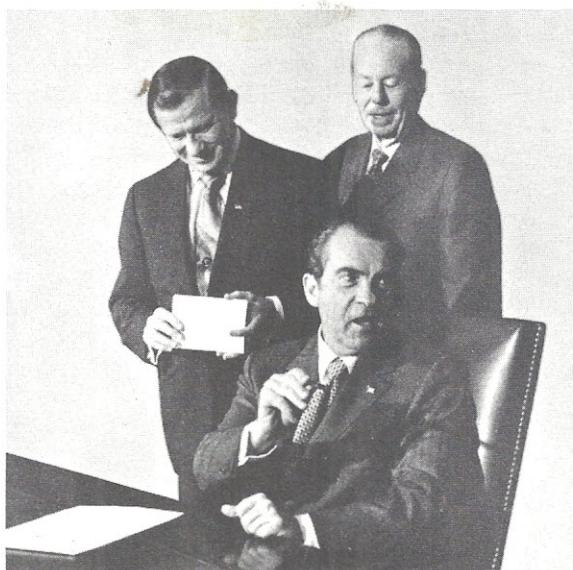


**George L. DeMent**  
1904—1971

**CHAIRMAN  
CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD  
1963—1971**





# G. L. DeMENT, TRANSIT BOARD CHAIRMAN, TAKEN BY DEATH AT 67

GEORGE L. DeMENT, 67, Chairman of Chicago Transit Board and an outstanding engineer, public official and civic leader died of a heart attack Saturday, March 13, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. DeMent, who lived at 6551 Ponchartrain boulevard, Chicago, was stricken in his room at the Tropicana hotel at 1:25 a.m. He was taken to Sunrise hospital by a private ambulance summoned by his wife, Gussie, and died there at 2:05 a.m. Mr. DeMent, who had been Chairman of CTA Board since 1963, had been in Las Vegas to attend an executive board meeting of the American Transit Association of which he had been president since September 21, 1970.

In addition to his duties as president of the ATA, headquartered in Washington, Mr. DeMent was a member of the National Society of Engineers, the Illinois Society of Engineers and the American Public Works Association.

He also was a past president of the Institute for Rapid Transit, a director of the Benefit Trust Life Insurance company, director of the Park National Bank of Chicago, a member of the Chicago Plan Commission, a member of the Board of the Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a board member of the Masonic Center, board member of the Merchants and Manufacturers Club, board member of McCormick Theological Seminary, and past president of Medinah Country Club.

Mr. DeMent had a long and illustrious career as an engineer, as a public official and as a civic leader. Prior to his appointment to the CTA Board by Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley in April, 1963, Mr. DeMent had served for nine years as commissioner of public works for the City of Chicago. In 1927 he began his engineering career with the Metropolitan Sanitary District. Twelve years later, he, along with other engineers, was drafted by the city to plan and build Chicago's initial subway system. He was the resident engineer on a section of the initial system and later became assistant to the commissioner of subways and superhighways.

He advanced to commissioner of public works in 1954 and was instrumental in planning the Congress rapid transit line in the median of the Eisenhower expressway and the construction of other expressways in the Chicago area. He also directed construction of O'Hare International Airport and the central district filtration plant.

During the years that Mr. DeMent was Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board he led CTA through many critical and difficult periods and was instrumental in expanding much of Chicago's system of public transportation, including the Dan Ryan, Kennedy, Skokie Swift, and Englewood rapid transit extensions.

In addition to the rapid transit extensions, during his term as CTA Chairman air-conditioned rapid transit cars were first used in Chicago, downtown shuttle bus service was expanded to and from the railroad stations, O'harexpress bus service was inaugurated, and a new bus monitoring system was placed in effect.

Under his leadership and guidance, CTA continued to modernize its equipment and service establishing a record of modernization of transit unequaled in the history of transit in Chicago.

Because of his national reputation in the transit industry, Mr. DeMent was frequently called to Washington to testify before the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in support of legislation for federal financial aid to mass transit. His strenuous efforts in support of legislation culminated last October when President Nixon signed into law a bill authorizing a commitment of 3.1 billion dollars in federal aid to transit over the next five years. Mr. DeMent attended the signing ceremony in the White House at the invitation of President Nixon.

On March 2, 1971, Mr. DeMent had been appointed by U.S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe to the Transportation Advisory Council on Urban Transportation.

Mr. DeMent was a native Chicagoan and was born on February 8, 1904. He attended Chicago public schools and was graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in civil engineering. He was first appointed to the Chicago Transit Board on April 29, 1963, and was reappointed for an additional seven-year term in July of 1966.

Funeral services for Mr. DeMent were held March 17 at the Park Ridge Presbyterian church, 207 S. Lincoln in Park Ridge.

Mr. DeMent is survived by his widow, Gussie; a daughter, Joan, and a brother, Clayton.





**THE FUNERAL** cortege, led by the Reverend John A. Bellingham, is shown passing the rows of honorary pallbearers in front of the Park Ridge Presbyterian church. Pallbearers included close friends and business associates of Mr. DeMent. Among the honorary pallbearers were his fellow Transit Board members, public and transit officials from throughout the United States, civic leaders, labor and business representatives, and personal acquaintances.

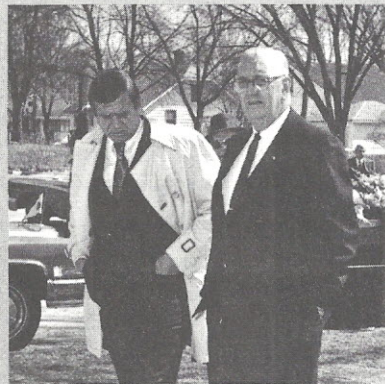
**OUR COVER** includes photographs of George L. DeMent taken during his tenure of office as Chairman of Chicago Transit Board. Descriptions of the candid pictures, from top to bottom, follow:

- Taking the oath of office on June 24, 1963, with Mayor Richard J. Daley officiating.
- At his desk, making a point during a discussion.
- Before the news media--as he often was. Shown in 1969 with Division 241 President Warren Scholl of the Amalgamated Transit Union.
- Throwing the first ball at the CTA-ATU basketball championship in 1970. With team captains Wade Simmons and Leon Harris.
- Witnessing the signing of the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970 by President Richard M. Nixon; standing beside U.S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

## paying their last respects . . .



Mayor Richard J. Daley (right) and Patrick O'Malley, chairman of Canteen corporation.

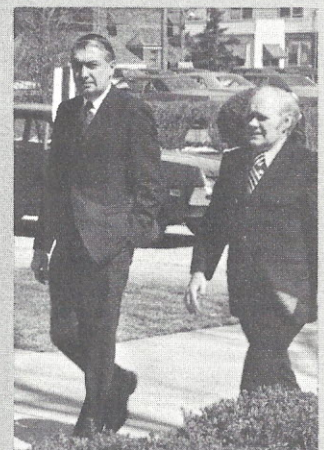


U.S. Representative Daniel D. Rostenkowski (D. 8th) and General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor.



Jack Flynn (left) and Robert T. Sloan (right), special counsel and executive vice president, respectively, of the American Transit Association, and Dee V. Jacobs (center), congressional Urban Mass Transportation Administration liaison (Washington, D.C.)

Louis J. Gambaccini, vice president and general manager of Port Authority Trans-Hudson corporation (New York), and Richard T. Buck, director of Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (Boston).



William B. Hurd, assistant administrator, and Carlos Villarreal, administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation Urban Mass Transportation Administration (Washington, D.C.).







## G. Triunfol, G. T. May Take Pensions

TRANSIT CAREERS of two CTAers, one who started with the Chicago Motor Coach and one who started with Chicago Surface Lines, came to a close with their retirements March 1. With more than 43 years of service George Triunfol retired as chief accountant and with almost 37 years of service George T. May retired as Limits Station superintendent.

Mr. Triunfol entered the service of the Motor Coach as a voucher clerk on June 8, 1927, and became a bookkeeper in September, 1935. Although his entire career was actually spent within the Accounting Department of CTA and its predecessor, during the World War II manpower and material shortage he

worked after hours as a bus tire inspector and washing buses. After the purchase of the Boulevard System by CTA, Mr. Triunfol became an accountant in June, 1953, senior accountant in January, 1960, and finally chief accountant in October, 1970.

Mr. May joined the CSL as a streetcar conductor on March 6, 1934, serving first at Limits Station. He subsequently became a bus operator at North Avenue Station in 1936, an instructor at Devon Station in 1941, a District C supervisor in 1945, senior instructor in 1946, supervising instructor of the training center in 1952, relief superintendent of North Avenue Station in 1956, and assistant superintendent at North Avenue in 1957. He was named station superintendent at Limits in December, 1964, the position which he has held until the time of his retirement.

Both new retirees were joined by their many friends and co-workers at festivities celebrating their retirement. In the picture at left, Mr. Triunfol is accepting his retirement portfolio from Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi. In the picture at right, Mr. May is holding a memento of the occasion which he received from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn.

## New Appointments

APPOINTED TO new positions recently were 13 employees in four CTA departments: Shops & Equipment, Transportation, Accounting, and Engineering.

Effective March 14, J. Bolech Jr. was appointed superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, succeeding H. G. Doering who passed away on February 24. Mr. Bolech had been superintendent of surface shops since January, 1968.



J. Bolech Jr.

Also appointed to new posts effective March 14 were J. A. Rosendhal who became superintendent of surface shops, and E. W. Larsen who became superintendent of Material Control and Office Procedure. The three appointments were made by Superintendent of Shops and Equipment G. J. Clark and approved by General Manager T. B. O'Connor.

Taking new positions at surface system garages effective February 28 were P. O'Connor, night foreman at Limits Garage; D. Berge, assistant day fore-

man at Kedzie Garage; E. Porter, p.m. foreman at Kedzie Garage, and C. Jones, relief foreman at North Avenue Garage. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Garages J. W. Dain and approved by Superintendent of Surface System Shops and Garages J. J. Repplinger and Superintendent of Shops and Equipment G. J. Clark.

New appointments affecting supervisory personnel at surface system operating stations were announced in a bulletin which became effective March 1. Named to new posts were G. D. Peyton, Archer Station superintendent; W. A. Schweitzer, 77th Street assistant station superintendent (p.m.); F. E. Zeiger, 69th & 77th Street relief station superintendent, and E. R. Swanson, 69th Street senior station instructor. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn and approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser.

The appointment of B. P. Kane as chief accountant in the General Accounting Department effective March 1 was made by General Accountant W. B. Folta and approved by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi.

W. W. Haskins was appointed assistant steamfitter foreman in the Engineering Department effective March 7. His appointment was made by Superintendent of Buildings & Construction G. Millonas and approved by General Superintendent of Engineering E. E. Olmstead.



# 285 Pension Applications Approved in 1970

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## THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES REPORT OF EARNINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR 1970

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

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### THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES

TO ESTIMATE YOUR PENSION AS OF END OF PLAN YEAR 1970 USE ITEMS MARKED 1, 2, AND 3 FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CARD.

PAST SERVICE:

$$\text{TO } \frac{3,700.00}{\text{ANNUAL RATE (1)}} \times \frac{19}{\text{YEARS (2)}} \% = \frac{703.00}{\text{ANNUAL PAST SERVICE CREDIT}}$$

FUTURE SERVICE:

$$\text{SHI } \frac{124,600.30}{\text{TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS TO DATE OR TO AGE 65 (3)}} \times 1\frac{1}{2}\% = \frac{2,076.71}{\text{ANNUAL FUTURE SERVICE CREDIT}}$$

ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL PENSION CREDIT

2,779.71

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

YOUR CREDIT WITH THE PLAN:

$$\frac{5432.90}{\text{TOTAL ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE (4)}} + \frac{632.16}{\text{ACCUMULATED INTEREST (5)}} = \frac{6,064.96}{\text{TOTAL}}$$

### YOUR RETIREMENT CREDITS ARE VALUABLE TO YOU

#### DO YOU KNOW THAT:

During the 1970 Plan Year for each dollar of your wages the Authority paid an additional ten and two tenths cents (10.2%) into the Retirement Fund and four and eight tenths cents (4.8%) to Social Security and Medicare.

For example: For an employee earning \$8,000 per year, the Authority pays \$816.00 into the Retirement Fund and \$374.40 to Social Security and Medicare. In the year 1970 the amount paid by the Authority into the Retirement Fund for all employees was \$12,883,059 and to Social Security and Medicare was \$4,856,300.

RETIREMENT PLAN report cards showing each employee's credit in the Plan as of December 31, 1970, will be distributed system-wide between March 31 and April 8, according to W. A. Ashley, Plan secretary.

The cards may be used to estimate retirement benefits and total credit with the Plan as of the last payday of 1970, as was done in the facsimile above. Employees are advised to retain the cards for ready reference.

Mr. Ashley also announced that during 1970 approval was given by the Retirement Committee to 285 retirement applications of CTA employees. Of that total, 134 applicants had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 100 were early retirements in the age group under 65, and 51 were disability retirements.

Contributions to the Retirement Plan during 1970 totaled \$20,088,721--contributions by employees were \$7,285,416, and CTA contributions amounted to \$12,803,305. Approved during the year were disbursements totaling \$11,446,566 covering payments to re-

tired employees, refunds to employees who terminated their services and to deceased employees' beneficiaries, and expenses of administration.

During 1970 assets of the fund increased \$12,630,-786, making a total of \$82,692,726 as of December 31 held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company, trustee for the Plan.

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

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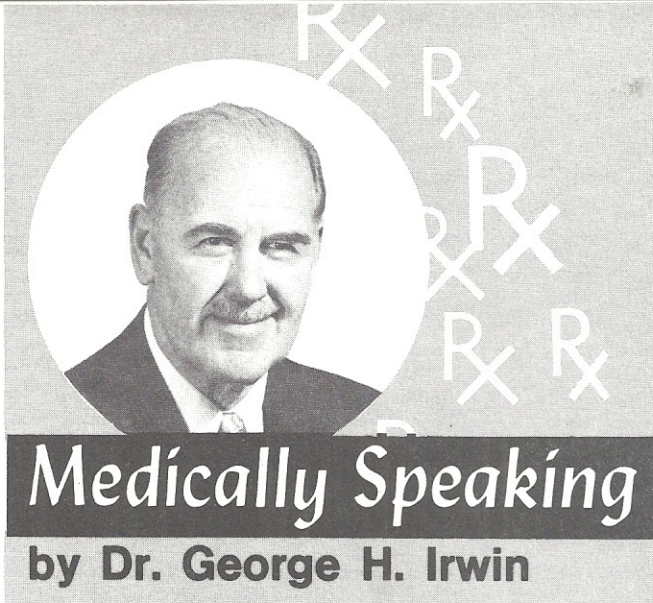
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*Having departed from New York on February 13, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Irwin are now enjoying a 12-week world cruise. Dr. Irwin will continue writing his column while on vacation, giving Transit News readers the benefit of his experiences.*

THERE ARE many interesting observations, medical and non-medical on a world cruise. Our home boat is the S.S. Rotterdam, flagship of the Holland-America line. It accommodates about 1,000 passengers.

Ports of call are in Trinidad, Brazil, South Africa, Kenya, India, Singapore, Thailand, Burma, Hong Kong, Formosa, Japan, Hawaii, Mexico, and Panama. In certain countries several different cities are visited, mostly by air travel, but a few by train and automobile. Our route takes us back and forth across the equator and we are enjoying beautiful warm and sunny weather while Chicagoans shiver in an unusually cold and stormy winter. Right now (February) we are enjoying summer weather.

For many people, when South America, Africa, and India are mentioned, it means mostly wild life and primitive living. It is true that in Africa much is being done to preserve wild life. The primitive life is revealed by a visit to one of the many small African villages, consisting of a group of small thatched huts covering a few acres of land. The chief, or husband, is in charge and he lives here with three or more wives and all of his children. After the first wife has born a child, she is qualified to train the second and third wives. The wives live in their respective huts near the chief's. The husband delivers all of his own children in the hut. An animal hide is laid directly over the ground for delivery purposes. The afterbirth is buried in the ground outside the hut. This is one example of primitive living in Africa.

On the other hand, the larger cities in South Africa, such as Capetown, Johannesburg, Durban, Nairobi, Salisbury, and Pretoria, are very modern. By that I mean they have many high-rise buildings, heavy traffic on four-lane expressways, modern stores, hotels, public parks, and hospitals.

A visit to the Groote Schuur hospital in Capetown was made. This is a large 2,000-plus bed hospital and is where Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first heart transplant.

From Capetown we flew to Johannesburg, the largest city in South Africa, which is much like our American cities and has a population of 1,500,000. In this area 80 per cent of the world's gold and most of the diamonds are mined. Public transportation is mostly by bus and suburban trains. Many of the buses operate by trolley and the remainder by diesel engines. Incidentally, right now the papers are publishing daily articles concerning the second and third price increase in petrol (gas) in the past few months. The crime rate in Johannesburg is reportedly higher than in any other city in the world. It also seems that labor problems and inflation are common in Africa.

I visited the health department in Johannesburg to study a report which includes the white and non-white population in this area. I mention this because the disease incidence and death rate among non-whites is higher than among whites.

As an example, the rate of deaths caused by infective and parasitic diseases is 12 times greater among non-whites than among whites. In general, the same race variation exists in heart disease, cancer, respiratory, digestive and genito-urinary diseases.

Despite common use of "the pill", the birth rate in this area for all races is 27.98 per cent of the population; 31.32 per cent of these births are illegitimate. The infantile mortality rate is 69.23 per cent.

In spite of the widespread increase in immunizations, 1970 has been one of the worst years for cholera. Immunization against preventable infectious diseases is made available free of charge. These include poliomyelitis, smallpox, diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus. According to the report, progress is being made slowly, but there is much to be desired. Tuberculosis is still the city's biggest problem even though they have mobile X-ray units and advise yearly chest X-rays. Bilharzia, a parasitic disease which attacks the liver and kidneys producing listlessness and stupor, is very common in East Africa; ninety per cent occurs in the non-whites. Venereal disease is also increasing in all races.

The report emphasizes that efforts are being made to promote better family health planning and clinics for pediatric, venereal disease, tuberculosis, parasitic diseases, and air-pollution control.

In conclusion, it seems apparent that both the United States and Africa have health problems. However, it seems that the environmental and primitive factors in living in Africa make the health problems more serious.





## Garage Clerk Training Program Completed by 5 CTAers

HAVING COMPLETED the Shops and Equipment Department combination clerk training program on February 10, five CTAers have been assigned to new positions in that capacity at surface system garages, including Anthony Borcic, 69th Street Garage; Gay Jenkins, 77th Street Garage; Donnelly Miles, Beverly and 52nd Street Garages; Clarence Schultz, Archer Garage, and Vincent Scurti, North Avenue Garage.

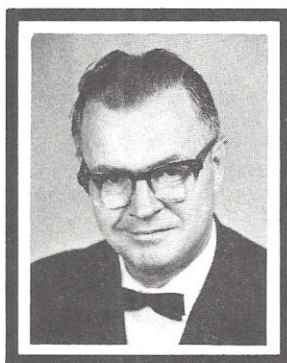
The training program, which was developed by the S&E Department in cooperation with the Employment

& Training Department, was conducted by Robert Kurtz, supervisor of clerks, and Thomas Smith, clerk instructor. The trainees attended classes on their own time on five consecutive Wednesdays.

Graduates of the program, pictured above with S&E Department supervisory personnel and others involved in the program, are, from left: Donnelly Miles; Gay Jenkins; Clarence Schultz; G. J. Clark, superintendent of shops and equipment; J. J. Replinger, superintendent of surface system shops and garages; Vincent Scurti; Thomas Smith, instructor; Anthony Borcic; Robert Kurtz, supervisor of clerks; J. A. Rosendhal, superintendent of surface system shops, and Joseph R. O'Sullivan, Employment & Training Department training assistant.

## H. G. Doering, Rapid Transit Shops Head, Dies at 54

FRIENDS AND fellow employees who had worked with Heinz G. Doering were shocked to learn of his passing on February 24. At the time of his death, Mr. Doering had served in the transit industry for 34 years and held the post of superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals.



Born on December 25, 1916, in Freiburg, Germany, Mr. Doering came to America in 1921 at the age of five. His father, the late William A. Doering, joined the Shop Department of the Surface Lines in May, 1927, and served as a car repairman at 77th Street until his retirement in May, 1954.

Following in his father's footsteps, Heinz Doering came to CSL at the age of 19 on September 25, 1936. Starting as a coil maker at South Shops, he advanced to carpenter helper, booth clerk, pattern service

man, and truck repairman & bench molder leader. Mr. Doering transferred to West Shops as a development engineer in February, 1946. In 1948, he completed night school courses which he had been taking for four years and was graduated with honors from Chicago Technical college. He was appointed general foreman of West Shops in July, 1953.

Leaving the surface system shops after almost 27 years, Mr. Doering became general foreman of Skokie Shops during July, 1963. After serving as assistant superintendent since July, 1965, he was named superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals on October 1, 1970:

Survivors include his widow, Luise; a son, William; his mother, Emma, and a brother, Erich. William joined CTA after four years in the U.S. Air Force and is presently assigned to the Reproduction Services Department.

Services for Mr. Doering were held at the Glaser's Riverside Chapel, 2944 S. Harlem avenue, Riverside, on Friday, February 26.



# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

### ACCOUNTING (General) -

We wish to extend our sympathy and condolences to JAMES TOUHY and his family on the passing of his father, TIMOTHY TOUHY, on February 3. Burial was in All Saints cemetery... BEATRICE FRANKE's mother-in-law, Mrs. AGNES FRANKE, passed away on February 5. We send our condolences to the family... ANN ANGST traveled to St. Petersburg, Florida, to visit her sister and brother-in-law. She enjoyed being with her family while staying in the Florida sunshine... PHYLLIS WHITE traveled to Odessa, Texas, to visit JUDY STEVENS, a former employe of the Insurance Department, and her family. She enjoyed the sun and warm weather... A most enjoyable vacation was had by PAT WALLACE when she spent ten days in Acapulco swimming, sunning, shopping, eating, and sightseeing. While there she saw bullfights, the cliff divers and, believe it or not, the flying Indians. The highlight of this trip was the hour flight she took to a place called Zihuatanejo. This is a very undeveloped and primitive part of Mexico. She was able to see the people live and work in their own natural surroundings. The tourists are very few, but the natives were very friendly. The poverty is very obvious, but the beauty of the white sandy beaches and the crystal clear water makes it an ideal vacation spot for rest and relaxation. Pat hopes that someday she will return and find it just as primitive, beautiful, and tranquil as she left it... GEORGE TRIUNFOL, chief accountant, retired on March 1 after 44 years of service with the Chicago Motor Coach and CTA. There was an open house on Friday, February 26, and many came to wish George success and happiness in his retirement years. His wife, ELIZABETH, and their family were present. Also present were Pensioners A. J. FITZSIMONS and L. J. FRANCOEUR, former general accountants, R. E. BAXTER, former budget accountant, J. J. GEARY, G. L. PELLICORE, and MABLE POTTHAST.

- Jeane Fitzgerald

### (Tabulating) -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to PAT SCHOENBAUM and her family in the loss of her uncle, OTTO McCLOSKEY, who passed away on February 17. We also extend our sympathy and condolences to PAULINE TORREY and her family in the loss of her mother, Mrs. JOSEPHINE TOMASZEWSKI, on February 26. Interment was in Maryhill cemetery.

- Evelyn Lee

### (Payroll) -

We extend our deepest sympathy to ESTHER ANDERSON upon the loss of her brother, NELS ANDERSON, who passed away February 2... In order to get away from Chicago's wintry weather for a few weeks, CHRISTINE CAMERON took a flying trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, and enjoyed a visit with friends and relatives. She reported that the weather was beautiful and the casual California living was really something else. We don't know what Chris, our "mighty mite", did to the City of Los Angeles, but we do know she returned several days before the earthquake occurred and also know she had nothing to do

with it. And that is the truth!.. We thank Mr. MAILUCK for giving the Transit News such a graphic start of our tour of the South Pacific. It was most interesting to be in the southern hemisphere and see such lush tropical foliage, flowers, birds, and animals indigenous to that area. Our first stop was in Fiji, and although we saw only a small portion of the island we were impressed by its tropical beauty, blue lagoons, and coral reef. RICHARD GOLDSTEIN, Schedule Department, and his wife, who were en route to New Zealand, stopped at the Fijian hotel at the same time we were there. So having dinner with friends from Chicago, while so far from home, was indeed a pleasure. Next on our agenda was Australia, where we visited Sydney--its largest city and the busiest port in the South Pacific--and Canberra--the capital which dates back only to 1913 and features the Parliament house, Australian War Memorial and Museum, National university, Academy of Science, Institute of Anatomy, National library, and Tidbinbilla Deep Space Station, one of the most advanced space tracking stations in the world. In Melbourne we enjoyed a trip to the Healesville sanctuary for a closeup view of the koalas, kangaroos, platypus, birds, and foliage of the area. We found New Zealand to be a temperate, peaceful, and sunny land. At a sheep station we saw dogs "round-up" herds of sheep and cattle. At the elegant Hermitage lodge at Mt. Cook we were surrounded by huge impressive mountains, and although the season was summer, the peaks were still snow-covered. A bus trip up the mountain to the Tasman Glacier was exciting and rugged but the view was rewarding. We also visited Wellington--the capital of New Zealand--Queenstown, Rotorua, and on the way to Auckland we stopped at the unique Glow-worm Grotto in the Waitomo caves, where thousands of glow-worms make the dark, quiet cave appear like a fairyland which absolutely charms all who see it. An overnight flight took us to Papeete, Tahiti, where we were greeted with the traditional flower lei. This enchanting island immortalized in story and song is truly a tropical paradise. The parting gift of a shell lei will ever remind us of our most enjoyable tour of the South Pacific.

- Clara Lawrence

ANYONE FOR venison? Superintendent of Operations RALPH W. TRACY went hunting with friends and relatives in Exeland, Wisconsin, where he bagged a six-point buck that took him three days to track. How's that for perseverance and good shooting.





## INSIDE NEWS

### BEVERLY -

Chief Clerk CHARLES KARSCHNIK was feted at a retirement party at the Beverly House which was attended by 34 of his friends and co-workers. Charles retired on February 1 after more than 50 years of service. We at Beverly wish him a most happy and healthy pensioned life. Congratulations to MARTIN GRADY who is now our chief clerk...Glad to see Clerk JOHN KIRBY on the day shift. We wonder who gave him those strawberry shirts...Former Operator R. STEPHENS is now on the clerk's staff...Beverly did it again in January--breaking our commendation and complaint par, so the coffee was on the house. Let's try for the rolls, fellows, and keep up the good work...We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner FRANK CHARD who passed away; to the family of Pensioner CHARLES BERRYHILL, and to Pensioner PETE FLAHERTY on the loss of his mother-in-law.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

### CONGRESS (Agents) -

MARY NOLAN saved some of her vacation to assemble her spring wardrobe and Easter outfit...Our sympathy to the family of THOMAS FREEMAN on the loss of his beloved father, LAWRENCE FREEMAN. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Pensioner WALTER HARRIS who passed away...KATHERINE SAGRIS, the wife of PETER SAGRIS, returned from Greece where she spent the holidays with her parents who were delighted to see their two grandchildren, GEORGE and JAMES. The happy homecoming was soon filled with anxiety when baby James became ill and was hospitalized for a week. All is well, now. JOSEPH VANEK's bowling team is in second place, but their hopes are high...STANLEY BANALS and his wife, BERNICE, celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary at the Terrace in Lombard. One son and his family came from Cape Kennedy, Florida, another with his family arrived from Wassau, Wisconsin, and the third from Glen Ellyn. Their eight grandchildren made the gathering complete. The happy couple is going on their 44th honeymoon to Florida in June and will return after Labor day...Grandpa ART SIMS spent over a quarter of a century instructing young boys on how to be good scouts and campers. So what happens, the stork surprised him with a baby granddaughter. Art is a great big scout and is grinning from ear to ear with pride...MARTHA BLEERS is a grandmother again. She is busy making plans for a trip to Germany, and hopes she will get there before the stork arrives with another grandchild...Don't forget the Little Flower breakfast in March.

- Julia Brousek

### ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -

Well here we are again, putting the March issue together. For openers, we are happy to announce the arrival of RENNEE SANDRA ARONSON on February 10. The proud parents are TOBY and ALVIN ARONSON...This is a delayed news flash--ED SUPER became a grandfather for the first time on August 31 when his son, JAMES, and his wife, CYNTHIA, became the proud parents of a baby boy, JAMES Jr...JOHN FINLAY Sr. pinned second lieutenant bars on his son, JOHN Jr. Congratulations to both of you...Received a card from BARNEY JAUMAN who is vacationing in Tucson, Arizona. He is playing golf and soaking up the sun getting ready to take on Arnold Palmer...Our next big day to re-

member is April 30. This is the day set aside for our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner. This is our way of honoring all the new and past retired personnel. This year, the silver anniversary of this dinner, we are sure Mr. COYNE and his committee will have something special... Off sick and recuperating at home are: BILL KURTIN, BILL LOOS, JAMES MURPHY, R. PRIESBE, and CHARLES MULBRANDON...As this goes to press, I will be on my way to Tampa, Florida. In the meantime, load up my desk with news items...A happy retirement to JOSEPH HERMAN.

- William Rehder

### (General Office) -

KATHY SZEWC took time off from her studies to become the bride of PAUL MCGOWAN. The ceremony was performed on January 30 at St. John Brebeuf church in Niles, with a reception following at the Aqua Bella. After a short honeymoon, the couple returned to Illinois State university where they are completing their senior year. Kathy is the daughter of BERNADINE and TED SZEWC, signal design engineer. Best wishes for happiness to Kathy and Paul...MARIAN and MICHAEL RICKSON, administrative assistant, announced the engagement of their daughter, DONNA JEAN, to CHRISTOPHER L. SUREK. The wedding is set for August 15...Congratulations to SIGMUND DOBOSIEWICZ who was appointed superintendent of Construction and Maintenance. He succeeds CLARENCE MALOTTKE who retired on February 1...We extend our deepest sympathy to PATRICK DOYLE, signal foreman, on the loss of his mother who passed away on February 5.

- Kay McAlister

### ENGINEERING -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. ROY SMITH on the arrival of another baby boy, born on February 1 at Christ Community hospital. CRAIG ALLEN weighed in at 7 pounds 3 ounces and measured 20 inches. Congratulations again, mom and dad. Roy can now refer to his family as, "My Three Sons"...A warm welcome to KATHY MURRAY who entered the Real Estate Division as a temporary clerk-steno on February 8. Kathy replaced JOANNE BOETTIN

AT A PARTY given in his honor, JOHN F. McKENNA, training assistant II, is shown receiving a farewell gift from F. A. JOHNSON, superintendent of Training, Accident Studies and Employment, while his wife, RUTH, and E. L. HIRSCH, director of Training, look on. John retired on February 1 after 40 years of service.





who transferred to the Employment Department. Good luck and best wishes to both girls...Due to all of the attention given to RONALD HAWKINS last month, he has been very anxious for more news about himself. Here's hoping that whoever takes my place can manage to come up with enough information about Ron to make him happy. It seems that Governor Wallace, his number one dog, received a ticket for double parking outside of the Mart. He claims he just couldn't find any other place to park his Samoyed. Oh yes, mush is the word Ron uses--all the way to work...As this will be the last news letter I will write for the CTA, I wish to thank the Transit News staff for making me a welcome member of the team of reporters. I will be leaving CTA on February 19 to further my education in beautician school. Therefore, I bid farewell to all of my fellow employees and reporters. Best wishes and good luck to all of you!

(West Shops) -

The wife of Steamfitter JIM HURST had a baby girl recently, their second child. Congratulations, Jim!...ED GALEK, Plant Equipment Maintenance Department, is at work recovering from a broken arm. Did you say at work recovering?...Condolences to the family of WILLIAM GILLIGAN who passed away recently. Bill was the assistant steamfitter foreman and all at West Shops feel his loss...ART MALMQUIST Jr., the son of ART MALMQUIST Sr., superintendent of the Track Department, has been in the navy for five months and has made quite an impression on his commanding officer. So much so, that he wrote a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Malmquist telling them how pleased he is with their son and how well he is progressing as a submariner. I only wish there was space enough to print the letter because it was so nice, but anyhow, Art Sr. doesn't want the letter out of his sight, and we can't blame you, Art...WEST SHOPS FLASH: What well-known gentleman in the office recently bought a ticket to a party and forgot to attend? Another gentleman who sits near this man says his initials are N.P.A., and he made it explicit that that doesn't mean No Parking Available. Huh?

- Carol Bradac & Mary Gallon

FOREST GLEN -

We welcome TOM SCHRODT back to Forest Glen. Tom worked with us for two summers as a temporary operator, and has returned to make CTA a lifetime occupation. His wife, BARBARA, is recuperating from recent surgery...Operator TRIG BERG just completed four years of wedded

bliss. So what does Trig do? He takes his lovely wife, KAY, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to sample all the brew. I understand they have nine grandchildren and would love to have more...Forest Glen has been getting a very fine repainting job. The painting is being done by three excellent young men, led by none other than RICH NELSON, a former Forest Glen operator. In fact, Rich is still an operator. I've observed him carrying his paint brush around our station with nothing on it, while his partners are very active. They are PAT WHITE and PAUL VERGES. All kidding aside, these three men did a topnotch job at our station... One young man who is really appreciative of our credit union is MITCHELL MIARNOWSKI. He extends many, many thanks to the boys in the friendly loan department for their help in obtaining a hearing aid for his mother-in-law, Mrs. SYLVIA SPEERS. Mitchell, by the way, has a very outstanding personality and is an asset to the company... BERNICE JULIA ZIOLKOWSKI, the daughter of Instructor HENRY F. ZIOLKOWSKI, Forest Glen, was graduated from Roosevelt college in January and received a bachelor of arts degree in English. She is currently studying acting at Columbia College theatre...To Operator JOHN KANTAK, yours truly "Wilbur" wants to say thanks. You are one operator who I can depend on to wait for another operator to catch a bus to the station. Besides that, I have seen you wait for passengers. The CTA is proud of operators like you...Operator DAN MANZO and his lovely wife, VIRGINIA, are now proud grandparents. Dan says--retire? No, No, I'm good for another 20 years, this lovely baby has made me feel younger...Instructor ED (Teenager) SCHWAMB and his lovely wife, DONNA, celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on February 10. Donna is keeping Ed busy with their children and doing the housework. By the way, Schwamb says his wife is only 18. Seems as if he really stole a child bride after all...The annual membership drive for the Little Flower Society is now on. Contact your station committee member and pay your 1971 dues of \$2. For every three new members you sign up, the committee has a select gift for you...Operator R. JOHNSON retired on February 1 after 29 years of service. He has plans to do a little traveling throughout the states. The best to you, Ralph...Operator CLIFFORD LAST was seen on a strange street filling in. Clifford, in case you didn't know, you were supposed to be in service, not taking a sightseeing trip...Our hearts go out to Operator WILLIAM BARRON on the sudden death of his wife on February 1. Mrs. Barron was only ill for 24 hours. Another loss was the passing of JAMES BRENNAN who was the loader at the terminal for quite some time. He always had a kind word, a smile, and a little joke for all. Pensioner JOHN LANGE passed away on February 22 while confined in the hospital. Lange was formerly a member of Forest Glen's credit union, and a man who was always on hand to help, anytime. Instructor PAUL WINKOWSKI also had a great loss when his father passed away in January...What supervisor is now trying to replace the janitor at the Jefferson Park terminal? BILL LANE was discovered mopping out the terminal booth on his day off...Operator ART WHITFIELD and his wife, GRACE, are getting away for a few weekends now that they have a babysitter. Belated birthday greetings to Grace, February 13...To report a bit of news from the terminal board--one of the friendly voices you have heard for about two years was Supervisor BILL KEARNS who retired on February 1 after 44 years of service. We know that you operators on the receiving end of the phone, as well as the supervisors in the district will miss him. He was a supervisor for 25 years and was well liked by his co-



THIS LITTLE cherub is CHARLOTTE LYNN BELL, the daughter of CHARLES BELL, apprentice testing engineer, Electrical Department, who celebrated her first birthday on February 20. Charlotte's mother, LYNN, was formerly employed as a stenographer in the Purchasing Department.



## INSIDE NEWS

workers. He was a very understanding man and treated all men alike. Good luck, Bill... Supervisor E. T. (Chappy) CHAPLESKI has been with the terminal board since it started. During this time he has spoken to a large number of fine men and it has been his pleasure to do business with them...The terminal board would like to welcome a new voice on the phone, RAY DOWDLE. The men on the receiving end will recognize it as he has been a supervisor in this area for 25 years...We are happy to hear the friendly voice of J. S. GOLNIK who was off a few months recuperating from an operation...GEORGE STRESKE was here the other day and he looks great. He was in the hospital for facial surgery and will be back on the job soon... Instructor PAUL WINKOWSKI is on vacation and having a ball. He is still practicing on his concertina, preparing for his debut in Carnegie Hall some time in the future.

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

### GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

TONI MISETIC, receptionist, is now home from the hospital recuperating and getting along fine.

### (Employment) -

Congratulations are in order for Interviewer I EUGENE JENDRACH and Typist JUDY KUTA, Executive Department, who became engaged...Wedding bells rang for RITA BRZECZEK, employment clerk II, on February 13 when she became Mrs. JOSEPH RITROVATO. Joe is an information clerk I in the Transportation Department...MARGUERITE LONGO, clerk-stenographer, and the daughter of Motorman JOSEPH LONGO, became engaged to MICHAEL ROFFULO, an intermediate accountant with Sun Oil. Wedding plans are set for November 25. Congratulations!..Get well wishes are being sent to LYNN HARRER, employment clerk II...The welcome mat is being extended to RUTH BEUTLER, clerk-typist, who joined the ranks of CTA.

### (Office Services) -

LAVERNE SCHULTZ, clerk II, and her husband, EDWARD, are enjoying a three-week vacation trip to Florida, St. Thomas, and Haiti. While in St. Thomas they visited with WALTER McCARTER, retired CTA general manager.

### (Training & Accident Prevention) -

Mrs. MIKE McCARTHY blew \$200 recently by not being able to identify the mystery tune played during the commercial of the 8 a.m. movie on Channel 7. The McCarthy family did get a consolation prize--\$7 and a blender. Mike says he is going to spend it on a musical appreciation course for ELAINE just in case she is ever called again... ART HUBACZ is now the proud owner of an Oldsmobile Cutlass "S". The car is equipped with dual exhaust, mag wheels, an overhead cam engine with a four-barrel carburetor, glass pack mufflers, and dual speakers with vibrasonic sound. All Art needs now is a black leather jacket and a crash helmet. If someone living in North Chicago sees a blur going by on highway 41, it will probably be Art in his Cutlass. Art purchased the car from KATHY FABRY of the same department. Sorry to hear that Art is presently on the sick list. Is it your weight or car problems, Art? Kathy and her husband are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their new 1971 Cutlass "S". The new car will be even more "souped up" than the one they sold to Art... JEANNE SNYDER came to the aid of a small boy who had to give up his dog, Cubby, part collie and part German

RICHARD G. RUSINAK and his wife, KAREN, proudly display the Navy Achievement Medal and U.S. Navy citation he received for superior performance of his duties while serving as a Wireman in Viet Nam. Richard, a CTA employee with the Track Division, is the son of EMIL RUSINAK, IBM Accounting, and the son-in-law of GEORGE STREICH, Area 318 South Shops.



shepherd. The thought of giving up the dog caused the boy to become very sick and listless. Jeanne, who lives in the same building as the little boy, heard about what was happening and offered to take Cubby temporarily into her apartment until the little boy got used to being without the dog. The boy is permitted to visit the dog anytime he wishes. However, Jeanne says that she and her husband are becoming quite fond of Cubby and what was to be only a temporary condition could very well turn into something permanent. Oh, yes, the boy is completely well again and is slowly realizing the fact that Cubby is no longer his.

### (Public Information) -

EILEEN (Murphy) NEURAUTER and her husband, RUDY, a bus operator at Forest Glen, are enjoying themselves in Hawaii on a four-week visit, flying from island to island. More detailed news will be given when she returns.

### (Medical) -

Congratulations are in order for MARY LEDWITH, R.N., who enjoyed a three-day weekend celebrating her birthday. You don't look a day older, Mary, must be the Irish whiskey that's keeping you so youthful...Lo and behold, your co-reporter, REGGIE DAREN, won \$10 from the Chicago Today newspaper for putting in a suggestion on how to win the war on inflation. The suggestions are sure paying off.

### (Research & Planning) -

A big welcome to BILL JONES, R/P's new traffic analyst, and DAVE PHILLIPS, who is our engineering trainee. Also, good luck to LLOYD HILLOCK on his new assignment in the Schedule Department...A few of us in R/P joined the crowds at the annual auto show. Of course, we all made the trip to the show by CTA. MARY ELLEN RUSS, DIANE GRAZIANO, and BILL GOODWIN together with their family and friends browsed through McCormick Place viewing everything from the new Honda car to the Cadillac. When asked what was their favorite, Mary Ellen said the Opel and Camaro, Diane the Mercedes Benz, and Bill said he liked all the models...A get well wish to TOM HENNINGSEN who has been off sick a few days. By next issue we hope to hear he is up and jumping around again. Time you got over growing pains, Tom...To end our news for this month, it should be put down for the record that WALLY PASZYNA and BILL GOODWIN had their hair cut and we now have on sale a wig for some lucky person for the remarkable price of \$5.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter



**KEDZIE -**

Now that spring is here, kids will be riding their bikes in the street and pedestrians will be walking from between parked cars, so be especially alert in your driving. Only the operators pulling together can reduce accidents...Operator GUY DI MEO and his lovely wife, DORA, announced the engagement of their son, FRED, to Miss JANET WEYMA, who are planning to be married early next year. Guy said he is changing all the locks on the doors, so there will be no returning for his son. Fred, I think your dad is trying to tell you something...The Kedzie credit union held its annual meeting in January. Operator JOHN MURPHY opened the meeting by singing the Star-Spangled Banner. All reports were read and approved, then everyone enjoyed the refreshments. Retired Superintendent C. SAUNDERS attended the meeting, and did you know that he was the first one to make a deposit in the credit union? He holds card No. 1. Mr. Saunders also won a door prize. How lucky can one be?...Glad to see Operator J. C. SKIPPER back on the job after two years of military service...Quite often now you see a guy sewing in the trainroom. Well, that's Operator P. C. JACKSON. He is taking a course in tailoring and doing very well...TED HEFFERNAN, treasurer of the credit union, has been appointed the police and fire commissioner in Broadview, Illinois. He receives no pay; just doing his part as a civic leader. Good luck, Ted, in your new duties...Our deepest sympathy to Operator McDONALD whose brother passed away in East St. Louis, Illinois...Pensioner JOE CZECH is recovering from a heart attack at McNeil hospital in Berwyn, Illinois...Don't forget your credit union, put a little away every payday.

- Raymond Graham

**KEELER -**

I hope this little memo reaches you in time. April 1 is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other 364. April Fool's day brings to mind the not so old adage, "A fool and his money get invited to the most swinging places..."The birthday swingers for March are: Operators RUFF, March 1; SMITH, March 2; BARATH, March 3; MARUSARZ, March 4; MURPHY, March 5; DE-ROSE, March 6; GRIFFIN, March 7, and WILLIAMS and POLK, March 8...Meanwhile back in the garage, Mechanic KEN SANDRIK ran up another mile on March 26. Ken's daughter, MARY SUE, entered the marvelous teens on February 1...Did you notice that big void in the garage? The reason is Mechanic CHESTER is on vacation--and Chester



STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT McGANN, the son of Night Foreman HAROLD McGANN, Lawndale Station, is now home on furlough after spending 27 months in Anchorage, Alaska.

does occupy quite a bit of space...I'm sure that the wife of Repairman AL HALL is waiting for vacation time so Al can enjoy himself by doing little odd jobs around their new home...I can't quite understand why all the repairmen are so excited because WINKLEBACH has a new uniform. Perhaps Winky had a sentimental attachment to the old uniform...ROGER GABINSKI, our schedule man, isn't so good in scheduling his news. He just told me that his wife, DOLLY, had a birthday on February 23. Make him get on the ball, Dolly...Operator ANDY GRABOWSKI is quite proud of his 20th anniversary of employment on March 26. Are you showing movies, Andy?...Boy, did I goof. Operator MCKINLEY HAYDEN did give me the item on time, but I misplaced it and just found it. So to Hayden and his wife, CATHY D., a happy, happy belated second wedding anniversary, January 19...The entire garage gang sends get well wishes to Assistant Day Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR. The drivers also take a little of that action too, Phil...If my news seems a little skimpy this time, it's because my main contributor, WHITEY SZYMELL, is on the sick list with a pulled foot muscle. Must have been sustained running to the winners window at the race track...We also miss FRANK BELLINO, so hurry and get well...OTTO and DOROTHY PETERS really played it smart on February 13, their seventh wedding anniversary. They celebrated with a turkey dinner at home, and the real kicker--Dot kept Otto sober throughout the festivities. Otto's son, RAYMOND, kicked the birthday jinx on February 22 when he became 14 years old...Operator C. D. WARREN complained because his name is never in print. I tried to explain to Warren that when he does something newsworthy--that will pass the censors--he will be honored. A good example is like Instructor CHARLIE WEYER who is conspicuously absent due to jury duty...Our sanitation technician, IRWIN ZIELKE, demanded equal representation in our column. He complains that a certain co-worker, initials S.G., has been hogging all the limelight. Well, Irwin, you held out a long time and I think it was very big of you. Very, very big of you...Incidentally, this print seems to be getting smaller and smaller each year. Due to this phenomenon, ye olde scribe is taking a younger pair of eyes in training. Being duly cultivated for this honor is Operator CLARENCE McLOYD. So look forward to some sparkling bright new contributions in the near future...Well, gang, I'll have to terminate our togetherness for this time as I have to start work on my fishing equipment. I'm replacing all my gear with heavy-duty material--expecting big things, you see. Bye now.

- Ernest C. Carter

**LAWNDALE -**

This month we congratulate Operator FRANK DOWNEY who courageously gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to a stricken heart attack victim on his bus on January 11. Operator Downey received a personal letter of thanks from General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR...One evening while Operator WILLIAM LAMAR was working, eggs were splattered all over the windshield on the driver's side. Fortunately, one of his passengers lived close enough to the bus stop to run into her house and get some damp towels to clean the windshield. Thanks to this lady, Operator Lamar was able to continue on his route safely with no further difficulties. We need more passengers like this kind lady...On April 1 Operator JACK KALKA will retire after 34 years of service. Good luck, Jack...Operator and Mrs. JOHN PATER recently returned from 11 wonderful days in



sunny Acapulco, Mexico. John came back to Lawndale with a nice tan and a wild story of how beautiful the weather was in Florida, for whose benefit I've yet to learn. John also said he improved his golf game while he was away and the invitation is open to GALVIN, WASHINGTON, ROSS, and MORTON...Well, fellows, on April 1, Clerk EDWARD McDERMOTT will take his pension after 46 years of devoted service. Mac, as we all call him, will be missed around here and we all wish him an enjoyable retirement. Good luck, Mac...Glad to see C. SANDRIK, B. CALVERT, and S. PERRY back to work after extended illness. Those still on the sick list include: W. HALLA, G. BRICHACEK, A. KENNEDY, and R. JONES...Happy birthday to the following personnel: J. LUSCALZO, A. IRVING, C. PENDLETON, A. CALABRESE, J. PAIGE, W. CONNIE, W. ROBINSON, F. BRADFORD, S. WALKER, F. ANDERSON, R. ZAILSKAS, J. KALKA, R. HENLEY, N. SWOPES, C. BRICE, J. BOKER, J. WILLIAMS, J. VIOLLT, C. KACZOROWSKI, Q. JAMES, J. RIHA, C. HILL, H. BOWMAN, S. HYERCZYK, S. ADAMS, M. COLQUITT, and L. GATSON...EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI celebrated his 29th anniversary with CTA on February 29. Eddie says that he's challenging all golfers.

- James Marshall

#### LIMITS -

Superintendent GEORGE MAY of Limits Station took his pension on March 1. A testimonial dinner was given in his honor on February 26 at Johnny Wiegelts, 2000 W. Byron street. A large number of his co-workers attended and a good time was had by all. May your retired life be filled with health and happiness, Mr. May...Operator CLARENCE LIND spent an enjoyable vacation down in sunny Florida. He did quite a bit of sightseeing and deep-sea fishing and came back with a beautiful coat of tan...Operator LEWIN has purchased three acres of land in or near Albuquerque, New Mexico. He plans to build a home down there where he will spend his retired life...We all wish to thank Operator IKE WILLIAMS for the beautiful checkerboard he designed and made for the enjoyment of the men at Limits. This is the second board he has presented to the station...To all of the men on the sick list, we wish a speedy recovery...Our sincerest sympathy to SAM GIRARD in the death of his father-in-law, Mr. GIBES.

- R. S. Benson

#### LOOP -

Related birthday greetings to Student Agent TOM LINDENMUTH, February 13; Agents TERESA BARRETT, February 11; GENNY HARDING, February 24, and DOROTHY FORD, February 18. February is a festive month for Dorothy, who also celebrated her wedding anniversary and her anniversary with our company...Reporter and West Section trainman, LOU PAYNE, also had a February birthday which he enjoyed immensely...Congratulations to Foot Collector V. NORSTROM and his wife who celebrated their wedding anniversary on February 22...Agents LILLIAN CONROY and GENEVIEVE HARDING both retired on March 1. Their many friends wish them both the very best of luck and good health in the future. VIRGINIA TOTCKE, MARION KAAD, DOROTHY ADLER, MONICA LAMKE, and your Co-reporter MARY WIXTED helped Lillian celebrate her retirement on Sunday, February 21. We saw the movie, "My Fair Lady", and had dinner at Goldie's on West Irving Park

WEDDING BELLS rang for WILLIAM and JACQUELINE WILSON on November 2 at St. Peters United Church of Christ. The bride is the former JACQUELINE MORRIS who was employed by CTA in the Employee Relations Department, and the daughter of Superintendent J. B. MORRIS, Lawndale Station.

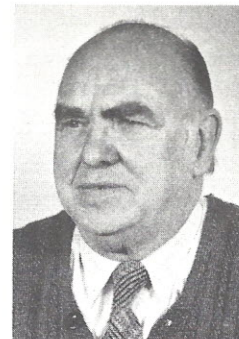
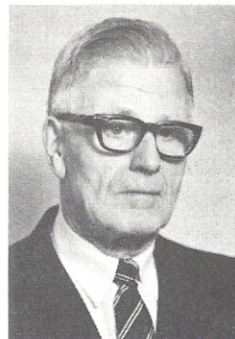


road. It was a delightful day and we hope to have many more together. Lill has promised to keep in touch and we plan to hold her to that promise...Agent JUANITA HARRISON has been on sick leave since August. All her friends miss her and are hoping for a complete recovery soon...Our congenial platform man, WILBUR (Slim) HOLMES, is in Holy Cross hospital recovering from a broken hip. Slim fell on the ice while skating with his grandchildren. Everyone on the Loop structure misses friendly Slim and we hope he recovers very soon. We know he would appreciate hearing from all his friends...Agent HERB SAFFRAHN is still off sick. Our best wishes to him, also. We want to see him back and in good health again as soon as possible...Clerk DAN DOYLE is in the hospital at this writing. We hope he will be up and about by the time this issue of the Transit News is released. Exit that hospital, Dan...Student Agent ARTHUR JEFFERSON spent a few uncomfortable days due to a virus, but is back on the job again full of vim and vigor...On February 23, Loop Janitor BUCHANAN had a day off to celebrate his 20th year with CTA. He spent that day getting the house in spick-and-span shape for his wife's return from the hospital. Mrs. Buchanan had surgery and is recovering very nicely, we understand...Proud mother MARILYN BELL tells us her son, DONALD, will graduate from college in June. Then after three years of post-graduate study he hopes to be a successful architect. We're betting he makes it...Student Agent AUGUSTA THOMPSON has a very interesting career planned. She is attending Columbia college and hopes someday to be a producer and director for movies or television. Good luck, Augusta, sounds like fun and work, too...Agent MARY GILBERT tells us that her daughter, JESSIE, senior cheerleader for Lindblom High school, is beaming with pride since her team won two trophies in the city cheerleading finals. Congratulations, Jessie...Agent LORRAINE BLACK and JOHN UPCHURCH will say "I do's" on June 27 in Our Lady of Lourdes church. The bride will wear the traditional long white lacy dress and veil. She will be attended by three bridesmaids and a maid of honor. After a reception for family and friends, the couple will honeymoon in California. They plan to return to Chicago to reside. They both intend to continue their college education. Good luck and much happiness in the future...Welcome to new Agents ROCHELLA PALMER and CORINNE McCLINTON. Good luck, girls...Agent MARY JO OHNESORGE went into the hospital for tests and a checkup. We hope she will be back with us soon in tip-top shape...Agent MONICA LAMKE picked her vacation in March and is flying to Tampa, Florida, for a happy reunion with her sister and family. Have a



# NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired March 1 after completing 40 or more years of transit service each are, left to right, EDWARD V. MORRIS, ANTHONY CARR, and JOSEPH A. HERMAN.



ANTHONY CARR, Conductor,  
North Section, Emp. 10-10-29  
LILLIAN J. CONROY, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 4-11-64  
WILLIAM DiGIOIA, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 8-20-41  
RAYMOND J. DONESKI, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 6-24-42  
NEWTON GABLE, Operator,  
52nd Street, Emp. 10-24-53  
GENEVIEVE M. HARDING, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 1-23-42  
JOSEPH A. HERMAN, Chief Operator,  
Electrical, Emp. 7-17-28  
KENNETH W. JOHNSON, Foreman,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-29-47  
WILLIAM L. MACLIN, Janitor,  
North Section, Emp. 12-28-53  
GEORGE T. MAY, Superintendent,  
Limits, Emp. 3-6-34  
EDWARD V. MORRIS, Electrical Worker,  
Skokie Shops, Emp. 8-29-21  
MARTIN J. NEE, Bus Repairer,  
Lawndale, Emp. 7-13-43  
WALTER J. NOWICKI, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-3-42  
PAUL ROLLAND, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 12-20-40  
EDWIN P. STOCK, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 12-3-45

WALTER A. STRAUBING, Receptionist,  
Executive, Emp. 8-31-29  
MARTIN SWANSON, Bus Repairer,  
77th Street, Emp. 3-29-27  
JOSEPH F. TERC, Conductor,  
West Section, Emp. 1-21-46  
GEORGE TRIUNFOL, Chief Accountant,  
Accounting, Emp. 6-28-27

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SOL BATTLE, Bus Serviceman,  
52nd Street, Emp. 5-17-48  
MICHAEL J. HENEHAN, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 4-2-53  
EUGENE F. HOWE, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 3-26-46  
ROSEMARY KELLY, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 9-17-55  
LEON MALY, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-16-47  
WILLIAM J. MARTIN, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 2-17-43  
JOSEPH MICHALCZUK, Electrician "A",  
Skokie Shops, Emp. 5-2-32  
EARL F. STEVENS, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 8-9-55  
GEORGE J. WILLIAMS, Janitor,  
Beverly, Emp. 3-10-42

MARKING THE end of 41 years of service at a farewell party held on February 25 in the CTA board room, WALTER STRAUBING is shown here with CTA Board Chairman G. L. DeMENT (left) and General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR. Walt retired as General Office receptionist.



## PENSIONERS MEET

THE DIVISION 308 Pensioners Club of Chicago will hold its next regular meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 15, on the 13th floor at 32 W. Randolph street. All retired members of Division 308 are invited to attend these meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at the above time and address.

The CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the Odd Fellows Hall, 4140 16th street North, St. Petersburg. All CTA pensioners living in that vicinity are invited to attend these meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month at the above time and address.



good time, Monica, but don't forget to come back...What Irish lassie was found by her relief agent perched atop the station safe? Richie the mouse was running around the booth defying her to come down while she huddled in fear... Agent MARY GALLAGHER has returned from Ireland and is back at work again. Glad to have you back, Mary, we hope you brought some fresh shamrocks for Saint Patrick's day...See you next month, and keep smiling.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted

#### NORTH AVENUE -

Congratulations to Operator F. BARNES and his wife, ELLEN, who are the proud parents of a baby girl, MICHELLE, born on February 7 weighing 5 pounds 1 ounce... We're back to that February 29 birthday shared by Superintendent FRANK BUETOW, North Avenue, and Retired Superintendent GEORGE MAY, Limits. Having a birthday every fourth year, they don't seem to age like the rest of us. We extend our best wishes to both. Frank has been on the sick list, and we wish for a speedy return of the old vim and vigor. Many happy returns to Supervisor D. OMENS on his birthday, February 22...We wish Godspeed to KEN and DAVE, the twin sons of Operator FRANK R. STELZER and his Mrs. The young men are taking their basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon completion they will go to radio communication school in Boston. May God keep them safe...Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Operator DOM NAPOLEON in St. Joseph hospital, and to Operator RED HANSEN in Weiss Memorial hospital following surgery...Condolences to the family of Dispatcher H. REDMAN who passed away February 7; to Operator EDWARD DOWLING who lost his mother February 20, and to the families of Pensioners JOHN LANGE and DOUGLAS HALLBERG who both passed away on February 22. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord."..Mail for Pensioner OLIVER WIKRENT and his better half goes to P.O. Box 5162, Garden Grove, California 92645. They're living in Buena Park and the earthquake shook them and their house up, down, and sideways. The temperature the day the letter was written was 92 degrees. Oliver says, "hello" to all the boys...Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his wife, ANNA, are in Florida visiting Pensioner PAUL DAVIS and his wife, LORETTA. As usual, Lars is doing some fishing...Pensioner BILL ECHOLS enjoyed the Christmas holidays and New Year's eve, but spent New Year's day in bed with a cold. He received a letter from Mrs. JERRY GLEASON. Bill says no snow has fallen in Hot Springs this winter. The lowest temperature was 20 degrees...I met and had a nice chat with Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN who is looking and feeling fine...Now to the Inner Sanctum and our reporter, Switchboard Operator WALTER BLIX...The red carpet that is used to welcome VIP's to our office was put to good use on two occasions recently. The first time to welcome back BILL PINASCO from the General Office. Bill has taken over the assistant chief clerk's duties that ART OLSEN handled so well before his retirement. It's sure nice to have you back with us, Bill. The second time was when Superintendent GEORGE MAY left his home grounds at Limits Station and came over to fill in for one day at North Avenue. This gave him a chance to say goodbye to all his old friends before taking his pension March 1. We all wish him the best of everything on his retirement... We have some new faces in our office. One is CARL HANSON who was just made a clerk recently. Another is IRV BREST who has been around North Avenue for a good many

ROGER HORNING, the son of MEL HORNING, North Park Station operator and Transit News scribe, recently completed his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington, and is now attending missile school at Huntsville, Alabama.



years as a motorman and bus operator. He's now holding down the job of relief custodian. Welcome to both of you fellows. VIC JOHNSON spent three weeks with us as night superintendent, and then took off and headed back to North Park and Forest Glen. Evidently the lunch bag competition was too much for him down here...It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy! These were our thoughts when we saw the letter of commendation sent in by a steady rider on Armitage avenue in praise of Operator BERT HUKILL. It was in the form of a lengthy poem that centered around all the good things that he does for his passengers. We agree with everything it said since yours truly had the pleasure of working with Bert for several years when we were at Forest Glen. With a little coaxing he might even show you the poem if you ask him...End of Inner Sanctum...Another operator who received a letter of commendation from one of his riders is AARON AMOS. It's nice to be appreciated... We wish all of you a blessed Easter at this season when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Only in Him can we find hope for this world torn with war and hatred...Congratulations to Collector HARRY REESE and his spouse who celebrated their wedding anniversary on March 5.

- William Miedema

#### NORTH PARK -

Superintendents R. W. KEAG, E. BRODD, and V. JOHNSON, along with the instruction force, thank the operators and garage personnel for their part in setting a new all-time low accident record in 1970...Dr. ROBERT KESSLER, the son of Operator BOB KESSLER, was inducted into the U.S. Army as a major. Dr. Kessler will receive his basic training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and then will be sent to Viet Nam where his skills as a general surgeon will be utilized...Operator JAMES MURPHY attended the wedding of his brother, MATTHEW, in Queens, New York, where he was united in marriage to Miss MAUREEN McBREARTY. James was the best man at the wedding, and enjoyed meeting members of his family again...Operator BERNARD KONIARSKI is hospitalized in St. Francis hospital at this writing for observation. Our prayers are with Bernie for a complete recovery...West Irving Blair Lodge #271 led by its past master, Pensioner JOHN CLARK, attended the Martinique restaurant and Drury Lane Theatre to see Douglas Fairbanks in the play, "The Pleasure of His Company." The following operators and their wives also attended: WILLARD and JULIA LYONS, GEORGE and DORIS



## INSIDE NEWS

MEYERS, RUPERT and MARY CRAFT, HOWARD and BONNIE PRATT, LE ROY and BETTY QUEENS, and WILLIAM and MYRTLE WROBLE...STEVE HUTNIK, the son of Operator SIDNEY HUTNIK, was honorably discharged after four years of service with the U.S. Navy. He served on the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy and attained the rank of petty officer first class. Steve is happy to be home with his likeable parents again...Pensioner LOUIS NELSON and his wife, MAE, of Brodhead, Wisconsin, spent a week visiting their daughter, Mrs. ELEANOR SUCKOW, and her husband, JAMES. The Nelsons operate a prosperous trucking farm in Brodhead and will have strawberries, blueberries, and asparagus for sale this summer...The Little Flower mass and communion breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 28, at Old St. Patrick's church, Adams and Desplaines. A chartered bus will leave North Park at 7:30 a.m. and everyone is urged to attend...Supervisor GENE ADAMS gave his wife, EMMA, a prize French poodle named Tammy as a present, and being a young aggressive puppy, Tammy is working the furniture over. It looks like Gene will have to replace the furniture before long...Operator BILL OCIEPKA and his fiancée, MARY ELLEN POERNICH, flew to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the wedding of an old army buddy, Mr. RICK CHMURA, to Miss BETH KUHN. Bill was an usher at the wedding and had the good fortune to catch the bride's garter, so Mary Ellen and Bill have decided to get married in January, 1972...Operator SAM BAKER and his wife, HELEN, announced the marriage of their son, SHELDON CARTER, to MARCI R. ZATZ on Sunday, February 7, at the Iran Hebrew Congregation in Skokie, Illinois. Following the ceremony a dinner was held at the Hyatt House, and in celebrating, Sam was his usual laughing, jolly old self...Operator LES BATES was re-elected president of the Southern Illinois Reunion Council for the year 1971. We at North Park wish Les another successful year with the council as they do such wonderful work for the poor and handicapped...Operator ED ZIENTARA and his son-in-law, ED COVERS, spent a week fishing at Lake Chetek, Wisconsin. Ed reports that the crappies were very receptive...Operator ROBERT WASHBURN vis-

THESE TWO happy young men are MICHAEL and JOHN McEVILLY, the sons of Senior Station Instructor JOHN P. McEVILLY, Keeler and Limits, who were home on leave for the holidays. Michael, a Specialist 4, attended Loyola university before enlisting in the army and is now stationed in Wurzburg, Germany. John, after his graduation from DePaul university, received a commission in the marines. He spent 16 months in Viet Nam where he was awarded the bronze star and the Vietnamese medal of honor.



ited Johnson City, Illinois, where his property interests are located. Robert reports that it took a Brinks truck to carry all the rent and royalties home. Also on the agenda was a hunting expedition for Canadian geese, and VIOLET and I are waiting for an invitation to a duck dinner, Robert...Operator CONNIE SCHMIT spent his winter vacation at Back Porch, Illinois, completing all the chores around his Long Lake home...LILLA BOOTHROYD, the daughter of Operator OWEN BOOTHROYD and Ticket Agent ANNA BOOTHROYD, was married on January 23 to Mr. CHARLES TOELCKE at Belden Avenue Baptist church. The reception, also at the church, was attended by 200 guests. The young couple honeymooned in Tucson, Arizona...EARNIE BUCHANAN Jr., the son of Operator EARNIE and EDNA BUCHANAN, was married on Saturday, January 30, to Miss DIANNE HAMER at St. Mary's Catholic church in Pecatonica, Illinois. The reception was held at the Indian Village in Bryon, Illinois, with 200 guests attending. The young couple are juniors at the University of Illinois where Earnie is majoring in physical education and Dianne is majoring in home economics. Operator LE ROY CARR and his wife, LOUISE, and Supervisor JOHN ERICKSON and his wife, AGNES, attended the wedding and had a grand time...Operator ED NEWTON and his wife, FRANCES, became grandparents twice in January when their fourth and fifth grandchildren were born. On January 11 a daughter named ROBIN TRACY was born to their son, TOM, and his wife, LOIS, at Ravenswood hospital weighing 6 pounds 6 ounces. On January 26 a daughter named THERESA ANN was born to their son, BRUCE, and his wife, SUE, at Wesley Memorial hospital weighing 6 pounds 7 ounces...Operator LARRY SHIELDS and his wife, GRAYCE, became grandparents for the sixth time when their son, PETER, and his wife, CAROL, became parents of their third daughter, JODI ERIN, born on December 3 at Northwest hospital in Arlington Heights weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces...Operator ROBERT BROWN and his wife, JEANNETTE, flew Delta Air Lines to Houston, Texas, to visit their son, AL, and his wife, PAT, and their grandson, DANNY. Highlights of the trip were visits to the Astrodome, NASA, the Indian Reservation, and the battleground in San Jacinto where the battleship Texas is moored...Operator ART JANZ vacationed at Naples, Florida, and enjoyed several days with Pensioner PAT DOHERTY who resides in Bonita Springs. Art reports that he tried several fishing excursions in the Gulf of Mexico but the results were poor...Operator JOHN HALL and his wife, MARIE, took a leisurely ride on the Santa Fe to San Francisco, California, where they enjoyed a three-week vacation. Highlights of the trip were visits to Fisherman's Wharf, for those great fish dinners, the zoo at San Diego, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, and several other attractions...JASON MILSTEIN, the grandson of Operator ELI and RUTH PESTINE, received his first report card from school and his marks were exceptionally good, making Eli and Ruth very proud of him...Pensioner AL REMACK and his wife, DOROTHY, send greetings from Florida. On the agenda was a visit with ED and CEIL MUCHA of Fort Lauderdale, and FRANK and ELAINE CARPINO who were staying with the Muchas. Stops were made at Key West, Pompano, Del Ray Beach, and at Pensioner CHARLES and ANNA KERR's home at Bonita Springs for a few days.

Operator RAY DONESKI retired on March 1. Ray and his wife, EVELYN, had a home built in Forsyth, Missouri, and will be neighbors of Pensioner ART and RUTH MUIR. We at North Park wish Ray and Evelyn much happiness in their new home and many years of health and good fishing



## INSIDE NEWS

in their Ozark surroundings...Our best wishes to Superintendent GEORGE MAY, Limits, who retired on March 1... Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator KEESLER POLK Jr. and his wife, CHARLOTTE, their 7th; Operator DON BENNETT and his wife, MARIE, their 23rd; Operator TOM DE CANTILLON and his wife, MARY, their 24th; Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG and his wife, DOROTHY, their 34th; Operator IRVING MOSKOVITZ and his wife, ANN, their 41st; Operator GEORGE TORSON and his wife, JUNE, their 18th; Operator DON McKINNEY and his wife, BARBARA, their 17th; Instructor EDWARD SCHWAMB and his wife, DONNA, their 10th; Instructor JOE DAUGIRD and his wife, LOTTIE, their 31st; Supervisor LARRY COSTLEY and his wife, MARY, their 25th; Superintendent VICTOR JOHNSON and his wife, RUTH, their 31st; Pensioner WILLIAM KLEPITCH and his wife, IRENE, their 42nd; Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, their 37th, and Pensioner AL PARADISE and his wife, FAYE, their 8th...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: BONNIE NEWMAN, STEVEN and CYNTHIA BUDZISZ, DANNY and LAURA KURCZEWSKI, HEIDI PESTINE, Operators WALTER ZINKOVICH, SAL MUSCARELLO, GEORGE TORSON, ARMAND DELGADILLO, CHESTER DAMIAN, LOUIS SCHWARTZ, and GARY NOONAN, Receivers ED STENZEL and BILL CERKAN, Clerk RAY MILANOVICH, and Sanitary Engineer OSCAR ANDERSON...Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Street Collectors JAMES BRENNAN and ALBERT BEROTT, Ticket Agent STEVEN GECAN, and Operator ART and ARLENE JANZ, on the loss of Arlene's father, Mr. AMOS LEONARD. Pensioner DONALD GILL passed away... Repair Department Chit Chat: Repairman FRANK SCHENDL enjoyed a two-week jury summons. We are sure Frank had a good rest... Repairman HARRY CARLSON, at this writing, is recovering from an illness and the garage gang is wishing him a speedy recovery... Repairman MIKE SCHULTZ enjoyed a February vacation... The welcome mat is extended to J. KENNEDY who was transferred to North Park as a repairman... Repairman FRANK SIBLEY is now working as a benchman and finds the job a challenge since HERMAN AMBOS and ED CORDA performed so well before retiring... Repairman LOUIE GRABOWSKI had an unusual experience. He was attacked by an alley cat and severely clawed and scratched on the face and neck.

- Melvin Horning

### NORTH SECTION -

On February 7 Ticket Agent ANNABELLE DREW added another candle to her birthday cake. Annabelle's son, RAY, and his wife, JUDY, took her and her daughter, PHYLLIS, to Milwaukee to see "Holiday on Ice" and to dinner at the Pieces of Eight restaurant. Annabelle says it was a treat she will long remember...Our condolences to the following: Ticket Agent MARGARET McCORMICK on the death of her brother, Father RYAN; to Ticket Agent DOREEN HORN on the death of her father; to Conductor JOHN RUSIN on the death of his brother-in-law; to Retired Motorman FRANK SCATENA on the death of his wife, and to the family of JOE PASCENTA who passed away after undergoing surgery. Joe was working as the Howard platform man...At this writing Kimball Supervisor DICK STANTON is in Ravenswood hospital in the intensive care unit and will undergo surgery at some future date. Also, DANIEL KOVALENKO, conductor, is on the sick list. Howard Street

Clerk ED DeRANGO is in Cuneo hospital. Ed is now doing fine after being on the critical list. Fellow employees! A card or phone call can mean a lot. We wish them all a speedy recovery... It seems these days a ticket agent doesn't know what to wear to work. On February 4, Agent IDA KOUYOUMDGIAN could have used a bathing suit. An overhead water pipe broke above the ticket booth and the water came cascading into the booth and flooded the entire Howard Street entrance with ten inches of water. Clerk ORLANDO MENICUCCI rose to the occasion by singing, "Raindrops keep falling on my head"...Everyone has heard the saying, "button, button, whose got the button", but in the case of Agent MARY DONOHUE and Agent ROSE McANDREWS, it is "booties, booties, whose got the booties". Mary made a pair of booties for Rose and put them in a transfer envelope for the foot collectors to give to Rose. The collectors forgot and put the envelope in with all the others and so far it hasn't been found...On Sunday, February 14, the North Side Credit Union held its annual meeting. This year it was held at Wiegelt's hall on Damen avenue. Refreshments were served and Clerk ORLANDO MENICUCCI entertained by singing several selections accompanied on the piano by Mrs. JOAN WELLANDER. A few of those who attended were: Retired Station Superintendent KEN MANAUGH and his wife, Mr. GEORGE RILEY from the Mart, and many retired employees. Everyone had a good time...Superintendent J. BRUCKER has given us the names of the new agents hired for the North Side on February 4. We wish to welcome the following and wish them good luck: M. WILSON, J. WILSON, J. BOWENS, M. PUISIS, G. GABRIEL, V. LEE, D. PYZYNA, and J. URSYANADAMA...On February 2 the father of Clerk GEORGE HENKE celebrated his 80th birthday. Mr. Henke is considered one of the grand old-timers of Gary, Indiana, and was feted by his church with an open-house party. Also through the efforts of George, he received a birthday greeting of best wishes and continued health from President and Mrs. Nixon...Just heard from the grapevine that Assistant Superintendent BILL ROONEY and his wife celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on February 14. Congratulations to them both. Also, Mr. Rooney had a week's vacation and when asked if he went anywhere he replied, no, he stayed home as it was a honey-do week. It was honey do this, and honey do that...News of the North Side janitors. At this writing Janitor HAL is on the sick list and we wish him a speedy recovery. On February 1 Janitor BRISON retired, and on March 1 Janitor WILLIAM MACLIN retired...Our well wishes for a happy retirement

RECEIVING THE bronze star for valorous action in Viet Nam was Lieutenant MICHAEL FIORITO, the son of SAM FIORITO, Body Shop "D," South Shops. The medal was awarded to Lt. Fiorito for, "heroism performed in ground combat against an armed hostile force."





go to Conductor TONY CARR who retired and bid farewell to the CTA on March 1 with 42 years of service...Janitor JOHN McCONVILLE celebrated his "golden" birthday on February 27. John was 27 on the 27th. Happy birthday, John...Several agents went to see former North Side Moptorman WALLY TAYLOR in his recent stage performance at the Shubert Theatre in the play, "No Place To Be Someone." Wally also appeared in the movie, "Cotton Comes to Harlem." After the Shubert performance, Wally was visited backstage and he sends his regards to his many friends at CTA...North Side Clerk GEORGE HENKE, the husband of your scribe, received a surprise in the mail. Because of his correspondence with the White House on several occasions, he received an official full color photo portrait of the president with the inscription, "To George Henke with best wishes, Richard Nixon." I have only one thing to say--"HELP"--I'm getting tired of sewing on buttons... Your scribe, TINA HENKE, wishes to express her sincere thanks to the many friends at CTA for their phone calls and cards while she was in the hospital and at home recuperating from a bad fall on the ice. When you read this, I hope to again be back at work. Also, please, keep the news coming in.

- Tina Henke

#### OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

Congratulations to JOE RITROVATO, Travel Information, and RITA BRZECZEK, Employment Department, who were united in holy matrimony at a nuptial mass at 1 p.m. on February 13 at Holy Rosary church. The newlyweds drove to Colorado Springs where they stayed for about five days and then went on to Phoenix, Arizona. They even got a chance to see the Cubs in spring training. The weather was beautiful and they had a wonderful two-week honeymoon. Among those who stood up for the wedding were Rita's sister, PHYLLIS, Law Department, LYNN HARRER, Employment Department, Joe's sister, ROSEMARY, and brother, TONY, both of the Claim Department, and his brother-in-law, JOE CECALA, Internal Auditing Department. This was truly a CTA wedding. We wish them the best of luck for a wonderful future...Dr. THOMAS POGUE, the son of Line Supervisor BURCHARD POGUE, has six children who keep him busy, and he also has four Old English sheep dogs. Recently, Lady Jennifer, one of his champion dogs had a litter of 11 puppies which I'm sure kept him up day and night bottle feeding many of them. If they didn't have a full house before, they sure do now. Congratulations on the new additions...CARL LARSEN and his wife, FREDIA, flew to Hawaii for two weeks of fun and relaxation. Carl said he played golf at four of the major courses and also spent time on the beach. He must have been out in the sun because he has a beautiful tan. His wife also enjoyed the beach and going shopping. They went to Honolulu and Waikiki Beach, Maui, Kauai, and also spent time in Hawaii. Carl and his wife liked visiting the different islands the best of the whole trip. They had a great time, took many pictures, and someday would like to make a return trip. They even met EILEEN NEURAUTER from Public Relations who, incidentally, is having a good time on her vacation...We are happy to see that RUDY HAAS has returned to work after an extended illness. Our sympathy is extended to Rudy whose brother, ALFRED HAAS, retired bus operator from North Avenue, recently passed away in California. We also extend our condolences to Superintendent of Transportation DAVID M. FLYNN whose sister, Miss KATHERINE M. FLYNN, passed away on February 4.

PICTURED HERE is MICHAEL HIRSCH, the grandson of REIN HIRSCH, machinist, South Shops, who is quarterback of the Hi-Ridge Chargers widget team in the Pop Warner League at the Hi-Ridge YMCA. Mike was awarded a trophy as the best back in his division.



Mass was said at 10 a.m. on February 6 at St. Hilary church. Radio Dispatcher HENRY E. REDMAN passed away suddenly on February 7. Mass was said on February 12 at 10 a.m. at St. Giles church. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

#### (Traffic Planning) -

We would like to welcome TOM LORENZ back after serving two years in the U.S. Army. While stationed in Germany, Tom took advantage of the opportunity and traveled all around Europe. He enjoyed seeing many different places, but is happy to be back home.

#### (Utility and Emergency Service) -

Mr. and Mrs. WALTER SWAIN recently took a trip to California. Luckily, their visit was after the earthquake. They went to San Diego where Walter said they had a good time, but experienced unusual weather...We received a note from PETE CARPINO who was vacationing in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He said he was having a great time and had visited some of his friends, namely JACK KRAUSE (retired from Operations Control), JOHN BURKE (fire and safety), and JIM HARRISON (District B supervisor)...Mr. and Mrs. D. St. JOHN spent their vacation in Mexico City and Acapulco. They had beautiful weather and a wonderful time...Congratulations and best of luck to VERNE LANDIS, our new supervisory chauffeur, to WILLIE WALTON who transferred from 77th Street, and VIRGIL TYLER who transferred from 69th Street...On March 1 RON MENDYK went on a disability retirement. We send our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery, and the best of everything... Good luck to MILTON BERNARD who recently transferred to the Electrical Department...It's nice to see FRANCIS VAN GEENAN back to work and feeling fine after an extended illness...We would like to wish a speedy recovery to DICK O'GORMAN and WALTER RAKAUSKIS who are presently off sick...Our sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioner TONY NOLAN who recently passed away.

- Colette Szczepanek

#### PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

Hi! My how time flies! Once again plans are being made for summer and fall vacations. Soon we will have bundles of news of luxurious vacations spent in Jamaica, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, French Riviera, and at home with the kids...We have two movers in our midst--Purchasing's ZITA GYURICZA and MARGARET KELLS who spent their



## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

WESLEY E. BLANDEN, 83, West Section,  
Emp. 9-26-13, Died 12-22-70  
JOHN R. COOK, 92, Cottage Grove,  
Emp. 4-5-04, Died 1-8-71  
ANTON J. DAUKAS, 78, South Shops,  
Emp. 2-27-20, Died 1-14-71  
HEINZ DOERING, 54, Skokie Shops,  
Emp. 8-25-36, Died 2-24-71  
JOHN A. DUBIN, 77, Util. & Emerg. Service,  
Emp. 7-19-24, Died 1-18-71  
JOHN J. FITZGERALD, 79, Internal Auditing,  
Emp. 4-13-28, Died 1-4-71  
FRANCIS W. GARRITY, 59, West Section,  
Emp. 7-10-47, Died 1-8-71  
STEVE J. GECAN, 58, West Section,  
Emp. 8-21-44, Died 1-30-71  
WILLIAM GILLIGAN, 62, Engineering,  
Emp. 5-13-41, Died 2-26-71  
PAUL E. GRANOW, 69, North Section,  
Emp. 8-30-23, Died 1-21-71  
JAMES J. HARVEY, 66, 61st Street,  
Emp. 11-16-25, Died 1-30-71  
ALBIN J. JOHNSON, 70, North Avenue,  
Emp. 2-24-26, Died 1-30-71  
OWEN S. LAUGHLIN, 81, Property Accounting,  
Emp. 7-23-46, Died 1-27-71  
ROBERT D. LEWIS, 61, Beverly,  
Emp. 4-28-41, Died 1-29-71  
CHARLES W. LONG, 76, 77th Street,  
Emp. 8-31-20, Died 1-18-71  
VINCENZO LONGO, 72, West Shops,  
Emp. 1-6-27, Died 1-13-71  
ARTHUR W. MAAS, 67, Limits,  
Emp. 2-25-37, Died 1-21-71  
JAMES MORRISON, 92, Elston,  
Emp. 6-7-18, Died 1-15-71

JOHN MURRAY, 74, West Section,  
Emp. 11-20-42, Died 2-3-71  
WILLIAM H. NELSON, 77, North Section,  
Emp. 6-23-20, Died 1-12-71  
ANTHONY J. NOLAN, 70, Utility,  
Emp. 8-26-30, Died 1-31-71  
JOSEPH PASCENTA, 55, Howard Street,  
Emp. 4-8-40, Died 2-7-71  
CLIFFORD PETERSON, 64, West Section,  
Emp. 8-21-44, Died 1-18-71  
STANLEY L. RADASZEWSKI, 70, Archer,  
Emp. 10-25-43, Died 1-23-71  
HENRY E. REDMAN, 55, Operations Control,  
Emp. 8-11-41, Died 2-7-71  
STEVE SCUKANEC, 57, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 7-27-37, Died 1-30-71  
JOSEPH E. SOUKUP, 79, 77th Street,  
Emp. 3-22-26, Died 1-24-71  
JAMES C. STAFFORD, 62, Kedzie,  
Emp. 8-17-37, Died 1-9-71  
DEWEY TADIN, 74, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 12-4-23, Died 12-24-70  
EDWARD E. THACHER, 70, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 2-17-23, Died 1-7-71  
TIMOTHY J. TUOHY, 83, North Park,  
Emp. 9-25-23, Died 2-3-71  
GUISEPPE VAZZANO, 95, Track,  
Emp. 7-13-16, Died 1-12-71  
CARL A. WALDMANN, 68, South Division,  
Emp. 4-7-30, Died 1- -71  
MICHAEL P. WALL, 68, Construction & Maintenance,  
Emp. 11-5-42, Died 1-5-71  
OSCAR W. WIBLE, 90, Kedzie,  
Emp. 1-19-16, Died 1-13-71  
STANLEY ZIARKO, 50, Lawndale,  
Emp. 12-17-45, Died 1-30-71

vacations fixing up their new residences...IRENE HERMAN, freight bill checker, took on new job responsibilities when she was transferred to the Insurance Department as a hospitalization clerk. Come visit us once in awhile, Irene... Boy, oh boy! BOB MCCARTHY's son, ROBERT, is really using his school time to advantage! Ceremonies were held on February 16 at Immaculate Conception High school, where Robert received his card and pin as a member of the National Honor Society. Robert's father, Bob, works as a buyer II in the Purchasing Department...HOMER WEATHERSBY, stock clerk I, South Shops, is a father for the second time! A daughter, NATALIE ELAINE, was born February 8 weighing in at 6 pounds 8 ounces...We would like to welcome to Storeroom 48 a new laborer, PATRICK JOYCE. ...HANK BRANDENBURG and TOM SKVARLA, stock clerk II's at South Shops, are off the sick list. That's good news to hear, men...That's all the news for this month, folks. Let's hope we hear from you next month.

- Cathy Raschick & John Gill

### RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to C. CARPENTER and NEIL MCGILL, Wilson, who are on the sick list... Congratulations to LEONARD DAVENPORT Sr. on his promotion from terminal instructor to night foreman. Con-

gratulations are also in order for his son, LEONARD Jr., on winning first place in the Pinewood Derby on January 26. Leonard, a member of Cub Scout Pack 3065, was awarded a plaque and ribbon in ceremonies at St. Philomena school...Congratulations to Night Foreman JOHN ANTONUCCI who was promoted to assistant day foreman at 61st Street...Best wishes to RITA BRZECZEK, the daughter of your reporter, RAY BRZECZEK, Office, who became Mrs. JOSEPH RITROVATO on February 13 in ceremonies at Holy Rosary church. Rita is the receptionist in the Employment Department and Joe works in Travel Information. ..Welcome back to D. MOTYKA, car serviceman at Howard, who just returned from the service...Welcome to C. MOORE, new car serviceman at Linden, and to C. DUNLAP Jr. who were promoted to repairmen at Wilson. Here's hoping both are happy on their new jobs...Best wishes to PAUL LOVELESS who resigned to become a motel manager in North Carolina. In a farewell party at Dan Ryan, all the boys, including Superintendent of Shops & Equipment GEORGE CLARK, Superintendent of Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminals TONY PORCARO and Senior Foreman BOB FLOWERS, said goodbye to a friend of many years. Paul invites all down to enjoy the facilities of his resort... A welcome to F. NEALY Jr., a new car serviceman at Dan Ryan...Enjoying the fun of a winter vacation were M. GALLAGHER, Wilson, and W. THORNTON, L. STEWART, and J. KOGER, Dan Ryan...We extend our sympathy to the fam-



ily of ANTHONY DRAPP, who passed away on February 27 after a short illness...Finally, on behalf of all of us in the maintenance terminals, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Superintendent of Rapid Transit Shops and Terminals HEINZ DOERING who passed away on February 24.

- Ray Brzycki

#### SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

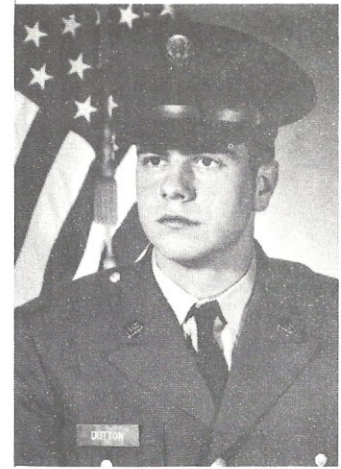
RICHARD and ROSALIE GOLDSTEIN spent their vacation in Wellington, New Zealand, with their son, RAY, and his wife, CORAL, and their twin grandchildren, JASON and RACHEL, who are now six months old. Ray is a lecturer in political science at Victoria university of Wellington...At this writing W. P. DEVEREUX is in St. Anne's hospital. We wish him a very speedy recovery...GEORGE HANUS had an operation and is in West Suburban hospital. We also wish him a very speedy recovery...CLARK JOHNSON and his wife flew to Clearwater and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Nassau and Freeport in the Bahamas on their vacation. ..Sympathy of the department is extended to J. LARKIN, outside checker, on the death of his wife.

- Kathryn Batina

#### SOUTH SECTION -

As I'm sitting here writing this I'm hoping that spring will be peeking her pretty head around the corner soon... We had a big wedding on Valentine's day. Foot Collector WILLIAM (Smithy) SMITH and Agent INEZ WADLINGTON decided to tie the knot and did. Much happiness is wished this nice couple...Our former boss, Superintendent MICKEY O'CONNOR, and his wife, ALICE, are having the time of their lives in Tucson, Arizona. I received a nice letter and two pictures of Mickey in shirt sleeves in January (while we were freezing in our winter coats) building a patio on his house. They just love living in Tucson...We have another new clerk on the South Section, Agent EDWARD GREEN who was appointed February 7. Congratulations!.. We were saddened to hear that Retired Towerman JAMES HARVEY passed away recently. Our condolences go out to Mrs. Harvey...61st Street is going great guns. They won the fourth quarter 1970 Interstation Safety Award with a perfect score. This is 61st Street's seventh safety award. Coffee and rolls were served which everyone enjoyed. Keep up the good work, men...Retired Motorman CARL FISCHER came in to see the boys at Ashland recently and he said he just returned from a trip to Hawaii, and next he is going to Florida and the Bahamas. Isn't it wonderful how our pensioners travel and enjoy life...Our sympathy is extended to Motorman EDWARD TORMEY whose brother passed away recently, and to Conductor JOSEPH MITTLER on the loss of his brother...Our South Side "L" Federal Credit Union held their annual meeting and get-together on February 14 at Avenue Liquors hall and it was such a nice affair. First there was the meeting and election of officers; then door prizes were given out. Afterwards came the social hour with hot beef sandwiches, cake, and coffee. As usual, my wonderful kitchen help included Retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT. Without their help I would have been lost in trying to serve the crowd, so my personal thanks goes out to them. Mrs. PONZIANO, the wife of Conductor FRANK PONZIANO, was in the hospital at the time and wasn't able to attend, but her charming daughter, SHARON, came along with Pops to

HAVING RECENTLY entered the U.S. Army, JOHN DUTTON is now in basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. John worked as a bus repairer at Archer Station, and is the son of L. C. DUTTON, superintendent of Schedule-Traffic.



help. Hope Mrs. Ponziano is well on the road to recovery by now. Also many thanks to Motorman ELWOOD FLOWERS and Conductor JAMES GREEN who were the bartenders. My hubby, ROLAND, was elected president again for a term of two years, and I must say I'm mighty, mighty proud. Division 308 was represented by Board Member WILFRED SPEARS. Among the pensioners attending were: Retired Towerman PAT HICKEY and LEONARD DeGROOT, Pensioner JOHN MADDEN (who looked just wonderful), and Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS. Charles is looking much better after his recent illness, and it's good to see him out and around again. Let's salute all our officers of the credit union for the wonderful job they are doing. Now is the time to remember to start putting some money in the credit union for savings so that you can get that "dream" vacation soon. All and all, everyone attending the get-together had a real good time...Supervisor DON MURPHY and his wife, GEN, just returned from a four-week winter vacation down in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where they just loafed around on the beaches and by the pools, fished, got a nice suntan, and just enjoyed themselves...Received a nice letter from Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD HENNESSY, retired motorman, from Tucson, Arizona, where they are staying for the winter. They also think Tucson and Phoenix are the greatest places to live. While there they visited with Retired Foot Collector THOMAS MCINERNEY and his wife, former Assignment Agent NANCY, and they send their best regards to all of us back here at work. They telephoned Retired North Section Conductor FRED BECK and his wife, and Fred said he would like to hear from more of his old friends. They also visited Retired Station Superintendent MICKEY O'CONNOR and had a wonderful visit with them in their new home. The Hennessys said they will be home in March...A hearty congratulations to Agent NORMA SANFORD who was married recently and is now Mrs. NORMA BRADLEY. Best wishes for a happy married life.

- Verna Hartney

#### SKOKIE SHOPS -

This column, as well as the month of March, started off on a sad note for all of us at Skokie as we lost a good friend and a boss. HEINZ DOERING, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, passed away on Wednesday, February 24. His career of almost 35 years brought him in contact with many CTAers, all of whom will remember



## INSIDE NEWS

him for how he loved his work and gave his all to make each and every job a success. He was with us at Skokie for only the last eight years, but that was more than enough time for us to appreciate his comradeship and engineering expertise. Paying their last respects were more than 750 persons who passed his bier--people of all faiths, colors, and status in life. To his family, and especially his wife, LUISE, and son, BILL, we extend our deepest sympathy... ROY SUAREZ, electrical worker, is the proud owner of a new 1971 Ford Torino. Good luck, Roy... ROBERT BINNIE, electrical worker, is back on the job after a gall bladder operation. Welcome back, Bob... THOMAS HOEY, electrical worker, went on another week of vacation but failed to tell us where. Hope you enjoyed it, Tom... L. H. REICHARD, retired superintendent of shops and terminals, called to say he was off to the Florida Keys for some good fishing, and of course, his wife, CLARA, will be at his side. Lots of happiness to each... GEORGE RATEIKE, retired regional engineer, has moved to Florida and is building a new home. Lots of happiness to you and your wife, SIS, as we all called her... JAN BRODA, painter, was a good nurse to the children and his wife, ADRIAN, after she returned home from an operation. Good luck, Adrian... As the Skokie Shops reporter, I hope everyone enjoyed the North Side "L" Federal Credit Union dinner on Sunday, February 14... JOHN SARA, electrical worker, fell in the bath tub and broke a large toe. Sorry, John.

- Everett E. England

### SOUTH SHOPS -

Our congratulations to EARL LARSEN who became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter, JOAN ENGLERT, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, gave birth to a 7 pound 12 ounce baby boy, BRYAN JASON, on January 29. I asked Mr. Larsen how it felt to be a grandfather for the first time, his reply was, "My only problem is learning to live with a grandmother."... Congratulations to CHARLES SHREEVE, Technical Services, who became a grandfather for the seventh time when his daughter, JACQUELINE, gave birth to a 9 pound 3 ounce (WOW!) baby boy, ANDREW MATTHEW, on February 1... You can really tell the people with all the money. If you have been reading the news for the last couple of months, you probably noticed his name. Well here it is again, and yes, he went on another vacation this month, only this time he had company. Mr. J. ROSEN-DHAL along with J. REPPLINGER and J. LAMONT and their wives went on a cruise on the luxury liner, Song of Norway, which left Miami, Florida, heading for Nassau, and from there to Puerto Rico and St. Thomas. Mr. Rosendhal told me that their hotel was on the Song of Norway, which was launched on November 7, 1970... The fellows of Area 312 would like to welcome back GEORGE GEIS, mechanic, and FRANK SPROVIERI, carpenter, after being off sick. George and Frank extend their appreciation to all of the fellows in Area 312 for their concern... FRED JACOB and his family had a beautiful time in sunny Florida for two long weeks, although Fred didn't think it was long enough... There has been a wee bit of overtime in the shops, and some of the fellows from the different departments decided that if they were going to be working on Saturdays, they might as well eat the way they eat at home on Saturdays. So they decided to have a "Soul cook-in" for lunch. This sure makes working on Saturdays easier... The fellows in Area 318 would like to wish a speedy recovery to OLEY OLSON, carpenter, who just had surgery. We would also

like to welcome back BOB FURHMAN and SAM FIORITO who were off sick for awhile... It seems as though we have a man in Area 339 who can prove that seven is a lucky number. JOE COAD, laborer, has seven children and on February 10, he was presented with his seventh grandchild, a girl who weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces. Well, Joe, congratulations and stick with the lucky number 7... ALBERT T. HERON, better known as Tex in the sky, became a proud grandfather for the first time when his son, JOHN, and his wife became the proud parents of a baby girl on February 24 weighing 7½ pounds. Congratulations, Tex, and we of Area 336 wish you have many more... The fellows in Area 333 would like to wish ROGER MULVIHILL and DONALD MCCARTHY a speedy recovery from their illness. Hurry back, fellows, you are very much missed... Area 349's RENE HIRSCH will retire on April 1, and his plans include a trip to Pennsylvania to visit his mother and father who will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary. His father is now in his 20th year of retirement. Congratulations to the entire Hirsch family.

- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown

### WEST SECTION -

A happy Easter to all of you and may it bring you many holy days ahead... The grapevine tells me that JAMIE GORDON is very close to getting married. The girl is a very lucky one, for she is getting one of the best... It was a long time in coming, but now MIKE BELLEZZO, after hearing war stories from AL CLARK for 25 years, has consented to write Clark's war memoirs. We all agreed that if there is a movie made from them, only John Wayne could play the part. ART NEWMAN wanted to play the lead as he was a wounded vet. I can't tell you where he was wounded, but only a hint, he can't sit down good... I have been wanting to thank my adopted son, TOM PATTERSON, and his lovely wife for the beautiful Christmas card they sent me. The picture was of a little black angel, and all the time I thought only Italians were in heaven... We couldn't believe our ears when the story came out that STANISZEWSKI is now the most informed switchman on Lake Street. CIMMERER is now No. 2. Just like Avis, John will now have to try harder... CHRIS and IKE HOUSTON, ticket agent and motorman, respectively, are very elated parents over the acting performance of their son, MARC HOUND. He won a lead role in the play, "The Me Nobody Knows", now at the Civic Theatre. The play was adapted from ideas put together by

THE HAPPY bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR LOMAN who were united in holy matrimony on January 16 at Fellowship Baptist church. Art is a former West Section motorman who recently transferred to the South Section, while his bride, the former LUCILLE CONWAY, is an executive secretary for the SCLC.





kids across the country of their thoughts on today's events. Good luck to this young fellow and may he go far...Our office had become drab again now that EVELYN left us to go to Jefferson Park. Now GERKE and WOODS are beginning to look good. Do you think Evelyn will be able to make LENNY KUKOWINSKI smile? The bet is, no one can...The Lake Street Credit Union held their annual meeting on March 7, and a good time was had by all. To all you young folks, now is the time to join the credit union and assure yourself of a brighter future. See JOHN McCARTY and get all the information from him...How nice it is to see GEORGE WOODMORE back to work after being off sick for such a long time. I don't think he will ever lose that smile on his face. JERRY BOYLAN has been off sick and seems to be coming along fine. We are hoping he will be back to work by the time you read this...We of Lake Street would like to extend our deepest condolences to STEVE DUISAK on the loss of his father. He told us his father was 94, which is certainly a ripe old age...The death of Pensioner WALTER HARRIS was a deep loss to us for we had many laughs together. So all of us send our deepest sympathy to his wife and family. Also, our sincere condolences to the family of Pensioner NOBIE SHELTON who passed away recently...Mentioning pensioners, we saw CARL FRANK, REDMOND McGOVERN, and SAL DITOMASO at the Christmas party and they looked like millionaires. Ditomaso did a little dance, and remember how he used to walk when he wanted to get off?...Janitor SCHULTZ took his dog, Mickey, for a \$7 taxi ride to show him the city. Now that's love, man for a dog. RUDY PTACIN said that the dog bit Schultz because it wasn't a \$10 ride. That's gratitude...To all of you, young and old, how about a visit to Reverend GEORGE CLARK's church. It won't hurt, and after George's sermon, it may help...My multi-talented co-reporter, LOU PAYNE, can dance, sing, write, and tell jokes, and has show business in his blood. He does a remarkable job entertaining people. So if anyone needs some high-class talent, contact Lou and he will give you your money's worth. It's Lou's turn to write the column next month, so I'll be waiting to read the nice things he will say about me.

- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne

#### 52ND STREET -

The month of February is starting off with a bang for the operators here at 52nd Street. We played host to management for the presentation of the ISC award for the fourth quarter of 1970. There was coffee, rolls, prizes, short talks, movies, and you could even have a portrait drawn. An all-around good time was had by all. Following are the names of prize winners, and comments made by operators, clerks, and superintendents. Operator CALVIN HOWARD won the "Guess the Beads in the Bottle" game the hard way. He and ROBERT MADISON guessed 425 which was nearest to the actual amount. However, when the two names were tossed in a hat for one winner, Calvin won. Winners of \$5 merchandise awards were: C. TARANTINO, R. LIGGETT, W. HOLLAND, R. BOLDEN, L. GARMONY, R. MILLER, T. DIXON, M. DUFFIE, A. RODGERS, W. BROWN, R. BURNS, and D. CHORAK of the repair department. This was the second award won by 52nd that Superintendent COLEMAN did not contribute to as a driver. But nobody could have enjoyed the occasion more. Having been connected with 52nd for more than 26 years, Mr. Coleman was a part of all the other ISC awards, and there were quite a few. Chief Clerk ARNOLD HILLSTROM said that the coffee

THIS BEAUTIFUL bride is KATHY SZEWC, the daughter of TED SZEWC, signal design engineer, Electrical Department, who was united in holy matrimony to PAUL McGOWAN on January 30 at St. John Brebeuf church. Kathy and her husband are students at Illinois State university.



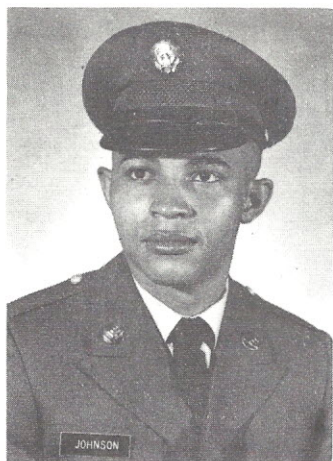
and rolls were enjoyed by all, and it is hoped that a return engagement will be enjoyed by the 52nd Street drivers in the near future. Operator ROBERT JONES said everything was fine, but he missed out on the "beads in the bottle" game. LEWIS WILLIAMS said every day should be like this. SAM JOHNSON stated it was nice to see Superintendent LYNCH smile all day. OLIVER TATE said he's working on another award, right now. LAWRENCE ROCKMORE commented that the movies and speeches were great. CHARLES SWAIN said that the artist did very fine and detailed work. WILLIAM O. HOOKS was sorry he missed the presentation, but did get in on the coffee and rolls. ERNEST HILL, vice-president of Division 241, enjoyed the coffee and rolls and hopes to have Superintendent of Transportation D. M. FLYNN and Superintendent of Instruction T. STIGLIC back for the next quarter...The buying of birthday gifts is a natural thing for most of us, but how many times do you buy for the whole family in one month. That's what Operator SHERMAN ADAMS is faced with. So we say happy birthday to Sherman, his wife, WILLIE, his sons, ROBERT and STEVEN, and his daughter, DELORES, all in January...Congratulations to Repairman HERBERT BOYD and his wife, JOYCE, on the birth of a son, AARON, born on January 24...The credit union's annual meeting was well attended. Reports were given by ERNEST HILL, president, TYLER PHILPOTT, treasurer, ROBERT HOLMES Jr., chairman of the credit committee, and FRED POWELL, chairman of the supervisory committee. CHARLES O'KANE, EUGENE JONES, and BOB HOLMES were re-elected to the board of directors for three year terms. Elected to the credit committee were: Bob Holmes, LAFAYETTE GARMONY, SAMUEL WILLIAMS, RONALD LIGGETT, and WALTER FALLS Jr. Honored guests were: Mrs. ERNEST HILL, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES A. PATE, and Mr. DANIEL J. McFADDEN. Door prizes were awarded and refreshments served. The officers thank all for attending. Join the credit union and save. Each member's account is insured up to \$20,000.00, and a life insurance policy up to \$2,000.00...Last, but not least, congratulations to Operator CHARLES NICHOLS on his appointment as a supervisor.

- John L. Hudson

#### 69TH STREET -

PETE SPOO is planning to take his pension, and that will make JACK WILSON the number one man on the picking sheets. HANK RISCH says that he looks younger than





JOSEA JOHNSON Jr., the son of JOSEA JOHNSON Sr., garage foreman, 52nd Street, has returned home after 14 months in Viet Nam as a telephone line repairman. Josea is now back at 77th Street Garage doing what he likes best--keeping those buses rolling as a repairman.

Jack, but is actually older, so he will never make number one...Everyone had H. C. SANGER taking his pension. Howie said it would be nice, but he will be around for awhile...W. J. MONROE picked 59th Street. It is nice to see his smile as he passes by...It's great to see W. F. SHIPYOR back to work after being on the sick list for such a long time...B. PULICK bowled 159 for three games one Friday night. That was the total count and not his average. The next week he bowled games of over 200...PAM JAMES, the daughter of Operator G. JAMES, will graduate from Bowen High school in June and attend Northwestern university on a scholarship she won. James claims she got her brains from him...It is with a heavy heart that we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of M. J. O'CALLAGHAN. He put up a great fight against cancer, and his smile and joking ways will always be remembered at 69th. Also to the family of P. H. CAMERON, who was only retired a little over a month, when his Maker took him; and to JOE HAUG and his family on the loss of his wife. Joe's son said that he was in the hospital with a heart condition and was unable to attend the funeral services...Although we have had some rough days this winter, the instruction department of SWANSON, JOHNSON, O'DONNELL, ROSS, and FULLER said that despite the weather we had only one bad day accident-wise. They said they would even help us make out the overtime slip if we came in without an accident. Have you noticed the way Swanson is always wearing his cap, and how about that new badge number? During a personal interview, he made MICKEY YOUNG's innocent ears burn. Ask Mickey what he said because I can't print it. The instructor who is working with CHARLIE WILLIAMS, the sign-out man, always tries to give you one of the better "hogs", and is always saying they are going to get us service for the T-lot. The instructors are looking for new line instructors, so watch the bulletin board for the notice...All of the clerks miss BILL DONAHUE who is still off sick with an injured hip. They said the instructors are still cleaning up the leftovers from the clerk's dinner table...JIMMY AHERN of the repair department reports that everyone should come out for the St. Patrick's day parade

## MOVING?

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and be dressed in green...The repair department extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Foreman PETE SZAFRANSKI on the death of his father-in-law; to TEDDY NIEZABITOWSKI and his family on the loss of his father-in-law, and to BRYANT MASON on the death of his sister-in-law...MARTIN GRIFFIN has gained 50 pounds since he retired. TOMMY McKEAN is certainly enjoying his pension and looks great. We hope that everyone on pension enjoys health and happiness for many years to come...Good luck to DAVID O'MALLEY who transferred to Archer, and to A. WARREN, V. TYLER, and R. HOROSINSKI who transferred to other jobs...We welcome BRUCE BURIAN, E. KUNKE, J. MILLER, A. SEDLAK, W. CICIURA, JOHN KOCHOPOLUS, and J. WIGGINS to the 69th Street repair department...The Transit News box is the only real mail box to the right of the clerk's window. Drop us a note on any news item or vacations. Be good, drive safely, and may God bless all of you.

- Arthur P. Buesing

## 77TH STREET -

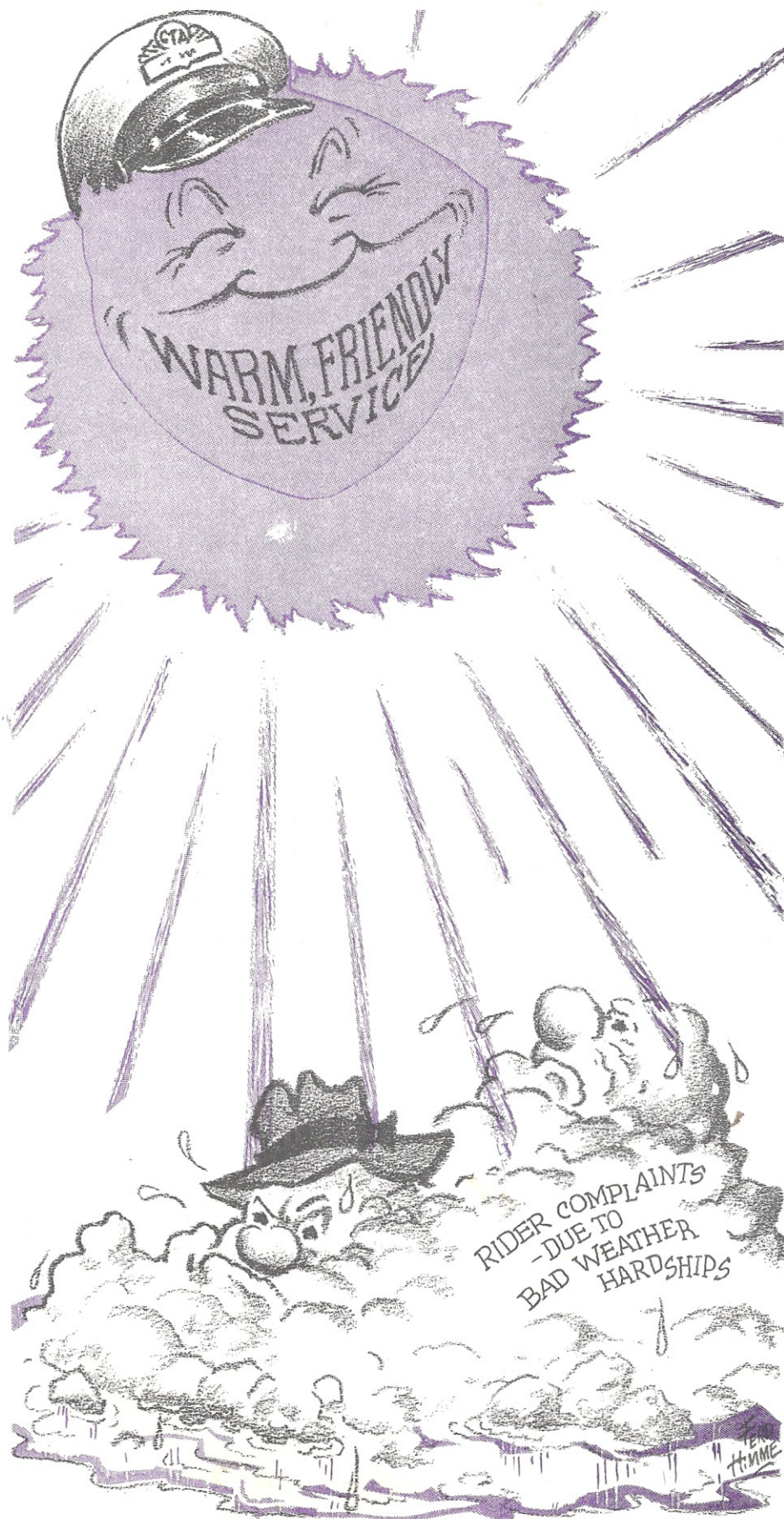
Our Federal Credit Union held its annual meeting on Saturday, February 12, at the Foster Park fieldhouse where a good time was had by all that attended...We would like to wish the following operators a happy birthday: J. A. WINSTON, E. J. BARRETT, W. D. MORRIS, A. F. MERCURIO, C. P. JOHNSON, O. J. SULLIVAN, A. FISHER, F. ECKLES, W. H. LOFTIN, H. A. BUDDE, C. H. HULL, M. BAPTISTE, C. B. RUSSELL, R. E. STEWART, C. J. BIEGNOWSKI, W. L. CARTER, W. R. STRICKLAND, M. D. McKNIGHT, W. J. O'BRIEN, H. E. JOHNSON, C. T. MARTIN, B. BEACH, S. S. GIBSON, I. HAYES, J. D. HUTCHINSON, F. GLEASON, D. MONTREL, B. J. MOSLEY, L. GOOLEY, R. C. WARD, R. OWENS, C. COLE, R. BROWN, W. ROBINSON, E. JACKSON, D. HENDRICKS, C. ASHER, U. JONES, M. BUCHANAN, J. WHARTON, R. THOMAS, and J. SULLIVAN. Sorry, fellows, some get older and some stay young, like myself...The Amalgamated Transit Union will hold its annual convention in Las Vegas this year. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Division 241's financial secretary, JAMES PATE, so that he might know how many are planning to go and can make the necessary travel and hotel reservations...Congratulations to Operator CLARENCE PRESLEY and his wife, GLORIA, on the birth of a baby girl, NICOLE DENISE, born on January 24 weighing 5 pounds 13 ounces. This is their fourth child...Operator GUY STUTLEY and his wife celebrated their second wedding anniversary the first week of March. Congratulations to both of you...WILLIAM E. PERKINS, the son of Operator H. BURKETH, was a recent graduate of Northwestern university and the recipient of the Woodrow Wilson Scholarship award. Our congratulations to you, William...SP5 KENNETH BURNS, the son of Operator CLAUDE BURNS, was recently discharged from the army after spending a year in Korea. Claude's other son, BARRY, and his wife, ELIZABETH, celebrated birthdays in February...Operator EUGENE KENNARD is now home recuperating after undergoing surgery. ..Operator JUDGE CARTER is now home recuperating from surgery. I saw two new student operators last week, so you fellows better hurry back...Operator EDWARD REAUX celebrated his 45th birthday in the month of February. I believe I have the number of years correct...See you fellows next month. How about some news.

- Elsie Gresham



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