welcome back Night Foreman JOSEPH WARD...JOSEPH FIORITA, formerly day foreman at North, now at Archer Depot tire center as day foreman, became a grandfather for the seventh time when his daughter, PATRICIA RILEY, gave birth to a baby girl, EILEEN MARIE. The Rileys also have four sons...Superintendent FRANK BUETOW paid his friends at North Avenue a welcome visit. Frank has been on the sick list...Pensioner BILL ECHOLS writes that he enjoyed Christmas and thanks all of his friends for the cards he received. Bill is well. I had a visit with Pensioner ERNEST BOCK who was on the sick list. He looks good and I hope to have him ready, willing, and able for the summer fishing season...Operator WILLIAM BUETOW enjoyed a quiet vacation watching the bad weather while the rest of us had to work in it...I trust all of you remembered your special gals, wives, or sweethearts, on Valentine's Day. If you didn't, you're in the doghouse now...Operator DAVID KISSANE, Kedzie Depot, celebrated his 39th birthday, again, on January 25. How many of you remember way back when he first celebrated his 39th birthday?..Hopalong Cassidy rides again. This time he will be a Polish Hopalong in the person of WILLIAM KOSEK of South Shops. He is always dashing around so the men at South Shops have offered to buy him a horse to lighten his work. Anyone want to donate a ten-gallon hat?..And now, from Switchboard Operator WALTER BLIX, comes the news from the Inner Sanctum. This month there's a bit of vacation news from the fellows in the front office. Clerk BOB WITTENBERG and his Mrs. have just

returned from Nevada, the land of the one-armed bandits. From all indications Bob wasn't able to take an early pension, which means that we'll all be listening to more of his stories for a good while to come. Our genial Assistant Chief Clerk ART OLSEN is taking two vacations. One is the one he picked, and this will be followed by his retirement. All of us here wish you loads of good luck, Art, and needless to say, we're all going to miss you. By this time another member of the Inner Sanctum, Clerk ROLAND HEAD and his Mrs., should be basking in the beautiful Florida sunshine. Just to make sure that they don't get all of it, Clerk TOM HICKEY and his wife, BEA, are going to follow them down there. Another clerk who doesn't intend to stay around and endure our cold winter weather is FRANK PASCHE. He and his wife will also head their little ol' Chevelle in the direction of the Sunshine State... Our belated best wishes to Switchboard Operator JOHN STICH on his (?) birthday. Needless to say we all enjoyed the calorie loaded cake that went with it. Speaking of birthdays, January 30, 1921, must have been a very important day in history. It was on this day that Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER let out his first yell to let everyone know that hereafter he was to be counted in every census. Congratulations, boss. Congratulations are also in order for Relief Superintendent EDDIE BRODD who has been appointed night superintendent at North Park Station. As the saying goes: North Park's gain is North Avenue's loss. Acting Superintendent ART TABEL has been doing a good job seeing that things are kept in order here at North Avenue. We've also lost one of our sanitary engineers, EDDIE LYNCH, who recently went to Kedzie to help clean things up...If any of you happen to run across JUDY STACH, the lovely daughter of Clerk BOB STACH, be sure you're wearing your dark glasses because the gleam of that ring on the third finger of her left hand just might blind you. How's that for a Christmas present? Wedding bells should be ringing sometime in mid-1971...Our sincerest condolences to the families of Operator TERRY REGAN on the loss of his mother, JANE, and Instructor PAUL WINKOWSKI on the loss of his father...Without Walter's help this would have been a mighty short column. How about it, somebody must have done something? Also, all of you pensioners; north, south, east, and west, let us hear from you. How's the fishing? Is it a good vacation spot in your part of the country? I want news. Help!

*- William Miedema*

### NORTH PARK -

North Park's annual credit union meeting was held on January 8 at River Park fieldhouse where a fine report was delivered by Treasurer JOHN O'BRIEN. The officers declared a dividend of 6% on savings, and all members are urged to bring in their books so that they may be brought up to date. PAUL COOK was elected to the credit committee for a 3-year term, while WALTER UHLEMANN was elected president and a member of the board of directors. Refreshments were served and the following won door prizes: Mrs. ETHEL PERRY, Mrs. SUE PETERS, Mrs. LEE UHLEMANN, Mrs. SUE HUTNICK, Mrs. EUNICE SMALL, Mrs. ANN WISNIEWSKI, Pensioners JULIUS MERSCH, JOE VAN DEN EEDEN, EDWARD BORDES, CHARLES DUNNE, MARTIN DEVANEY, and MARTIN BAKKA, Operators SEYMOUR STEINBERG, PAUL COOK, JOHN FIESTERMAN, FRANK KOZIOL, JOHN COSGROVE, WILLARD FRIEB, JAMES DOLAN, BEN NEUMAN, GENE

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BRUDNEY, HENRY SCHRAMM, CHARLES WISNIEWSKI, JOHN KACZAR, SOL MUSCARELLO, and PAT SCIORTINO, Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS, Ticket Agent WALTER LOWING, Sanitary Engineer STANLEY GUSTAFSON, and Repairmen GENE DRZEWICKI and ROMAN YENDRE-ZCZYK. Our congratulations to Treasurer John O'Brien and his assistants, TONY BRUNO and DALE PETERS, for a very efficient job. . . Superintendents ROBERT KEAG, JACK MORRIS, and VICTOR JOHNSON would like to take this opportunity to thank the operators at North Park for making 1970 the best year we have had in accident reduction. A total of 186 operators made no reports of any type for the year...Congratulations are extended to JACK MORRIS who was appointed superintendent of Lawndale Depot, while EDWARD BRODD was appointed assistant superintendent at North Park. We extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Brodd who was formerly an operator at North Park and hope his stay will be a long one...Operator CARL HANSEN, who has been off sick for a considerable period of time, has returned to work as a street collector, and we at North Park are happy to see Carl back again...Chief Clerk RAY SIMON is counting the days until he can return to his summer retreat at Noblesville, Indiana, and get his vegetable and flower gardens started again...Clerk of the Year, TERRY LATTIN, spent his vacation in Michigan showing the natives how to ski and snowmobile, and reports that the results were excellent...Mrs. EDITH POSNER, the wife of Operator SAM POSNER, is recovering satisfactorily at this writing from recent surgery at Edgewater hospital. Our prayers are with Edith for a complete recovery...Operator WILLIAM KNIGHT and his wife, ELKENA, became grandparents for the first time on December 23 when their daughter, Mrs. MURIEL BALDWIN, gave birth to a son named KEITH WILLIAM at St. Elizabeth hospital...Operator EDWARD (Aces) O'BRIEN became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter, Mrs. KATHLEEN MICNOR, gave birth to a daughter named DONNA JANE on October 21 at Ingalls Memorial hospital located in Harvey, Illinois, weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces...Operator ZEKE JAGST was married on Saturday, February 20, to Miss HILDA GEBHARD at St. Lukes Lutheran church. The reception held at the Belmont hotel was attended by 150 guests. The young couple honeymooned in Austria and the Alps in Switzerland where they enjoyed a skiing ball...Pensioner JOHN KARASEK and his wife, LILLIAN, and their son, Dr. MARVIN KARASEK, flew via TWA to Lisbon, Portugal, for a grand vacation trip. Also on the agenda were trips to Tangier, Africa, and Seville, Granada, Valencia, and Barcelona, Spain, then on to Lucerne, Switzerland, Paris, France, and London, England, before returning home...Pensioner CARL DESIMONE was a visitor at North Park and reports that he is taking a two-month trip to Bellflower, California, to visit friends, and then will leave for Tampa, Florida, to visit relatives for the rest of the winter...Pensioner GARRETT FOY stopped at the depot to see his many friends. Garrett and his lovely wife, JEAN, who are living in Jasonville, Indiana, report that the hunting and fishing are keeping them busy. Garrett invites his friends to stop by and try his strawberries, tomatoes, corn, and other assorted vegetables...Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, of Highlandville, Iowa, were in Chicago for their annual visit with their children, TED, HELENE, and MARIE. Harvey looks and feels fine and invites his many friends to stop and see him as they pass through Iowa...I would like to take this opportunity to thank my many pensioner friends who have sent me Season's Greetings and keep those grand notes coming.

Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator JOE SCALETTA and his wife, DOREEN, their 13th; Operator HENRY NEUMAN and his wife, LEONA, their 39th; Assistant Superintendent EDWARD BRODD and his wife, ANN, their 34th; Operator MELVIN HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, their 33rd; Operator ARTHUR OLSON and his wife, LENORE, their 31st; Operator ED ZIENTARA and his wife, ROSE, their 35th; Operator ROGER AYOTTE and his wife, HELEN, their 12th; Pensioner JOHN KARASEK and his wife, LILLIAN, their 41st; Superintendent ROY RIPKA and his wife, IRIS, their 7th, and Utility Chauffeur JOHN MILLER and his wife, ROZIA, their 37th...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operators IRVING WEINER, ARMAND DELGADILLO, JOSEPH GUZZARDO, SEYMOUR STEINBERG, ED NEWTON, CHARLES KEMP, GARY NOONAN, NICK GASPER, and IRIS RIPKA, WALTER LINDEMANN, GARY KEMP, FRANCES NEWTON, SHIRLEY PAOLI, JULIA ZAHN, LINDA DIEDIER, MIKE SCHRAMM, MIN SEIFERT, Receiver BILL CERKEN, and BONNIE NEUMAN...Our sympathy and condolences to Operator DALE PETERS on the loss of his father, Mr. J. H. PETERS, of Nashville, Arkansas; to Operator TOMMY SIMMONS on the sudden death of his beloved wife, ERNESTINE, and Pensioner MELVIN ZAHR on the loss of his beloved wife, LILLIAN...Operator STANLEY KAZAK and his wife, JOANNE, flew by 747 to San Francisco, California, to attend the funeral of Joanne's brother, Mr. LOUIS WAGNER. Our condolences to the Kazaks...Repair Department Chit Chat: Clerk GENE LOTITO and his wife, ELSIE, his daughter, DONNA, and his son, ALLEN, spent a week at Boyne Mountain Resort near Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they received several skiing lessons. Gene reports everyone came through with flying colors and the family is looking forward to returning for the next venture...Repairman FRANK (The Cat) SCHENDL, while on vacation in Iowa, was snowed in at Davenport where they had 30 inches of snow, and when he got to Waterloo, he had trouble starting his car in the 27 below zero weather. Frank and his wife again enjoyed their stay at the Dodge House motel where they savored the meals in the Gypsy Tea Room...Pensioner JULIUS MERSCH donned his Santa Claus suit again and gave his seven grandchildren another wonderful Christmas party...Bus Dispatcher GEORGE SERITELLA had the good fortune of picking his two-week winter vacation during our recent zero weather...Repairman FRANK CIONE enjoyed his vacation in Las Vegas where the shows were super, the meals great, and, well, Frank's pocket-book is a little flatter...Repairman PAUL (On the Ball) SCHREVES entertained his neighbors with his annual Christmas concert on his theatre organ...Remember, the Credit Union is ready, willing, and able to help all who need cash to meet those Christmas bills and income tax problems. So see JOHN, TONY, or DALE for ready cash.

*- Melvin Horning*

### NORTH SECTION -

Congratulations and best wishes to WALTER LINDBERG, Howard switchman, and DEBRA MAYFIELD on their recent marriage...Welcome back to Howard Yard Foreman JAMES PRENDERGAST after a two and one-half year absence...Congratulations to Student Ticket Agent H. CHERKOSKY on his recent engagement. Plans are now being made for a November wedding...Ticket Agent ROSE McANDREWS became a grandmother on January 9 when her son, TERRY, and his wife, DOROTHY, presented her

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with her first grandson, TIMOTHY MICHAEL. Rose informs us that he weighed in at 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 inches long with auburn hair and knows how to smile at grandma... Birthday greetings are sent to Agent THELMA ZINNINGER, January 9; Janitor WARDELL LEE, January 9, and Agent LILLY WILLIS, January 10... The father of Janitor JOHN McCONVILLE and Agent BETTY FIFE is confined in Ravenswood hospital at this writing. Mr. McConville is to undergo surgery, and we wish him a complete and speedy recovery... Ticket Agent DANIEL DIASIO became a grandfather, twice, when his daughter-in-law, DOROTHY, gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl, on December 28. Dorothy is the daughter of Retired Howard Switchman H. HENGELS. Dan also told us that his son, DANIEL, the twins' father, was also confined to the hospital and passed away and was buried on January 25. To Dan and the rest of his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy. . . We welcome eight newcomers to the North Side: H. ISACH, D. BROSMAN, J. MARTINAC, P. RIVERA, J. SAINSBURY, J. SARNA, B. JACKSON, and F. KLOSOWSKI. . . This month the news is short as your scribe, at this writing, is on the sick list having been hospitalized in For-kosh hospital. I wish to thank everyone who phoned and sent cards... If anyone has any news for the next issue, please give it to the clerks at Howard and Kimball.

- Tina Henke

### OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

On Christmas eve, DIEDRE MARLENE, the daughter of BOB TALBOT, received a diamond ring from CARL L. COLOMBO. They are planning their wedding for Easter Sunday. Diedre is a school teacher and Carl is an architect. Congratulations and good luck to the newly engaged couple... JULIE WILLEM recently returned from a vacation in Puebla, Mexico. She spent two weeks with her son, RAY, and his wife, ADALINA. Julie went to Lake Chapala for a few days, which was very pretty, and did some sightseeing. She also went to Guadalajara where she saw her first (and probably her last) bull fight. The weather was beautiful and she had a wonderful time, especially being with her son and daughter-in-law during the Christmas holidays. . . While JAMES R. BLAA was doing snow work around his home, he slipped and fell and broke his left leg. He is now taking it easy recuperating. RAY STRATTON is presently off sick and in the hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

### (Transportation Instruction) -

WALTER STONE, a surface system instructor, recently passed the entrance exams and has been accepted into a program for deacons in the Archdiocese of Chicago. For the next two years he will attend classes on theology and scripture at Quigley North. Congratulations, Walter, and keep up the good work.

### (Equipment Research & Development) -

After spending a week in the hospital undergoing surgery, CHARLES RICKER is now home recuperating. He had the misfortune of falling and injuring his achilles tendon. We hear he is coming along fine and we send him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

### (Utility and Emergency Service) -

On February 1 WALTER R. JOHNSON began his retirement after 42 years of service. Coffee and rolls were served at Blue Island in his honor. A few of those who

came to give him a good send-off were JOE MULREE, ELMER FEHLHABER, and FRANCIS VAN GEENAN who is presently off sick. On this same day, his wife, GRACE, who worked in the Claim Department, also retired. We wish them the best of health and a very happy retirement... PAT PORCELIUS and his wife flew to Las Vegas for four days of fun. They saw some shows and left there not winners, but not losers. The weather there was something else. While they were there, Las Vegas experienced the coldest weather since 1950. They went on to Oakland and visited with some friends, went sightseeing in San Francisco, and ended their vacation at Lake Tahoe... A. CANDELA had an especially nice Christmas and New Year as he spent the holidays with his daughter in California... CASEY De-BOER, who is now living in Minnesota, stopped in to say hello while he was in Chicago. He then traveled to Florida to the sun and warm weather... RICHARD O'GORMAN is presently in the hospital after suffering a stroke. We send our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery... We are happy to see that TONY CALABRESE is feeling fine and is back to work after a lengthy illness... We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of JOHN DUBIN who recently passed away, and to BEN LONGINOTTI whose wife passed away on January 29 after a short illness.

- Colette Szczepanek

### PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

As this icy weather continues to freeze us, we have the assurance that when the groundhog makes his yearly appearance, we will thaw out once again. Now, while we await the coming of spring, let's spring some news on you... Purchasing's REBECCA COUSIN rested with her parents at their home in Nashville, Tennessee, over the Christmas holidays... DARLENE JANSEN, Purchasing, spent her vacation entertaining relatives over the holidays and, of course, getting up early--in the p.m... We were happy to receive a letter from MARGARET HANSON, retired employe of the Purchasing Department, stating that she was well and requesting that we write in this column that she thanks her friends for the birthday cards she received... GEORGE ADAMS, superintendent of Specifications, was really high in the air while on his vacation. He spent most of the time in airplanes. However, he did get to enjoy some of the California weather, which has warmer temperatures than the Windy City... Great news--your former Transit News reporter, JANE URSO, became the mother of CHRISTOPHER ARTHUR URSO who was born on January 8 at Columbus hospital. Christopher weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces. Jane and Christopher are doing just fine, we are happy to report... JILL MISE was all smiles on January 14, the day that she formally announced her engagement to ELLIOT LINNE. No wedding date has been set. The ring was presented to her the night of January 13 as she was having dinner at the Arc in Glenview. Elliot, her husband-to-be, is a former employe of CTA and is now stationed in California serving in the U.S. Marines. By the way, Elliot's father, BURT, has been a member of the CTA team for 35 years. He's a ticket agent at Montrose on the Kennedy... KATHLEEN McATEER, Stores G.O., has left CTA to await the birth of her first child (or will it be children?). A luncheon was given in her honor on her last day by several of her friends. The luncheon was held at Henrici's on New Year's eve. Serenaders were present this day and asked for requests. When they asked Kathy for her request, she answered, "I'm getting married in the morning." The song

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was announced, and everyone joined in the singing. After the song, everyone applauded and Kathy stood up to take her bow! Of course, as she did so, laughter rang out! Kathy has a sense of humor, and this is one of the many reasons we will miss her. Much happiness to Kathy and her husband, JIM, along with the new addition--or additions--to their family...A double welcome to Stores G.O. this month--to JERRY KILLMAN, replacing KEVIN BARNETT as order clerk, and to MARY ANN CAHILL, replacing KATHY McATEER as typist I. Glad to see you both with the team in the Mart, Mary Ann and Jerry...BARNY GAGNON visited with his sister in Kankakee, Illinois, during Christmas vacation, and enjoyed some time with his wife's mother in Beaverville, Illinois...CHESTER SKORA, Stores, while on his vacation, which he spent at home, replaced a faucet in his kitchen sink (he has this thing about drips). Also, while he and his wife spent a day taking a drive in Lemont, Illinois, he got a flat tire on the Dan Ryan Expressway. Of course, he shook his head; and as he did so, a Good Samaritan came along and offered to change the tire for Chester--and he did, too!..As you can see, there's no news from our Storeroom personnel. So, men, PLEASE FURNISH US WITH SOME NEWS!

- Cathy Raschick & John Gill

### RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Our condolences to the family of FRANK BENANTI in the passing of his mother on January 22...Our sympathy to G. SMEROS, Kimball, and his family in the passing of his wife on December 24...A wish to hurry and get well is sent to FRANK FAWCETT, Kimball, who is off sick...Welcome to DONALD FALBORSKI, new car serviceman at Kimball...Congratulations to C. L. DUNLAP Jr., Dan Ryan, on his marriage to CHERYL LAWRENCE in St. Louis on December 24. Best wishes for years of marital bliss are sent to the newlyweds...Back to work after an enjoyable holiday vacation are T. FRIEND and R. DAVIS, Dan Ryan...Farewell to M. MOLLOY who transferred from Dan Ryan to 61st Street, and a welcome back to C. L. DUNLAP Jr. who returned to Dan Ryan...Welcome back to JOHN KOFER, Dan Ryan, who was off on the sick list...Sorry to hear that F. RIO, Congress, is back in the hospital...Congress now has added a bowling team to its collection of athletes. The terrors of the tenpins are: J. McDONOUGH, R. SCHEIBE, C. SEYMOUR, C. TUCKNOTT, R. GALLARDO, M. KEATING, and M. VASQUEZ.

- Ray Bryczek

### SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

RUTH HAVLIK and her sister, MARIE, of the Electrical Department, flew to Mexico. One of the star attractions was riding the new subway in Mexico City...Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD GOLDSTEIN celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on January 8, and Mr. and Mrs. B. ALSTON, outside checker, celebrated their wedding anniversary on December 12...The Schedule Department has three first-time grandparents. JAKE SUMNER's daughter-in-law gave birth to a son, and DOROTHY ETSCHIED's daughter gave birth to a baby girl. BERNIE KINCANNON's daughter gave birth to a doubleheader--twins. Congratulations to the parents and to the grandparents. Bernie is now convalescing at home after a stay in the hospital. We extend our best wishes to him for a speedy recovery...ANTHONY MICKO-

VIC, outside checker, and his wife flew to Arizona and then on to Ohio to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. ..WALTER THOMAS and his wife flew to Oregon to celebrate Christmas with his in-laws and their children. This was the first Christmas reunion in 14 years...WALTER SCHWEINFURTH and his wife flew to California to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother. The Schweinfurths are sporting a new Oldsmobile Cutlass. Good luck.

- Kathryn Batista

### SKOKIE SHOPS -

ROBERT BINNIE, electrical worker, made a visit to the shop to say hello, and is feeling great after his gall bladder operation. Hurry back, Bob...EDWIN KNIAZ, machinist, is home resting after an eye operation. Hope to see you soon, Ed...THOMAS HOEY, electrical worker, has been chosen for jury duty. Good luck, Tom, I hope you enjoy it...JOSEPH MICHALCZUK, electrical worker, is still home after a long stand of illness. Hurry back, Joseph, the boys are asking for you...ROBERT S. WINTHER, Technical Services, is certainly having a ball bringing the cute pictures of his grandchild to the office for a viewing with everyone. Keep it up, Bob, we love it...To THOMAS LYONS, divisional engineer: Sorry I forgot to welcome you back to Skokie Shops. Nice having you back, Tom...Fellow Employees--Please send in some news for the Transit News.

- Everett E. England

### SOUTH SECTION -

Your reporter just returned from spending two weeks on jury duty at the Civic Center, which was real interesting and different. Now I know something about the workings of the law in jury trials pertaining to accident cases. It was enjoyable, but I was sure glad to come home to Ashland Avenue to roost after it was over...Congratulations to Motorman ROBERT JACKSON who became a clerk on the South Section on December 13, and to Motorman JOHN KENNEDY who started as a clerk on the North Section on the same date. Good luck to you both...All you South Siders, pat yourselves on the back for helping to make 1970 the safest year in CTA history. Let's all keep up the good work in 1971 and make it an even safer year...Received a nice card from Retired Motorman CHARLES RUMMEL who lives in Glendale, California. He was in Chicago not long ago, but didn't get a chance to see all his old friends, so he says hello to everyone...It sure is good to see Motorman WILLIAM BROWN, Conductor WILLIAM ROWE, and Janitor PETE EVANS back to work after being on the sick list for quite some time...This is really a success story for one of our South Siders. FRENCHIE ELLIS came up through the ranks, all the way from janitor, to conductor, to instructor, to the line office, and on January 3 he was appointed as relief station superintendent, West Section. Now that is really a success story. We all wish Frenchie the very best in his new appointment...Received a note at Christmas from Retired Clerk JOHN HEFFERNAN who lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He and his wife are going to leave Florida in April and go back to his birthplace in South Dakota where the rest of his family and friends reside. They are getting along OK and send their regards to all of us...Salutations to newly-hired Conductors LEROY GROCE, LEVELL RADER, ALVIN STAFFORD, CHARLES MITCHELL, and JOHN PELT, and to newly-hired Agents

# recent deaths

ARTHUR E. ANDERSON, 82, Elston,  
Emp. 3-19-15, Died 12-2-70  
ALBERT BEROTT, 49, North Park,  
Emp. 1-14-46, Died 1-23-71  
JOHN B. BLAIS, 77, 77th Street,  
Emp. 8-28-18, Died 1-6-71  
MICHAEL BOCHNIK, 87, Elston,  
Emp. 9-5-18, Died 12-31-70  
HILLIARD BOULWARE, 41, Archer,  
Emp. 12-6-56, Died 1-16-70  
JAMES BRENNAN, 62, North Park,  
Emp. 5-13-42, Died 1-21-71  
LOUISE BUCKER, 88, North Section,  
Emp. 3-6-25, Died 11-16-70  
LEO BURCH, 89, Lincoln,  
Emp. 12-13-21, Died 12-29-70  
FRANK CANIANO, 83, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 10-23-30, Died 12-11-70  
ANDREW CAROLAN, 83, Track,  
Emp. 6-23-27, Died 12-14-70  
ANTHONY P. CASTO, 63, South Shops,  
Emp. 9-18-45, Died 1-5-71  
PATRICK CLARK, 79, North Section,  
Emp. 2-16-20, Died 12-17-70

JEREMIAH CREAGH, 92, Lawndale,  
Emp. 9-17-06, Died 1-1-71  
WILLIAM J. CROSSON, 72, West Section,  
Emp. 6-2-41, Died 12-31-70  
NIKOLA DODER, 84, Track,  
Emp. 6- -07, Died 12-11-70  
EUGENE J. DUFFY, 60, West Section,  
Emp. 8-26-36, Died 12-23-70  
ERNEST L. EBBESON, 80, West Section,  
Emp. 6-22-43, Died 12-29-70  
FRANK ESPOSITO, 71, Lawndale,  
Emp. 10-25-41, Died 12-29-70  
STEPHEN EVANOFF, 79, North Avenue,  
Emp. 11-28-27, Died 12-04-70  
JAMES FAHEY, 91, Devon,  
Emp. 2-4-05, Died 12-12-70  
DAVID J. FANNING, 78, Claim,  
Emp. 2-1-28, Died 12-10-70  
JOSEPH FINN, 83, 69th Street,  
Emp. 11-5-26, Died 12-20-70  
ELMER GEBAUER, 62, Limits,  
Emp. 1-6-30, Died 1-10-71  
ALFRED GRABE, 69, South Section,  
Emp. 1-30-45, Died 1-4-71

GLORIA McNEAL, EMMA BALENTON, VERONICA PARKER, MARY DIGGS, and MAUREEN HAMILTON... Another nice appointment was made on January 3 when Motorman JAMES HIGHTOWER was appointed a supervisor. Our best wishes to you, James... We were saddened to hear that Retired Motorman ALFRED GRABE passed away in Mountain Home, Arkansas. His wake and burial was here in Chicago. Mrs. GRABE said that after she straightens out their affairs in Mountain Home she will come back to Chicago to live... Also heard at Christmas from Retired Assistant Station Superintendent ARTHUR ANDERSON who lives in Arlington Heights. Their son, ALVIN, was transferred in his business to Memphis, Tennessee, so Arthur and his wife, HELEN, spent their Thanksgiving holiday with Alvin and his wife... Good, good news! Conductor HAROLD THEDENS, who had been on disability pension for one year, has regained his health and is back on the active list working as a conductor. It's good to see him around Ashland again... While shopping just before New Years, who should I meet in the store but Retired Motorman HARRY BARTON. He looked just wonderful... Janitor JAMES STRONG had a winter vacation and visited with his relatives in St. Louis and had a good time... Our sincere condolences to Instructor MITCHELL THOMAS whose brother passed away in Buffalo, New York, and to Janitor LENZY BATTLES whose mother passed away in St. Louis... Retired District Superintendent THOMAS (Terry) McGOVERN called to thank everyone for all the cards and letters he has received since retiring, and the kindnesses extended to him by all his friends... The new voices you will hear when calling the line office will be Instructors DAVID MARTIN and LESTER RACKER, and Supervisor JERRY JOHNSON... Received a note from Retired Superintendent of Operations JOHN HIGGINS from his home in Walnut Creek, California. He was in Chicago recently and visited our 95th Street office on the Dan Ryan. He was sorry he couldn't get around to visit his old friends at the other terminals... Resigning recently for

positions elsewhere were: Motorman THOMAS FOSTER, Conductor OLIVER SOUTHERN, and Agents ROSETTA McDONALD, MINNIE WAKEFIELD, RAYBURNE LAWRENCE, and ELMIE HENRY... At this writing, Switchman NELSON ANDERSON and Motorman ALFRED CRISLER are on the sick list. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery and return to work... Another letter was received from Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY from Miami, Florida, and he said that he recently made a trip to California. While there he had a nice visit with Retired Superintendent of Operations JOHN HIGGINS and talked about the good old days... Good luck to Agent ALBERT POWERS who was transferred to the Schedule-Traffic Department on January 24.

- Verna Hartney

## SOUTH SHOPS

The Shops & Equipment Department would like to extend a warm welcome to OSCAR K. PETERSON who will be working at South Shops as coordinator of bus maintenance. ..The Technical Services-Surface Division staff would like to welcome BHUPINDAR S. MALLHI who will be working as a technical service technician III. Bhupindar is from India and has only been in this country for three months... Congratulations go out to J. BOLECH who became a grandfather for the third time when a grandson, JAMES JOSEPH, was born on January 7 weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces. This gives Mr. Bolech a total of two grandsons and one granddaughter... Our new general foreman, TED PIETRUS, became a grandfather for the sixth time when a grandson, GREGORY, was brought by the stork on January 20 weighing 8 pounds. This gives Mr. Pietrus a total of four grandsons and two granddaughters... Good luck is extended to FRED HAUSER, electrician, who took an early pension on February 1 after 45 years of service... Area 312 had some very interesting vacations recently. Mechanic JOSEPH



# among employes

BERNADETTE D. HAYES, 60, West Section,  
Emp. 12-15-38, Died 10-24-70  
BERT S. HITES, 77, North Avenue,  
Emp. 12-21-25, Died 12-20-70  
JOHN JANKOWSKI, 90, Archer,  
Emp. 12-1-10, Died 12-10-70  
LOUISE C. KNIPFEL, 77, Medical,  
Emp. 8-5-30, Died 12-9-70  
FRANK G. KOSHELSKI, 78, Blue Island,  
Emp. 9-13-27, Died 1-4-71  
THOMAS F. LOWRY, 83, 77th Street,  
Emp. 6-18-20, Died 12-8-70  
SAM McCARTHY, 89, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 8-22-10, Died 1-2-71  
ESTHER E. McDERMOTT, 73, South Section,  
Emp. 5-12-42, Died 12-24-70  
WILLIAM C. McDONALD, 60, Electrical,  
Emp. 4-7-41, Died 12-28-70  
PATRICK McEVOY, 75, 61st Street,  
Emp. 1-3-28, Died 12-23-70  
DANIEL McGRATH, 79, 77th Street,  
Emp. 2-11-19, Died 12-6-70  
STEPHEN McPOLIN, 70, 77th Street,  
Emp. 4-10-23, Died 12-4-70

ELMER R. MICHAELIS, 71, Howard Street,  
Emp. 9-9-18, Died 12-21-70  
JAMES C. MOE, 55, Limits,  
Emp. 1-20-58, Died 1-1-71  
EARL E. MORS, 70, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 12-10-24, Died 12-19-70  
CHARLES J. PITUN, 88, 69th Street,  
Emp. 1-2-07, Died 1-4-71  
THOMAS RAILLEY, 51, 77th Street,  
Emp. 1-12-53, Died 1-18-71  
JOHN ROHL, 79, 77th Street,  
Emp. 5-3-18, Died 12-16-70  
LEOPOLDO SALATO, 79, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 10-22-29, Died 12-9-70  
FRANK SENDOR, 85, Kedzie,  
Emp. 10-10-18, Died 12-9-70  
SWAN N. SWANSON, 86, West Shops,  
Emp. 1-19-26, Died 12-1-70  
HARRY TADROWSKI, 62, West Section,  
Emp. 9-4-45, Died 12-27-70  
FRED VAN DER LOCHT, 66, Shops & Equipment,  
Emp. 7-1-46, Died 1-6-71

BUMBLAUSKAS and his family went to Florida for the Christmas holidays and had to eat three different Christmas meals with three different relatives. Joe said he was very disappointed with the Florida weather as the temperature there was 16 degrees. He was glad to get back to Chicago and warm up. All in all, it was a lovely vacation and a great way to put 3,000 miles on a new Dodge. Carpenter RAYMOND DAVIDSON also had a lovely vacation in Phoenix, Arizona, and Las Vegas...Ever hear the tall tales of a fisherman? Well, listen to this one. BILL LARSEN and a friend of his caught 100 perch up at Lake Mendota, Wisconsin. He said the fish were up to ten inches long. Bill says that if anyone has any doubts, they can count the fish. That won't be necessary, Bill, we all believe you... Congratulations are in order for Carpenter HENRY KROB and his wife and two children who moved into their new home on November 22; and to PAUL PSIK and his family on winning a brand new Ford Pinto...The fellows in Area 312 would like to welcome Carpenter ROBERT McCOLL back to work after being off for more than two months due to illness...All the men in Area 316 would like to wish Foreman JIM OOSTMAN a speedy recovery from surgery. Hurry back, Jim...Area 318 would like to acknowledge two very heroic men, MAX KUCHAN and STAN HILLOCK. While on their way to work one day, they discovered that bus 7203 was on fire and the bus driver was hard at work trying to extinguish it. Max and Stan's alertness led them to the CO<sub>2</sub> fire extinguishers in the South Shops and quickly ran to the bus, opened the inspection door and put the fire out. Max and Stan, we salute you...BOB FUHRMAN is home recuperating from surgery. Hurry back, Bob, we miss you. ..FRANK and MARY BRADY celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on January 12. Frank also has two children working for CTA, FRANK Jr. and COLEEN BRADY...Area 318's PAT BARRY spent a very happy weekend with a very close friend...Area 313 Chit-Chat: There's a smiling face missing in the Paint Shop, fellows. Yes, JOE CARROLL is

confined in the hospital, and we all would like to wish him a speedy recovery...We congratulate DELORD HATCHER on the birth of his first grandson. Also, congratulations to Mechanic JERRY DEXTER on the birth of his fourth child, January 9. He and his wife, CAROL, named the little one HOLLY ANN; she weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces...Carpenter CHARLES NEWMAN of Area 334 moved into his new home last month. Congratulations, Chucky...Area 333 congratulates PHIL SEKLECKI and his wife, KATHLEEN, on the birth of their third daughter on December 13. Keep trying, Phil, you will get a boy sooner or later...The fellows in Area 333 and 338 would like to wish DALE EICH and JOSEPH SANDERS a speedy recovery... ANTHONY DE VAUX of Area 346 went to Pasadena, San Francisco, and Death Valley while on vacation.

- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown

## WEST SECTION -

We must apologize to the readers of our column for not being able to write last month. The reason is simple. We ask for news items and get only excuses. It is the opinion of my co-reporter, SANTO, and myself, that this magazine is a part of the company that really keeps us informed. So, please, let's all stay in touch and tell us the news. Now for the past and present news... Our Christmas party was a smash and a bust. The folks ate all the food in a matter of two hours. Thanks to Mrs. SICILIANO for making her delicious "Sloppy Joes" (I got none of that), and a special warm thanks to Mrs. J. HOOD, who stayed up late at night to fix corn bread for the soul brothers. Santo and I served and we didn't stop until all the food was gone. And that, let me tell you, was the fastest party I've ever seen. We would appreciate it if all donations could be in early this coming Christmas...Our belated sympathy is extended to the family of Clerk E. DUFFY, formerly of Lake Street, on his

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passing...Congratulations to SHIRLEY and GEORGE SMITH, motorman, Lake Street, on the arrival of a baby boy, BRIAN, to the family circle...Motorman J. HOLAKOVSKY took his retirement on January 1 after 41 years of service. We all will miss you, Murphy...Back off the sick list is Foot Collector S. KAULES, Conductor W. RAFA, and Ticket Agent L. DREWS. Stay well, kids...On the sick list is Conductor G. WOODMORE. His wife, ALBERTA (Florence Nightingale), says she will make sure he is well this time. Also on the list is Switchman J. BOYLAN. Our condolences to the family of Motorman F. GARRITY who passed away... Birthday greetings to these older people: I. HOUSTON, M. MARSHALL, H. YOUNG, J. LONGO, C. MCGINNIS, H. ALEXANDER, T. McCORMACK, J. CLEMENS, M. HARRIS, A. OLSANSKY, W. HUBBARD, E. WOODARD, A. FILIP, K. SMALLING, F. BIGGS, A. NELSON, and little old me...By the way, ALLEN NELSON was married on January 9, but I can't catch up with him for the details. So, congratulations to the couple, anyhow. He must have a lovely bride, for as soon as work is done, he's gone. Please send us a snapshot...Yard Foreman E. DOMAIN is the proud grandfather of a bouncing baby boy. Congratulations are also in order for Pensioner E. KAIN who became a great-grandfather when his granddaughter gave birth to a baby girl. Ed also tells us of his bad luck when he fell out of a grapefruit tree. That warm Florida sun will help heal it, Ed. He also informed us that another pensioner, EARL JOHNSON, passed away. Our sympathy to his wife...Conductor B. ROLAND is added to our sick list. Here's wishing for a fast recovery real soon, Roland. . . Switchman BOB NEIGHBORS was helping to bring in the new year when he started pondering whether he was getting older or younger. He decided younger. He later put on a baby's diaper to prove it...Motorman E. PASCHAL said that he had left the laundromat and was getting into his car when he hit his eye. Next, it's black, or blue, if you're colored. Sorry about the eye, Paschal, but no one believes that story. I think it did happen, gang...A note to my co-reporter, SANTO: I have been told from the horse's mouth that J. GORDON is about to tie the knot, so let's get out the tuxedos. I've been hard at work playing cupid for the happy pair...Motorman V. MORRIS got on a train with me, and I asked him if he wanted my paper. He said no, but later accepted it. When he looked at the social security number list, he saw his number. He couldn't find his social security card fast enough. Congratulations, Vernon, but I still haven't received my 20¢ for the paper and the phone call home to tell the family...The new flagman you see on the line is moneybags, M. DERDEN. Welcome to the club...Switchman E. STANISZEWSKI is now our number one switchman. But with him walking around like Walter Brennan, I don't see how. Ed, please, just the voice, not the walk; some of the guys are jealous...Switchman F. MEAD has been promoted to yard foreman. Congratulations, Fred...I still can't get a whisper out of Supervisor BLAIR. He is still content, whatever that means. . .Conductors R. BLYTH, M. PFEIFFER, and H. PROSSER are now at Jefferson Park and send their hellos to all the gang...C. GUZIK, formerly of Lake Street, says he is happy on his new line. It's only ten minutes from work, but misses Lake Street for getting papers...I also ran into Motorman M. ADAMS whose hair is getting grayer. He says he wants to look more mature than these young whipper-snappers. Lies, lies! He's getting old...I still would take odds on J. MILAN, who still looks like a heavyweight champ...My partner in crime, Santo, spent a week of his vacation at home. He had a birthday, and to make sure that he was in the best of health, his wife took him in for an

examination, which was ok. His son is now almost 19 years old, and he still won't tell me his age. He's still wearing that back strap to carry his changer. At least that's what he says, but his is the oldest one. How long have you had that thing, Santo? Happy birthday, buddy...Our former number one switchman, J. CIMMERER, and his lovely wife spent a weekend driving up in Wisconsin. John says his wife really loves the cheese they sell up there. She must have had a big mousetrap to catch big John...Towerman E. FARMER enjoys coming to work. Since he and his family recently purchased a new home, he feels that he is working for something in life...Folks, this is it for now. Please don't forget those news items and photos. Bye now.

- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne

### 52ND STREET -

Well, fellows, here we are again, one month into the new year, and I might add, we sort of slipped a bit in our accident program. So printed here is a pattern of 1970 which kept our superintendents "coffee broke", and maybe our credit union might add some rolls. Hint, hint, hint. In 1970, 52nd Street had 199 less complaints than in 1969, and 38 more commendations in 1970 than we had in 1969. In recognition of improving our image to this extent, we received coffee "on the house" for the seventh consecutive month. Only one other station has accomplished this in the past year. A list of the men who are responsible for this achievement is posted in the trainroom each month, and all of us can qualify by just doing a good job. On September 30, the end of the third quarter of 1970, we were in 11th place among the 12 surface stations. In October, we started our climb with a reduction of 13 accidents in that month. In November we cut it another 8, and December was the clincher when we were only  $7\frac{1}{2}$  points from a perfect score of 75 in the 4th quarter of the ISC awards for 1970. This took us from the bottom to the top in 90 days because we set up a competition that no other station could match. It has been three years since 52nd Street has won recognition for what it can do if each man puts forth a little effort. So let's stay in the competition as defending champions. Superintendents LYNCH, COLEMAN, and VITEK congratulate and thank each of us, along with the instructors and repairmen, for bringing this award to 52nd Street and encourage us to give it a permanent home here...Operator LAFAYETTE GARMONY is walking around as proud as a peacock. He received the news that his daughter, Mrs. DENNIS NORDMOL, of Detroit, Michigan, made him a grandfather on December 20 when she gave birth to an 8 pound baby girl...If any of you fellows are in doubt about your holiday pay, see Operator BOB BURNS. If my recommendation is not enough, check with Operators LAFAYETTE GARMONY or SHELBY LESTER. Between the two, they had to buy lunch for a whole week...A welcome back to Operator W. PETERSON who was off for two months with a leg injury, and to Repairman GREG ROLLBERG who was off for four months...At this writing, we're all looking forward to a speedy return of Repairmen NATE ELLIS, SOL BATTLES, and JAMES NAUDEN who are on the sick list... Repair Clerk D. GARNER was awarded \$25 for a suggestion. He says, "It's all gone", when asked for a cup of coffee. Also, his wife is home from the hospital and cards can be sent to her at 8229 Ingleside, Chicago 60619. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery, Mrs. Garner...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator FRANK NICHOLS on the loss of his grandmother, Mrs. RACHEL MOORE, of New-

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ton, Mississippi. . . Did you miss Chief Clerk ARNOLD HILLSTROM during the Christmas holidays? Well, I just found out that he was one of those choice few on vacation. How about that!

- John L. Hudson

### 69TH STREET -

Superintendent CARL W. GIBES wishes to congratulate all the men for their admirable performance in 1970. We beat our best year, 1965, by 100 accidents. We also beat our commendation par during 1970 for five consecutive months. He asks us to prove that 1970 was not a fluke; with cautious and considerate driving, we can do it again in 1971. Incidentally, Mr. Gibes' son, RONALD C. GIBES, was recently promoted to captain and is assigned to Fort Rucker Army School of Aviation as an army flight examiner. Ronald entered the army in 1960, has served in Viet Nam, and holds the army commendation medal and the air medal. We would also like to extend our deepest sympathy to Superintendent Gibes and his family on the loss of his father, WALTER GIBES, who passed away recently. . . We also extend sincere condolences to Instructor FULLER whose brother, FRED FULLER, passed away; to JOE TROTTER on the death of his brother, and to M. DAVIS on the loss of his mother. . . The wife of S. CHATLOS is ill and we wish her a speedy return to good health. . . S. SCELLATO recently returned from Seattle, Washington, where he visited a sick brother. Scellato likes it out there, and plans to return on his vacation. . . BILL DONAHUE fell and broke his leg. He will be up and around sooner than you think, because you can't keep a good man down. . . Pensioner G. GRINDLER was on my bus recently and looks great. He has been retired nine years and spends his time fishing and shooting at long-gone deer and rabbit tails. . . J. DAVIDSON celebrated his 41st wedding anniversary with a big bang. Things got so hot that he found the fire department putting out a fire in the big Buick that he drives. Joe wants to know if anyone knows the whereabouts of HARRY COX of Lawndale? . . . J. J. KELLEY and PETE SPOO vacationed in Florida during the month of January and really enjoyed themselves. . . Did Clerk CARSON show you his new kits for bus drivers? He should see SWANSON on transfer instruction. . . J. DENNESAITES came to work on his anniversary day just for a free look at the daily papers to check out his social security number. . . TONY VANDERBERG's son was home for the Christmas holidays. . . ROY HORNING sent a check to the Mission on State street for the coffee some of the fellows have been soaking up. . . I have a new neighbor here in Worth. He is Supervisor JIM STANTON, formerly of Cottage Grove. . . GENE HOWE is now up and around and can't wait until he can return to work. . . To all of you on the sick list, we wish you a speedy return to good health. . . I saw R. CAULEY, and he has fully recovered after being shot during a holdup. . . WILLIE WILLIAMS said that our bowling team has slipped badly during the last half of the season, but don't count them out. . . I hope that Sarge will keep our softball team on top now that the season is almost here. . . JIMMY AHERN of the Repair Department, as well as all the rest of us at 69th, wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the families of BRUNO BILEK on the loss of his mother, and to TEDDIE NIEZABITOWSKI on the loss of his mother-in-law. . . The annual credit union meeting was held recently with about 120 members attending. All the officers were re-elected, with RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT elected to the board of directors for three years, JIMMY AHERN to the credit union com-

mittee for three years, and TOM COOK to the credit union committee to fill a one-year unexpired term. Some of the fellows who won door prizes were RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT, ED TIERNEY, and BILL DONAHUE. . . VINCE ONDRIAS and MIKE DWYER spent their vacation in sunny Florida fishing and swimming. . . JIM BYRNE, assistant day foreman, traveled to Ireland to see his mother who is seriously ill. . . Congratulations to all the men in the shop for a job well done during the recent cold spell. Most of the operators stated that the buses were much warmer this year. God bless you, and let's have another good year.

- Arthur P. Buesing

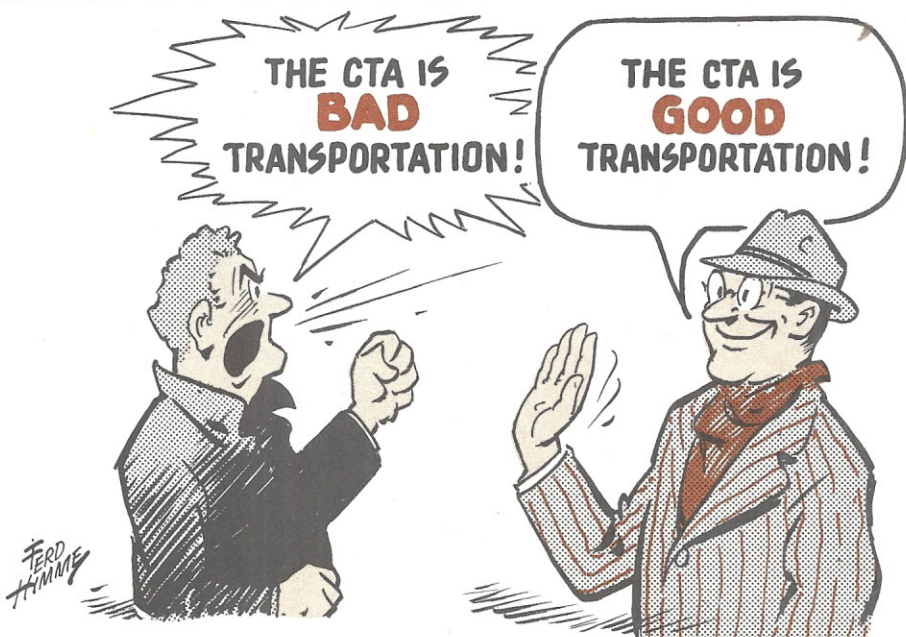
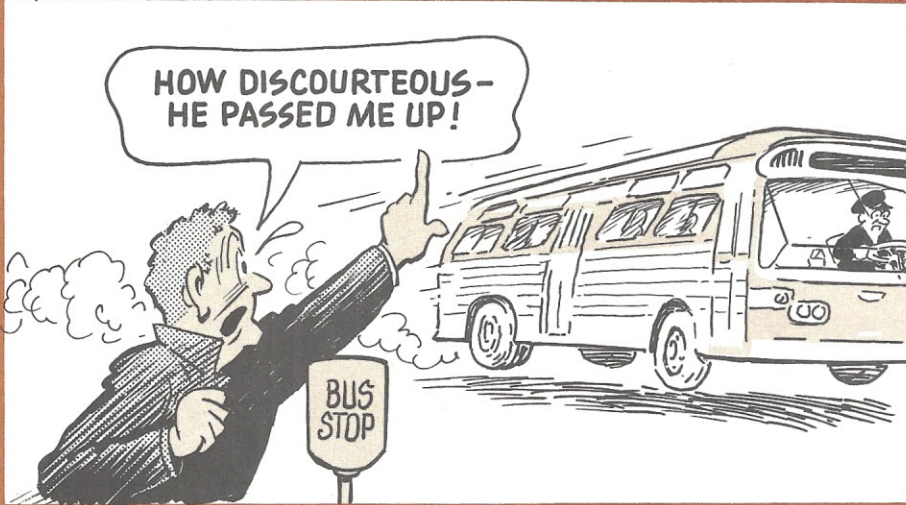
### 77TH STREET -

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the bus operators in the system for making 1970 the safest year in CTA history. Quite a job, fellows! I am especially proud of the fellows here at 77th Street. We beat our accident par three times during the year. With the ice and snow, it makes our job a little more tedious in getting off to a good start in 1971. We are hoping for even a safer year. We can do it! . . . The Credit Union held its annual meeting on Saturday, January 23, at the Foster Park fieldhouse. . . Our old buddy, GENE KENNARD, is in Augustana hospital where he has undergone back surgery. Operator V. JONES tells me that Kennard had a "double street" and couldn't handle it. How about it, Gene? . . . Operator ODELL DUFFIN has returned to work after being off ill a few days. . . Operator ARTHUR JACKSON is on the sick book. It seems that Arthur had a "little battle" with the ice, and came out second best. . . Instructor WILLIAM WHITENHILL has returned from a winter vacation. Only the rich can take a vacation during the Christmas season! . . . Instructor J. C. WHITE has acquired a vicious German shepherd as added protection in his household. Seems he doesn't have much "voice" around the house. How about it, J.C.? . . . Operator L. C. COLLINS missed his regular run the other day, so he was given a run on Halsted street. I wonder if he ever found Broadway? . . . Operator E. T. POPE's little lady surprised him with a birthday party. We understand that a good time was had by all. . . A very happy birthday to the following operators: S. GRAHAM, C. JUNKINS, T. W. BANKS, A. CHRISTIAN, J. HOUSTON, R. BROWN, L. HARRIS, M. W. HENDERSON, E. GIPSON Jr., B. FREEMAN, C. DAVIS, R. TAYLOR, E. COOPER, N. LEE Jr., J. H. JOHNSON, C. L. BURNS, I. WILLIAMS, N. TUCKER, D. FIGGERS, G. WHITSETT, J. H. ROBERSON, J. R. DEGROAT, H. C. BORGMAN, W. L. CHERRY, C. L. LINDSEY, A. McKEIVER, J. M. MORRIS Jr., B. McKEEL, M. FREEMAN, C. D. TYLER, C. W. SCHOENBRAU, S. D. CAREY, A. T. SPILLMAN, O. W. BENSON, E. W. KNIAZ, W. G. RICHARDS, J. DWORTZ, A. A. PAYLIK, E. MITCHELL, R. WILSON, C. L. BROWN, D. C. KIMMONS, J. D. TURNER, T. L. SMITH, M. L. GUICE, J. RANDOLPH, R. E. HODGES, A. W. BOHANON, J. W. BURKS Jr., N. KOCHOPOLUS, and J. W. SPARKS. I hope we haven't omitted any names. . . Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Operator L. LUMPKIN and his family on the loss of his brother, TOMMIE WILSON, recently. . . Sincere condolences to the FARRIS family in the loss of their loved one, former 77th Street Superintendent JOHN FARRIS. . . I would like to close with this little thought--a dog may be man's best friend, but money sure helps. I'll see you next month.

- Elsie Gresham

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